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NOTICE.

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CATHEDRAL FUND.

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions towards the Cathedral Fund:—

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£5. was incorrectly acknowledged in our last issue.

† P. MORAN.

The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER, 24, 1884.

PROGRESS AND JUSTICE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

The Catholics of New Zealand provide, at their own sole expense, an excellent education for their own children. Yet such is the sense of justice and policy in the New Zealand Legislature that it compels these Catholics, after having manfully provided for their own children, to contribute largely towards the free and godless education of other people's children!!! This is tyranny, oppression, and plunder.

A COMPARISON.



WE learn from the European telegrams that Mr TREVELYAN has resigned the Chief Secretaryship of Ireland, and has been replaced by another Scotchman—Mr. CAMPBELL BANNERMAN. There can be no objection to Mr. BANNERMAN's holding office in Scotland, nor do we care whether or not he holds office in

England, but it seems to us that an Irishman is the proper person to rule over Irishmen in their own country. The theory of Liberals is that each nation should govern itself, and this theory is pretty well reduced to practice everywhere except in Ireland. Here, however, it has never been reduced to practice, and at the present moment the heads of all departments of government in Ireland are either Scotch or English men. The Lord Lieutenant is an Englishman, the

Chief Secretary is a Scotchman, the Under Secretary is either English or Scotch, we are not certain which, but we are certain he is not an Irishman, and so on with regard to all the other chief officials. Is it any wonder Ireland should be discontented? Indeed, the wonder would be if she were otherwise. These English and Scotch officials know nothing of Ireland or the Irish, really have no respect for them, and govern them entirely in the fancied interests of Great Britain. These English and Scotch officials have no sympathy with the religion, history, nationality or aspirations of the overwhelming majority of Irishmen, and are filled with the most absurd prejudices against them. The consequence is, their government in Ireland rests not on the intelligence or love of the nation, but on the bayonets and rifles of a large police force and a well-appointed army. It is clear that Ireland is governed by foreigners for foreigners, otherwise Irishmen would be found administering the highest offices of their own country. We shall be told that the United Kingdom must be governed as one country, and that, in this respect, there should be no distinction between the three countries—England, Ireland and Scotland. But facts show this pretence to be a farce. How many Irishmen hold high office in Scotland? Echo answers, how many. How many Irishmen hold high office in England? Echo again answers, how many. It is in Ireland as it is here as regards the education question. The theory is that all having equal burdens have equal advantages, but the practice is that one set of people shall, to the exclusion of the rest, have all the advantages. In theory all the people of the United Kingdom are equal before the Government, but in practice England and Scotland enjoy all the advantages, to the almost entire exclusion of Irishmen, even in their own country. Here in New Zealand we are told the benefits of public education are offered equally to all, but in practice Catholics are excluded from all share in them. Who administer the Education Act everywhere in these colonies? Non-Catholics universally. The School Boards are exclusively composed of non-Catholics; no Catholic could hope to be appointed on one of them. Who compose the School Committees? Non-Catholics, with hardly an exception, and such exception is only to be met with in remote, out-of-the-way places, where it is difficult to secure the services on committees of a sufficient number of decent men. But in centres of population, in important districts, not even one Catholic is to be found on a School Committee, nor would any real Catholic be permitted by a majority of his fellow citizens to hold a place on a committee. Again, who are the teachers in our public schools? Universally non-Catholics, though Catholics are compelled not only to pay for the maintenance of these schools, but also to send their children to these schools in the absence of schools of their own. So far as the law is concerned, Catholics are eligible as teachers, but this legal eligibility is a mockery and a delusion, as no committee in the entire country has ever elected a Catholic as a teacher in any large important school, or indeed elected a Catholic at all except in a few cases, where no one else was to be found willing to accept a position undesirable by reason of the insignificance of the salary and other disadvantages. As in Ireland, Irishmen are expected to be contented whilst operated upon by prentice hands from England and Scotland, so here Catholics are expected to be content whilst paying for schools presided over by men whose weekly occupation is to proclaim them idolators, by men who are notorious for their infidelity, by men who are the leaders of sects, and are the most determined enemies of everything that Catholics value most. As in Ireland one set of people have all the power, places, and emoluments to the exclusion of people whose rights are habitually trampled on, so here non-Catholics, after having compelled Catholics to pay them £70,000 per annum for education have laid hold of that education, and really so managed it as to exclude Catholics from all share in that to which they are forced to contribute £70,000 per annum.

WE are glad to find that the Venerable Archdeacon Coleman continues to meet with a hearty response everywhere he makes his appeal on behalf of the Dunedin Cathedral Building Fund. The Catholics of the different districts are to a man doing their duty in the matter. This, however, is as we expected, for it would be impossible for any sincere member of our Holy Church to refuse to assist the Bishop in carrying out a work in which the whole diocese is nearly concerned.