

N.Z. CATHOLIC FEDERATION

The Dominion Executive of the Catholic Federation met at St. Patrick's Hall on last Wednesday evening, Mr. J. J. L. Burke presiding (writes our Wellington correspondent, under date May 25). A large amount of routine business was transacted, and arrangements advanced to endeavor to make Federation Sunday, the first Sunday in July, a memorable day in the history of the Federation by enrolling every Catholic in the Dominion. There is an urgent need at the present time for Catholics to unite and stand shoulder to shoulder, and the only way to do this is by joining the ranks of the Federation. The subscription is only nominal—one shilling per annum for adults and six-pence for children, and is thus within the means of every Catholic, no matter how poor. This sum is necessary for organisation expenses, and office management, and even out of that modest amount it is proposed to set aside twopence-halfpenny per member for the Federation Scholarship Fund, details of which were published in the last issue of the *Tablet*. The attitude of the Teachers' Educational Institute on denominational grants was the subject of some discussion. This body has been at considerable pains to criticise the policy of the Government in regard to grants to denominational schools. No body of public servants has the right to dictate to its employer on policy matters, and the object of the Union of Teachers is to safeguard the teaching service in respect to salaries and conditions of employment. Not only has the Teachers' Institute passed resolutions, but it is endeavoring to induce other associations of public servants to go and do likewise. This matter the Federation has taken up, and it is probable that the correspondence on the subject will be published later. The question of war bursaries was discussed, and postponed for further consideration at the next meeting.

ARCHBISHOP KELLY'S PASTORAL

THE HERALD'S SEXTILE CRITICISM.

The timely Pastoral Letter of his Grace the Archbishop of Sydney, written to introduce, during the month of May, fervent prayers for peace, has caused considerable commotion among the Jingoists (says the *Catholic Press*). Their chief organ, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, which could only find room for a few selected extracts from the pastoral, though the *Telegraph* printed it in full, found space the following day for two columns of replies, one of them being an anonymous letter twice the length of the pastoral, two others might as well have been anonymous for all the information their signatures convey, together with a windy leading article. This is quite in keeping with Tory practice to comment on matter which the public has not seen. It is by these methods that another Archbishop is made, according to the confession of a Sydney newspaper, to "elicit the impressions formed about him" by those who do not hear him. The Archbishop of Sydney was on perfectly safe ground when he asserted the principle that "in declaring war, public authority is obliged in duty to the people to seek the common welfare, to respect the rights of the people, and to observe the limits of the law and constitution." The Archbishop's comments on the voluntary system, and his references to the baneful influence of the daily journals in trying to force the hands of Government on the conscription issue, may not be pleasant reading for the baffled Tories; but they have been unmistakably endorsed by the voice of Australia. The Archbishop is also correct in his claim that the British Government has no right to enforce conscription on Ireland. His Grace's apt illustration, "Let equals be added to equals, and the sums shall be equal," applies not only to Ireland, but to the treatment of Catholics in Australia. It is impolite and unjust to restrict the rights of citizens, and then to expect them to take a full share of the duties. And before striving to reform the world we should put our own house in order.

OBITUARY

MR. EDMOND CARRIGAN, WELLINGTON.

Mr. Edmond B. Carrigan, J.P., who died at his home in Austin Street, last Sunday (writes our Wellington correspondent, under date May 25), was an old resident of Wellington. The deceased was a native of Tipperary, Ireland, and came to New Zealand when a young man. He followed the trade of builder and retired many years ago from active work. He was a pioneer member of the Hibernian Society, having joined it in 1876, two years after it was established. For several terms he occupied the presidential chair of St. Patrick's branch, and was senior trustee of the society from 1889 till the time of his death. He was a staunch supporter of the Irish Land League when it was established in New Zealand, and was a keen and practical supporter of the Irish Nationalist Party. The late Mr. Carrigan was a prominent member of the Catholic Church, being a parishioner of St. Mary's, Boulcott Street, for many years until the district in which he resided was constituted a parish and attached to St. Joseph's, Buckle Street. Mr. Carrigan some years ago visited relatives in America, and also revisited the land of his birth. On his return he established a successful juvenile branch of the Hibernian Society, and many members of the society to-day owe their membership to his enthusiasm and energy. He was the principal advocate for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day during the past forty years, and in the early years it was through his energy that these successful functions were held. During the late Mr. Seddon's days he was a prominent member of the Clyde Quay branch of the Liberal and Labor Federation, and was created a Justice of the Peace by Mr. Seddon. He leaves a family of one son (Mr. James Carrigan) and three daughters (Mrs. Thomas Madden, Mrs. Jago, Wangamui, and Miss Eileen Carrigan). His wife predeceased him last year. The interment took place on Tuesday. Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle Street, by the Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm., there being also present in the sanctuary the Ven. Archbishop Dwyer, S.M., and Very Rev. Dean Holley, S.M. Pr. Adm. The church was well filled, and the ceremony, which was very solemn, proceeded to the Karori Cemetery, headed by the members of the Hibernian Society, the others being pall-bearers. The Ven. Archbishop Dwyer, and the Very Rev. Dean Holley officiated at the graveside. R.I.P.

MR. WILLIAM HENRY DONNELLY, DUNEDIN.

To the regret of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, the death occurred on last Sunday morning, after a brief but acute illness, of Mr. W. H. Donnelly, chemist, of Dunedin, at the age of 36 years. The deceased, who was born in Melbourne, came to Dunedin to his aunt, the late Mrs. Tynan, as a young boy. After receiving the whole of his education at the local Christian Brothers' School, he went to London, where he served an apprenticeship in chemistry with the firm of Messrs. Freres. Returning to Dunedin, he entered into business on his own account, but subsequently became manager to Mr. F. Wilkinson, chemist, a position he held until his death. The cause of his death was pleurisy and pneumonia. The Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., attended him during his illness, and imparted all the last sacred rites of Holy Church, and also officiated at the interment in the Southern Cemetery. Deceased, who was most popular in his profession, leaves a widow (daughter of Sergt. King, late of the Police Force) and three young children to mourn their loss. R.I.P.

If I offer you money, you do not say to me, "I will come to-morrow." No; you accept it at once. No one delays, no one makes excuses. The salvation of the soul is offered, and no one hurries himself.—St. Ambrose.