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(From our own correspondent.)

Last Sunday was the day set apart for the monthly Communion of the Children of Mary Sodality, and large numbers approached the Holy Table at the early Mass. The devotions were continued in the afternoon, when Rev. Father Kirrane conducted the religious exercises, afterwards delivering an interesting address on frequent Communion. The devotions concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Speaking at all the Masses on Sunday in reference to the proposed Bible in State Schools referendum, Rev. Father Doyle said that with many this persistency about the Bible in the schools is pure opposition to the Catholic Church, and should be set down as unadulterated bigotry. With others, it is an attempt to remedy a bad matter. Folks outside the Catholic Church are seemingly realising the inefficiency of secular training, the mere instructing of children in the 'useful' branches, without regard for their moral, or religious instruction, and hence the conviction of some of these people that to remedy

matters there should be reading of the Bible in the schools—for the Bible to many well-meaning people constitutes all religion. But is the mere reading of the Bible in the schools a solution of the problem? Certainly not. It is simply trying to salve a wounded conscience. It is only a show of moral training with the neglect of the vital things. The only real successful moral and religious training is that imparted and imbibed in a religious atmosphere, such as is found within the walls of religious parochial schools. In conclusion, Father Doyle asked his hearers to read over carefully the proposed petition to both Houses of Parliament against the so-called referendum. If they did this the speaker would have no hesitation in saying that no Catholic could consistently neglect to sign the petition.

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