

NOTICE.

THE undermentioned gentlemen are appointed Agents for this Journal in their respective districts:—

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| " B. KELIGHER | ... | ... | NIGHTCAPS. |

WANTED KNOWN.—Just Received, another Small Shipment of Lampware, ex ship Annie Berner, from New York. Lamp-glasses, globes, and fittings, all sorts, sizes, and shapes. Lamps of every description repaired. A. PALMER, Staffordshire House, 9 George street, opposite the Town Clock. Established 20 years.

CATHEDRAL FUND.

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

| | £ | s. | d. |
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| Dominican Convent, Dunedin (8th instalment) | ... | ... | ... |
| Rev. J. N. Binsfield | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. W. Ahern | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| School Children (Convent) | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss May Grant (Father Coleman's collection) | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. P. O'Brien | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss Sharkey | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Special offering for Towers (including £17 for subscription cards) | 44 | 10 | 0 |

WEEKLY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

| Per | Rev. P. Lynch | £ | s. | d. | Per | Mr. Brennan | £ | s. | d. |
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| " | Mr. W. Hall | 1 | 3 | 0 | " | Miss Connor | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| " | Mrs. Bell | 1 | 3 | 0 | " | Healy | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| " | Miss Mahony | 1 | 0 | 0 | " | Mr. Dillon | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| " | Mr. T. B. Conway | 0 | 13 | 0 | " | J. Drumm | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| " | J. Drumm | 3 | 2 | 6 | | (omitted last time) | 3 | 1 | 6 |

† P. MORAN.

DEATHS.

WHITE.—On September 22nd, at his residence, New Town, Hobart, Thomas White, builder, in the 79th year of his age.—Father of Mrs D. W. Woods, of Dunedin.

MURPHY.—At his residence, Castle and Hanover streets, Dunedin, on Monday, 28th inst., Patrick Murphy, native of Craigmole, Co Galway, Ireland; aged 44 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1885.

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.

THE NEXT SENSATION.



OUR own Parliament having closed its proceedings for the year, those who yearn for excitement and have political tastes will look forward to the coming general election in Great Britain and Ireland with great interest and anxiety. And the uncertainty of the result so far as party interests and the probable future of legislation are concerned will give additional zest to these. This general election may justly be regarded as the most important event of this century. It will not unlikely change the political and social state of between thirty and forty millions of people and influence more or less the destinies of one hundred millions whilst affecting in no slight degree the relations of all civilised countries. It is always dangerous to assume the prophetic

role, and we shall therefore abstain from exposing ourselves to the ridicule such a rôle would inevitably provoke. But there are some things in relation to this event which appear to be certain and about which all politicians are pretty well agreed. Under the new franchise the electoral rolls will contain two millions of voters more than they ever did before; and these two millions come neither from the higher nor middle classes, but from strata of society which were never before represented in Parliament. If these two millions of additional voters possess intelligence and independence and vote according to the exigencies of their own interests a great change will be made in the composition of the House of Commons and party lines. This is clear. No prophet is required to foretell it. And that the new voters are in the main both intelligent and independent there is no reason to doubt. Momentous changes may, therefore, be looked for which can not fail to greatly modify all political and social relations. There is another thing also which is quite certain, as is admitted by all. Ireland will undoubtedly return an overwhelming majority of Home Rulers, indeed we should not be at all surprised to see Ireland substantially unanimous in favour of a native Parliament. The old cries, the curse of that country, have now lost their significance. It is no longer possible to hoodwink the people by side issues and party emblems to the fearful loss which the nation sustains in consequence of not having the management of its own affairs in its own hands. And people are no longer such fools as to sacrifice their dearest interests for the triumph of either orange or green. With few exceptions then it may be fully expected that Ireland will give an unanimous vote for Home Rule. Even those who do not favour such rule for Ireland admit that Mr. Parnell will have a compact party of eighty-five or ninety members in the new Parliament, and this is as certain as anything that has not actually happened can be. Mr. Parnell then will be a great power in the next session, and his position will compel party leaders to reconsider their policy and to modify their measures. To us it appears pretty certain that a measure of Home Rule of some sort must be granted at once to Ireland, but it will depend on the nature of this measure whether it will content or rather exasperate the Irish people. Mr. Gladstone's party calls upon England and Wales for such a majority as will enable him to defy a coalition of Conservatives and Home Rulers, but this is exceedingly unlikely. In the last Parliament this statesman began his career with a majority of one hundred and twenty. Mr. PARNELL'S faithful followers did not exceed forty, and yet this gentleman was mainly instrumental in the defeat of the GLADSTONE administration. If, then, forty brave, intelligent, and loyal men ultimately broke down the majority of 120, will not an united phalanx of eighty or ninety be more than sufficient to counteract, in the long run, even a majority of two hundred? the number asked for by the most enthusiastic Liberals, as they are called. Is there any probability, however, of the Liberals being able to return a majority of two hundred in England, Wales, and Scotland? Time alone can safely answer the question, but we may be permitted to say that, in our opinion, this is very unlikely. On the contrary, the indications are that the parties will be so evenly balanced, apart from Home Rulers, that neither party can dispense with their support; and we may rest assured that that support will not be given unless a full and adequate measure of Home Rule form a primary and essential part of the programme of Government.

His Lordship the Bishop of Dunedin will hold a visitation at Ophir on Sunday the 11th inst., and during the course of the following week will examine the Catholic schools at St. Bathans, Naseby, and Tinker's Gully.

THE Hobart Mercury of September 23 records the death of Mr. Thomas White, an old and respected colonist of 53 years' standing. Mr. White was a native of Norfolk, England, where he was born in 1806. and, having served his apprenticeship to the building trade in the firm of Sir Wm. Cubitt, of London, he emigrated to Tasmania in 1832, where he settled at New Town, and pursued a long and prosperous career as a builder. The Mercury bears high testimony to the integrity and general character of the deceased, and the esteem in which he was held. Mr. White was father of Mrs. Woods, wife of our much respected fellow-colonist, Mr. D. W. Woods, of Dunedin.

WE understand that a concert will be given by the pupils of the Christian Brothers' and St. Joseph's Schools, Dunedin, on or about the 30th inst. in aid of the fund to defray the cost of the new addition to the Christian Brothers' School-rooms. The object, we