

colonial legislative assemblies) present—and have presented for some years past—to the world. What a sinking of all personal feeling it evinces for the attainment of the great end. One word concerning the object of the lecture. As you are aware it is in aid of the gymnasium attached to the Christian Brothers' school. It must be very satisfactory to us all to see such a splendid attendance. It means a substantial financial result. Personally I am a great believer in the good results to be obtained from physical exercise. If not overdone, it means good health, and health, Carlyle tells us, is to be sought for before mental acquirements. If I am correct in saying that proficiency in physical exercise means health, then the pupils of the Christian Brothers' school ought to be very healthy; for I noticed that at a gymnastic competition held lately in this city, where four schools competed for seven prizes, the boys of the Christian Brothers' schools walked off with four of these prizes (loud applause). I thought that an exceedingly creditable performance. So in coming here to-night I am sure we can say that we have enjoyed a great intellectual treat in listening to Father Burke, and that as far as the boys are concerned our help will not be thrown away, because in helping them we are helping those who have proved that they deserve helping.

The Rev. Bro. Hughes said that he must, on behalf of the Brothers thank Mr. Callan for presiding, Mr. Schweers for kindly accompanying, to the rev. lecturer, and to the audience for attending. He took the opportunity of saying that in all his long experience in teaching he had never met with more teachable boys than those of New Zealand.

At the conclusion the lads sang (in four parts) "The Minstrel Boy," and "The Village Choristers." The ever-varying wave of sound produced by the manner in which these songs were given under the leadership of one of the Brothers, had an extremely pleasing effect.

### THE BISHOP OF DUNEDIN'S VISIT TO OAMARU.

THE Most Rev. Dr. Moran examined the Catholic schools at Oamaru, as reported in our last issue, on Tuesday and Wednesday Oct. 18 and 19, expressing himself highly pleased at the results. On Thursday a concert and play was given by the school children in the presence of a large audience, including the Countess of Seafield, Lady Grant, the Most Rev. Dr. Moran, the Venerable Archdeacon Coleman, the Rev. Father Donnelly, the Hon. Mr. Shrimski, and several others of the principal inhabitants of the town and district. On Sunday at 8 a.m. Mass was celebrated by the Bishop assisted by the Rev. Father Donnelly, and at the conclusion of the 11 a.m. Mass, a *Missa Cantata* sung by the Rev. Father Donnelly—the Bishop preached on the sacrament of Confirmation which he was about to administer. In the evening after Vespers, the Bishop preached again, the Venerable Archdeacon Coleman just before the sermon making his profession of faith and being solemnly appointed irremovable rector of the parish of Oamaru. His Lordship took for his subject the Real Presence. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament afterwards took place around the church on the outside, and back to the altar by the centre of the building. The Bishop, attended by the Archdeacon Coleman, and Father Donnelly carried the Most Holy. There was a crowded congregation, including many members of other denominations. We understand that the play and concert will be repeated on the 8th inst., as many persons who would have been glad to attend were not able to obtain admission.

MYERS AND Co., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. They guarantee highest class work at moderate fees. The artificial teeth gives general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read—[ADVT.]

The D. I. C. High and Rattray streets, Dunedin, sell all their goods at wholesale warehouse prices, the advantage of which to the purchaser must be apparent to every one. The quality of the goods is well known.

The National Mutual Life Association of Australasia offers to insurers combined advantages which have been the result of mature consideration and experience, and which must place those availing themselves of them in a very secure and satisfactory position. The Association is noted as the first in the world to introduce the non-forfeiture principle.

Messrs Lonargan and Lonargan, Cashel street, Christchurch, are now carrying on their great clearing sale of Messrs George Howarth and Co's stock. This is an opportunity that seldom occurs, as the prices are nominal when compared with the quality of the goods. Those who do not avail themselves of the sale will have cause to regret their carelessness.

In Roughton's patent elastic boots and shoes comfort and durability have been prominently kept in view. The novelty of the invention lies in the elastic construction of the uppers of these boots and shoes in such manner that the free play of the muscles in walking and a good fit at the same time are ensured, while, in addition, they last much longer owing to the absence of the well-known stiffness of ordinary uppers. Notwithstanding these advantages the prices will be the same as for ordinary makes so as to be within the reach of all. Patents are secured for Australian colonies and the United Kingdom as well as New Zealand. Orders are now being booked.

An anonymous correspondent of the *Times*, endeavouring to show that property (in land) is no longer safe in these democratic days, says that Charles Crocker, of California, told him he had trained his sons to earn their living, adding that he would not give twenty years' purchase for any piece of property in the civilised world.

## Diary of the Week.

WEDNESDAY, 31st.

GERMAN spy arrested at Nice sentenced to five year's imprisonment.—Wm. O'Brien induces Kenmare's tenants to adopt Plan of Campaign. Train of Czar and Czarina thrown off rails; several attendants killed and wounded; Majesties slightly hurt.—Bishops opposing divorce deposed by Servian king.—Sheehan, M.P., arrested inciting Killarney tenants to Plan of Campaign.

