

body else is made to do his'—and that seems to represent a very general and ever-increasing feeling. There would seem to be two courses open to the Government in the matter. (1) They might take a referendum on the subject, and so ascertain the mind of the country on the question; or (2) without any referendum, they might adopt the quota and ballot principle. Under this arrangement a quota is fixed for every county, or other self-governing area. If all the counties provide the quota voluntarily, well and good; if any county fails to do so, recourse is had to the ballot, and men are compelled to come forward to make up the quota. If either course were adopted, special legislation and a special session of Parliament would be necessary. The Government at present appear to be indisposed to tackle the question; but if the movement is as strong in the rest of New Zealand as it is in Otago, the indications are that sooner or later the hands of the Government will be forced. Rightly or wrongly, the workers appear to have made up their minds very strongly on the question.

## Notes

### Politics and Perspective

The power which the revelations of science are calculated to exert over an individual or a community steeped in the petty conflicts of ordinary life is admirably illustrated in the following incident, narrated by Professor Schuster, president of the British Association, in his presidential address at the Association's meeting at Manchester the other day:—An American friend who possessed a powerful telescope one night received the visit of an ardent politician. It was the time of a Presidential election. Bryan and Taft being the opposing candidates, and feeling ran high. After looking at clusters of stars and other celestial objects, and having received answers to his various questions, the visitor turned to my friend: "And all these stars I see," he asked, "what space in the heavens do they occupy?" "About the area of the moon." "And you tell me that every one of them is a sun like our own?" "Yes." "And that each of them may have a number of planets circulating round it like our sun?" "Yes." "And that there may be life on each of these planets?" "We cannot tell that, but it is quite possible that there may be life on many of them." And after pondering for some time the politician rose and said: "It does not matter, after all, whether Taft or Bryan gets in."

### An Anchored Car

No one has ever heard of an editor—least of all, of a Catholic editor—owning a motor car, so that our interest in the invention of an anchored car is of a purely academic and impersonal kind. Many of our readers, however, are more fortunately circumstanced, and they may be glad to learn that they need not hesitate to invest in a car from a fear that they could not master the art of driving. 'You can learn to drive without trouble or danger by use of the anchored car,' says *Scottish Country Life*. 'It is like learning the art of swimming without going near the water. Only it is better. As a rule, the people who learn swimming on shore forget what they have learned the moment they enter the water. Not so an automobilist who learns the gentle art of driving in an anchored car.'

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'Like other great inventions, the anchored car was the result of necessity. Its inventor realised that the giving of road lessons to beginners was both a poor and a dangerous method of teaching the driving of a motor. Not only was the old method inadequate, but there were many people entirely too timid to take their first lesson on the road. The anchored car is an American invention. Recently, the 'president' of a well-known corporation told an automobile agent that his wife wanted a car, but he felt that she could never

learn to drive. That set the automobile agent thinking. He knew that the majority of accidents were the result of inexperience on the part of drivers. After mature consideration he hit upon the idea of teaching automobile driving in an anchored car. Once the idea was formed it was not difficult to carry out. A suitable car was jacked on small wooden horses. Only the rear wheels were taken off the ground, being raised just enough to prevent the car from moving. Sitting in the machine, it was impossible to tell that the automobile was anchored. To make matters simpler for the novice, the car was mounted in the plate-glass windows of the showroom. Sitting in the driver's seat, the novice could watch the wheels go round, and see just what happened whenever the various levers and pedals and buttons were touched. It was all so simple and interesting that it was astonishing no one had ever before thought of the idea. She saw just what happened to the wheels as she watched their reflection in the plate-glass windows. Her ability was so astonishing that the expert realised that his anchored car was a huge success. More is likely to be heard of it before long in this country.'

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Very Rev. Dean Van Dyk, Superior of St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary Society in New Zealand, is engaged this week in visiting the Maori settlements in Southland.

On Monday, the Feast of All Saints, Masses were celebrated at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 6.30, 7, 8, and 11 o'clock. There was Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening.

His Lordship Bishop Verdon administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mosgiel and Allanton on Sunday. Thirty-four candidates were confirmed at Mosgiel and seventeen at Allanton.

A mission by the Redemptorist Fathers will be opened at the 11 o'clock Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday. It will be conducted by the Rev. Fathers Mangan, C.S.S.R., Barry, C.S.S.R., and Kelly, C.S.S.R.

Owing to an error in the list supplied to us, the name of Miss Una McKendry was omitted from the list of successful candidates from St. Dominic's Convent in the Trinity College musical examinations. Miss McKendry passed in the harmony examination, preparatory grade, securing 74 marks.

The president of the A.M.D.G. Guild desires to remind members that the last sewing meeting of this year will be held on Thursday, November 18. Members are requested to return all materials, patterns, etc., by that date. The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, and the exhibition of church goods will take place at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, during the retreat of the diocesan clergy.

The usual monthly meeting of the Cathedral parish committee of the Catholic Federation was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Sunday evening after Vespers. Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presided, and there was a fair attendance. The business transacted was of a routine character. The secretary (Mr. J. Airey) reported on the result of the canvass for members, and it was decided to continue the work.

The King's Theatre was crowded on Saturday night, when the employees of the New Zealand Clothing Factory, in conjunction with the Hibernian Society and the Kaikorai Band, held a concert in aid of Mr. Louis McConnell, who has been an invalid for nine months. It is expected that over £100 will be raised as the result of the concert.

On Tuesday, All Souls' Day, in addition to the Masses at 6 and 8 o'clock, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, a Pontifical Requiem Mass was celebrated at 7 o'clock by his Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., being assistant priest, Rev. Father Kavanagh deacon, and Rev. Father Falconer subdeacon.