

issues. Your executive desires to direct attention to Rule 15 (b), which provides for the election of honorary members of the federation. There are, no doubt, in the various centres many Catholic gentlemen who would appreciate the position and help the cause of Catholic clubs as honorary members. Affiliated clubs could do much to assist the federation by securing the consent of any such gentlemen to election as honorary members of the federation, and by forwarding the nominations to the executive. It is much regretted by the executive that during the past year several clubs have evinced very little, if, indeed, any, interest in federation matters. Some of the clubs referred to are not newly-established clubs, and it is a matter of grave concern that this apathy should exist, more especially among some of the older clubs. It is proposed to publish in future issues of the *Catholic Magazine* reports of the more important business transacted by the executive, and such reports will disclose, if necessary, the attitude of the various clubs on federation matters. If the federation is to progress and to be a beneficial factor in the Catholic community greater interest must be shown by affiliated clubs in the affairs of the federation, and greater co-operation must be given to the executive in its work. Some proposals with the object of ensuring these results will be brought forward by the executive at the forthcoming conference. The executive wishes to thank the clubs generally for such assistance and support as have been given to it during the past term, and trusts that the ensuing year will be one of renewed enthusiasm and activity, and of great benefit to all affiliated clubs.

The balance sheet of the *Catholic Magazine* account showed the total receipts to be £132 10s 7d, including a credit balance from 1907 of £14 8s 7d, the other items being advertisements £91 12s and subscriptions £26 10s. The expenditure was made up of £90 for printing, general expenses £22 6s 2d, and part payment of loan £10, leaving a credit balance of £10 4s 5d. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. E. Casey (Greymouth) moved, and Mr. D. Moriarty (Wellington South) seconded, an amendment of Rule 5, referring to the election of officers of the federation. The motion was negatived by 17 votes to 6. Mr. J. McGowan moved the deletion of the words 'the committee' and the substitution of the words 'a general meeting,' so as to provide that the officers of the federation shall be recommended for election at the annual conference by a general meeting of the Wellington Catholic Club instead of by the committee of that club. Mr. J. W. Callaghan proposed that the power of nominating to the annual conference the officers for the ensuing year be vested in a joint committee of five executive officers from all federated Catholic clubs within a radius of ten miles of Wellington. The amendment was carried.

The conference adjourned to Godber's for luncheon, at which the toast of the visiting delegates was proposed by the president, and responded to by Mr. P. McNamara (Christchurch).

On resuming, Mr. J. W. Callaghan (Wellington) moved, and Mr. A. Cullen (Auckland) seconded, that 'any member of an affiliated club, who is eligible for election as an officer of the federation, and who is duly authorised by his club so to do, shall, when visiting Wellington, be entitled to attend such meetings of the executive as may be held during his visit and to join in the discussion of the business of such meetings, but he shall not be entitled to exercise any vote thereupon.' The motion was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. E. Casey (Greymouth), seconded by Mr. J. J. Sullivan (New Plymouth), the following amendment of Rule 7 was agreed to: 'The deletion of the second sentence and the substitution of the following words—viz., "such conference shall be attended by councillors or delegates representing affiliated clubs; clubs with a membership of not less than 50 to be entitled to send two delegates, clubs with a lesser membership than 50 to be entitled to send one delegate, each delegate to have one vote."'

Mr. P. J. Smyth (Greymouth) and Mr. A. Cullen (Auckland) proposed and seconded that 'each affiliated club shall arrange for the celebration, on the first Sunday of September in each year, of a Mass for the repose of the soul of deceased members of all affiliated clubs,' which was passed.

The President moved, and it was agreed to, that a vote of condolence be sent to the Napier Catholic Club on the death of its president, Mr. R. P. Clarkson.

