

## REQUISITION.

R. H. LEARY, Esq.,

Town Hall, Dunedin.

**S**IR,—We, the undersigned Ratepayers of the City of Dunedin, being thoroughly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the duties pertaining to the office of Mayor for the past twelve months, request that you will allow yourself to be again nominated for this office at the forthcoming election. If you can see your way to grant our request we feel sure that you will be elected, and we will do our utmost to secure that object, believing that the interest of the Citizens will be best served by your keeping the Mayoral Chair for another year.

(Here follow the Signatures.)

## [REPLY.]

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.**—Before receiving your complimentary requisition many Ratepayers had urged me to offer my services for another year, assuring me that there was a general desire for my re-election, in order that the reforms initiated last year may be thoroughly given effect to.

Personal considerations prompted me to decline, but a sense of duty compels me to yield to the representations of those who consider that I am not justified in ignoring what they believe to be the desire of a majority of the Citizens.

I thank you sincerely, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your expression of confidence, and most respectfully place my services at the disposal of the Citizens, with a deep sense of the high honour proposed to be conferred on me.

I have the honour to subscribe myself,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. H. LEARY.

Dunedin, 22nd October, 1887.

## OPENING OF THE NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AT ST. LEONARDS.

**T**HIS CHURCH will be Solemnly Dedicated by his Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Moran on November 6 (First Sunday of the Month). The Blessing and Pontifical High Mass commence at 11 a.m.

A Special Train, stopping at Pelichet Bay Station, will leave the Dunedin Railway Station at 10.45, and return after the Ceremonies.

**A** YOUNG LADY desires a situation as Teacher in a Catholic School or Family. Advertiser holds the general certificate of the Irish National Board, and possesses also those for Music and Drawing.—Address

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N.Z. TABLET Office.

## NOTICE.

**M**R. W. CUNNINGHAM, our Canvasser and Collector, has started on his West Coast journey, and will visit all the towns, commencing at Ross and working up to Westport. We hope our subscribers will be prepared to settle their accounts with him, besides rendering whatever assistance they can to promote the welfare of the TABLET.

## DEATHS.

**HANLEY.**—At the residence of his parents, Gore, on the 21st inst., Peter Hanley; aged 23 years. Fortified by the rites of the Holy Church.—*R.I.P.*

**COCHRANE.**—At Arrowtown, on the 18th inst., Elizabeth Cochrane, niece of Mr. John Molloy; aged 19 years.—*R.I.P.*

# The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1887.

## PROGRESS AND JUSTICE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

**T**HE 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.

## AFFAIRS OF THE WEEK.



**T**HE Home news of the week has been of a more than usually stirring nature. The results of the Liberal Conference at Nottingham seem to have been that panic and utter desperation have been spread abroad through the Tory ranks. Such accusations as, for example, that Mr. GLADSTONE was trying by his language to excite bloodshed, and that his state was such as to make his remaining at large a danger to the country, show to what extremes his opponents have been driven. And their motive is, of course, sheer fright. But the Tories have brought upon themselves all that is now happening to them. They refused, while the sands were still running in the glass, according to the famous saying, as well for them as for the Irish landlords, to come to a reasonable settlement of a matter that will be settled, and reasonably settled, in spite of them; and now they richly deserve that with this Irish question which they so obstinately barred there should be joined great questions that immediately affect the democracy of Great Britain. Nothing can be more feeble than the objection that Mr. GLADSTONE, by promising to take up the subject of disestablishment has attempted to bribe the people of Great Britain to support his Irish projects. If the people can be so bribed, it is a plain proof that the subject referred to is one that imperatively demands immediate treatment. The people must judge of the institutions which they will support, and if by such an unanimous consent as this objection implies they have already condemned establishment, it is oppressive to force it upon them. But, had the Tories such an object in view, as we may well believe they had, their folly in adopting a course that has resulted in arousing the resolution of the people, on whose apathy alone they could reckon, has been extreme.

The arrest of Mr. WILFRID BLUNT, again, for persevering in taking part in a proclaimed meeting at Woodford, is an event of no light importance in the struggle of the day. Mr. BLUNT, as a prominent Englishman, and an English Catholic, we may add, will command an attention in England that no Irish agitator could hope for, and the manner in which he has been dealt with will open many eyes that must otherwise have remained closed.

In their desperation, then, the Tories seem to have committed themselves to courses at home that cannot fail to tell heavily against them, and we may probably conclude, if only from the jubilant tone of the French Press over the matter, that the agreement come to abroad concerning the evacuation of the New Hebrides and the passage of the Suez Canal, with all that depends on it, has also been an excessive blunder on their part.

We are glad to learn that the new Catholic church of St. Leonard's in the course of erection for some time past, is now ready to be opened. It is creditable to the Catholics of this charming suburb that they are the first of any religious denomination to crown with seriousness of religion this bright, lovely, spot by the erection of a place of worship. The church, which occupies a prominent position on one of the slopes over Burke's, is a pretty structure 42 feet long and 24 feet wide. It has porch and vestry, sanctuary, choir-loft, and all the other church appurtenances quite complete. The new church, which is to be dedicated to St. Leonard of Port Maurice, will be opened on Sunday November 6, the first Sunday in the month, by the Most Rev. Dr. Moran, the local clergy, and the rector of the district, Rev. W. Burke. There will be Pontifical High Mass, sermon, and the usual dedication ceremonies. A special train, in connection with the solemn ceremony, will run from Dunedin at 10.45. This train stops at Pelichet Bay to take up passengers, and will return to Dunedin at 1.15, at the termination of the function.

ON Tuesday evening three Dominican nuns reached their destination in Dunedin after a voyage by the Orient line to Melbourne whence, accompanied by the Most Rev. Dr. Moran, they arrived at the Bluff in the s.s. Wairarapa on Monday morning. The ladies spent the ensuing day and night at the convent of their order in Invercargill, coming north with the Bishop on Tuesday. The arrival of the good nuns among us is a happy event, not only because they come to reinforce the religious order which has now for many years been engaged in doing most effectual work in the diocese of Dunedin, but also because they may be hailed as the first fruits of the enterprise of the Mother Mary Gabriel in establishing the Dominican Novitiate for foreign missions at Drumcondra near Dublin. The nuns will thus from the first possess advantages of a training for the colony which their predecessors obtained only after arriving in New Zealand and doubtless they will know how to make the best possible use of