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#### DEATH

HORAN.—On October 6, 1913, at his residence, Millar street, South Dunedin, Jeremiah Horan, native of Mt. Mellick, Queen's County, Ireland; aged 77 years.-R.I.P.

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Die 4 Aprilis, 1900. LEO XIII., P.M.

Translation.—Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.

April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1913.

## FEDERATION ACTIVITY



HE action of the Dominion Executive in appointing a salaried secretary organiser who should devote his whole time to the work of the Federation was not only a wise but an absolutely necessary step if the organisation is to become the power and the success which we all hope and desire that it should be. In its late honorary secretary, Mr. P. D. Hoskins, the Federation was fortunate in having a man of tire-

less energy, unbounded enthusiasm, and very marked ability; and the interests of the organisation certainly did not suffer during the brief period in which they were placed in his very capable hands. But an expanding organisation brought with it expanding work; and the secretarial duties alone are now such that no man could adequately overtake them who is engaged at the same time in following any other occupation. There is, besides, the urgently necessary work of organising; and in the South Island, at least, there are many calls for a speaker who will authoritatively explain the objects of the Federation, and give a definite outline of the work that is before it. Beyond all doubt and question there is ample need and ample work for an officer who will give his whole and undivided time and attention to developing the Federation.

The newly-appointed secretary, Mr Girling-Butcher, is not as well known in the South Island as we hope he soon will be; but in Wellington he has been connected with the Federation movement since its inception, and the members of the Dominion Executive, who are intimately acquainted with the man and his work, are confident that he will make a big success of the important undertaking to which he has devoted himself. Already his energy and activity have borne fruit. As will be seen from the report of last week's meeting of the Dominion Executive-which we publish elsewhere in this issue and to which we direct the attention of our readers—he has been successful in inducing a Wellington bookseller to withdraw a placard displaying an advertisement of an objectionable book and to promise that he would not take any more orders for the volume. As showing the value and possibilities of this sort of work, it may be added that the bookseller in question has actually asked the Federation to advise him in future with regard to offensive works, in order that he may refrain from selling any such publications. The new secretary has also obtained from the Minister of Education a definite and written promise that he will see that lectures of an anti-Catholic and altogether objectionable character, which have been given in some of our State secondary colleges, are prevented in future. These things may be small in themselves; but they are an early and tangible earnest of the good results

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