

our own the weighty words addressed by the Bishop of Auckland to his people: 'Your vote is now, more than ever, a sacred trust. Put your conscience into it. Let no personal friendship or party allegiance move you to cast your vote for any one who would aid the League to take away some of your hard-won religious liberties, and make our education system a new instrument of oppression of conscience. We ask every Catholic elector to cast his vote, to cast it aright, and to be an energetic defender of the menaced religious liberties of ourselves and of so many of our fellow citizens of other faiths.'

Notes

An Anglican Pastoral

A pastoral from the Anglican Bishops of New Zealand, appealing to congregations 'To make the religious interests of the country the first question, by voting only for members of Parliament who will pledge themselves to vote for the Religious Instruction Referendum Bill' was read in the various Anglican churches in Wellington diocese on Sunday night. It is understood that the document will be read in the Anglican churches throughout the Dunedin diocese on the coming Sunday.

To Correspondents

The usual Christmas congestion, arising chiefly from the receipt of school prize-lists, lists of musical successes, and reports of school break-up functions, is already with us, and will make itself felt until about the end of January. Correspondents, therefore, whose communications do not appear as early as the senders anticipated, will understand the reason why. With regard to school reports, these will be printed strictly in the order in which they reach this office.

How the League Works

The following has been sent to us by a subscriber to the *N.Z. Tablet* as a copy of a letter written by Canon Garland, Organising Secretary of the Bible in State Schools League. Our correspondent assures us that he has the original in his possession. A copy of a similar document has been printed in one of the Wellington papers, the candidate selected in that particular case for commendation by the League being Mr. R. A. Wright, Government candidate for Wellington Suburbs. The communication will show Catholic voters how keenly the League is at work, and how great is the necessity to be alert and active.

November 25, 1914.

'My dear Comrade,—Some time ago I had the satisfaction of receiving your "Earnest" Card in which you promised to place Bible in schools before any political party issue. The time has now arrived to give effect to your pledge with Mr. David Jones, who is standing as candidate for Kaiapoi. I am quite satisfied that he will support the Bill introduced by Mr. Allen, and which has passed its first reading, providing for the referendum for which we ask. I want you now to do all you can regardless of politics to help Mr. Jones's return, and as one of our stalwarts in our front rank seek to influence all you can to put a principle of righteousness before any mere political question. Do not be content with intending to record your own vote, but influence as many as you possibly can in the same way. Particularly will you watch for those supporters of ours who are not yet on the electoral roll and take steps to get them put upon the roll at once. It may occur to you to join one of Mr. Jones's committees, but you will decide that for yourself. I should like to hear from you about what has been done.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID J. GARLAND,

Organising Secretary.

There's a grand 'auld reekie' whiff about BONNIE DOON TOBACCO—a homely, wholesome aroma which tells of honesty and purity. Why not try it to-day? Any tobacconist sells it—lots of it.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

ANGLICAN BISHOPS AND THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

The following is the Pastoral issued by the Anglican Bishops of New Zealand appealing to their flocks to make the Bible-in-schools question the first issue at the forthcoming parliamentary elections, and to vote only for candidates in favor of the referendum:—

'BIBLE-IN-STATE SCHOOLS LEAGUE.

'Pastoral from the Anglican Bishops to the Members of their Flock in the Present Crisis.

'We, the Primate and Bishops, feeling deeply our responsibility to God and to those members of the body of Christ—committed to our care, do hereby make our solemn appeal to them to put religious principles before party preferences in the exercise of their rights in the election of members of Parliament.

'That we are driven by Parliament itself to adopt this course is shown by a brief review of the history of this movement. Ever since the enactment by Parliament of a Bill which excluded the Word of God from the public schools and divorced the teaching of religion from the education of the children of the people the conscience of the majority of the people of this Christian country has been wounded and their religious convictions have been outraged. Speaking for our own communion, we say that unceasing efforts have been made from that time to obtain an amendment of the Act by the removal of these disabilities. Few, if any, meetings of our representative Church assemblies have taken place since that date without vigorous discussions on this subject, ending with petitions to Parliament to afford relief; and we are aware that similar dissatisfaction with a merely secular system has also been strongly expressed by other denominations. These petitions and representations were either entirely ignored by Parliament, or received the somewhat contemptuous answer that as the plans put forth by the several bodies were not identical, Parliament would not even take the subject into consideration until the religious bodies had themselves agreed upon the conditions under which instruction should be given. Agreement has been arrived at by the representatives of 75 per cent. of the people of this country, who have adopted a plan, which by almost universal and unchallengeable testimony has been proved to work well wherever it has been applied; but the Parliament of this democratic country appears disinclined to afford the parents and people generally an opportunity of expressing their judgment upon it.

'We, therefore, your spiritual guides, deeply convinced of the paramount value of religion to any nation, in relation to the prosperity and happiness of its people, and above all, remembering the injunction of Christ to put first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, do under these circumstances earnestly and unhesitatingly exhort you to make the religious interests of the country the first question by voting only for members of Parliament who will pledge themselves to vote for the "Religious Instruction Referendum Bill" which passed its first reading last session. More than 150,000 electors have asked that the question in the Bill should be submitted for the decision of the people.

'And we are your servants in Christ,

(Signed) S. T. DUNEDIN, Primate.

C. CHRISTCHURCH.

A. W. AUCKLAND.

T. H. WELLINGTON.

W. WALMSLEY WAIAPU.

'23rd day of November, A.D., 1914.'

A few slices off GOLDEN EAGLE PLUG! Rub them!—notice the rich promising aroma! Light up!—How the blue smoke twists and twirls—sniff its sweetness—enjoy its goodness. No other for me! How about YOU? Also in tins.