

of the Roman Church, a plenary indulgence and remission of all their sins, which may be applied, *per modum suffragii*, to the souls of the faithful departed who may have gone from this earth united by charity with God. We wish that to transcriptions or copies of these letters, subscribed with the hand of any public notary, and with the seal of any person in ecclesiastical dignity the same credit be attached as would be shown to the present letters if they were exhibited themselves. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, under the Ring of the Fisherman, Feb. 28, 1877, in the thirty-first year of our Pontificate."

### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

THE inquest consequent on the death of Margaret M'Intyre has resulted in a verdict of manslaughter against Mrs. Reid.

THE *Illustrated N. Z. Herald* for May is a remarkably good number of the publication in question, and contains several capital wood-cuts.

AT a battue lately held in Queensland for the purpose of destroying kangaroos, from 13,000 to 14,000 of the animals were killed.

THE Jubilee of the Holy Father will be celebrated on Sunday next, 3rd inst., which will be the fiftieth anniversary of his Holiness' consecration as Archbishop of Spoleto. The brief we publish elsewhere will explain the privileges to be gained by the faithful on this occasion. On Sunday next also, it being the Sunday within the Octave of the Feast of Corpus Christi, there will be exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament at St. Joseph's Church, Dunedin, commencing at the termination of the 11 o'clock Mass, and continuing until Vespers.

THE *Freeman's Journal* of May 12 has the following:—"For the last week it has been generally known, and with much satisfaction in Catholic circles, that his Grace the Archbishop of Sydney had appointed, as his Vicar-General, a clergyman well known for over a quarter of a century for his zeal and devotion to the interests of religion, and the promotion of institutions having for their aim the protection and amelioration in life of the less favourably circumstanced classes of this community. The Very Rev. Dean Sheridan, who now occupies the office of Vicar-General, had his early ecclesiastical training in Ampleforth College, England, from whence he volunteered to accompany the late Archbishop to this colony in 1847."

THE advance of the Russians in Europe has been impeded by floods, which have added to the difficulty of crossing the Danube. In Asia Minor they are progressing successfully, and we shall probably soon receive intelligence of the fall of Kars. The Mahomedans of Armenia are, however, a warlike race, and, if anywhere, we should expect to see a vigorous opposition here to the invading army.

THE political aspect in Victoria is exciting the interest of the journalistic world. The Melbourne correspondent of our contemporary the *Daily Times* in particular expends over the matter, according to his custom, a large quantity of blood-flecked foam. There, however, has long been room for improvement in the management of affairs in the colony in question, and whatever may be thought of the "bursting-up" business, it is to be hoped that the Liberal party will use their power generally to the advantage of the community. They can hardly employ it to worse ends than those pursued by the late Government.

We learn that the ship *Calyppo* has arrived safely in London.

THE magnificent allocution of His Holiness the Pope, with which we furnish our readers in the form of a supplement, was subjected at Rome to the closest scrutiny before the officials of the Italian Government would allow of its publication. There is every reason to believe that they at length made up their minds to permit it to appear unwillingly, and fearing to encounter the indignation of the whole Catholic world which their refusal would have called down upon them. Quite enough, however, took place on this occasion to furnish an additional proof of the insulting surveillance exercised over the actions of the Holy Father, and to stamp with falsehood the pretence of his freedom.

A MAN named John Walsh lost his life on Tuesday last by the fall of a tree at Pine Hill. Deceased has left a large family, but, we believe, they are amply provided for. He was well known in Dunedin, where he for many years carried on business as a dairyman.

THE usual weekly meeting of the Dunedin Catholic Young Men's Society, was held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday evening last, when there was a large attendance of members. In addition to the usual business, the first act of the "Merchant of Venice" was read by various members in a very creditable manner. It is intended to go right through the play. Members are requested to attend next meeting, when the debate is to take place.

WE understand that it is purposed to close the subscription list in connection with the testimonial to the late Superintendent on the 25th inst. We hope to hear that a sum sufficient to make the affair a genuine and handsome success has been collected by the appointed day. Intending subscribers or persons interested in the matter, in which the credit of Otago is to a great degree implicated, will do well now to come forward, or to make additional exertions in the cause.

It will be found in our advertising columns, that Mr. B. Brown has opened an establishment as Plumber and Gasfitter in Dunedin. Mr. Brown has just returned from Europe, and is prepared to furnish all the newest improvements in his particular line.

### COMMERCIAL.

MR. HENRY DRIVER (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company) reports for the week ending May 30, as follows:—

Fat Cattle.—110 head were yarded at the market to-day, consisting of good to prime quality, and prices were firm at about last week's quotations. Best pens of bullocks brought from £10 to £13 10s; do cows, £8 to £10 10s—or equal to 27s 6d per 100 lb. for prime quality, and 22s 6d to 25s for medium.

Fat Calves.—14 were penned and sold at from 25s to 65s, according to weight and quality.

Fat Sheep.—1895 came forward. There was a further improvement in prices of about 1s 6d to 2s per head on anything like good quality. Best cross-breds brought from 10s 6d to 14s; merinos, from 5s 6d to 9s—or equal to 2½d per lb for prime mutton. At the yards we sold 400.

