

# Diary of the Week.

WEDNESDAY, 11th.

**MEETING** in Auckland urges Government to resume settlement. —Society for prevention of State regulation of vice, formed at Auckland, Sir W. Fox, President. —Motion for payment of Members rejected in House of Commons. —Rhodes, of Capetown, gives £60,000 to Parnellite fund. —Leany returned for Sligo South *vice* Kennedy, resigned. —Mackenzie declares Emperor William's ear disease may affect his brain.

THURSDAY, 19th.

M'Kay, of Geological department discovers marble on Otira range, Makarewa. —Fire at De Beer mine, Kimberley, South Africa, causes death of 250 men. —Duel between Boulanger and Floquet; Boulanger seriously wounded. —French fishing vessels purloining bait seized by Newfoundland cruiser. —Anarchist plot to revenge executed anarchists discovered in Chicago.

FRIDAY, 20th.

Tribal fight over land takes place, under chiefs Taurua Kupa and Eni Hiri, at Whangarei. —Serious fire in Chinese quarters, Sydney. —Opale discovered in Queensland. —Russian army to be increased by million and a half men. —German doctors savage at Mackenzie's declaration about Emperor's brain. —Massacre of whites by Indians in British Columbia. —German Press trying to drive Empress Victoria out of country.

SATURDAY, 21st.

Announced 8 men killed and several wounded in native fight at Whangarei. —German Company undertake construction Guilford Champion railway, W. A.; German immigrants to settle along line. —Emperor William meets Czar with great pageantry, off Cronstadt.

MONDAY, 23rd.

Public meeting in Dunedin, Mr. J. Carroll chairman, urges construction of Otago Central line by syndicate. —Smart earthquake shock in Scotland.

TUESDAY 24.

Nugget of 386oz, found Donnelly's creek, Gippaland; nugget of 36oz, found Wedderburn, Victoria. Boulanger badly defeated for Ardèche—reported successful some weeks ago by cable.

# Parliamentary Notes.

**Wednesday, 18th.**—It was stated in reply to a question in the House that the Government would offer a substantial bonus to anyone introducing a successful system of treating refractory ores. —A clause was added in committee to the Slaughter-houses Bill, providing for the exemption of persons slaughtering cattle for their own use.

**Thursday, 19th.**—In replying to Mr. Seddon, Mr. Richardson said he would send an inspector of mines to report on the new diggings at Mabitipawa, Marlborough. —A petition was presented on behalf of the Invercargill Clothing Club, in which the example of Mrs. Hart in the successful encouragement of Irish cottage industries was quoted in support of the petitioners' prayer that Government would take steps for the establishment of such industries in New Zealand, the first experiment to be made at Invercargill.

**Friday, 20th.**—A sharp debate took place in Committee on the Legislative Estimates. The point at issue was as to whether the officers of the House should be appointed, as heretofore, by the Speaker, or a change should be made, giving the appointment to the Government. Sir Maurice O'Rorke defended his privileges very fervently, and made some remarks which the Premier considered as containing charges of corruption against the Government. The Speaker, however, carried his point, and the Premier's motion was defeated. Mr. Fish afterwards made some vigorous comments, in which he came forward as a defender of the Government, owing to the principle of Protection adopted by them, and promised, when the opportunity offered, to make things as hot for the Speaker as they conveniently could be made, and, as we all know, in matters of this kind Mr. Fish is very capable of keeping his word.

**Tuesday 24th.**—The Premier gave notice in the House of his intention to take Thursdays during the remainder of the session, now drawing to a close, for Government business. —In committee a shabby attempt was made to cut down the salary of the Inspector-General of schools. A more rational attempt to lower the cost of education by raising the school age failed, the whole vote of £315,525 being passed. —Mr. Wither's amendment for a further retrenchment of £100,000 per annum was rejected.

## OBITUARY.

We announce with regret the death of John Francis Patrick, eldest son of Mr. John White, an old and much esteemed resident of Kumara, which occurred at his parents' residence on June 30th. The deceased whose death resulted from a cold, was a fine, promising lad of 15, for whom no one looked forward to an early grave. The respect felt for his parents was shown by the numerous attendance at his funeral—at which the Rev. Father Treacy officiated.—*R.I.P.*

Mrs. Emily Crawford, the Parisian journalist, is said to be an Irish woman, who remembers as a child being carried around on O'Connell's shoulders. An admirer describes her as "an extremely brilliant woman, an always interesting talker, full of wit and anecdote, never for a moment at a loss for a word, add without a spark of malice in her composition."

# Correspondence.

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## IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.

TO THE EDITOR N. Z. TABLET.