On behalf of the executive, the following amendments were made to rule 7: 'The deletion of the fourth sentence, and the substitution of the following words—viz., "Any established Catholic club not already admitted to the federation, shall be entitled to send a delegate or delegates to the annual conference on the same basis of representation as is hereinbefore provided in the case of affiliated clubs, and such delegate or delegates (as the case may be) may,

on the invitation of the president of the conference, join in the deliberations of the conference, but shall not be entitled to exercise any vote or to address the conference as of right until the admission of the club to the federation." The addition of the following words—viz., "A delegate or delegates (not more than two) from any town in which it is proposed to establish a Catholic club may attend the annual conference, and may, on the invitation of the president of the conference, join in the deliberations of the conference, but shall not be entitled to exercise any vote."'

Mr. McGovern moved, and Mr. A. H. Casey seconded, as a further amendment of rule 7: 'The deletion of the last sentence [locale of annual conference] and the substitution of the following words—viz., "The annual conference shall be held alternately at Christchurch and Wellington."'

Mr. J. McGowan proposed that the annual conference be held alternately in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, which was not agreed to.

The motion was then put and lost by 22 votes to 6.

On the motion of Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. P. J. Smyth, the following amendment was made in rule 9: 'The deletion of the second sentence and the substitution of the following words—viz., "The honorary secretary shall at least six weeks before the date fixed for each annual conference transmit to each affiliated club a written notice specifying the time and place at which the conference is to be held, and the business to be transacted thereat. The honorary secretary shall also at least four weeks before such date transmit to each affiliated club a copy of the annual report and balance sheet."'

The President proposed as a new rule that 'the executive may appoint a member of each affiliated club as its official representative in such club. Such official representative shall be entitled to attend all meetings of his club or of the club's executive at which federation business is transacted, and to join in the discussion of such business, but he shall not be entitled as such official representative to exercise any vote thereupon.' This was carried.

The election of executive officers resulted as follows:—President-General, his Grace Archbishop Redwood; president, Mr. A. H. Casey; vice-president, Mr. H. McKeowen; hon. secretary, Mr. S. J. Moran; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. McGowan; committee, Messrs. D. Moriarty, P. J. McGovern, and L. T. Reichel.

Mr. H. McKeowen proposed, and it was carried, 'that the executive of every affiliated club appoint an accredited person to watch the interests of the *Catholic Magazine*, to receive subscriptions and obtain advertisements.'

Mr. L. T. Reichel read a paper on 'The True Ideals of Catholic Clubs,' which was very favorably received and commented upon.

Mr. A. Cullen reported on the Auckland Club, and stated that there were 200 financial members. Every member nominated had to pay a nomination fee before election, which becomes his first year's subscription when elected. It is found that this is a good method, as the roll does not become filled with unfinancial members. Mr. Smyth read the report of the St. Columba Club, Greymouth, which has a roll of 110 members. It stated that in the annual elocutionary contest the club's representatives secured the championship cup. A most pleasing feature of the past year was the splendid attendances at the quarterly Communion. Mr. Dowling, the delegate for Hastings, gave an interesting account of the doings of the club. The membership is 51. New and up-to-date club rooms are in course of erection. Mr. Burke (Hokitika) reported that there were 30 members, and the credit balance was £40. The report of the Petone Catholic Club, read by Mr. T. Fitzgerald, showed that there were 53 members. Mr. L. Leydon reported on St. Canice's Club, Westport. The new club rooms were opened in August by the Ven. Archpriest Walshe. The cost of building, billiard table, and furniture was £600, of which £80 has been paid. The Ven. Archpriest Walshe presented the club with the site. The membership is 72. Mr. Moriarty read a report from the Wellington South Club. The membership is 120. The total liability on the hall and two billiard tables is £358. A junior club has been organised for boys between the ages of 13 and 19 years, and there are 56 members. Reports were also received from Mr. J. McGowan (Wellington), with a membership of 190; Mr. W. Scanlon (Palmerston North), membership 40; Mr. E. Higgins (Blenheim), membership 82; Mr. P. McNamara (Christchurch), membership 85.

The following suggestions were brought forward and agreed to: 'That it be a recommendation to each of the affiliated clubs that any member leaving a club shall not be admitted to another without first producing a clearance showing that he was a financial member thereof. That, if any member suspended by an affiliated club intended joining another club, and it became known to the executive

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