

# Diary of the Week.

WEDNESDAY, 24th.

MR. J. MURRAY, Inspector Bank at New Zealand, appointed general Manager.—Drought causing distress in South Australia.

THURSDAY, 25th.

Sweating system shown to prevail at Auckland, as well as at Christchurch and Dunedin.—English passenger by Nurnberg reports scandalous ill-treatment on board of ex-king Malletta.

FRIDAY, 26th.

Slight earthquake shocks in Wellington and West Coast of North Island.—Demand at crown lands sale, Auckland, slack.

SATURDAY, 27th.

Sir Julius Vogel reported engaged on political novel.—Searle beats Kemp in sculling match on Patamatta river, New South Wales.

MONDAY, 29th.

Death of Right Hon. W. B. Dally, at Sydney.—Drought with great heat in New South Wales.—Balfour visits Dublin with strong protection.—French Minister of War demands a milliard francs to defend frontier.

TUESDAY, 30th.

Parnell's action against *Times* opened in Edinburgh (Oct. 30th).—Pritchard Morgan (Unionist) returned for Merthyr Tydvil.—Nihilist arrested in attempt on life of Czar.—Russo-Greek Archbishop, under pressure of King Milan, annuls marriage of Servian Queen.

## Correspondence.

[We are not responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

### A GOOD PRIEST'S ADVICE.

TO THE EDITOR N.Z. TABLET.

SIR,—I have read with alarm the ungrateful notice, "Stop my paper," with which payment for the TABLET has, in some instances, been accompanied. My alarm is not for you, but for those who are so short-sighted as to send the notice. Father Hurley published in the "Irish Ecclesiastical Record" some of the causes of the falling off of the Irish in the colonies from the old faith, for which their fathers used to sacrifice not only their own lives, but those of their families, father and mother, wife and children,—consenting to lose them in this life that they might be for ever united with them in the next. Add to the means of preserving the faith, which he enumerates, the Catholic newspaper. As a Catholic and a priest, I should, of course, wish to see a Catholic prayer book in every Catholic family; but, if I had to choose between the prayer book and the newspaper, I would sacrifice the prayer book. The people know the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Creed and the Beati and wish that they could very well get to heaven. But no one likes to be on the losing side. If the children of Catholics are, on the one hand, without the universal example of Catholic belief and practice to surround them with their religion, and on the other without an Irish Catholic newspaper to stand between them and the unceasing attacks on Irishmen and Catholics, they feel themselves on the losing side. They first cease to profess openly their religion, then they cease to practise it, and finally they, or their children, in many cases, abandon it. Many of these young Catholics are clever enough, but few are instructed enough, and none are or can be free enough to answer *adequately* the calumnies heaped upon us. We set free a certain number of men to protect us from domestic wrong-doers, or fight for us against foreign foes. We pay our policemen and soldiers. So it must be in the literary world. We must set free learned, able, prudent men to fight for us. We confer no favour on them. The favour is all the other way. If the soldier risks his life for me on the battlefield, have I conferred a favour on him because I contributed to buy the gun with which he keeps my foes at bay.

I have been assured by some of the leading Catholics of Dunedin that before the TABLET was established, Catholics felt like pariahs; they went about with their heads hung down, clinging to their religion, but half-ashamed of it. Morning and evening hostile papers were pouring red-hot shots into them; and it was impossible to reply. No man, however brave, can fight an army. What was the use of an odd letter? And how many men had the necessary knowledge, or could find in the press of business, the necessary time to write it? Irishmen and Catholics were then on the losing side. But it is no longer so. The TABLET has changed all that. It has fought our battles splendidly; it is our duty to furnish it with arms and ammunition. It is true that a stung Irishman or two cannot bring disgrace on a nation so generous as ours. Still we feel ashamed if such a one is discovered in the midst of us, and a natural impulse would make us wish he would change his name and sever his connection altogether.—But I do not take this view. I am a priest, and I am bound to look to the serious results to a Catholic community which would allow its Catholic paper to fall. Of old it was said that every soldier who threw away his shield contributed to bring about defeat. To-day we may say that every Catholic who throws away his paper contributes to the defeat of the Catholic cause.—I am, etc.,  
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[CIRCULAR.]

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To those to whom I have not had the pleasure of attending in the past or latterly, I can only add that I shall be very pleased to see them, and will do my best to prove my worthiness of their support and confidence.

I venture to think that, in the interests of patients generally, I am not out of place in calling attention to the fact that for the last 26 years I have bestowed my attention to the climatic, artistic, and general requirements of a Dental Practice in this Colony.

In conclusion, I can only repeat my earnest desire to carry out consistently and honestly the sentiment of good faith, which has been my rule in past years.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. ARMSTRONG, Dentist.

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