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GRAND ART EXHIBITION.

HAY & CO.'S THIRD ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF WORKS OF ART.

MESSRS. W. E. HAY & CO. (late Howell and Hay), in holding this, their Third Annual Art Union in Dunedin, would respectfully request the support of all classes, if only from the fact that they claim for this distribution of works of art that there is actual *bona fide* value given in their prizes for the amount set against them.

The general satisfaction we have given in previous years in is some guarantee that we shall continue to deserve the support so freely accorded to us in these undertakings: but to all we say "Come and see for yourselves!"

The prizes consists of richly framed pictures, after the most eminent ancient and modern painters, comprising: Oeographs, chromolithographs, engravings, photographs, autotypes, tinted-lithographs, and prints in substantial ornamental, gilt, maple, rosewood, walnut, and other frames.

350 prizes of the value of £325, in 1,300 tickets at 5s each.

The drawing will be conducted on the strict art union principle by a committee of management chosen by, and from, the ticket-holders present at the time of drawing, of which due notice will be given. To take place on or about the end of December.

Prizes on view, and catalogues on application, next the Atheneum, Octagon, Dunedin from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Remember—Admission Free!!

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ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL, NASEBY.

WANTED, CATHOLIC TEACHER for the above School. Applications, with testimonials, &c., to be forwarded immediately to the Rev. President, E. Royer.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE VICAR-GENERAL.

THE following names were either omitted or incorrectly printed in our last week's issue:—

In MRS REANY'S List.			Per MR FRED J. BUNNEY, St. Bathans.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Mr Barry ...	1	0 0	Rev. M. Walsh ...	1	0 0
Mr Thos. Downey ...	1	0 0	Mr George Purton ...	1	0 0
Mr Gardioli ...	0	10 0	Mr Fred J. Bunney ...	1	0 0
Mr John Drum ...	0	10 0	Mr Mulvey ...	0	10 0
Captain Hutchinson ...	1	0 0	Mr Innes ...	0	4 0
In MISS BONNEY'S List.			Mrs Toomey ...	0	5 0
Mrs Neylon ...	0	10 0	Miss M. O'Rourke ...	0	10 0
Mr P. Dundon ...	0	10 0	Mr E. Kenny ...	0	5 0
In MRS SCANLAN'S List.			Mr Patrick Fahey ...	0	5 0
Mrs James Kennedy ...	0	10 0	Mr Patrick O'Hara ...	0	5 0
Mrs Haydon ...	1	0 0	Mr Peter Mallon ...	0	5 0
Mrs Fox ...	1	0 0	Mr John Mannix ...	0	5 0
Mr Kelleher ...	1	1 0	Mr Michael Collin ...	0	3 6
Mr Winks ...	0	10 0	Mr Jas. Leonard ...	0	2 6
In MRS DRUMM'S List.			Mr John Healy ...	0	2 6
Mrs Meade ...	0	10 0	Mr John McAnney ...	0	2 6
Miss Weir ...	0	10 0	Mr Patrick Conner ...	0	5 0
Per MR MALONEY, Forbury.			Mr Moses Hanrahan ...	0	5 0
Mrs Ellen Crowden ...	1	0 0	Mr John O'Regan ...	0	7 6
Mr N. Maloney ...	1	0 0	Mr P. Barron ...	0	7 6
Per MRS FISHER.			Mr John Halley ...	0	5 0
Mrs Fisher ...	2	2 0	Mr P. Fitzpatrick ...	0	5 0
Rev. James Gleasure ...	2	2 0	Mr Laurence Flanagan ...	0	5 0
Rev. J. Higgins ...	2	2 0	Mr Patrick Hanrahan ...	0	10 0
Mr Stohr ...	0	5 0	Mr John McNamara ...	0	5 0
Mrs Paveletitch ...	0	10 0	Mr Edmond Purton ...	0	5 0
Mrs Harper ...	0	5 0	Mr P. Toomey ...	0	5 0
Mrs Belcher ...	0	5 0	Mr McCaffrey ...	0	5 0
Mr R. A. Loughnan ...	1	1 0	Miss Jackson ...	0	10 0
J. J. Eager ...	0	5 0	Miss O'Halloran ...	0	10 0
Mr S. Porter ...	0	5 0			
Total—	£9	0 0		10	15 0
Per MR FRANCIS BENAN.			Per MISS DUNNE, St. Bathans.		
Francis Meenan ...	2	2 0	Miss Dunne ...	0	5 0
John Dillon ...	0	5 0	Mr John Fahey ...	0	2 6
Nicholas Griffen ...	10	0 0	Mr Patrick Mallon ...	0	2 6
Thomas Kyle ...	10	0 0	Mr Patrick Garty ...	0	2 6
Martin Dynan ...	10	0 0	Mr Giles Talty ...	0	2 6
Michael Cleary ...	0	10 0	Mr Patrick Talty ...	0	2 6
Michael Cunningham ...	0	10 0	Mr Thomas Power ...	0	5 0
Peter Treston ...	0	5 0	Mr John Coffey ...	0	5 0
Michael Gorman ...	0	10 0	Mr Peter Tiernan ...	0	2 6
James Danagh ...	0	10 0			
Total—	£6	2 0	Mr Knott, Taieri ...	1	10 0
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DOMINICAN CONVENT, DUNEDIN.

