

and Canon Garland; it is a question of the truth of the executive's own official 'facts,' and of the general honor and veracity of the League. The serious feature of the situation is the fact that the dishonorable and deplorable tactics of the Organising Secretary should have been condoned, and it may almost be said, endorsed, by the League, *Facilis descensus Averni*. The League began badly by following Canon Garland's lead in turning their propaganda into a shameless No-Popery campaign. They have gone from bad to worse; and they now bid fair to turn the Bible-in-schools organisation in this Dominion into a by-word and a reproach amongst honest and honorable men.

Notes

State Bible Teaching

The following letter, addressed to a Wellington paper by a Christian correspondent, puts one of the objections to the Bible-in-Schools proposals in a nutshell: 'Sir,—Being a Christian, an elder, and a Bible Class leader, and believing the Bible to be the Word of God, I should like to see everyone capable of doing so studying or being taught from its pages. But who shall be its teachers? Civil Servants because they are Civil Servants, or Christian men because they are Christian men? The Galilee commission is unrevoked, and the disciple of Christ who seeks to shift his responsibility on to the State employees is unworthy of his Teacher.'

The Teachers' Attitude

Commenting on the resolution recently adopted by the Otago Educational Institute, the *Wanganui Herald* of June 12 remarks: 'When referring to Bishop Cleary's recent address in the Opera House on the subject of the Bible in schools we remarked on the significance of the fact that the resolution which was carried, opposing the League's scheme as "conflicting with the rights of conscience and inimical to the real interests of religion and religious peace," was proposed by a staunch Presbyterian and a Sunday school teacher of forty years' experience, and was supported by another Presbyterian and well-known school teacher and by at least one of the ministers present. In this connection it is interesting to note that the Otago Education Institute is unanimously in accord with the views expressed by Mr. James Aitken at the meeting the other night in Wanganui, and endorses the opinions of Mr. H. Grinstead, who remarked that he was in favor of Bible-reading in schools but opposed to the League's platform. . . . The discussion should suffice to show that the teachers of Otago are not actuated by that hostility to the Bible, to religion, and to God which it is unfortunately the custom of the most extravagant of the partisans of the Bible-in-Schools League to attribute to their opponents.'

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A Catholic Poet's Success

Some astonishing facts are given about the sales of Francis Thompson's great poem, 'The Hound of Heaven.' His publishers write to the *Bookseller* about a statement that Masfield's 'Everlasting Mercy' was the most widely circulated poem of these days. 'Splendid as Mr. Masfield's success has been, we doubt if it nears the fifty thousand of "The Hound of Heaven," thirty thousand of which have been sold in the last two years. Moreover, "The Hound" is one of the chief attractions of Thompson's *Selected Poems*, which are now in their twentieth thousand. Perhaps your readers will be interested to know that Thompson was at one time a collector for a West End bookshop! The story of this, and of many another strange avocation for a mystical poet, will be found in the *Life of Francis Thompson*, by Mr. Everard Meynell, which is now in the printers' hands.'

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Master Joseph Newman, a pupil of the Christian Brothers' School, who passed the junior Civil Service examination last January, has received an appointment in the Government Insurance Department, Wellington.

A very successful euchre party, in aid of the furnishing of the local stall in the forthcoming bazaar, was held in the Sacred Heart Schoolroom, North-east Valley, on Friday evening. There was a very good attendance, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The lady's prize was won by Miss Duggan, and the gentleman's by Mr. Begley.

The meeting of St. Joseph's Men's Club on Monday evening took the form of a social gathering, when the members of the Hibernian Society were the guests of the club. Rev. Father Buckley presided, and there was a good attendance. The programme consisted of a euchre tournament and musical selections. Light refreshments were provided, and on the whole a very enjoyable evening was passed.

A concert in aid of the bazaar for the Christian Brothers' new school will be held in the Garrison Hall on Monday evening, June 23. A fine programme has been arranged, and patrons are assured of an enjoyable evening's entertainment. Among those who will contribute to the programme are Misses Violet Fraser, Gladys Stoneham, A.T.C.L., Mabel Esquilant, Daisy Hall, Lilian King, Ethel Churchill, and Dora Emery, Messrs. A. Pacey, G. J. Blackie, E. V. Slyfield, A. R. Petersen, and W. Crawford, the Kaikorai Band quartet, and the Christian Brothers Choir and quartet. Apart altogether from the praiseworthy object for which the concert is given, the programme is such as cannot fail to draw a crowded house.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

CATHOLIC.—You have not sent your name and address. D.M., Karamu.—The appeal from South Africa is quite genuine.

R.P., Christchurch.—We had not noticed the paragraph in the *Outlook* of April 22 to which you call our attention; and it is rather stale now to call for notice. We thank you for your appreciation of the *Tablet*.

INQUIRER.—To the best of our recollection the ecclesiastic to whom you refer was Bishop Potter, the predecessor of the present occupant of the see, who held some extraordinary theological views. We will forward to you immediately any further information which we may come across on the matter.

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