

CORRESPONDENCE.

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CATHOLIC READERS.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—The *Catholic Education Series* is neither a mere Reader, nor a work on pedagogy for the use of teachers. It is what its title indicates, as will be gathered from the following descriptive account of the series, given by the authors:—There are four books completed. *Religion: Book First* deals with the child's instinct, and it is not a catechism, but a book on religion, reading, nature study, social science, and aesthetics.

Religion: Second Book, although it introduces a law of right and wrong, is not a theological treatise, but it is a continuation of the beautiful themes developed in the *First Book*.

Religion: Third Book tells of the Redemption, and gives the child its first knowledge of institutions. It is not necessarily a Bible History, although it presents in a concrete whole the dealings of God with His people.

Third Reader, preparation for literature and history. This book is based on the same general principles as books on religion, viz., the necessity of centring all education about the truths of religion.

From the foregoing description it will be evident, I think, that 'Delegate' has been somewhat hasty in forming his judgments as to the contents of the books. He also jumps to a false conclusion in imagining that the introduction of the series into our schools would involve or necessitate a change in the secular syllabus, or in the methods of teaching secular subjects. Of course, it is within our power to use one of the corresponding books of the series in each of the respective classes within the time allotted to religious instruction. They would help to supplement, explain, and apply the lessons taught through Bible history and the text of the Catechism. 'Delegate' will agree with me, I feel sure, when he has read the books. I am, etc.

SAGBRI.

March 9, 1915.

FEDERATION BUILDING AT TRENTHAM CAMP.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir.—As your readers will have learned from the report of the proceedings of the Dominion Council the erection of a building for religious and social purposes, at the military camp at Trentham, is to be proceeded with forthwith, in order to give the Catholic soldiers the same facilities for attending religious services, etc., as are enjoyed by the men of other denominations. The camp is a permanent one for the training of our soldiers from every part of the Dominion and at a later period—when the war is over—as a place of dispersal for the returned New Zealanders. The permanent military hospital will be situated there, and it is expected that our boys will be in greater or less numbers in occupation for a very considerable time to come.

The four Diocesan Councils have been asked to contribute their quota of the expense of the building, and it is confidently anticipated that sufficient funds will be provided for that purpose.

I desire, however, to appeal to the parents, relatives, and friends of our Catholic soldiers, and to the general body of the Federation, for contributions towards the cost of furniture, fittings, and lighting. Gifts of stationery, inkstands, books, games, and other requirements, to enable the building to be of the greatest service to those in training for the defence of the Empire will be very welcome. It is hoped that we shall be able to provide a piano and a gramophone for the amusement of the men. It has been suggested that if the sum of one penny per head was subscribed by the children (over 15,000 in number) attending the

Catholic schools of the Dominion, both could readily be provided. Perhaps some of our zealous and patriotic branches will act upon the above hint.

Contributions in money, or of the articles above mentioned will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Remittances should be addressed to the treasurer—Rev. Father Hurley, Box 958, Wellington.—I am, etc.,

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ST. JOSEPH'S HARRIERS, DUNEDIN

The annual general meeting of the St. Joseph's Harriers was held last week, when there was a record attendance of members and intending members. The report and balance sheet, which were adopted, showed the club to be in a sound position financially. Although the club was not numerically strong, the standard was well maintained. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Patron, Very Rev. Father Coffey; president, Mr. J. B. Callan; vice-presidents—Rev. Father Buckley, Rev. Father Delany, Dr. E. J. O'Neill, Messrs. C. A. Shiel, J. J. Marlow, Claude M. Collins, T. Quinlivan, Mrs. M. A. Jackson; captain, Mr. J. O'Farrell; vice-captain, Mr. C. Maloney; timekeeper and starter, Mr. Hector Burk; handicapper, Mr. A. E. Ahern; delegate O.C.N.Z.A. A.A., Mr. E. W. Spain; auditor, Mr. E. W. Spain; committee Messrs. G. Walsh, P. Walsh, E. Nolan, Nelson, O'Farrell, Maloney, Hector Burk, A. E. Ahern, E. W. Spain, J. McKenzie; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. A. McKenzie; assistant secretary, Mr. A. E. Ahern. A good deal of correspondence was dealt with, and other routine business was transacted. Twenty-two new members were elected. After passing a vote of thanks to Mr. McErlain for presiding, the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

COMMERCIAL

Messrs Stronach, Morris, and Co., report for week ended March 16, as follows:—Hideskins.—Our next sale will be held on Monday, 22nd inst. Sheepskins.—Our next sale will be held on Tuesday, 23rd inst. Hides.—At our sale on Thursday, 11th inst., we offered a medium-sized catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Competition was dull, and prices showed a decline of from 1½d to 2d per lb on last sale's rates. Quotations: Prime ox, to 2½d; medium, to 8½d; light, to 8½d; heavy cow hides, to 9s; medium, to 8½d; light, to 8d; inferior, 4d to 6½d; catkins, to 10½d; medium, 8d to 9½d; inferior, 4d to 7½d per lb. Tallow and Fat.—We held our usual weekly sale on the 13th inst., and offered a fair catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Competition was keen throughout. Best tallow in tins, to 22s 6d; medium, 18s to 20s; inferior, 17s to 17s 6d; best rough fat, 17s to 18s 6d; medium, 15s to 17s; inferior, 10s to 14s. Oats.—During the last week there was a keen demand and more especially for prime milling samples. The market, however, the last few days, is not so firm. Prime milling, 4s 2d to 4s 3d; good to best feed, 4s to 4s 1d; medium, 3s 10d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—Threshing has become more general, and a good few sales have been made at on a basis of 7s per bushel on trucks, for forward delivery. Millers are not operating so freely just now, however, and the market is a shade easier. Chaff. Supplies have not been coming to hand so freely during the last week, and there is a good demand more especially for prime samples. Prime oat sheaf, £6 to £6 2s 6d; choice black oat, to £6 5s; medium to good, £5 10s to £5 15s; prime new chaff, £5 10s to £5 12s 6d (sacks extra). Potatoes.—Large consignments have been coming forward during the last week and prices are easier. Quotations: Best table samples, to £4 15s; medium to good, £4 5s to £4 10s per ton (sacks in).