

tralia and make a report on the system.' When question time had come, Mr. Whiting asked: 'Is the reverend lecturer prepared to accept the offer of Bishop Cleary, which I am authorised to make on his behalf, to debate the question publicly on any platform in the Dominion?' To which you replied: 'I stand for truth, not for casuistry.'

Within twenty-four hours of your own statements in Wanganui you deliberately inform an audience in the neighboring town of Hawera that you do not understand the reference to your challenge to the teachers and the Bishop's challenge to you? And you further say:

'DR. CLEARY HAS ISSUED NO CHALLENGE TO ME.'

By what imaginable trick of memory could 'YES' in Wanganui have become 'NO' in Hawera?

To question (d): 'Will the Doctor advise the Hawera branch to keep its honorable engagement with Bishop Cleary and afford him an early opportunity of questioning a League orator in this hall?' you replied that the Hawera people were no longer children, and and that they would deal with Bishop Cleary as they thought best. But, Reverend Sir, it is my duty to remind you that the laugh which this silly retort raised among the groundlings cannot save your conscience. You are a member of the Executive, and in every civilised community it is the duty of the Executive to see that branches employ clean and honorable methods.

Another question, (e): 'Will the Doctor, as a member of the League's Executive, inform the audience why Bishop Cleary is so desirous of questioning the League's orators on a pamphlet entitled *Methods of Opposition*?' To this, with every mark of innocence, you replied: 'Am I supposed to know all the subtleties of Doctor Cleary's mind?'

Reverend Sir, you are a member of the League's Executive. In your capacity as such the question was put to you, and in your capacity as such you must have known perfectly well that Doctor Cleary had sent several distinct remonstrances to the Executive in regard to specific misrepresentations in both editions of the leaflet in question; that he charged your Executive with grave suppressions of fact, with altering and manipulating a series of seven specified State documents in order to hold him up to odium, and (among other things) with circulating, to this hour, statements which (after withering public exposure) your Executive had to acknowledge as untrue. In the face of these damaging facts you exclaim, with an air of injured innocence: 'Am I supposed to know the subtleties of Dr. Cleary's mind?' You may not be able to grasp or appreciate the varied wisdom and erudition of a mind so well equipped as his, but you are personally and officially cognisant of the points to which the question referred.

I must come to an end, but there is one other question to which I must recall your attention—(f): 'Will the Doctor advise the Executive to take up Bishop Cleary's challenge?' To this you answered with much heat: 'Who is this Bishop Cleary, this demi-god? I never heard so much about the man before. Why should he ask for special treatment here beyond any other questioner?' Well, I will give you one reason why the Bishop should be given special treatment here. You have come, as you told us, from the North of the Tweed; you know something, therefore, of the Master of Stair and the midnight massacre of the Macdonalds of Glencoe. You know how the great Scottish poet describes the treacherous cruelty with which the forty brave and knightly men were invited as honored guests, and how, in the silence of the night, when peaceful sleep had come to them—how when

'The very household dogs were dumb,
Unwont to bay at guests that come
In guise of hospitality'—

they were foully and brutally massacred. Well, Reverend Sir, had Bishop Cleary come to meet you, he would have been here as the honored guest of the Hawera branch of the League, and on the special invitation of that branch; and I, for one, deemed it

wise to ask for an independent guarantee that the ordinary laws of debate should be observed, lest it should be afterwards said that one who had come in the guise of hospitality had received in our town less courtesy from a human being than a guest is wont to receive from the very household dogs. Does not the event justify the wisdom of my request?

P. J. POWER.

P.S.—Your statement that an unbeliever is not fit to teach in the State schools may or may not involve a test for teachers; but that is the business of the teachers, not mine—at least just now. Your further statement, that it may be necessary, in view of your agitation, to have the teachers appointed by a central board, is very significant, but this, too, is outside my present scope.—P.J.P.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 16.

Rev. Father Bowe, of Carterton, has been appointed parish priest of Dannevirke. He is succeeded at Carterton by Rev. Father Kinkead, of Marton.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Anne's Church last Sunday, and a procession in the evening.

Rev. Father James Goggan, S.M., who has been stationed at St. Mary of the Angels' Church, Boulcott street, has been transferred to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon.

Bro. D. Flynn, district president of the H.A.C.B. Society, arrived from Auckland this afternoon to represent the district executive at the consecration of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Shea.

Rev. Fathers Creagh, Murray, and Mulcahy, C.S.S.R., of the Mount St. Gerard Monastery, left by the Moeraki last evening, en route to Brisbane. After engaging in mission work there they return to the Dominion—probably in about three weeks' time.

The Right Rev. Dr. Aphrem Bertreux, S.M., Bishop of the Solomon Islands, who was recently consecrated, arrived by the Aorangi yesterday from San Francisco, and left later by the same vessel en route for his See. Prior to his consecration Dr. Bertreux was Vicar Apostolic of the See of which he is now Bishop. His Lordship, who had been a fellow-student of the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), expressed his sincere regret at not being able to remain to participate in the consecration of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Shea.

At St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, yesterday, Miss Annie Ryan, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. James Ryan, of Westport, was married to Mr. Claude Cyril Kilgour, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Kilgour, of Greymouth. The bride's cousin, the Rev. Father Kerley, of Temuka, performed the ceremony, and afterwards celebrated a Nuptial Mass. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. James Ryan, of Wellington. Misses Agnes Ryan (sister of the bride) and Girlie Kilgour (niece of the bridegroom) were bridesmaids, and Mr. D. Ryan acted as best man. Both the bride and bridegroom received presents from their fellow-officers in the Post and Telegraph Department, the former from the engineering branch and the latter from the Palmerston North staff.

A very successful concert was held in St. Peter's schoolroom last Wednesday evening by the members of the Catholic Club in aid of the football section of the club. There was a good attendance, and an excellent programme was presented, which was thoroughly enjoyed. The following items were given:—Chorus, 'The old brigade,' Marist Brothers' School; instrumental quartet, 'In the shadows,' Boys' Institute; song, 'The swallows,' Miss H. McMahon; trio, 'O memory,' Miss Pye, Messrs. Daniells and Boyce; humorous recitation,

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