

After some further remarks, it was agreed to that it be an instruction to the delegates to support an alteration of the rule, in the direction of having the parish representatives elected by the congregation.

The remit with reference to the travelling expenses of delegates to the meeting of the Dominion Executive was left to that body to deal with it.

With regard to the establishment of tents for Catholics at military camps, Father Coffey said he had some little experience as he attended one of the camps. He detailed what had been done by other denominations. As far as Catholics were concerned they had no tent, and had to depend on others for the use of one in which to celebrate Mass on Sundays. If they had a marquee there would be a large attendance every evening of young men, who would be provided with games and writing materials. The young fellows he had met were delighted with the attention paid them by the priests. It would be very necessary to have a marquee for these young men, and he trusted that before the next encampment it would be provided.

Mr. T. J. Hussey, in explaining the position of chaplains at Territorial camps, pointed out that a Catholic chaplain would be entitled to the use of a marquee for religious services.

Eventually the matter was left over for consideration.

Rev. Father Coffey brought up the question of scholarships and Catholic secondary schools. He said that some Education Boards had given permission to have scholarships taken out at approved Catholic secondary schools, whilst others had declined to do so. It was suggested by the provisional Dominion Executive that the power of any Education Board to refuse permission to a pupil to take out a scholarship at an approved Catholic secondary school should be the subject of a test case in the law courts. When he (Father Coffey) interviewed the Minister of Education on the subject some time ago, the Minister admitted that the law was on the side of the Catholics.

Mr. Scott pointed out that it would be a waste of money to take a case to the court, as the law with regard to such scholarships was not mandatory; Education Boards, if favorably disposed, may 'approve' of Catholic secondary schools, but were not directed to do so. What the Federation should work for was an alteration of the law.

With regard to the dissemination of Catholic literature, Father Coffey said the priests were doing what they could to extend the circulation of the Catholic Truth Society publications. The Council would be pleased to hear that the circulation of the *Tablet* had increased by nearly 100 per cent. since the reduction in price.

Miss Callan said that her object in putting this item on the order paper was to induce the Executive to call attention to the absence of high-class Catholic magazines as the *Catholic World*, and books by such writers as Monsignor Bickerstaffe-Drew from the shelves of public libraries.

Mr. Poppelwell and others said that it would be well for Catholics to suggest from time to time to librarians and library committees the names of books which it would be desirable to procure. Eventually a committee, consisting of the Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F., Rev. Father Liston (Rector of Holy Cross College), Mr. J. A. Scott, M.A., and Miss Callan, was appointed to draw up a suitable list of Catholic works for the approval of the Dominion Executive.

This being all the business, Rev. Father Coffey thanked the delegates for their kindness in many of them coming such long distances to attend the meeting, and also for the consideration which they had given to the business. He believed the Federation would be a great success, and that it would eventually prove of great benefit to the Catholic body.

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WEDDING BELLS

CALLAN—MOWAT.

A very quiet wedding was celebrated in the Church of the Sacred Heart, North-East Valley, Dunedin, on July 10. The contracting parties were Miss Margaret Mowat, only daughter of Mrs. Mowat, of Cumberland street, and Mr. Jack Callan, only son of the Hon. J. B. Callan, M.L.C. Those present were all near relatives of the bride and bridegroom. Miss Mary Callan, sister of the bridegroom, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. A. P. Callan, of Queensland, the bridegroom's cousin, as best man. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Alexander Mowat, of Windsor. The ceremony, which was followed by a Nuptial Mass, was performed by the Rev. Father Coffey. The bride wore a white- serge costume and saxe-blue hat, with a mole feather, and carried a small bouquet of freccias and Christmas roses; while the bridesmaid wore a grey costume and hat, and carried a few sprays of japonica and maiden-hair fern, and a grey shoulder bag, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride's travelling dress was of dark grey whipcord, and she took with her the bridegroom's wedding gift, a 'Kodak' camera. Her present to the bridegroom was a gold-mounted fountain pen. The small wedding party adjourned after the ceremony to Mrs. Mowat's residence, Cumberland street, where the wedding breakfast was served, Mr. and Mrs. Callan leaving by the second express for the north.

The Home Rule Bill

THIRD READING CARRIED.

In the House of Commons last week Mr. Birrell moved the third reading of the Home Rule Bill, and Mr. Bonar Law moved its rejection. Mr. Bonar Law's amendment was rejected by 352 and 243, and the Bill was read a third time without further division.

The Bill has been read a first time in the House of Lords.

Invercargill

In connection with my note anent the social evening held by the Children of Mary last week, I omitted to mention the names of Misses Baird and Timpany, who, by their excellent playing in connection with the musical competitions and accompaniments, added considerably to the success of the entertainment.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's representatives on the Invercargill parish committee of the Catholic Federation are Mrs Timpany and Miss A. Thompson.

A euchre party in aid of the church funds will be held in Victoria Hall towards the end of August. The object for which the social is being held should assure its success.

ST. MARY'S ORPHANAGE, AUCKLAND

We have received the following subscriptions for the building fund of St. Mary's Orphanage, Auckland:

Mr. E. McLoughlin, Hurimoana, Taranaki	£1	0	0
Mr. W. Riley (per Mr. E. McLoughlin, Hurimoana)	...	0	5
Mr. W. F. Bergan, Lake Coleridge	...	1	0
Mr. John Hennessy, Pleasant Point	...	0	5
Mr. P. McCarthey, Queenstown	...	1	0

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