

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

- S.M.A.—The Irish for "sister" is *deirbhriur*—pronounced dar-av-vrau-her.
- F.L.—Lady Butler was a Miss Thompson. Her sister married Wilfrid Meynell, and is a distinguished poet and essayist.
- J.G.S.—Thanks for clipping. It is very interesting, but we would be slow to believe that a man of the standing of Keynes should be so rash in his assertions as M. Montoux implies.
- N.H. (Havelock).—We already acknowledged receipt, but as there are three places called Havelock, and as you did not specify which, it is presumable that our communication never reached you.
- P.K.—We regret that it is unusual to publish in our columns a correspondence originally intended for other papers.
- A.B.C.—No letters published over *noms de plume* in this paper, except when the topic is absolutely non-controversial. Besides yours is at least ten times too verbose.
- B.E.—Thanks for calling our attention to the omniscient Stout's latest guess. Have you read Windle on the *Church and Science*? We had the book but we have it no longer, nor have we any recollection of where to seek it.
- JUSTICE.—In three places in New Zealand Catholic teachers put themselves to great inconvenience to go out to teach instead of bringing children to the centre in which the convents are situated. Thus while free passes are granted over a few miles to three or four teachers, free passes for scores of children are saved to the Railway authorities. This is what the P.P.Ass. makes such a row about. The concession, recommended by common sense, was granted by a Minister of Education who was not afraid to have common sense, and at a time when Cabinet Ministers were presumed to have common sense. We have heard that Greymouth children who won scholarships have not been permitted this year to take them out in the convent High School. As the High School is far and away the best school on the Coast, it is quite likely that the report is true. The same game was tried in Dunedin last year. The Adm. took up the cudgels and exposed the trickery of the Minister and his satellites, and made them look very ridiculous.

## THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

The functions of the Catholic Press (wrote an American Bishop in a recent Pastoral) are of special value to the Church in our country. To widen the interest of our people by acquainting them with the progress of religion throughout the world, to correct false or misleading statements regarding our belief and practise, and, as occasion offers, to present our doctrine in popular form—these are among the excellent aims of Catholic journalism. As a means of forming sound public opinion, it is indispensable. The vital issues affecting the nation's welfare usually turn upon moral principles. Sooner or later, discussion brings forward the question of right and wrong. The treatment of such subjects from the Catholic point of view, is helpful to all our people. It enables them to look at current events and problems in the light of experience which the Church has gathered through centuries, and it points the surest way to solution that will advance our common interests.

The unselfish zeal displayed by Catholic journalists entitles them to a more active support than hitherto has been given. By its very nature the scope of their work is specialised; and, within the limitation thus imposed, they are doing what no other agency could accomplish or attempt, in behalf of our homes, societies, and schools.

## N.Z. CATHOLIC FEDERATION

(Contributed.)

Wellington.—Members are reminded that the annual meeting of the Diocesan Council will be held at the Federation Chambers, 4 Willis Street (top floor), on Thursday, July 15. The arrangements for the Mass and sermon will be announced later. At this meeting the election of officers, and of the new Executive Committee, will take place, and a large and representative attendance is looked for. Delegates have received the usual concessions, and the necessary warrants will be sent out in ample time. The committee appeals once more to parish committees to remit amounts due without delay so that the returns may be included in the annual statement. Committees are reminded that the last day for receiving remits is June 26. Any remits coming to hand after that date will not be placed upon the agenda paper, but will have to take their chance under the head of "New Business." The secretary would be greatly obliged if the names of the delegates were forwarded by the 26th inst., also, in order that the roll might be prepared and an estimate arrived at of the probable attendance.

Christchurch.—Committees are reminded that the annual meeting of the Diocesan Council, or annual conference of delegates from parish committees, will take place on Tuesday, July 20, in the city, and all committees should deem it a duty to be represented. Delegates should be elected at the annual parish meeting.

General.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Council will be held at Auckland on August 25. The delegates from the diocesan councils will be elected at their annual meetings. Committees are requested to make early application to the general secretary, Box 958, Wellington, for membership enrolment receipt books.

Federation Sunday falls on July 4, and committees are earnestly requested to make immediate arrangements for the enrolment of all parishioners.

## THE COMMANDANT AT FIUME.

[The Commandant at Fiume sends a protest to Sir Eric Drummond denying that the League of Nations had a right to interfere in the Adriatic question. The protest added: "It is now clear that the League is nothing but the representatives of the Great Powers wishing to impose hegemony on the rest of the world." The Commandant sends greetings, on their solidarity to Ireland, India, and Egypt.—A. and N.Z. cable.]

O soldier! a-dream by a classic sea,  
 You have seen through the weft of things,  
 And the hurricane words of hypocrisy  
 From premiers, scribes, and kings;  
 You scoff at the league of false-pretence—  
 An imperial bandit scheme!  
 Oh deep have you plumbed in the wells of sense  
 That feed the imperial dream.

O soldier! a-dream by a classic sea,  
 What greetings intense and grave!  
 Flung out from a centre of storm to be  
 Flame-words for the young and brave.  
 What matter at all whoever you war—  
 You saw, and have spoken true  
 To the girded folk who embattled are  
 For a dream that fills me and you.

T. P. CUMMINS.

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