

by a sudden inspiration, his Eminence had hit upon the clever plan of sparing to the poor man even the trouble of going to buy the broth with the money, of which he had given him, besides the pignatta, a considerable sum, to provide for many future meals.'

Gift Horses for the Expeditionary Force

Although full particulars were given and widely published in the statement, no assistance from the general public, recently made by the Hon. Minister of Defence, numerous inquiries are still being received by the Defence Department as to disposal of gift horses, and the Department has asked us to assist by re-publishing the following information.

Anyone desiring to present a horse or horses for the Expeditionary Force to the Government should communicate with one of the following officers, who will give every assistance and make all arrangements. Horses will be delivered to:—Mr. Stone, Inspector of Stock, Whangarei; Major Lyons, M.R.C.V.S., Auckland; Mr. Brown, Inspector of Stock, Auckland; Mr. Huddleston, Inspector of Stock, Te Kuiti; Mr. Collins, M.R.C.V.S., Hamilton or Te Kuiti; Mr. Broom, M.R.C.V.S., Gisborne; Mr. Graham, Inspector of Stock, or Mr. Barnes, M.R.C.V.S., Hastings; Mr. Hubbard, Inspector of Stock, Masterton; Mr. Burton, M.R.C.V.S., Masterton; Mr. Sutton, Inspector of Stock, New Plymouth; Mr. Beere, Inspector of Stock, Stratford; Mr. Ford, Inspector of Stock, Hawera; Mr. Meade, M.R.C.V.S., Hawera or New Plymouth; Mr. D. Munro, Inspector of Stock, Wanganui; Captain Edgar, M.R.C.V.S., Wanganui; Mr. Fleming, Inspector of Stock, Palmerston North; Captain Primmer, M.R.C.V.S., Palmerston North; Mr. Howard, M.R.C.V.S., Department of Agriculture, Wellington; Mr. Empson, Inspector of Stock, Nelson; Mr. Brittain, Inspector of Stock, Blenheim; Mr. Goodall, Inspector of Stock, Kaikoura; Mr. J. Munro, Inspector of Stock, Amberley; Mr. F. McKenzie, Inspector of Stock, Christchurch; Captain Stafford, M.R.C.V.S., Department of Agriculture, Christchurch; Captain Elphick, M.R.C.V.S., Department of Agriculture, Christchurch; Mr. Neville, Inspector of Stock, Timaru; Mr. Blair, Inspector of Stock, Oamaru; Major Snowball, M.R.C.V.S., Dunedin; Captain Blair, M.R.C.V.S., Dunedin; Mr. Gossage, Inspector of Stock, Mosgiel; Mr. Gilmour, Inspector of Stock, Balclutha; Mr. Hill, Inspector of Stock, Gore; Mr. Martin, M.R.C.V.S., Gore; Mr. Wright, Inspector of Stock, Invercargill; or to the Remount Officers of the Defence Department at the following centres:—Auckland, Hamilton, Hawera, Hastings, Palmerston North, Christchurch, Dunedin, Invercargill.

DIocese of Dunedin

At the Savoy Tea Rooms on Friday afternoon (says the *Otago Daily Times*), Mr. A. J. Sullivan, district manager of the Australian Alliance Assurance Company, who is retiring to take up sheep-farming, was met by practically a full muster of his fellow fire, marine, and accident underwriters, and presented with a pair of suitable field-glasses, and a handbag for Mrs. Sullivan. Mr. W. I. Bolam made the presentation, and in doing so referred in an appreciative manner to the valuable services Mr. Sullivan had rendered to underwriting over a great many years, and to the personal good qualities of their guest, and concluded by wishing him good health and prosperity in his new undertaking. Several others endorsed the remarks and good wishes of the chairman. Mr. Sullivan suitably responded.

On Wednesday morning a Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's Cathedral for the repose of the soul of his Holiness Pope Pius X. His Lordship Bishop Verdon was celebrant, Very Rev. Monsignor O'Leary, assistant priest; Rev. D. Buckley, deacon; Rev. W. Corcoran, sub-deacon. Rev. J. Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. In the sanctuary were present—Right Rev. Monsignor Mackay (Oamaru),

Very Rev. P. O'Donnell (Gore), Rev. Father McMullan (Ranfurly), Rev. J. Lynch (Palmerston South), Rev. D. O'Neill (South Dunedin), Rev. N. Maloney (Wanganui), Rev. Fathers J. Liston, C. Morkane, and C. Collins (Holy Cross College). The music of the Mass was rendered by a choir composed of the priests and a number of the students from Holy Cross College.

Preaching at the 11 o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, the Rev. Father Coffey referred in feeling and impressive terms to the blow which had fallen upon Christendom in the lamented death of the Holy Father. The speaker passed in comprehensive and effective review the leading features of the late pontificate. He referred first of all to the great reform in Church music, and to the Holy Father's determined efforts to combat the odious practice of coming to Church merely to listen to theatrical and highly-figured compositions which were calculated to distract rather than to assist devotion. The deceased Pontiff was then referred to in his capacity as 'the Pope of the Blessed Sacrament'; and in this connection mention was made of his generous dispensations to the sick, of his recommendations regarding the First Communion of children, and of his practical and whole-hearted encouragement of the Eucharistic Congresses. In respect to the present practice regarding children's Communion, the speaker said that though the innovation had at first met with some criticism, experience had already shown how immensely beneficial the change had been. A full account was given of the Holy Father's work in defence of the purity of the faith, special emphasis being laid on the condemnation of Modernism and on the reform of ecclesiastical seminaries and the raising of the standard of educational attainments required of candidates for the sacred ministry. The important codification of the Canon Law, with its much-needed simplification of the regulations regarding marriage, was fully dealt with, and detailed reference was made to the political aspects of this important and eventful pontificate. Father Coffey concluded by urging upon the congregation the duty of praying for the soul of one to whom they owed so much and for the guidance of the Church in the important work of electing a successor.

CATHOLIC FEDERATION

CHRISTCHURCH DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

At the recent annual meeting mention was made of a particularly vile and noisome anti-Catholic book that was given circulation by the Sydenham Public Library. It was reported that the book was so sought after that it was bespoken in advance at the library by as many as twelve to fourteen persons as a regular thing. With a view of having its circulation suppressed, a zealous lady member of the Cathedral branch of the Federation secured a copy, and this was produced at the meeting above mentioned, examined by several present, and the duty of dealing with it delegated to the executive committee. The following correspondence subsequently passed between the Christchurch diocesan secretary and the Sydenham Library committee:—

'Hardwicke street, Sumner,

'Christchurch, July 22, 1914.

'The Librarian, Sydenham Public Library.

Dear Sir,—The attention of the Christchurch Diocesan Council of the above Federation has been directed to the circulation by your library of a vile, scurrilous, and vulgar anti-Catholic book by Lindsay Russell, entitled *Souls in Pawn*. As a work of fiction it has not one redeeming feature, neither has it the merit of fulfilling any object other than the fostering of religious bigotry and hatred, and conveying to certain minds a cruel and totally false impression of the Catholic priesthood and the Catholic Church generally.

I am directed by the executive of the Catholic Federation in this city to respectfully protest against this book being kept in circulation by a library sup-