Store Cattle.—There is a demand for all descriptions of store cattle at about £6 to £7 15s for three to five-year-old bullocks, and £3 10s to £5 for cows.

Store Sheep.—We have no transactions to report.

Sheepskins.—We had a full supply at our weekly sale on Monday, principally green butchers', which met brisk sale. Cross-breds, 3s to 3s 4d; merino, 2s 1d to 2s 8d; lambs', 1s 6d.

Hides continue in good demand at late rates. Green butchers' sold at 18s to 21s 6d; wet salted, light and inferior, 12s to 15s; medium, 16s to 20s.

Tallow.—We sold several small country lots at 28s to 30s; one prime lot of mutton in shipping order sold at £34 per ton.

Grain.—Wheat market is very firm at 6s 3d to 6s 6d for good to prime milling—very choice would bring a still higher rate; inferior brings 5s to 5s 6d. Oats have advanced since Monday to 3s per bushel for all good samples fit for shipping, at which price some holders refuse to sell. Barley is a very heavy sale, the supply too great of discoloured samples, which, if at all fit for malting, sell at 3s 6d to 4s; brighter samples range at 4s 3d to 4s 6d; very choice, none offering. Feed samples are more inquired for as oats are advanced, and inferior wheats are too high for fowls' feed—2s 9d to 3s.

MR. A. MERCER reports as follows for the week ending May 30, 1877, retail prices only:—Fresh butter, in ¼ and 1lb prints, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per lb; fresh butter, in lumps, 1s 3d; powdered and salt butter, 1s 3d. Fresh butter this season has been more plentiful than usual, and this week it is getting scarcer in good brands, and likely to advance. There is no demand for keg butter at 1s 1d to 1s 2d. Cheese, 10d to 1s; English cheese, 1s 3d to 1s 4d per lb (no demand); side and rolled bacon, 9d to 10d per lb; English ham, 1s 4d (little or no demand); beef ham, 9d; eggs still very scarce, but not much asked for at the present price, 3s 3d to 3s 6d.

MR. J. FLEMING reports (wholesale prices) for the week ending May 30, 1877, as follows:—Oats (feed), per bushel, 2s 6d; milling, 2s 9d. Wheat (chicks), 3s 6d to 3s 9d. Barley, malting, 4s to 4s 6d; feed, 2s 6d to 3s. Pollard, scarce. Bran, £3 15s, bags included. Flour, large bags, £17; small, £17 10s. Oatmeal, £16. Potatoes, new, 4s per cwt. Hay, new, £4; old hay, £5 per ton. Chaff, £4 per ton. Straw, £2 per ton.

MR. J. VEZEY reports for the week ending May 30, 1877, retail:—Roast beef, 5d to 8d per lb; boiling do, 4d to 5d per lb; stewing do, 4d to 6d per lb; steak, 6d to 9d per lb; mutton, 2d to 5d per lb; veal, 4d to 8d per lb; pork, 6d to 8d per lb; lamb, scarce, 2s to 3s 6d per quarter.

MR. SKENE reports for the week ending May 30, 1877:—Outdoor labour is again at a complete stand still. Men can do little good between the short days and the great rainfall. However, people, with forethought, prepare themselves for short pay at this season. The demand is constant, and never slackens for good ploughmen. Shepherds are seldom needed at this season. Female servants are scarcer than ever they have been, and the only remedy is a few choice shipments. Carpenters, masons, and all connected with the building trade, are now slack, and on short pay. Bushmen and mills are quiet. Male hotel servants are in small demand. Only storemen and clerks, with colonial experience, are wanted. Couples are in fair demand. Wages—Day labour, 7s, 8s, and 9s; cooks, waiters, boots, &c., 20s, 25s, and up to 50s; couples, £65 to £80; carpenters, 10s to 12s; ploughmen, £52 to £60; dairy people, 15s, 20s, and 25s; hotel females, 12s, 15s, 20s, and 30s; dairy and private house do, 10s, 12s, 15s, and 20s; storemen and clerks, 30s to 60s; boys and girls, 5s to 10s; coal miners go from 10s to 12s; shepherds, £60 to £70.

### MODERN ENGLISH ATROCITIES.—THEIR

#### REMEDY.

ENGLAND is proud of her wealth, her commerce, ships, and machinery of all kinds. Yet these are things "after which the heathen seek" and ever have sought. Amidst all her splendour and material prosperity there is, as shown by statistics, an amount of popular destitution, ignorance, and of vice in its most revolting form in modern England, such as may well excite the pity and horror of all the nations of the world, civilized and barbarian.

Much of this misery exists among the very class who show skill and industry. England owes the greater part of her material prosperity—I mean the workmen; and the greater part of this misery and degradation springs from the sale of an article, the revenue from which tends to enrich the Government, more probably than the revenue from any other source—I mean alcoholic drink, of course. The richer the Government of England becomes in this way, the more degraded and brutalized her people become. The pen of an able and philanthropic member of Parliament has recently described a scene in which the horrors of the Bulgarian