

to the offerings of the faithful being sent to the Sovereign Pontiff, in lieu of the patrimony of which he has been robbed. It was but natural, then, to expect that in a land whose children had never wavered in their allegiance, the 28th anniversary of the Holy Father's coronation would have been celebrated with fitting solemnity. In another column we give the eloquent sermon delivered on that day by the Lord Bishop of Auckland, in the Church of the Conception, Marlborough street, Dublin. We regret that the space at our command precludes us from publishing it *in extenso* this issue, but we will give the concluding portion in our next.

The following has been telegraphed by the Wellington correspondent of the 'Daily Times' to that journal:—"Mr Vogel has strongly urged Mr Stafford to join the Ministry, offering to resign the Premiership in his favour, and go home himself. Mr Stafford positively refused to join on any consideration, and objected strongly to Mr Vogel leaving the colony until after next session. He said financial difficulties, for which Mr Vogel was responsible, were looming, and he must stay and face them. Mr Vogel says his health requires change of air, and if he cannot go home he will probably follow Mr Russell to Sydney. He is much disappointed at Mr Stafford's refusal and attitude." If any reliance can be placed in the foregoing, the intelligence is most important, and desirable an acquisition as Mr Stafford undoubtedly would be in any Ministry, the wisdom of his refusal must be apparent to every one. Mr Vogel is committed to a policy which so far has proved to be a success, the merit of which he alone has been accredited with, but until that policy be carried to an issue, there is no man capable of taking his place, and Mr Stafford was most wise to refuse to do so.

THE 'Advocate' of the 22nd has the following:—"We extremely regret to have to announce the death of Sister Mary Angela, of the Order of Our Lady of Mercy, which took place on Wednesday last, at the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, Emerald Hill, where she had passed the previous two years. The deceased lady was the eldest daughter of a very old and highly respected colonist, Mr Patrick M. Mornane, of Stephen street, in this city. She was a native of Melbourne, and on Tuesday next would have completed the 29th year of her age. But although her life was short, it was faithful in the service of God. Miss Mornane became a novice in the Order of Mercy, at the Nicholson street house, twelve years ago, when she was but seventeen years of age. Her reception took place in St. Patrick's Cathedral, and she made her solemn vows in the chapel of the Nicholson street Convent. *May she rest in peace. Amen.*"

SOME time ago (Says the Grey Star) we remember an editor of a West Coast paper stating that some "cold-blooded miscreant, dead alike to the promptings of moral rectitude and humanity, had poisoned the postmaster's poodle dog." For years we lost sight of that writer, but fancy we have discovered him: for a late Tokomairiro paper in its report of a municipal election at Milton speaks of a person guilty of throwing a snowball at the candidate as a "fiend in human form!"

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

The last sitting of the Westland Provincial Council cost the province £844 2s 6d.

Tenders have been called for the erection of a district hospital at Cromwell, at a cost of £900.

Gas emitted from the earth is used with success as fuel at an extensive iron works in Leechburgh, Pennsylvania.

At a public dinner, at Yass, N.S.W., an alderman proposed the toast of "The Bushranging Interest, coupled with the name of Sir Hercules Robinson." The toast was drunk amidst great laughter.

The largest plate that has been rolled in Scotland from a single pile was rolled at the Blochairn Iron Works recently. The dimensions are twenty-three feet six inches long, four feet wide, and one inch thick. The weight of the pile going into the furnace was 4400lbs—nearly two tons.

The California Assembly has passed a Bill requiring all miners to keep in good order and operation two shafts of ingress and egress; means of ventilation sufficient to give each miner 230 feet of pure air, each minute; keeping hoisting machinery in good order; and overseers to be deemed guilty of manslaughter if death occurs from want of attention to its provisions.

The latest news from the Indian famine districts is cheering. Plentiful rains have fallen, the labourers on the relief works are decreasing daily, seed corn is abundant, and the Government grain reserves will suffice until December. The Mansion house Relief Fund exceeds £122,000.

A Frenchman named Degooft succeeded in descending safely from a balloon by means of a flying-machine. He went up from Cremorne Gardens, passed over the city, and descended near Brandon, Essex. In a second attempt Degooft was killed owing to the failure of his plans.

As a remarkable illustration of the large trade between England and Australia it is mentioned that 17 vessels arrived at Gravesend from the Antipodes on 25th June. Eight were from New Zealand, 4 from Adelaide, 2 from Melbourne, 2 from Sydney, and 1 from Brisbane.

A statistician has calculated that it would require a period of nearly 400 years to read the titles of all the books comprised in the various libraries of Europe, allowing one minute for each title.

Manuel de la Concha, the distinguished General who fell on June 28 while leading the Republican army in an assault upon the Carlist position, was born in 1794, and was therefore 80 years of age, being probably the oldest Commander-in-Chief that ever died in the saddle.

Of the 204 members of the Senate of Dublin University, only 11 are Catholics.

