

## CORRESPONDENCE

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## BOYCOTTING CATHOLICS.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—In your issue of February 22, W. V. G. brought under notice a case where, in applying for a position, he was requested to state the religious denomination he belonged to. He asks whether such grievances are outside the scope of the Federation. In reply I may mention that the Federation does take such matters up and have several under investigation at the present time, but unless cases are reported by the individuals concerned no action can be taken. If your correspondent will send full particulars of his own case to the Secretary N.Z. Catholic Federation, Box 958, G.P.O., Wellington, the matter will be inquired into.

I am, etc.

P. D. HOSKINS,

Wellington.

3/3/23.

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## "THE CATHOLIC PLATFORM ON SOCIAL ACTION."

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—It was with feelings of great pleasure that I read in the *New Zealand Tablet* the article on "The Catholic Platform on Social Action" by his Grace Archbishop Redwood. It reflects credit on the Catholic Church in New Zealand that such a clear exposition of the needs of the times should emanate from the incisive brain of a great cleric. To my mind this one article on Social Action would be sufficient to establish Archbishop Redwood as a remarkable man. His views on this, the greatest of modern problems, should be widely circulated. At least every Catholic literary and debating club in Australia and New Zealand should be conversant with them. In a few clear and terse sentences the hollowness and hypocrisy of modern civilisation and its vaunted political freedom are exposed. His Grace is a true reformer, and deserves well not only of his own people but of all thinkers in all lands.—I am, etc.,

J. P. HASTINGS, M.D.

Auckland, April 4.

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## L'ABBE EDGEWORTH.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—You write in your number or issue dated December 21, 1922, page 47, that Louis XVI. was accompanied in his last moments by the Abbe Wentworth who pronounced "these solemn and significant words": "Son of St. Louis ascend into heaven." I am astonished that some one of your readers did not correct you in this statement. The Abbe Edgeworth and he an Irishman, assisted Louis the XVI. and to him the words are attributed. The English may claim the greater part of this earth. This does not give them a license, and they have taken it frequently, of claiming distinguished men of Irish birth or origin as Englishmen. I am indebted to a New Zealand relative for an occasional copy of your interesting weekly. Kindly understand that I am not seeking to advertise myself when I call your attention to the part that an Irishman had in the shriving of Louis XVI.

Go raib maith agat.

Is mise le meas meor,

Agus do carad,

Seorise P'Maviscall.

Saggart paroiste,

Cill pedar.

No Walpole, N.H., U.S.A.

February 12, 1923.

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## THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—The golden jubilee of the above society has come and gone—thus marking an important epoch in its history. Unquestionably the society has done much good in the past, both from a material and religious point of view, and can now look forward with confidence to a continued existence for much more good in the community. Though myself an Hibernian of long standing, I have not had the opportunity for many years to attend the meetings of the Dunedin branch of which I am a member. This has always

been a matter of regret to me. Circumstance, however, permitted me to attend the recent jubilee function, where I had the pleasure of meeting a number of the brethren I had had the happiness of knowing in former days. I was sorry to miss the face of one fine Hibernian, namely, that of Bro. James O'Connor, a former secretary, now I regret to hear prostrated by illness. Bro. O'Connor was for many years a tower of strength to the branch especially in the earlier and more critical stages of its existence; I trust that he will be soon restored to health. In conclusion, I hope that the weighty words which fell from the lips of the Rev. Fathers Delany and Foley will not fall on barren soil, but will bear fruit in the proper season and so enhance the membership of the branch until it embraces a large majority of the Catholic young men in the district.

I am, etc.,

J. P. E.,

Port Chalmers.

2/4/23.

## St. Mary's Presbytery, Christchurch

## ADDITIONS BLESSED AND OPENED.

(From our own correspondent.)

The additions to St. Mary's presbytery, Manchester Street, were solemnly blessed and declared open by his Lordship the Bishop on Sunday afternoon week. After the ceremony of blessing, Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., addressing the large assemblage, expressed his gratitude to Dr. Brodie for having favored the function with his presence, notwithstanding his strenuous work in connection with the ceremonies of Holy Week at the Cathedral. Reviewing the rise and progress of St. Mary's parish during the past 37 years, Father O'Connell explained the demands that made the additions to the presbytery urgent and necessary. He paid a tribute to those engaged in the work, especially Mr. H. St. A. Murray (architect), and Messrs. Fullwood and Hay (contractors), and thanked all who had assisted at the recent garden fete, which had helped to defray the expenses to the extent of £720. His Lordship the Bishop said he would have been distinctly disappointed had he not been able to assist and express his satisfaction at the progress being made by St. Mary's parishioners. Functions such as the one they were engaged in carried his mind to famous religious buildings he had seen and examined during his recent travels, and incidentally described some famous monasteries, and explained their very extensive fields of usefulness. The work of the clergy today (he said) differed from that of the priests of earlier times. The work of the priests now was specialised and was chiefly parochial, educational, and missionary. Continuing, he showed the relationship of the various avenues to that carried out in days gone by in the monasteries. The life of a priest is essentially a busy one, and consequently recreation and rest must ever be subservient to duty to which the priest is always subject. In connection with the growth and development of the parish, the Bishop mentioned the names of Very Rev. Fathers Le Menant des Chesnais, Dean Ginaty, Father Marnane, and Dean Hills, all of whom had gone to their reward; but there was one still dear to them all, who was no doubt with them in spirit—Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., and between him and St. Mary's people it was "hands across the sea." His Lordship expressed his satisfaction at the improvements to the presbytery building, which was then thrown open for inspection. Afternoon tea was served by the Children of Mary on the tennis court adjoining, and his Lordship officiated at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the church.

## Federated Catholic Clubs of New Zealand

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

The 18th annual conference and challenge shield competitions took place at Wellington on Easter Saturday and Sunday. The conference was held at the M.B.O.B.A. rooms, and the following clubs were represented:—Ashburton (Mr. A. B. Costelloe); St. Francis's, Island Bay (Messrs. J. Coleman and A. B. Scanlon); St. Vincent's, Newtown (Mr. G. Burton); Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association (Messrs. S. Hoskins and R. D. Hickey). The president (Mr. M. O'Kane), after extending a welcome to

W. E. Evans

Tailor and Costume Maker

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