

MEETING AT CROMWELL.

ON Tuesday the first instant the Catholics of this locality held a meeting called principally for the purpose of taking steps to send a deputation, or appoint a delegate to the aggregate meeting proposed to be held in Dunedin.

The gathering assembled was pretty large, considering the inclemency of the weather, and consequently the difficulty of sending timely notice to the Catholics in the outlying portions of the district.

Business commenced by the meeting calling on Mr. J. Hayes, of Cromwell, to take the chair, and appointing Mr. J. McGilligott secretary.

The chairman, on rising to address the meeting explained in a few appropriate remarks the object for which it was called; and added that he could not let the present opportunity pass without saying a few words on the injustice which the existing Education Act inflicted on the Catholics of New Zealand. In a free country such as we are led to believe New Zealand to be, all sections of the community are supposed to receive equal benefits at the hands of a paternal Government, yet he could not help thinking how very like tyranny it was to compel Catholics to pay taxes to maintain a system of education from which they derived no benefit. To a casual observer, indeed, the existence of Catholics in this colony would seem to be totally ignored by our legislators; but on closer inquiry this does not seem to be the case, for in the matter of taxation they were called upon equally with the other portions of the community to contribute their share to the public treasury. When the disbursement of this money takes place, it is then they are forgotten. He had no doubt, however, of their grievance being redressed, if all the Catholics throughout New Zealand united in protesting against so glaring an injustice.

The speaker resumed his seat amidst applause.

Mr. P. Cahill remarked that he often heard it stated that in the matter of education Catholics were labouring under a sentimental grievance. How unfounded such statements were, they had only to look round and see what was being done by the Catholics in the various centres of population throughout the colony. They would then see how Catholic schools were established and supported without receiving one farthing of assistance from the Government. Sentimental indeed!

Mr. J. Richards said that in accordance with the object for which the meeting was called he considered that, taking everything into account, length of journey, inclemency of the season, loss of time to be incurred by these forming a deputation, it would be best to appoint some one residing in Dunedin or its neighbourhood to act as delegate.

He therefore would propose that Mr. Michael Conellan, of Dunedin, be requested to act as delegate for the Catholics of Cromwell at the forthcoming aggregate meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. P. Cahill and carried unanimously.

The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Conellan asking him to comply with the request of the meeting.

Some discussion took place as to whether any instructions should be given the delegate. It was proposed by Mr. Heany, and approved of by the meeting that "It would be well to suggest to the delegate, leaving him at the same time free to act, to bring under the consideration of the aggregate meeting the advisableness of appointing a permanent central committee to act as a referee on questions regarding Catholic education that may be brought before Parliament, and to assist the outlying districts in the education difficulties that may arise from time to time." He believed that such a measure would greatly tend to strengthen the Catholic party, by uniting politically all the members of the different scattered districts under one head.

After some further discussion on matters educational of local interest, the meeting was brought to a close with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

MONSEIGNEUR DUPANLOUP.

A FEW days since the heart of the late illustrious Bishop of Orleans was quietly brought to the little town of San Felice, in Savoy, and deposited there in the lowly church with which so many of his earliest recollections were intimately entwined. San Felice was the birth-place of the great prelate, and to his latest day he was fond of going to San Felice. In his last testament he directed that his heart should be placed in the humble church of the village in which he was born. Affectionately and reverently his heart was received at San Felice the other day. The Archbishop of Chambery officiated on the occasion, and with him there were three prelates from the neighbouring dioceses. The faithful of San Felice were present in all their force, and gave every evidence of the joy with which they received the precious gift which had been so lovingly bequeathed to them. The heart was deposited in an urn and placed in a niche specially provided for it. A slab of black marble indicates the spot, and an inscription on the slab makes record of the event and of the great bishop whose heart is enshrined within. Orleans itself is about to commemorate Monseigneur Dupanloup by having erected in its cathedral a statue of him.

A committee of distinguished archæologists has been appointed to consider the best means of fishing up the statues, coins, and other articles which have lain for centuries under the Tiber's yellow mud. The golden candlestick taken from the temple at Jerusalem, and the gold and silver cups and the ornaments which once adorned the palaces of the Roman emperors, are thought to be among the covered treasure.

