

denominations have at heart the well-being of Christianity and its advancement. May we not pray for the time when a statesman will arise—a non-Catholic with the fairness of Dr. Kuyper—a man conversant with the true aim of education and inspired with a determination to uphold and defend Christianity? When that day comes, when that great leader arises, Catholics may hope for a removal of their disabilities, of the educational injustices under which they labor, and our non-Catholic neighbors, by combining religion with education, will rejoice to see they have secured the one and only effective means for the preservation and advancement of religion and Christianity.

MOTIONS.

At the conclusion of Mr. Doyle's address the following resolution was proposed by Mr. M. Grimes, seconded by Mr. R. P. O'Shaughnessy, and carried with applause:—That a system of education under which one-seventh of the tax payers are excluded from participating in the benefits is neither a just nor a national system, and this meeting expresses the hope that the Government will take into consideration the desirableness of making the New Zealand education system a truly national one by recognising and incorporating within it all registered schools certified by the State inspectors as efficient as has been done already in England, Canada, and other parts of the British Empire.

At the conclusion of Father Ainsworth's address, Mr. S. Ryan (Rangiora) moved:—That this meeting protests against the injustice inflicted upon Catholic children by their exclusion from the full benefits of scholarships, free places, medical inspection, free swimming tuition, benefits of which Catholic parents as tax-payers contribute their full quota, and calls upon the Department to remove this peculiarly unjust discrimination. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Barry (Fairlie), and carried.

Following Mr. Poppelwell's address, Mr. J. Kennedy (Geraldine) moved:—That this meeting expresses its appreciation of the good work already accomplished by the Catholic Federation, and pledges itself to increase the membership and further its interests in every possible way. Seconded by Mr. F. Connolly (Geraldine) and carried.

On the motion of Mr. J. R. Hayward, a hearty vote of thanks and appreciation was passed by acclamation to his Lordship the Bishop for organising and carrying out to a successful issue the congress then just closing. And an assurance was given that whatever desires his Lordship entertained as the result of the congress, would be fully endorsed by his people.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Very Rev. Fathers O'Donnell, of Gore, and Murphy, of Riverton, were in town during the week examining those students of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, who are shortly to be ordained.

Many old pupils of the local Christian Brothers' School who retain pleasant recollections of their teacher, Brother McGee, will be glad to hear that the genial Brother is paying a short visit to Dunedin, and evidently enjoys the best of health.

Word has been received by his parents at Kurow that Lieutenant Peter Spiers has been promoted to captain. The news will give much pleasure to his many friends in Dunedin, where he is well known in athletic circles, being a member of the Christian Brothers' Football and Cricket Clubs.

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, MOSGIEL.

Revs. Minogue, McLaughlin, and Cullen will be raised to the priesthood on Sunday, the 26th inst., by his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington, the ordination taking place in the Basilica at Wellington. All three will afterwards labor in the archdiocese. The Rev. Ardagh, of the diocese of Dunedin, will receive the priesthood at the hands of his Lordship the Bishop of Christchurch on the 26th, in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Timaru.

ST. PATRICK'S BAZAAR

About 18 months ago the necessity for having a new school at South Dunedin was forced upon the Rev. Father Delany and the lay members of the committee associated with him in all the undertakings of the Catholic Church in that district, owing to the old school being totally inadequate for the large number of pupils. Consequently these people set to work in a manner worthy of the cause, and having the knowledge that a new school, with up-to-date equipments, would cost £3000, they bent to their task until to-day they have the satisfaction of knowing that there is in their treasury £2000 towards the total cost of the building. Desiring that the institution should be opened free of debt, the committee decided to organise a bazaar, and to that end the ladies of the parish have been working assiduously for months, the result being that at the opening ceremony on Saturday evening there was to be seen one of the finest decorative displays yet seen in South Dunedin. The interior of the hall, with the bazaar furnishings, has become a work of art as the result of the ingenious way in which the various stalls have been arranged.

The bazaar was opened by Mr. T. K. Sidey, M.P., who pointed out that while we were exerting every means to win the war, there was the future to be considered. The men and women of the future were as yet school children, and if the British race was to maintain its prestige it was essential that there should be adequate means whereby the education and training of the boys and girls might be carried out. It was pleasing to know that Father Delany was alive to the necessity for making provision for the future, and he congratulated him on the success which had thus far attended his efforts and the efforts of those associated with him. He hoped this bazaar would be the means of materially assisting in the attainment of the goal they had in view. He commended it to all present for their greatest support. (Applause.)

Mr. Carr proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Sidey for being present. He was one of the true Liberals in the House, and should long ere this have received Cabinet rank in recognition of his ability. However, if Mr. Sidey had been turned down by others, South Dunedin would continue loyal to him. He called for cheers for Mr. Sidey, which were given with a will, after 'For he's a jolly good fellow' had been sung.

Fine programmes of music, etc., have been gone through each evening, among the items being—Songs, Messrs. J. Leech, H. Poppelwell, J. McGrath, W. Gemmell, O. Firkin, and A. Rawlinson; humorous recitations, Miss Lottie Adams; character duet, Misses M. and A. Eager; Irish and Scotch dances, Misses Frame, Riddle, and Eager, Masters McKenzie and Anderson; choruses, Christian Brothers' Choir; action songs, pupils of St. Philomena's and St. Patrick's; fancy dances, Mrs. W. Yatt's and Miss N. Keats' pupils; musical melange, 'The Follies'; Misses T. and M. Brennan, R. Wootton, M. Fenton, E. Lockhart, N. Kenny, and M. Mulholland. The Lyric Orchestra contributed items each evening. Special mention must be made of the fine singing of the Christian Brothers' Choir, and of the action songs by the pupils of St. Philomena's and St. Patrick's, which were greatly enjoyed.

The stall-holders are as follow:

Narcissi Stall.—Mesdames Marlow, Noonan, Nelson, and Mullins.

Tulip Stall.—Misses Carr and Dumford, and Mesdames Durning and Baker.

St. Kilda Stall.—Mesdames O'Brien, Graham, Walsh, and Connor.

City Stall.—Mrs. Jackson, Madame Squarise, Mesdames Foster, Skimmer, and Stone.

Kensington Stall.—Mesdames Fenton and Nolan.

Refreshment Stall.—Misses Staunton, Brown, Duhig, and Mrs. Tylee.

The bazaar was attended by large numbers up to Wednesday evening, very satisfactory business being done.