SIR,—I have been instructed by resolution of the Kumara Branch of the Irish National League to request you to take charge of the accompanying cheque for £66 11s 6d for transmission to Ireland by first mail. You are at liberty as to the selection of the party to whom you will make the draft payable but you will be good enough to note the division of the amount as follows:—To Payment of Members Fund, £37 4s 6d; to general funds of the Irish National League, £29 7s. I enclose the lists of subscribers' names, which you will please to publish in the TABLET at your earliest convenience.

Our branch continues steadfastly to carry out the work for which it was originated. The monthly meetings of the executive committee are held regularly, and as a result of the efforts made by them in this district to assist the constitutional struggle for Home Rule, they may be permitted to point to the respectable sum of nearly £100 remitted through you within the last eighteen months in aid of the movement, exclusive of the sums subscribed towards the Payment of Members Fund.

It is to be regretted that it was not double the amount, but the committee hope that the patriotic example set us by our countrymen, both lay and cleric, throughout the Australian Colonies will rouse Irishmen of all creeds on the West Coast from their apparent indifference and induce them to lend their sympathy and substantial aid in the noble efforts to obtain justice for their native land. It is for this that Gladstone and Parnell are educating the masses in Great Britain and for the same holy cause are such men as William O'Brien sacrificing their liberty and imperilling their lives.

Our branch could afford to be much stronger and why it is not is no matter for conjecture, but to be attributed directly to the score of apathy. The last monthly meeting was fairly well attended; a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the collectors and to the Rev. Father Treacy for his courtesy in presiding.—I am etc.,

THE SECRETARY.

Kumara, 12th July, 1888.

## INVERCARGILL.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

THE concert given under the auspices of the Catholic Literary Society in Hanau's Hall on Friday evening, July 20, was a thorough success, both from a financial and an artistic point of view. The occasion was the sixth anniversary of the Society, and the manner in which it was celebrated reflects much credit, not only on the Society, but on the whole Catholic community. It was at first proposed to hold both a soiree and concert, but, owing to the amount of trouble connected with the former, it was deemed more prudent to give all the attention and energy to the concert. The programme, which consisted of twenty-two items, proved an attractive and interesting one, and praise is due to Mr. Anthony, who prepared it with much care and taste. The first item was an address by Mr. Gilfedder, who made brief mention of the numerous advantages to be derived from membership, and referred to the high tribute paid to the efficacy of such societies by some of the greatest literary men of the day, who had in their youth belonged to similar associations. The speaker pointed out that the literary competitions which the Society encouraged were productive of the most beneficial results, and expressed a hope that ere long competitions would take place between kindred associations. The musical part of the programme was then proceeded with. Miss A. Kurwin played a piano solo, "Le Poète Mourant," and later on, with her sister, a piano duet, "Westward Ho," in a manner which gave evidence of ability and culture. Mr. Herdman contributed a song, "Killarney," and Mrs. Mussen a song, "Skating in the Moonlight," both of which received well-merited applause. A comic song, "Never Again," by Mr. Patchett, proved so amusing that an encore was insisted upon. Mr. D. Bradley did justice to a recitation, "Curfew must not toll to-night," as did Mr. Owendon to a song, "You could have been true." A comic song, "Forfeits," by Miss Hill and Mr. Anthony, and a masher song, "We Are," by Messrs. Anthony, Smith, and Owendon, created a great deal of merriment. Miss Hislop gave a song, "Daddie," and Misses Roche and Hill played a piano duet, "Dreams of Heaven," in capital style, which, considering the youth of the performers, reflects credit on themselves and their teachers. In the second part of the entertainment, Master Hill acquitted himself very well in a recitation, "The Palm Tree," as did Mr. Smith in a song, "The Peal of the Village Bell." Mrs. Mussen's song, "Here's Robin Come Back," Mr. Herdman's "Eileen Allana," and Mr. M'Keown's "Balaklava," were all rendered excellently, while Mr. Anthony's song, "The Laughing Man," fairly brought down the house, a reappearance being demanded. A reading by Mr. O'Brien, "Father Phil's Subscription List," produced a great deal of laughter, as some of the names on the list corresponded with those of the audience. A duet by Misses Hislop and Dalton, and a piano solo by Miss Roche were capital, and a quartette, "The Bold M'Intyres," by Messrs. Smith, Patchett, Cavanagh, and Anthony, proved a very suitable finale. Miss Findlay performed the duties of accompanist, and Mr. M'Keown those of stage-master, very creditably. Everybody seemed to go away well pleased with the evening's entertainment, and the Catholic Literary Society will be able to add a handsome balance to its funds.

Electric slaughtering of cattle has proved successful in St. Petersburg, death being instantaneous.