

been in connection with the scholarships granted by the Diocesan Council. The inauguration of this splendid scheme by the Federation is only one of the many activities undertaken by the Federation, and if it had nothing more to its credit than the establishment of such scholarships its existence would be fully justified.

At a meeting of the executive held early in the year it was decided to circularise all Catholic schools in this diocese to the effect that this Diocesan Council of the Federation would guarantee to make good any Government scholarships won by Catholic children pupils of either Government or Catholic schools. This, as you will understand, involves the payment of the same amount of money as paid to successful candidates by the Government before the right to hold a scholarship was taken from Catholic schools, the chief conditions being that scholarships be taken out in Catholic schools. Scholarships for this year have been won by W. Beaumont and W. McElevy, winners of Government scholarships; and W. Meade and J. Lynch, Federation scholarships.

Press.—Your committee welcome this opportunity of acknowledging their indebtedness to the editor and staff of the *N.Z. Tablet* for the great assistance rendered the Federation throughout the diocese.

In conclusion, your executive wishes to impress upon all Catholics the necessity of becoming members of the Federation and thereby give their co-operation and support to the affairs of the Federation. Recent events have proved the necessity for organisation among Catholics, and never was the need for unity so great as at the present time.

Your executive desires to tender to one and all officers their sincere congratulations on the satisfactory results as achieved during the past year.

Supporting the adoption of the report and statement of accounts as moved by the president, Mr. Poppelwell took the opportunity of endorsing the president's welcome to the Right Rev. Dr. Whyte to the first meeting of the Diocesan Council of the Federation his Lordship had had the opportunity of attending, and to most cordially thank him, in the name of the organisation throughout the Dominion for the timely and encouraging sentiments expressed in his address. His Lordship had very graciously recognised the Federation's determination to stand by the clergy in all matters where Catholic interests were concerned, and had laid down lines along which the Federation could work to advance not alone religious, but in some instances civic and social projects. His Lordship had indicated that he will be found a true friend of the Federation, and with his kindly assistance it will prove a much more vigorous organisation. It may be anticipated, too, that something definite and effective will be accomplished in the defence and conservation of our rights as loyal Catholic citizens. In responding the Bishop said it would be well if the sympathy of the people could be aroused on the scholarship question.

Mr. Reddington congratulated the executive on the excellent work done during the past year. Speaking generally, however, a good deal of apathy was apparent, and this needed remedying by whatever means could be devised. With the splendid objective now before the Federation in this diocese an incentive to renewed effort was offered, and the results during the present year should leave no doubt that our Catholic people realise their duty and are determined to effectually discharge it.

Mr. Poppelwell was of opinion that more could be done in the matter of organisation than had yet been done in the diocese.

Very Rev. Father O'Neill said that his Lordship the Bishop's presence at the present meeting, and his advocacy of Federation pursuits when visiting the parishes, would accomplish all that was required to establish matters on a sound footing.

Father Coffey said the executive was prepared to send speakers to any parish that expressed a desire in that direction and made the necessary local arrangements.

Election of office-bearers. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year, with his Lordship the Bishop as patron and Very Rev. J. Coffey as president, resulted in Rev. J. Delany (South Dunedin) and Mr. D. L. Poppel-

well (Gore) being appointed vice-presidents; Mr. T. J. Hussey, treasurer; Mr. A. Tarleton, secretary; and Very Rev. J. Coffey, Messrs. D. L. Poppelwell and T. J. Hussey, delegates to the Dominion Council (with power to appoint substitutes in the event of inability to attend). The diocesan executive is to consist of the office-bearers, and the representative of the council on the Dominion Executive is to be appointed by the delegates to the Dominion Council meeting.

Remits to Dominion Council.—Mr. Reddington moved—"That it is desirable to arrange a uniform date for the holding of branch meetings, so that visitors to any given centre may have an opportunity of attending a meeting of the Federation in any such centre should his visit be so timed."—Carried.

Mr. T. J. Hussey moved—"That it be a recommendation to the Dominion Council to permit diocesan councils to make a levy for scholarship purposes of 6d per adult member of the Federation, or as an alternative 1s 6d per member be the minimum yearly adult subscription."—Carried.

Mr. D. L. Poppelwell moved—"That it be a recommendation to the Dominion Executive to have all printed matter and Dominion Executive correspondence addressed direct to the respective branches, instead of, at present, sending such to diocesan secretaries, and thus occasioning double handling and expense."—Carried.

## Diocesan News

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

August 13.

Last Sunday the annual collection for the orphanages was made at all the churches of the Wellington archdiocese.

St. Joseph's Church was crowded at the 10.30 o'clock Mass, when the Revs. Arthur McRae and B. Chapman were ordained priests by his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, who was attended by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy and the Very Rev. Dean McKenna. Father McRae is to proceed to the Catholic University of Washington to complete his studies, and the Rev. Fathers Chapman, S.M., and O'Neill (Mosgiel) and the Rev. Mr. Rasmussen, S.M., (Greenmeadows), will proceed to Rome for the same purpose.

The bazaar for St. Mary of the Angels' rebuilding fund is being well patronised, and a good sum is expected to aid the Rev. Father Mahony in completing what his Grace Archbishop O'Shea has declared will be the most artistic church in New Zealand.

The ladies' committee of the Self-Determination for Ireland League are determined to make the concert which they are organising to assist the distress in Ireland a gigantic success. The concert, which will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, August 23, will be an Irish national one, and Wellington's leading talent has been secured. A bumper house is expected, and to aid the ladies in donating the whole of the gross proceeds to the distress fund preliminary functions to pay the expenses of the concert are being organised. Mrs. T. Bourke is carrying out the secretarial duties in a very energetic manner.

### Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

August 3.

A large number of Napier parishioners are monthly subscribers to the parish fund. It has been found necessary to revive, by a few "gentle reminders," the somewhat dwindling interest in this direction, and greater efforts are being made to put the finances of the parish on a sound footing.

The annual meeting of the Napier branch of the Catholic Federation was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Sunday, July 31, Rev. Father Tymons presiding. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. O'Callaghan acted in that capacity. Major Halpin's letter and report on the annual meeting of the Diocesan Council, held in Wellington, were read and adopted. The annual statement of accounts was adopted, being deemed entirely satisfactory. A vote of thanks was