



CATHOLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

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STANDING (from Left): Private Philip Ward, Medical Corps (Dunedin), Lance-Corporal Harold McNeil, Tunnellers (Auckland), Corporal Dudley Jeune, Field Artillery (Gisborne), Lance-Corporal Thomas Kelly, J. Company, Infantry (Napier), Private Tareha McLeod, Maori Pioneers (Tauranga), Private Francis O'Sullivan, Field Engineers (Wellington), Private Wm. McHardy, B. Company, Infantry (Hamilton), Lance-Corporal Joseph Hinchey, Specialists (Waihi), Lance-Corporal Vivian Adlam, C. Company, Infantry (Templeton).

SITTING (from Left): Lance-Corporal Richard Kelaher, H Company Infantry (Hamilton), Second-Lieutenant B. Poppelwell, B Company Infantry (Hastings), Second-Lieutenant M. J. A. McKeefry, C Company (Dunedin), Lieutenant A. A. Dignan, Specialists (Auckland), Second-Lieutenant John Duggan, Field Artillery (Wellington), Sergeant William Fitzgerald, G. Company Infantry (Timaru).

DIRECTORS' NOTICE

The results of bringing our subscription period to a close on September 30 of each year have been quite up to expectations. Fully 70 per cent. of our subscribers have paid to 30/9/17, and we are now awaiting their further advance subscriptions—half-yearly 6/6 to 31/3/18, or 13/- to 30/9/18 (exchange extra if paid by cheque). Advance subscriptions are to be sent direct to the Manager before October 30, 1917. We have *no agents* for subscriptions outside our own travellers. The subscriber who pays in advance helps us and earns his concession, for our travellers' time is saved and we do not incur bad debts. Notices are being sent to all those who are behind in payments, and we trust that we may offend no one, as we are only pursuing ordinary business methods in stopping the paper to those owing more than six months' subscription. Our policy is to put out the greatest number of *Tablets* at the least possible cost to subscribers. At the present high prices of material we cannot afford to take the risks of pre-war times. We request subscribers to notify us early of any change of address. The responsibility of payment for the paper rests with the subscriber until the office is notified to stop.

Dear Reader,—If you are not already a subscriber, do you wish to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace? If so, become a subscriber *now*.

From our advertisers' point of view, the *Tablet* has become valuable, for our circulation has steadily increased—a recognition of the literary merits of the paper. In this respect our hearty thanks is due to some of our contemporaries for the marked attention shown us in their leading columns during the year. To those Christian and educated gentlemen who drew such attention to our journal in Parliament and elsewhere lately our Manager tends his most sincere thanks; a cheaper and better advertisement could not be got for the *Tablet*.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

October 1.

The social arranged by a small though energetic committee on behalf of the Catholic school was an unprecedented success, over £75 being realised and handed to the school committee.

The Hibernian Society gave a very enjoyable social evening on Tuesday last. The energetic secretary (Mr. Pollard) greatly aided in the financial success of the undertaking.

The quarterly meeting of the Gisborne branch of the Catholic Federation was held in St. Mary's School-room on last Sunday evening. The president (Rev. Father Lane) presided. A fair number of members attended, and after the routine business, an interesting paper was read by Mr. H. Alley, whose effort was received with acclamation. *Inter alia*, the writer said the great power of the press must not be overlooked. We should try to induce members of the Federation to subscribe to our Catholic paper, the *Tablet*. The *Tablet* is a strong and fearless advocate of the rights of Catholics. It contains much interesting reading on many of the leading questions of the day, and keeps Catholics well informed on every matter that concerns their welfare. (We regret the continuous pressure on our space prevents us from publishing this excellent paper in full.—Ed. N.Z.T.). The president, in eulogising the writer and article, requested that it might be sent to the N.Z. *Tablet* for publication. Mr. Alley was asked by the president to read a paper at the next meeting on "The Aims of Catholic Federation." The secretary (Mr. Orr) notified having enrolled 50 new members during the month. The treasurer (Mr. Dudson) notified having forwarded £98 to the Catholic field service fund for September penny collection.