DURING the Holidays (which will extend to the 2nd of February) it is requested that all communications with the above Convent may be addressed to the Bishop's Palace, Rattray street or to the Priory, Waikari.

New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1875.

DR. LYON PLAYFAIR ON HEALTH.

THIS eminent Professor of Social Science delivered an important lecture on health before the Social Science Congress, which met at Glasgow in October last. There are many passages of this lecture which, in a religious point of view, are extremely objectionable, and which afford another proof of the tendency of men of science in this age to go out of their way and beyond their subject in order to make, as they insanely fancy, a point against religion, and to indulge in sneers against revelation. This is wanton; and not only is it in very bad taste, but it is also very inconsistent on their part. They can hardly let pass an opportunity of calumniating the Church by charging her untruly with opposition to the progress of science, and going beyond her legitimate sphere in interfering with the labors of scientific men. And yet, almost in the very same breath, they themselves go beyond the confines of legitimate scientific investigation; and instead of limiting themselves, as they ought, to the real teaching of science, commence immediately to construct theories, and that too very often on insufficient data, for the purpose of giving the lie direct to revealed doctrines. It is not enough for them to be permitted to pursue science: but they also assume to themselves the duty and the right to declare that their mere theories have disproved the truths of Christianity. It is sad to behold such a great aberration of the human intellect, and to witness such a waste of high powers and culture as are thus manifested by so many men of science, who are in many other ways most useful and most estimable.

But the truth is, as experience abundantly proves, that in all times it has been found extremely difficult to keep men of science within the limits of science. It would seem that to them the old proverb, "a little learning is a dangerous thing," is particularly applicable; and that some inklings as to the secrets of nature, have such a peculiar influence on the human mind, when not properly balanced by sound religious teaching, as to impel it to run a muck against the supernatural, or, on the other hand, to endeavor to force revelation to supply proofs of scientific theories. The present age supplies, unfortunately, only too many proofs of the tendency of science, in the hands of a certain class of men, to oppose revelation; and a former age affords an illustration of the latter. GALILEO, for example, would not rest satisfied with teaching the Copernican system, which had been taught for years and years under the eyes of the Popes and in their universities, even in that of Rome itself, but insisted his theory was taught in the Holy Scriptures, and was therefore a dogma of Faith. It was this strange fancy of his that brought him into trouble, and provoked his condemnation, not by the Church, as has been so often untruly stated, but by one of the Roman law courts.

Apart, however, from this unfortunate feature of Dr. LYON PLAYFAIR'S address, this address has very much in it that is not only extremely interesting, but also most useful and necessary, and is well worth attentive study. The progress of sanitary measures in this age, as compared with that of two centuries ago, appears to be satisfactory. The learned Professor says:—"If we go back far enough in the history of our country, there are distinct assurances of improvement." Twenty years after the Restoration, according to MACAULAY, "men died faster in the purest country air than they now die in the most pestilential lanes of our towns, and men died faster in the lanes of our towns than they now die on the Coast of Guinea." The rate of mortality in London from 1666 to 1679 was no less than 80 in the thousand; from 1681-90, 42.1; 1746-55, 35.5; 1846 55, 24.9; 1871, 22.6.

The Professor sums up the result of his investigations in reference to health thus:—"No epidemic can resist clean houses, clean air, and clean water." * * * * "Wash and be clean. But understand this practical maxim in its full significance: I do not mean mere personal or objective