

churches, their schools, their convents, and their charities. The churches are becoming too small to contain the faithful. In Brisbane alone, where this Assembly was fulminating, no fewer than five new churches have been built, or are nearing completion, within the past twelve months, whilst his Grace the Archbishop has just completed the purchase of a magnificent site, at a cost of £18,500, whereon is to be erected a noble cathedral, to take the place of old St. Stephen's, which cannot now afford accommodation to worshippers.

16. Cannot the League read the lesson and the causes of this contrast? Can it not see that 'scepticism,' 'the spirit of paganism,' and the tendency to 'materialism' are a natural consequence of 'multilating,' 'emasculating,' and 'caricaturing' the teaching of God's Revealed Word— in order to drop out of it all matters in dispute among four rival denominations?

VI.—CAESAR, THE CHURCH-BEARER.

The Presbyterian Confession of Faith denies to Caesar (or the civil Government) the right of administering the Word of God— either to adults or to children. That is good Christian doctrine. It is the Church's divinely-appointed mission to teach the eternal truths to Caesar and to guide him home to God. It is no part of Caesar's duty to take a lame or laggard Church upon his back and drop it at the gates of heaven. Caesar (the civil power) does his whole duty in this matter when he affords parents and the Church proper facilities and a favorable environment for the administration of the Word of God to those whom God has placed in their charge— and when he presses those duties upon them. God did not make Caesar either priest or parson.

VII.—A PROBABLE 'REPLY.'

The League has a stereotyped reply to such awkward facts as have been adduced in this First Part. The 'reply' is, in substance this: 'Wicked man! You are attacking a body of earnest and estimable reverend folk of various ranks and faiths!' That is, quite obviously, no 'reply.' The bedrock question here is this: Are the matters alleged, true, or mainly true, in point of fact? The witnesses cited against the League are nearly all, either Leaguers (including high League officials), or League sympathisers, or members of League denominations. 'Chapter and verse' have been given for the various statements credited to them. Let the League disprove their statements in matters of fact— if it can. Then we shall see whether this melancholy story of 'The Great Failure' does, or does not, constitute an 'attack'— or a justifiable 'attack'— on the League by its own officials and members, and by others of its spiritual kith and kin.

✽ HENRY W. CLEARY,
Bishop of Auckland.

June 20, 1914.

Kaponga

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A very successful week's mission was brought to a close last Sunday evening, July 5, by the Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R. The church was crowded at the morning Masses and at the evening services, the fervor and enthusiasm of the people being admirable. The previous week the Rev. Father conducted a mission at Eltham, and, although the weather was rather boisterous, the parishioners attended splendidly. The increased accommodation in the enlarged church was much appreciated by the large congregations.

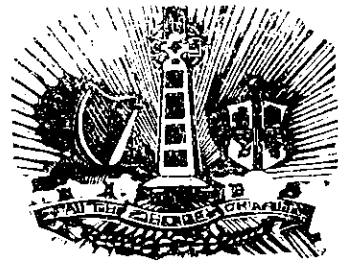
Both at Kaponga and Eltham the Federation movement is being well supported. Mr. C. P. Crowley, hon. secretary of the Kaponga branch, has been elected as delegate to the Wellington diocesan Federation conference.

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