

carry the legal proceedings further, but to send a protest to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Scotland, the School Board Association, and the churches in Scotland. It is just as well that they should not waste more of the ratepayers' money in advertising their bigotry, but surely they do not expect any sensible person to back them up in their belief that they have the right to penalise any of their employees who venture to change their religious opinions.'

The United States and the Allies

In strong contrast to the weak-kneed policy of President Wilson are the views of ex-Presidents Taft and Roosevelt on the attitude which should be taken up by the United States in regard to the great European conflict. Perhaps some allowance should be made for President Wilson, when we remember that there are in the United States twenty million of people who claim German descent, and whose votes would be an important factor in deciding a presidential election. Apart from this, many of these are men of wealth and social position, who have a controlling interest in commercial affairs, and are consequently in a position to influence public opinion. Mr. Roosevelt, in a little pamphlet just published, comes out with a strong appeal to the United States to throw in its lot with the Allies. His contention is that, as a signatory to the Hague Convention of 1907, America was bound to insist on Germany observing the neutrality of Belgium and abstaining from illegal acts in war, and, as she has not done so, should now compel her to pay the penalty of her ill-deeds. America, he holds, must come into the war. After the war there should be a system of permanent peace, leaving to each nation its territory inviolable, and an international police force in the form of the armed might of all the great Powers, ready and able to punish any nation which did not observe the international arrangement and respect its neighbours' rights. 'Of course,' says Mr. Roosevelt, 'peace definitely would be encountered in solving such a case, and administering it afterwards, and no future war can guarantee that it would be solved in this way. But I believe that it could be made to work, and that it is one of the very great important arrangements of the world. The International Court would be an excellent body, acting not as national courts but as impartial judges, and the nations should severally promise to use their entire military force, if necessary, against any nation which defied the decrees of the tribunal or which violated any of the rights which in the rules it was expressly stipulated should be reserved to the several nations, the rights to their territorial integrity, and the like.'

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The collection at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, in aid of the distressed Belgians, amounted to £55.

The bazaar in aid of the building fund of St. Patrick's School, South Dunedin, for which active preparations have been in hand for some months, will be opened on June 2, and will continue until June 9. The stallholders and their assistants have been working most assiduously for a considerable time, and it is therefore anticipated the display of goods will be all that could be desired.

There was a crowded congregation at the devotion of the Way of the Cross on Good Friday afternoon in St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, when a sermon on the Passion was preached by the Rev. Father Collins (Holy Cross College). On Easter Sunday it was very edifying to see the large numbers who received Holy Communion at the 7.30 and 9 o'clock Masses. The ladies responsible for the decorations of the high altar on Easter Sunday are deserving of praise for the very effective manner in which they carried out their work.

In addition to the early Masses at 6.30, 7.30, and 9 o'clock at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Easter Sunday, Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at 11 o'clock by his Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Father Coffey,

Adm., being assistant priest, Rev. Father Corcoran deacon, Rev. Father Falconer subdeacon, and Rev. Father Buckley master of ceremonies. The sermon on the day's festival was preached by Very Rev. Father Coffey. The music was Gounod's Mass of St. Cecilia, which was most efficiently rendered by the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. T. J. Hussey, Mr. Vallis presiding at the organ. The principal soloists were Mrs. Fennell, and Messrs. P. Carolin and J. McGrath. There were very large congregations at the early Masses, when unusually large numbers approached the Holy Table, this being also the case on Holy Thursday. His Lordship the Bishop presided at Vespers, when the occasional sermon was preached by Rev. Father Buckley. As it was the first Sunday of the month, there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the last Mass until after Vespers, when there was a procession, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. After the evening devotions the members of the choir were entertained in St. Joseph's Hall. Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., who presided, speaking on behalf of the Bishop and himself, congratulated the members on the manner in which they had rendered the music in connection with the day's ceremonies, and also thanked them for their services during the year. The decorations of the high altar on Easter Sunday and the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday were in excellent taste, and reflected much credit on Misses Murphy and White.

The Masses and devotions at St. Joseph's Cathedral during Holy Week were attended by large congregations. On Holy Thursday the holy oils were blessed by his Lordship the Bishop, who also celebrated Pontifical High Mass, Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, V.G., being assistant priest, Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M. (Christchurch), and Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary deacons at the throne, Rev. Father McMullan deacon of the Mass, Rev. Father Kavanagh subdeacon, and Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. The music was sung by the Dominican Nuns' Choir. The Mass of the Presanctified on Good Friday was celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary being assistant priest, Rev. Father Buckley deacon, Rev. Father Kavanagh subdeacon, and Very Rev. Father Coffey master of ceremonies. The music was sung by the Holy Cross College Choir. On Holy Saturday High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Buckley, Rev. Father Collins being deacon, and Rev. Father Kavanagh subdeacon. His Lordship the Bishop presided at Tenebrae on the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The 'Benedictus' and 'Miserere' were sung each evening by the choir of Holy Cross College. The sermon on the Blessed Eucharist on the evening of Holy Thursday was preached by Rev. Father D. O'Neill (Invercargill), on the Passion on Good Friday morning by Rev. Father Morkane, M.A. (Holy Cross College), on the Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Good Friday evening by Rev. Father E. Lynch (Holy Cross College). There was a large congregation on Good Friday afternoon at the devotion of the Way of the Cross. In addition to the clergy of St. Joseph's Cathedral and those of Holy Cross College, the following assisted at the Holy Week ceremonies:—Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M. (Christchurch), Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, V.G. (Oamaru), Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary (Lawrence), Rev. Father McMullan (Ranfurly), Rev. Father O'Reilly (Port Chalmers), Rev. Fathers Delany, Tobin, and Falconer (South Dunedin), Rev. Father D. O'Neill (Invercargill).

CATHOLIC SEWING GUILD.

The Catholic Sewing Guild for Belgian relief met on Wednesday, and donations were received from the following:—Mrs. J. Brown, Miss Brookes, Mrs. Culling (Hill Grove), Miss Cameron, Mrs. A. Cameron (Nokomai), Mrs. Delaney, Mrs. Fraher (Naseby), Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Lynch, Miss Mullins, Mrs. Purton, Mrs. W. Shiel, Mrs. Sligo, Mrs. Tyson, Mrs. Tarlton, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. Vallis.