

tion, as scandalous. It is interesting to note that yesterday (Thursday) ministers and others received the following notice from the secretary:—"P.S. I send copies of new pamphlets issued by the League. If you require any further copies let me know. The enclosed pamphlet *Methods of Opposition*, is a revised edition. Please destroy any copies you may have of the previous edition." It will be interesting to see how far the 'revised edition' really corrects and withdraws the outrageous errors of the original issue.

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Dealing with the lecture in its editorial columns, the *Wanganui Herald* of May 30 has the following extremely interesting comments: 'A special invitation had been extended to advocates and supporters of Bible-reading in schools, and it was not surprising, therefore, that a very large audience assembled in the Opera House last evening to hear his Lordship speak. He gave a most convincing and impressive address, a fact clearly demonstrated by the almost unanimous vote given in opposition to the Bible-in-Schools League's scheme. It was not a little significant, too, that the resolution should have been proposed by a staunch Presbyterian and a Sunday school teacher of forty years' experience, that another Presbyterian and well-known school teacher thanked the Bishop for his address, and that at least one of the ministers present last evening, when asking a question, openly avowed his opposition to the League's proposals. It is significant, too, that Mr. Aitken and Mr. Grinstead left no doubt in the minds of the audience as to their views on the principle of Bible-teaching in schools, with which they were in accord, but, like the rev. lecturer, they were strongly opposed to the system under which the League proposed to give effect to it. Bishop Cleary made the point perfectly clear last evening. He emphatically stated that he is not opposed to religion in the schools: he is in full accord with the fundamental demand, for which he says the Roman Catholics have been left alone to fight for thirty-seven years. But he demands that the views of the minority shall be respected; that conscientiously-objecting taxpayers shall not be compelled to pay for religious instruction; that teachers shall not be compelled, under penalty of dismissal, to violate their consciences; that the Bible, and not mutilated excerpts, shall be read; that the sacred rights of conscience, either on the part of the teacher or taught, shall not in any way be violated; that the sacred duties of the Christian ministry shall not be thrown on the shoulders of unwilling State officials; and that the State shall continue to occupy a position of neutrality as regards religion. Not the least important statement made by his Lordship was that the Church he represented would be perfectly willing to meet the representatives of other religious bodies in conference to discuss a scheme of Bible-reading acceptable to all, and he ventured the opinion that the question could be settled in forty-eight hours. If Bible-reading is to form part of our national system of education, it is surely most desirable that the suggestion of a conference should be acted upon. Otherwise there is very grave danger of reviving the sectarian bitterness which has been the curse of older lands.' Regarding the striking and significant remarks made by the mover of the principal motion—a prominent State school teacher—we shall have something to say in our next issue.

DIocese of DUNEDIN

The annual collection on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society takes place on Sunday at St. Joseph's Cathedral. It is to be hoped there will be a generous response, as the society is doing excellent work.

A number of children from the Catholic schools of the city and suburbs were taken down the Harbor on Saturday and Monday to see H.M.S. *New Zealand*. Among those who visited the battleship on Saturday were a number of Catholic pupils from Lawrence, Alexandra, Milton, Mosgiel, and Port Chalmers.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral from the last Mass until after Vespers, when there was the usual procession in which the parish societies took part.

An entertainment in aid of the furnishing fund of one of the stalls at the forthcoming bazaar will be held in the Garrison Hall on Monday evening, June 23. Among those who have promised their services are some of the leading vocalists in Dunedin.

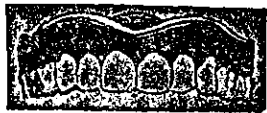
Master Cyril Hastings, Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin, was the winner of the first of three book prizes offered by the *Otago Daily Times and Witness* Newspapers Company, for essays by primary school children who participated in the excursions to Lyttelton to see H.M.S. *New Zealand*.

A Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Bishop Moran was celebrated in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Tuesday. His Lordship Bishop Verdon was celebrant, Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., assistant priest, Rev. Father Corcoran deacon, Rev. Father Kavanagh subdeacon, and Rev. Father Buckley master of ceremonies.

On Sunday evening the Children of Mary, South Dunedin, marked the close of the month of May by a procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin. The sodalists, headed by their president (Miss Long), carrying the banner of the Immaculate Conception, walked from St. Patrick's School, through the presbytery grounds, and round the basilica. The statue of our Lady, appropriately adorned, was borne by Misses Cameron, N. Dunford, A. Brown, and S. Mullin. After the Rosary had been recited and the Litany and hymns to the Blessed Virgin sung, the spiritual director (Rev. Father Delany) gave the badge to eight aspirants and admitted thirteen new members to the sodality. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament terminated an edifying ceremony.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration began at the Church of the Sacred Heart, North-east Valley on Friday morning, when High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Buckley, Rev. Father Corcoran being deacon, Rev. Father Kavanagh subdeacon, and Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. The devotion was brought to a close on Sunday evening, when there was a procession around the interior of the church, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At the half-past eight o'clock Mass on Sunday morning there was an unusually large number of communicants, amongst whom were about sixty members of the Hibernian Society in regalia. The attendance at the Masses and various exercises was exceptionally good. After the first Mass on Sunday the ladies of the congregation provided light refreshments for the members of the Hibernian Society.

The many friends in Dunedin of Rev. Brother Cusack will be pleased to hear that he is wielding the baton with his usual success as conductor of the students' choir at the Christian Brothers' College, Nudgee, Brisbane. At the opening of the Catholic Club in Brisbane on May 8, the college orchestra, conducted by him, contributed several fine selections. On May 9 his Grace the Coadjutor-Archbishop of Brisbane, accompanied by his Lordship Dr. Shiel, Bishop of Rockhampton, visited Nudgee College. A programme of vocal and instrumental music, with elocutionary and gymnastic items (says the *Catholic Advocate*) had been arranged, and it is but simple truth to say that each item was perfectly performed and highly appreciated. The orchestra consisted of about thirty lads, who, under the baton of the Rev. Brother Cusack, gave such an exhibition of perfect playing that Dr. Duhig, Dr. Shiel, and Father Lane (who accompanied them) declared they had never heard anything so good. Piano, several first and second violins, 'cello, double bass, cornet, flutes, trombone, large drum, kettle drums, etc., were there, and certainly the members did their work well. The singing class was also conducted by Brother Cusack. The purity of tone was very remarkable. The blending of the sweet voices with the orchestra in the "Angelus" from *Maritana* was a real treat.



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