The Shah of Persia received 8000 begging letters during his stay in London, which he ordered to be packed in a large chest for future inspection and consideration.

The colored Catholics of Kentucky have sent through their pastor a gold-headed cane to the Pope, and a crown for the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes.

Baltimore is boiling down her superfluous canine population into glue, by which the city gains five cents per dog.

Fifteen hundred and sixty houses in New York City are owned by the Astor family.

It is certain that the police of Paris are Imperialists to a man, and that they would at any time help in bringing about a Bonapartist restoration.

An island five acres in extent is floating about Lake Monomonauk, which lies partly in New Hampshire and partly in Massachusetts. It travels two miles at a time.

It has been estimated that two thirds of the earnings of British workmen are spent on liquor, involving an expenditure on that commodity of £96,000,000 every year.

## MR. VOGEL AND MR. O'RORKE.

AUCKLAND.

THE most unpopular man in the Province of Auckland at this moment is Mr Vogel. On the other hand, the most popular of our political characters is Mr O'Rorke. Whether the intense unpopularity of the Premier be warranted or not under the circumstances may admit of doubt. The great measure he proposes for "disestablishing" the Provinces of the North Island, is one upon which a good deal may be urged, plausibly, either for or against. But no one can doubt the purity of Mr O'Rorke's motives in disconnecting himself from the Vogel Ministry. Like an honest man, he has sacrificed his personal interests to a sense of public duty. He has plainly lost confidence in the Vogel Ministry—or at least totally dissents from the wisdom and justice of the course they are bent on pursuing towards Auckland; and he resigns his office, its honors, and emoluments accordingly. This is no more than might have been expected from a gentleman of Mr. O'Rorke's high character; and we may be well assured that in the end he will find that honesty is the best policy. The country will not forget him. He is yet young; and a long and honorable public career is unquestionably before him, if God spares him. What we want is not so much public men of showy and brilliant parts, daring and speculative men of genius, like Vogel, but clear-headed and honest men like Mr O'Rorke. Heaven-born statesmen of daring minds generally land their country in cruel difficulties at last. Mr Vogel may be a public benefactor, but he is paving the way for heavy burdens to be borne one day by us and our posterity—for the benefit of the rich—to the oppression of the industrious orders of society. The Irish may be proud of a man like Mr O'Rorke. We have clever Irishmen in this Colony, more than one connected with the public service. But some of them are men who stick to office under all circumstances, no matter what principles be in the ascendant. Mr O'Rorke is of a different sort. He scorns

To fawn or seek for power  
By doctrines fashioned to the varying hour.

He is an Irishman of the true breed. We have had several indignation meetings to protest against Mr Vogel's great measure. The general feeling at all the meetings appear to be this: Abolish the Provinces of the North Island. They have served their day, and are no longer useful, but obstructive. But treat the Southern Provinces in the same way; and make their lands colonial, instead of provincial, property. It will come to this complexion at last. It is the only just way. Some time ago, when conversing about public affairs with one of our most eminent non-political citizens, who had recently been over to Melbourne—he said, the impression there was that, Mr Parkes and Mr Vogel were by far the cleverest public men on this side of the equator, but the people had no faith in them. Perhaps they may be too clever. There are men who are too clever, and women too, for the matter of that. A man who does not combine integrity and prudence with his ability, generally runs a short but brilliant career, like the meteor in the heavens. So it may prove with Vogel. The people in a Colony like this, with so limited, and generally speaking, so poor and dependent an electorate, cannot well protect themselves against such clever schemers. We have got "Home Rule" too soon in New Zealand,—before we are fit for it; while Ireland has been too long denied it; but she is now in a fair way to get that boon, in spite of her many and powerful enemies. The "Irish persuasion" in the House of Commons is no longer to be sneezed at, as Mr Disraeli has just found out to his disgust. The same "persuasion" in this Colony could make their power felt too, if they would show a united front when any gross wrong is about to be inflicted on the people. The Irish party should recognise no distinction between North and South, but exert their power to insure justice to all, and especially to the middle or industrial class of the Colony. By one speaker, a clever lawyer, at two of our indignation meetings, the Press was very freely taken in hand. Their venality was openly denounced. But such sweeping charges are not fair. No doubt the Government is always anxious to have the Press with it; and in some cases many even give a consideration for the support of certain clever members of the Fourth Estate. But, speaking generally, the Press will "follow the multitude," whether for good or evil, since it lives on popularity. If it have it not, it dies. I speak of the Protestant Press. The Catholic Press stands on a higher eminence. Its principles are the principles of the Church, *Fiat justitia*. It will defend the right, come what may. The Catholic party is the party of justice, as well as of "progress," all over the world. The poor and defenceless, in an especial manner, are the clients of the Catholic Press—be their creed what it may. When the principles of humanity or natural justice are in question, the Catholic Press recognises no distinction of religious creeds, or political party. You did well to say a word in defence of the poor men who were enjoined to come out to Dunedin by Dr. Featherston, and whose sufferings your big Protestant brothers appeared to make little of.