

DOMINICAN CONVENT BUILDING FUND,

A R T U N I O N .
(By permission of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.)
To be Drawn at DUNEDIN on ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The Nuns, having recently brought out to the Colony a large increase in their numbers, it has become absolutely necessary that they should at once undertake the Completion of the Original Plans of their Convent. Therefore, they have determined to place the ART UNION before the Catholics of New Zealand in the full confidence that the claims of the Dominican Nuns as promoters of a SUPERIOR TRAINING and EDUCATION will be cheerfully responded to.

The Prize List will be found very Numerous, and of Substantial Value.

Friends are invited to undertake the SALE of BOOKS of TICKETS and Communicate with
REV. MOTHER GABRIEL,
Convent, Dunedin.

CITY BREWERY, DUNEDIN.

J A S . S P E I G H T A N D C O .
MALSTERS AND BREWERS.

J O H N P . H A Y E S

Has commenced the Practice of his Profession as a
SOLICITOR AND CONVEYANCE R.

Bank of Australasia Buildings,
Corner of BOND and RATTRAY STREETS, DUNEDIN.

NOTICE.

The Riverton Art-Union Committee, at the urgent request of many friends, who consider the time allowed for the disposal of the tickets too short, have decided to postpone the drawing until Saturday, November 4.

J. M. HALL, Hon. Sec.

NOTICE.

SUBSCRIBERS having copies of the TABLET dated December 3 1886, will please send them to the office.

DEATHS.

TANGNEY.—On the 30th June, at the residence of her sister, Beliance Hotel, Otakia, Johanna, the dearly beloved and youngest daughter of William and Johanna Tangney, Clashes, County Kerry, Ireland, aged 22 years, deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

WHITE.—On the 30th June at his father's residence, Cape Terrace, Kumara, John Francis Patrick, eldest and beloved son of John White, aged 15 years.—R.I.P.

The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1888.

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.

C R A S.



RAS! Yes. To-morrow—that is next year—Ministers will consider the education question. Meantime, extravagance in the Department of Education continues. Infants are still to be permitted to fill public schools, and the country is to be compelled to pay a large sum per head for what is, facetiously we suppose, called education. Can folly further go? But it is said, if you give up this false pretence, ever so many public schools must be

closed; so that falsehood, and consequent demoralisation, must be had recourse to in order to maintain the most iniquitously unjust department in the State. *Cras!* Next year, however, the whole subject is to be considered—so says the Premier. What whole subject? Education, is it, or only the cost of education? The Premier's words leave this doubtful. This year the vote for the maintenance of public schools amounts to £315,525. This does not include the vote for school buildings nor the sum required for secondary and university education. The country is called upon again this year, in these hard times, with greatly increased taxation, to contribute more than half-a-million sterling to give a free and godless education to the children of people who are, for the most part, very well to do. Is it any wonder that people are flying in thousands from a country so wonderfully and fearfully misgoverned? *Cras!* But the consolation offered by Government is that they will consider the question—whether the whole or part of it we are not told—next year. This, however, is poor consolation for those who have to pay the twenty per cent. additional taxation; very little satisfaction for all the single people in the country, who must pay a greatly enhanced price for everything they wear, in order that the well-to-do shopkeepers of our towns may have a free education for their children, and our merchants and squatters may have cheap secondary and university education for theirs! With this monstrous system began the downward tendency of the country; with it this tendency has continued, and with it is aggravated to-day. The truth, however, appears to be that Ministers are afraid to tackle the question. There are indications that Ministers do not approve of the system they are compelled to administer, and, if they dared, they would amend it off the face of the earth, and substitute a rational system in its place. *Cras!* But they can do nothing now: the House of Representatives will not allow them. From the Legislature as at present constituted there is no hope of improvement. People must wait a little longer. The annual expenditure on schools represents a loan of twelve millions, and there can be no doubt that since its inauguration the debt of the Colony has been increased five millions through its means. Time, however, fights on the side of justice and common sense. A year or two more, and it will be apparent to the blindest that it will be absolutely impossible to maintain this shocking system any longer. The money necessary to maintain it will not be forthcoming. It is evident to every man capable of forming a judgment on the question, that the revenue, notwithstanding the increased taxation, is a declining one, and that it will soon be out of the question to pay for education entirely out of the consolidated revenue. What then? Why, recourse must be had to rates, and this will have the effect of revolutionising the entire system. This is coming, and coming surely and soon.

The friends of justice and all men of common sense will, consequently, keep their souls in peace. The great overthrow is fast approaching, and the great iniquity is near its final collapse. By the way, it was very amusing to witness the discomfiture of the *Evening Star* last week in reference to this question. Everyone knows that our contemporary thinks the present system of education, if it did not actually come down from heaven, was devised in some region not far from this blessed abode. For years this journal has maintained that not an irreverent or amending finger should be laid upon it, and it has lost no opportunity of proclaiming that it is indeed a perfect system. Well, last week a great educational being from Ontario was in this city, and the *Star*, in the fulness of its zeal for the honour and glory of its godless schools, which exclude a large number of those who are, nevertheless, compelled to pay for them, gushingly embraced the opportunity to secure Dr. GRANT's blessing, and approbation of the system. Contrary, however, to expectation, instead of a blessing, the interviewer from the *Star* office met with, we will not say a curse, but with something not very unlike it. The *Star* has not since engaged in laudation of the glorious privilege of rearing children in ignorance of their creator and final destiny, and of compelling people who bravely bear the expense of the education of their own children to pay for the free education of other people's children. This abstinence, however, may have arisen rather from exhaustion after its long and laborious campaign in the cause, than from the discouraging facts adduced by Dr. GRANT. We shall see. No doubt the *Star* will die hard, and we shall soon hear the despairing accents of the impenitent thief. *Cras!* To-morrow, perhaps, or the next day, it may pour forth the