

that may be expected from having a definite and permanent official directly responsible for attending to the objects of the Federation. In his first report to the Executive the secretary has outlined a preliminary programme of the work which it is intended to undertake on behalf of the Federation. Ambitious and comprehensive as it is, it is all reasonably feasible; and is only an instalment of the continuous and valuable work which may confidently be expected when the organisation has been fully launched as a live and going concern.

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It only remains now for our Catholic people throughout the Dominion to loyally and heartily support the Executive in the important step which they have taken. The time has passed for apathy, lukewarmness, and arm-chair criticism. The noble army of cold water-pourers—as Washington Irving used to call them—who love to sit on the fence and pick holes while others work, may reasonably be invited to come out of the cold water business, and take their coats off. A general election will soon be upon us; and it may be fraught with issues of vital moment to the Catholic body. If you wish for peace, says the old Latin maxim, be prepared for war. If you wish to have your rights respected, show by thorough and united organisation that you are in a position to defend them. The man who puts his hand to the plough, and then looks back, is deservedly reprobated and despised. The Catholic body, through its hierarchy, through its priests, through its press, and through its own voluntary and deliberate action, is committed to the Catholic Federation; and our reputation for courage, capacity, loyalty, and solidarity, stands or falls by the measure of success which that organisation achieves. We earnestly bespeak for the Executive and its new secretary the whole-hearted co-operation of our people; and if the appeal is responded to, as we are sure it will be, we shall show in this country, as our co-religionists have shown in other lands, the wonders that can be accomplished by those who, though small in numbers, are united in purpose, and are knit together in the bonds of that 'victory which overcometh the world, our faith.'

Notes

A Reminder

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue the inauguration of the reduced subscription for the *N.Z. Tablet* dates from 1st October of last year, so that the time has now arrived for those of our subscribers who began at that time to renew their advance subscriptions. They will be duly circularised on the matter in the usual way, but many will doubtless be thankful for this additional gentle reminder to 'do it now.'

The Hardest Hardship

The panegyric on the Pilgrim Fathers delivered by the American Ambassador in England on the anniversary of the setting out of 'The Mayflower' from Southampton on September 6, 1620, recalls a speech of one of his predecessors in the same office a few years ago. Mr. Choate, speaking at a dinner of the Literary Fund, paid a moving tribute to 'the heroic pioneers of the great Republic of the West,' adding that the same tribute was due to the Pilgrim Mothers who accompanied them. 'For we must never forget,' concluded the speaker, 'that those heroic women not only had to put up with the same trials and hardships as the Pilgrim Fathers, but they had also to put up with the Pilgrim Fathers themselves!'

Carson as 'Pope'

Do what he will (says the Irish Press Agency) Carson cannot induce the British public to take him seriously. 'King' Carson he was to them during Covenant week, and 'King' Carson he will remain to the end of the chapter; but only a King *pour rire*; and that is the despair of Unionism. Carson as 'King'

we know, but now we have got to consider Carson as Pope! It is not jest, but grim, dour, determined fact. When Carson was at Homburg, in Germany, he wrote to the secretary of the Ulster Unionist Council as follows (*Irish Times*, August 26):—'The 28th September falls on a Sunday this year. I hope the clergy of all denominations will think it proper to hold services specially fitting to commemorate the day on which we entered into our Solemn Covenant. I am confident all Covenanters will be anxious in this most solemn way to emphasise the seriousness of their action.'

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The *Ulster Guardian*, the ably-conducted weekly which voices the sentiment of enlightened and patriotic Ulster Protestantism, denounces this 'Protestant Papal Edict' of Carson's in the strongest terms. It says:—'On the 28th September the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, and Baptist Churches are to alter their usual services and introduce a special form of worship at the bidding, not of Synod, or Assembly, or Conference, or Congress, but of a political lawyer, who has about as much right to interfere in things ecclesiastic as Primate or Moderator has to interfere in things legal. It is a piquant situation, this would-be conversion of the entire Protestant religious organisations into so many pawns upon the Carson political chess-board. Home Rule may mean Rome Rule, but there is no mistake that Parson Rule means Carson Rule. Is it to be published throughout the Christian world that Ulster clergymen take their marching orders from a Nisi Prius lawyer? We cannot tell. Frankly, we are prepared for anything from a section of every Protestant Church in Ulster. From another section we shall be bitterly disappointed if we do not find resistance to the death against this arrogant attempt to order the affairs of Christ's Church from the Homburg branch of the Old Town Hall. And similarly we shall have a renewal of the strife and bitterness which have rent every Protestant Church in Ulster in twain and made life a misery for those ministers and hearers who set their faces against the faith of their fathers being prostituted to the service of a political caucus.'

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The Rev. Father Tuohy, C.S.S.R., who had been engaged in giving missions and retreats in the southern part of the diocese, returned to Wellington on Tuesday.

Results to hand show that two students of St. Philomena's College, South Dunedin, Misses Edna Bone and Kathleen McDevitt, were successful in the examination in First Aid and Nursing held in Dunedin under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association.

On Friday evening the annual presentation of diplomas, medals, and prizes in connection with the Trinity College of Music examinations took place. Amongst the prize-winners were two students of St. Philomena's College, South Dunedin, Misses Margaret M. Walsh and Marie McMahon.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration began on Friday morning at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, when Mass was celebrated at seven o'clock by Rev. Father Delany. Mass was also celebrated at the same hour on Saturday morning. There was Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament both on Friday and Saturday evenings. There was Solemn High Mass on Sunday at eleven o'clock, Rev. Father Liston being celebrant, Rev. Father Buckley deacon, Rev. Father O'Neill subdeacon, and Rev. Father Delany master of ceremonies. The occasional discourse was preached by the Rev. Father Buckley. In the evening after devotions and sermon by Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., there was a procession, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. An unprecedentedly large number of persons approached the Holy Table during the Adoration, this being especially the case at the early Masses on Sunday.

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