The number of men who will this year be subject to military duty in France is thus stated by the *Rapell*: 479,100 in the active army, 2,850 officers and 144,570 privates of the first reserve, and 6,820 officers and 117,800 privates of the second reserve.

PROFESSOR GUSSCOTT,
THE GREAT AMERICAN HERBALIST,

Has now removed to Christchurch, where he may be consulted daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Address—Tully's Buildings, opposite Laurie's Timber Merchant, Christchurch.

The undermentioned testimonials will suffice to prove the efficacy of his treatment.

Woolston, May 14th, 1879.

To Professor Gusscott,

Sir,—I have been suffering from nervous debility for ten years, and have tried all the medical skill I could get in Christchurch, and other physicians in the old country. I have never been able to sleep or eat, but since being under the treatment of Professor Gusscott for such a short time, I have received wonderful relief, and persons in Christchurch who have known me for years can certify that I am quite a new man; and it appears to me extraordinary how Mr. Gusscott can effect such wonders. I can safely recommend any person suffering in the same way as I have been to place themselves under his herbal treatment. I write this for Mr. Gusscott to do or publish this as he pleases.

FREDERICK JOHNS.

(Signed) In the presence of

Mr. Mumford,
Shopkeeper, Manchester street South,
Mr. J. Heslop,
Painter and Paperhanger, Manchester street South.

Tuam Street, Christchurch,

April 28th, 1879.

To Professor Gusscott,

Sir,—I have been troubled with Liver Complaint these last six years, many times being not able to attend to work. I have tried everything in the shape of patent medicines. I have been an outdoor patient in the Hospital; I got at times temporary relief. I could not sleep on my left side; I kept rolling about backwards and forwards in bed. When I got up in the morning, I would rather be in bed, but work I had to attend to. When I had eaten a light meal I found it always lodged in my stomach. Always costive, a great palpitation, pains across the chest, more particularly under the left breast, always a violent pain between the shoulders, felt just the same as if any one was pouring water down my back, feet always cold. Happened to get one of your bills when you came to St. Asaph Street, which explained to me all my symptoms I was labouring under. When I applied to you, you told me all my symptoms and guaranteed a perfect cure, which, I am happy to say you have done through your herbal treatment. I should recommend those troubled with Liver Complaint to place themselves under your treatment.

I am, Sir,

Truly thankful,

WILLIAM MANSON

To Professor Gusscott,

Sir,—I have been troubled with Dysentery for the last three months, so much so that I was perfectly exhausted, the linings of my intestines peeled away in flakes. I tried every remedy that I could hear of, but to no purpose. Hearing that you were in Christchurch, and seeing the many wonderful cures, induced me to place myself under your treatment, and I am happy to say in one week I am free from the diarrhoea, and gaining strength from your herbal treatment.

I am, yours respectfully,

ELLEN BROWN.

I give you this testimonial for the benefit of others as I know there are a great many others suffering from the same complaint in Christchurch.

Borough Hotel,

Manchester street, Christchurch,

April 21st, 1879.

To Professor Gusscott,

SIR,—I have been troubled with Sciatica and Rheumatism since the commencement of the West Coast diggings in 1864, where I had to leave through medical advice, and went to Melbourne, thence to Sydney, and then I thought I would try the tropical climate of Queensland, and found only temporary relief. I came to Christchurch and tried doctors of the best medical repute, and got no better. Thinking that it was useless to go any further, I gave up all hopes of being restored; I could hardly walk, and staying at an old friend's, he advised me to consult you, and I am happy to say I am in as perfect health as I was in 1864, when I crossed the ranges to the West Coast. I was only ten days under your treatment.

JOHN O'BRIEN.

To Professor Gusscott,

George street,

Dunedin.

Dear Sir,—I have been under medical men in Tuapeka for eighteen months, and have been treated by the doctors for indigestion, but found no relief. I was advised to come to Dunedin for change of climate, and was advised to call on you. When I did so, you seemed to be acquainted with my complaint, for you were able to explain to me all the symptoms. I am happy to inform you that after three weeks of your herbal treatment I am restored to perfect health.

I am, yours truly,

MRS. ELIZABETH WATERS.