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COMMERCIAL.

DUNEDIN SHARE REPORTS.

Mr FREDERICK H. EVANS reports that, as anticipated, the share business of the week consisted mainly in the transferring of National Insurance shares at from 20s to 22s 6d premium, and even 25s was given privately. The announcement, however, that the formation of a new Insurance Company was on the tapis, rendered buyers (without any cause) a little shy; yet only on Saturday last I placed a parcel at 20s premium. It, however, gave our Auckland friends an opportunity, they were too wise to let slip, and accordingly we are gravely informed that National Insurance shares had fallen 7s. But where? Why in Auckland—if it be a fact. But is that a reason why we are to accept the quotations of one man in the Northern Province for the whole of New Zealand? Let shareholders and intending purchasers judge for themselves without continually quoting prices affecting only those who do more business in one day than we do in a week, especially when some object has to be gained. It may be and has been argued—"But if I can buy cheaper there than here, why should I not?" I only say in reply—"Try it; and you will find out your mistake." Albion Coal shares are decidedly firmer, but no business to report. Arrow River Gold Mining Co.'s shares are well held in town; and I am informed per Telegram from Queenstown, that they have just changed hands at a good premium. Bank of New Zealand still command £16 to £16 2s 6d. Daily Times and Witness shares offered at £50 on £40 paid up. Dunedin Water Works placed at £16. Friendly Societies' Hall buyers at 30s. Forbury Park shares are difficult to be met with. Grey River Coal Shares are more saleable at the Grey than here, still per or a small premium could be obtained. Guardian shares are now well held for 30s. National Banks, no business to report, holders asking 7s 6d premium. South British Insurance shares are at £2 7s 6d. The Mosgiel Woollen Co.'s shares are now allotted, and a premium is already placed upon them. The Walton Park Co.'s list is, I am informed, well filling up.

Mr J. B. BRADSHAW reports having sold National Insurance at 25s; and a lot of Forbury Park at £23 each.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisements intended for insertion in The TABLET, should reach the Publishing Office, MILLS, DICK, and Co.'s, Stafford street, Dunedin, not later than 10 a.m., of each Friday for the town, and Wednesday evening for the country edition.

Subscription to The TABLET:—Single copies, 6d.; Half-yearly, by post, 12s. 6d., in advance. Remittances to be made payable to the Secretary to the Company.

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Mr Macedo, Bookseller, Princes street south, has been appointed an Advertising Agent for Dunedin to the TABLET.

BISHOP MORAN'S APPROVAL.

THE manner in which the NEW ZEALAND TABLET has been hitherto conducted is deserving of approval. I have no doubt the future management will be in accordance with the past, and that this journal will continue to be an excellent Catholic newspaper. Under these circumstances, I can have no hesitation in saying it deserves the generous support of all Catholics in this Colony. I beg to recommend it to them most earnestly.

Given at Dunedin, 15th July, 1873.

† P. MORAN,
Bishop of Dunedin.

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FIAT JUSTITIA.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1873.

BIBLE-READING IN THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

In the 'Star' of Nov. 7 we notice an extract from the 'Bruce Herald' re the Catholic clergy and Tokomairiro Main School. The Colonial Government ordered a sworn inquiry to be made in reference to this case. Mr Maitland, the Commissioner appointed for that purpose, declared the inquiry to be strictly private, and directed that no use should be made of the evidence till the Government had given its report on the matter. We consider that most persons would have abstained from making comments on a subject, the facts and circumstances of which could become known to them only by special permission, until the Government granted permission to use the evidence. Here we find three persons who, by special permission, were allowed to be present at this *sworn private inquiry*, coming forward with their opinions and special notes,—which are worth nothing by the side of sworn evidence,—and stating that "the principal witnesses proved that the whole story was a fabrication." Another used a trite, bigoted expression,— "that the old spirit of the Inquisition was not dead, but only slumbered;" and again, that "it was totally unjustifiable under the circumstances for any man, still less for a man in the position and holding the office which Father Coleman does, to repeat such a gross, unfounded slander against his fellow-man, when he had ample time and opportunities for inquiring into the truth or otherwise of the report." Again, "it was clearly a case of the three black crows. The proof that the boy was never beaten is that the boy was in Mr M'Intyre's class." Now, if hereafter it should be found that Mr Ross always taught the Bible-class, and in the same room, week after week, is not that room Mr Ross's for that time each day, as much as it is Mr M'Intyre's at other times? See what an effort is made to prove an *alibi* by these gentlemen. Again, Mr Gillies states that it is admitted that this *Catholic boy* Curran was always present at the *Protestant Bible reading*. If it should afterwards appear that no intimation was ever given to Curran's father of this fact; and if Curran swore that he told the boy not to have anything to do with the Bible reading, and that the boy Curran swore that the father never told him such a thing; and if Mr Ross told Mr M'Intyre that he would inquire as to whether Curran was a Catholic, and did not inquire, and swore that he did not consider it his duty to inquire,—we think that though the boy denied that he was ever beaten, yet there will be clearly established the fact that Catholic children are tampered with in their faith in the Government schools. We do not think it advisable to say more on this subject until, as we expect, the Government will give their decision on the whole case: and we trust that the entire evidence, with the correspondence, will be printed by the Government, and copies of it supplied to those concerned. Then we shall see how far there were substantial grounds for making the complaint, and the public shall have an opportunity of judging who it was that gave currency to the report. We ask the public to suspend their judgment till they have the sworn evidence before them.

SECULAR AND DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION

THE secularists have been combating the movement entered on by the Church of England Synod advocating denominational education. The arguments used by the members of the Synod are cogent where they deal with the direct question; in fact, they give the arguments of the Catholic Church, which may be adopted by anyone wishing for truth. People are made up of soul and body. The body must be nourished—so must the soul. The soul has faculties, and these must be cultivated; the spirit of justice, and truth, and love must be cherished and nurtured. It is to point out the best way for promoting the soul's powers that educationists are directing their best efforts. Wealth and industry must be promoted; obedience to law and order have to be successfully inculcated; and, according to most people, the future happiness of man in a future state is the main object of man's existence. Parents have the duty of rearing their children in such a manner as to promote their present and future happiness. The government of a country has to look to the peace and well-being of the members composing the community over which it rules. Education is the word that expresses one