

**M.B.O.B. ASSOCIATION, WELLINGTON**

The second annual meeting of the association was held in the Marist Brothers' School, Newtown, on Thursday, January 24. Rev. Brother Egbert (president) presided, and there was a good attendance of members. The chairman stated that it gave him much pleasure to move the adoption of the report and balance sheet, which showed that the association had concluded another successful year and was in a most flourishing condition. He congratulated the members of the executive upon the enthusiastic manner in which they had carried out their duties during their term of office, and stated that it was a pity that while the membership was fairly good, the executive's efforts were not supported by every old boy of the schools having his name placed on the roll. To the members of the football and cricket branches, who had so creditably upheld the association's honor in the field of sport, the Rev. Brother extended his congratulations. Referring to those members whom it was a sad duty to place in the report under the heading of obituary, the speaker mentioned that each one had shown excellent examples of Catholic manhood, and it was with much regret the news received that day recorded the death of another fine member in the person of Jack McMahon, and Brother Egbert proposed a vote of sympathy be conveyed from the meeting to the bereaved relatives. The motion was carried in silence. With regard to the centenary celebrations held during the year, Brother Egbert stated that Wellington had given a lead to New Zealand, and subsequent to the local gatherings, similar functions had been held throughout the Dominion, but none he thought could have been more successful than our own.

Speaking to the motion, Mr. J. A. Scott congratulated the members on the successes achieved, and said he hoped that more members would in future attend the meetings of the Catholic Debating Union.

Mr. L. Sievers stated that he considered that the good work being done deserved more support from old boys and thought it was hard to believe so few were on the roll. He thought the members' subscriptions should be more than one shilling per year as one of the chief difficulties the executive appeared to labor under was lack of finance, without which no organisation could hope to flourish.

Mr. M. O'Kane stated he was pleased to see that the association was able to produce such a good report and balance sheet as that laid before the meeting. On being put to the meeting the motion was carried.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood and his Grace Archbishop O'Shea are patrons: Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm., spiritual director: Rev. Brother Egbert and Louis, vice-patrons: and the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—President, Mr. L. Sievers; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Durney; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. F. Burton; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Hay-

den; executive—Messrs. W. P. Lennon, F. Mooney, H. Marshall, R. D. Hickey, L. Turner, W. H. Brad, A. Hosey, J. Humphries, J. Burke, and F. Maloney; hon. auditors, Messrs. P. D. Hoskins and H. McKeowen.

The following motion, proposed by Rev. Brother Egbert and seconded by Mr. F. Mooney, was carried—"That the incoming executive be instructed to appoint district treasurers for the city, whose duty it would be to collect subscriptions and enroll new members, such appointed members to report monthly to the executive."

The subscriptions for the year were fixed at 1s for seniors and 6d for juniors. Twenty-nine new members were elected. Votes of thanks were carried by acclamation to the secretary and treasurer, who were both unable to accept re-election. A similar vote was passed to Mr. J. H. Turner, who held the position of treasurer during the earlier part of the year, but who had resigned owing to his joining the Expeditionary Force. The secretary was instructed to convey the message to Mr. Turner, who was at the time on the "seriously ill" list in a hospital in Liverpool, expressing the members' hopes that he would have a speedy recovery.

The following notice of motion in the name of Mr. J. A. Scott was then considered by the meeting—"That the association apply for incorporation under the Unclassified Societies' Act, and that in order to comply with the requirements of the Act, a new set of rules as drawn up to be adopted." Mr. F. J. O'Driscoll seconded the motion, and a lengthy discussion ensued, and after the rules had been read and where necessary amended or added to, the motion was carried.

Votes of thanks were passed to Rev. Brother Egbert and the other retiring officers, and to the chairman for presiding.

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