

the League leaders have increasing difficulty in keeping their spirits up. Canon Garland complained at his Mosgiel meeting that the *Otago Daily Times* had not treated the movement fairly in the matter of the space accorded to the Dunedin demonstration of supporters, and mournfully exclaimed: 'The principalities and powers of darkness are fighting against the League.' And the *Outlook*, following close on the heels of the Dunedin meeting, bemoans 'the prevalent apathy towards the Bible in State Schools movement,' and proceeds to show how serious that apathy is. Under these circumstances our contemporary is fairly safe in its prophecy that the battle which is being conducted under such depressing accompaniments 'may last for years.'

## Notes

### A New Philosopher

A new philosopher has been unearthed by the *American Magazine*. His name is Kin Hubbard, and we have quoted him before in this column. Here are some of his later sayings:—

It's no disgrace t' be poor, but it might as well be.

Live so you kin go t' th' thea-ter without makin' your grocer mad.

The thing that's depopulatin' th' farms more'n anything else is that you can't plough an' be a dude.

It pays t' be honest, but it don't pay enough t' suit some fellers.

Ez Pash says he allus hates t' break in a clean towel.

Transparent hosiery hain't doin' much t' boom th' straight and narrow path.

A holiday is hardly worth th' energy it takes t' get back in th' harness again.

Ever' time I look at some fellers I can't help thinkin' what good wives they'd make fer some girls.

Most homely women make 'emselfes homelier by addin' some little touch t' keep from bein' so homely.

Th' average husband can't understand why his wife should need any money when she don't chew er smoke.

I can't figure out how chicken-pie got its name.

### A Hint to the Rev. J. J. North

Mr. John Caughley continues to do good work in the columns of the Christchurch papers in the cause of justice to his fellow-members of the teaching profession. Seizing an opening presented by an anti-militarist utterance of the Rev. J. J. North he makes a good point in a letter which appeared in the *Lyttelton Times* of Friday last. 'Though not a militarist,' he writes, 'I can sympathise with the Rev. J. J. North's indignation at any attempt to introduce a Test Act into New Zealand. The Rev. J. J. North, however, is to some extent a supporter of the Bible-in-Schools League. This League proposes a much more unjust form of Test Act than the one which has caused the Rev. J. J. North's blood to boil. If the League's scheme were adopted, no teacher in New Zealand could hold his position unless he were willing to carry out the course of religious instruction drawn up by the three denominations forming the League. This course is opposed to the religious beliefs of many sections of the community. Therefore the requirements of the Bible-in-schools policy would impose a most objectionable form of Test Act on all teachers and would-be teachers. I hope the Rev. J. J. North will see that the League's policy is far more worthy of his condemnation than even the one he denounces in his letter in Monday's *Lyttelton Times*. He can do good service for liberty of conscience if he makes an equally spirited protest against the form of Test Act I refer to.—I am, etc.,

JOHN CAUGHLEY.

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### Adrianople

In view of the capture of Adrianople by the allied forces the following particulars regarding the city will be of interest. Adrianople is to-day the principal city

of a vilayet (province) of the same name, which has about 960,000 inhabitants. It has a thriving commerce in woven stuffs, silks, carpets, and agricultural products. Adrianople contains the ruins of the ancient palace of the Sultans, and has many beautiful mosques, the most remarkable being that of Selim II., of an altogether grandiose appearance and with a cupola three or four feet higher than that of St. Sophia. The city suffered greatly in 1905, from a conflagration. It then possessed about 80,000 inhabitants, of whom 30,000 were Mussulmans (Turks, and some Albanians, Tzigani, and Circassians); 22,000 Greeks, or those speaking Greek; 10,000 Bulgarians; 4000 Armenians; 12,000 Jews; 2000 not classifiable. The See of a Greek metropolitan and of a Gregorian Armenian bishop, Adrianople is also the centre of a Bulgarian diocese, but it is not recognised and is deprived of a bishop. The city also has some Protestants. The Latin Catholics, foreigners for the most part, and not numerous, are dependents of the vicariate-apostolic of Constantinople. At Adrianople itself there are the parish of St. Anthony of Padua (Minors Conventual) and a school for girls conducted by the Sisters of Charity of Agram. In the suburb of Kara Aghatch there are a church (Minor Conventuals), a school for boys (Assumptionists), and a school for girls (Oblates of the Assumption). Each of its mission stations, at Rodosto and Dédé-Aghatch, has a school (Minor Conventuals), and there is one at Gallipoli (the Assumptionists). From the standpoint of the Oriental Catholics, Adrianople is the residence of a Bulgarian vicar-apostolic for the Uniats of the vilayet (province) of Thrace and of the principality of Bulgaria. There are 4600 of them. They have 18 parishes or missions, six of which are in the principality, with 20 churches or chapels, 31 priests, of whom six are Assumptionists, and six are Resurrectionists, 11 schools with 670 pupils. In Adrianople itself there are only a very few United Bulgarians, with an episcopal church of St. Elias, and the Churches of St. Demetrius and SS. Cyril and Methodius. The last is served by the Resurrectionists, who have also a college of 90 pupils. In the suburb of Kara-Aghatch, the Assumptionists have a parish and a seminary with 50 pupils.

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### DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Christian Brothers' School reopened after the Easter vacation on Monday.

The foundation stone of the new Catholic church at Gore will be laid on Sunday by his Lordship Bishop Verdon. The occasional discourse will be preached by the Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F.

Trinity College of Music announces that Miss Rosalia Chiaroni, a pupil of St. Dominic's College, has been awarded an exhibition for the practical examination (intermediate grade).

His Lordship the Bishop is to make a visitation of the southern portion of the diocese during the present month. On Sunday, April 13, his Lordship will visit Invercargill and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, and on Sunday, April 20, he will administer Confirmation in Riverton. Other districts will be visited in due course.

The following delegates to the triennial meeting of the Hibernian Society at Napier have been appointed by the various branches of the society in Otago and

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