

radical remedy is the religious school. Until we get that, let us do what we can to promote good literature and healthy Catholic papers and books among our own people. We have not only to save ourselves, but also to become the source from which the influence of right principles will one day reach others.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

URENUI-ITE.—We know that Cardinal Moran's paper is not as interesting to all as a story. Wait a little longer, and you will have *Willie Keilly*.

SCHOOLMAN.—Socialism is a very vague thing at present. It is as hard to define as the essential creed for an Anglican. Robert Blatchford says that the root idea of Socialism means two things: "(1) That the land and all the machines, tools, and buildings used in making things, together with all the canals, rivers, roads, railways, ships, and trains used in moving needful things, and all the shops and markets, scales, weights, and money used in selling or dividing the necessary things shall be the property of the people: (2) that the land, tools, machines, trains, rivers, ships, scales, money, and all the things belonging to the people shall be worked, managed, divided, and used by the people in such a way as the greater number of the people shall deem wise." When the majority of the people have become clothed with the nature of angels it might work. We are not there yet.

J.G.—The limits of State interference are thus defined by Leo XIII: (1) It is the province of the State to consult for the common good: (2) the foremost duty of the rulers of the State should be to make sure that the laws, institutions, the character and administration of the commonwealth shall be such of themselves as to realise public well-being and private prosperity: (3) the State must not absorb the individual or the family, but should be allowed free and untrammelled action so far as is consistent with the common good and the interests of others; (4) whenever the general interest of any particular class suffers, or is threatened with mischief which can in no other way be met or prevented, the public authority must step in to deal with it.

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THE LATE DEAN HILLS

SOLEMN REQUIEM.

There was a large congregation at St. Mary's Church, Christchurch, on Wednesday morning, August 13, when a Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of the soul of the late Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., who died at Auckland on August 7 (writes our own correspondent). Children from the Catholic schools in St. Mary's parish occupied several of the front rows of seats, and the church was filled by parishioners who attended to offer their prayers for the happy repose of the soul of a pastor who had labored among them for years with loving zeal. The sanctuary and pulpit were draped in black and white. The celebrant was his Lordship Bishop Brodie; assistant priest, Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell (Ashburton); deacons at the throne, Very Rev. Deans Tubman, S.M. (Timaru) and Hyland (Rangiora); deacon and subdeacon, respectively, of the Mass, Very Rev. C. Graham, S.M. (St. Bede's College) and Rev. J. Long (Cathedral); masters of ceremonies, Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., and Rev. J. Roche, S.M. Others of the clergy present included Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., Fathers Howard (Milton), Price (Methven), Cooney (Lyttelton), Kerley (Temuka), Murphy and Fogarty (Cathedral). A male choir, under the baton of Mr. W. T. Ward, sang the incidental music. Referring to the late Dean Hills, his Lordship Bishop Brodie, in the course of an address appropriate to the solemn occasion, said they were assembled, his fellow-priests and members of his late flock, to offer their supplications to Almighty God for the happy repose of the soul of one who had been in charge of the diocese as Administrator after the death of Bishop Grimes until he (Bishop Brodie) had been appointed Bishop of Christchurch. The parishioners of St. Mary's did not know Dean Hills when he was in the full flush of his vigor and health. He had served the apostolate of teaching for 30 years before he was appointed as parish priest of St. Mary's, and, as the people knew, the burden of responsibility weighed him down, and he became prematurely aged, and his body was stricken with paralysis before his soul was released to the Kingdom of God. The Bishop expressed his sympathy with the members of the Society of Mary for the trials they had recently suffered in the deaths of loved ones, and condoled with those who mourned by saying that the trials, borne with trust in God, would become blessings.

The Absolution at the Catafalque was given by his Lordship the Bishop, and at the conclusion of the impressive ceremony the organist (Mrs. Cronin) played the "Dead March" from "Saul," the congregation reverently standing.

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