

ELECTION NOTICE.

TO THE 343 ELECTORS OF DUNEDIN CENTRAL WHO SIGNED THE REQUISITION ASKING ME TO CONTEST THIS SEAT.

GENTLEMEN.—I had no intention of Contesting the Seat rendered vacant by the death of our late esteemed Member, Mr. Bradshaw. The strong desire expressed by a large and influential body of Electors that I should allow myself to be nominated for my old Constituency, has, however, caused me to reconsider the matter. The spontaneous expression of confidence, which your requisition conveys, is an endorsement of the verdict returned by one-half of the electors at the last contest, and I should therefore be ungrateful, indeed, if I refused the honour offered me. It has, as you are aware, been entirely unsolicited by me, and it is therefore a compliment that cannot be too highly prized. If returned as your Representative, I can only promise to support, as I did in the last Parliament, every measure having for its object the welfare of the Colony. I may state that I am a staunch advocate of a judicious system of encouragement to Native Industries. I look forward to a higher destiny for New Zealand than merely growing the raw material to be manufactured by other nations.

I hold that if the Colony is to prosper we must have our lands occupied by industrious yeomen who possess a knowledge of agriculture, and we must have a manufacturing population in our towns to work in concert with our county settlers, so that the prosperity of the Colony may depend, in a great measure, on New Zealanders alone.

Thanking you very sincerely for the confidence you have expressed in me,

I am, Gentlemen,

Faithfully yours,

THOS. BRACKEN.

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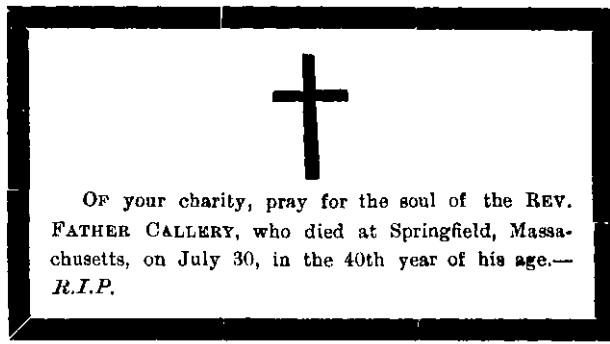
OUR Canvasser and Collector, MR. J. D. POPE, will visit Southland in a few days in the interests of this paper. We hope our friends will render him all the assistance in their power to promote the welfare of the TABLET

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

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FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1886.

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.

PROTECTION.



It is not through either prejudice or disinclination to be convinced, that we fail to see the cogency of the arguments commonly adduced in favour of Protection. On the contrary, it would give us great pleasure to think that these arguments were really cogent. Amongst other things Protectionists tell us that Protection, instead of making protected articles dearer, would produce the contrary effect. It is hard to see how this can be; and we candidly acknowledge we cannot see it. It is indeed easily conceivable how better articles might be produced under the operation of high custom dues; but how cheapness is to be brought about by these, is, we fancy, past comprehension,—the comprehension at all events of ordinary minds. The primary object of Protection is to raise the price of every thing protected, and without an advance in price, the object sought by Protection cannot possibly be obtained. But, it is said, though this may and must be the effect in the first instance, in the long run all articles protected become very plentiful, and consequently cheaper. This contention, however, presupposes two things, one of which is not desirable, whilst the other is not probable. Either the Home market must become glutted, causing consequently a dearth of employment, or competition from without must cease. If in any case cheapness in any department follows after Protection, this is the result either of overproduction or of poverty generally in the community; and a consequent inability to purchase. But in no case does cheapness follow *per se* as a consequence of Protection. And what is more, it would be contrary to the nature of things to suppose that such could be the case. The manifest hardship put upon agriculturists is abstracted from view, or an effort is made in this direction by the asser-