

CATHOLIC FEDERATION**CATHOLIC IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE,
WELLINGTON.**

(From our own correspondent.)

The usual fortnightly meeting of the C.I.C. was held in the Federation rooms on February 27. Correspondence was read from the Immigration Department regarding some difficulties which had arisen, and a sub-committee was set up to look into the matter and take suitable action. It was reported that the Auckland C.I.C. had begun work, and that the secretaries were in communication with Miss Lorrigan, of that city. The monthly gatherings of immigrant and stranger girls had proved very successful, and were much appreciated by the girls themselves. The scheme for providing a club had been laid before them, and met with a gratifying reception. A meeting has been arranged for March 23 in the Federation rooms to elect officers, and arrange for the opening of the club immediately after Easter.

A report from the visitors to the s.s. Rangaira was read, which showed that 24 Catholics had been met. During the voyage the Catholics met regularly and recited the Rosary and other prayers, and were very glad to meet with a welcome from their co-religionists on arrival. Lodgings were found for several, and letters of introduction given to others going to places outside Wellington.

One new member was proposed. The C.I.C. would welcome additional workers willing to give a little time for the benefit of new arrivals. The next meeting of the C.I.C. takes place on March 27.

AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

March 9.

Miss Lorrigan has been appointed secretary of the Immigration Committee of the Catholic Federation. The object is to meet and assist Catholic women arriving in the Dominion. Her telegraphic address is 'Uru,' Auckland.

A large and successful meeting in connection with the Catholic Federation was held last evening after Vespers in St. Benedict's schoolroom. A generous lady has donated £5 to the funds in this parish.

HUNTLY.

(From our own correspondent.)

On Thursday evening, February 26, Mr. J. Girling-Butcher delivered an address on the aims and objects of the Catholic Federation in the new schoolroom. The Rev. Father Edge presided. At the conclusion of an interesting and instructive address Mr. Girling-Butcher was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

ELLERSLIE.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

March 6.

At a meeting of the Ellerslie parish committee of the Catholic Federation, held on March 5, the following resolution was passed: That this meeting of the Ellerslie parish committee of the Catholic Federation expresses its commendation and appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the Catholic Literature Committee of Dunedin, in issuing so comprehensive a list of wholesome and educational literature, as published in the *N.Z. Tablet* of February 5, for the information of the Catholic people of New Zealand.

Timaru.

(From our own correspondent.)

March 9.

The Rev. Father Finnerty preached here on Sunday evening to a large congregation.

A pamphlet, purporting to be of a religious nature, is being circulated in Timaru. It contains some unfair attacks on the Catholic Federation.

Great preparations for the St. Patrick's Night concert are being made, and it is anticipated that it will be the most successful yet held. Among the distinguished artists engaged are Mrs. Gower-Burns (Christchurch), Miss Barker (Christchurch), Miss Dale (Oamaru), Miss King (Dunedin), and Mr. Harrison (Dunedin). The proceeds will be devoted to renovating the Brothers' house, and the object alone is worthy of generous support.

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