THURSDAY, 1st.

Drought in Queensland preventing shipments of frozen mutton.—J. E. Redmond, M.P., released.

FRIDAY, 2nd.

Pope appoints commission to examine question of diplomatic relations with England.—Cardinal Newman suffering from debility is severely injured by fall.

SATURDAY, 3rd.

Lord Aberdeen declares no opening in Australia for educated women.—Bishop Nevill appeals for aid to Anglican dioceses; £10,000 needed for Dunedin.

MONDAY, 5th.

Cardinal Newman recovering.—Boulanger characterises German Emperor's visits as empty pageant.—Betting on Presidential election favours Cleveland.

TUESDAY, 6th.

Quicksilver mines, Ohaewai, Bay of Islands, to be worked in January.—Scottish Liberal Association declare in favour of Home Rule for Scotland.—Democrats laying 4 to 1 on Cleveland's reelection.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale prices, bags included: Oats, 2s 2d to 2s 5d. Wheat: milling, 3s 11 to 4s 3d; fowls, 3s 4d to 3s 8d. Barley: malting, 4s to 4s 6d; milling, 3s 6d; feed, 2s 6d to 3s. Chaff: £3 to £3 10s. Hay: oaten, £3; r.g., best, £3. Bran, £3 10s. Pollard, £3 10s. Potatoes: Northern, £3 10s; Taieri, £3 5s; Southern, £3. Butter: fresh, 6d to 8d; salt, 7d. Cheese, market bare of factory, and up to 5d obtainable for best brands; medium, 4d. Eggs, plentiful, 7d. Flour, stone, £9 10s to £10; roller, £10 10s to £11 5s. Oatmeal, firm, £11.

Mr. Powderly gives it as his opinion that there are 1,000,000 idle men in the United States.

Admirers of General Harrison have stolen about all the pickets from his fence to make souvenir walking-sticks.

Reports from thirty-five representative points in North-western Nebraska show that wheat, oats and all small grains are almost a total failure.

"Mr. Crowley," said to be the most accomplished ape in the world, died at New York. He was valued at 10,000 dols.

The first Jew to rise to the rank of major-general on the general staff of the Belgian army is an officer named Fox, who had just been promoted to that rank on the motion of a Catholic Ministry.

It is reported that the production of wheat in the Old World this year is so small that eight million bushels will be needed from outside sources to supply the deficiency.

"Churchman," writing in the *Boston Transcript*, begs his readers never to forget that the Church of England did not "separate" from the Church of Rome, but that intercommunion ceased by virtue of the Papal bull of excommunication. Whereupon the *Watchman* (Bapist) says:—"If it be any credit to the Church of England that it did not go out of the Papal communion until it was turned out, let it not be grudged."

The new German Emperor has met with his first defeat. At his instance all the influence of the Government was arrayed against the election of a noted socialist, Herr Liebnicht, who has won by the astonishing majority of 10,000 votes over all other candidates. Herr Liebnicht was selected by the Socialists to succeed Herr Hasenclever, who had become insane and was obliged to relinquish his seat in the Reichstag. The wholesale arrests of Socialists, the suppression of meetings and the severest repressive measures the police could invent without violating constitutionality were vain against him.

Treasury agents have unearthed a gigantic scheme of smuggling opium to Chicago by way of New York. It is stated that the smuggling operations of the gang have made millions of dollars for the smugglers.

The Utah Mormons are looking to Mexico as a land of refuge. They have already purchased 4,000,000 acres in the domain of the Zuni Indians, and have secured a Government concession for the improvement and working of about 10,000,000 acres of timber and mining land. It is now understood in Utah that the church is operating on a definite plan to gradually remove all the faithful to Mexico.

Writing in the *Nineteenth Century* for August, on "The Geographical Distribution of the British Intellect," Dr. Conan Boyle states that the latter half of the Victorian era has furnished 1,150 names notable in art, literature, politics, science, etc. To this total England gives 807; Scotland, 157; Ireland, 121; foreign nations, 49; and Wales, 17. In other words, 1 in 30,000 Englishmen, 1 in 22,000 Scotchmen, 1 in 49,000 Irishmen, and 1 in 58,000 Welshmen, attain distinction. It must be borne in mind, however, that Dr. Doyle credits to England many men who are English-born, but of entire or partial Irish ancestry. A further cause for Ireland's comparatively poor showing will be found in the religious and educational disabilities which have not yet wholly ceased to embarrass the progress of her people. But setting against each other two cities, London and Dublin, for a basis of mental comparison between the English and Irish, on anything approaching to an equality of opportunities, we find that London has produced but one man of distinction to every 16,000 inhabitants, while Dublin counts 1 to every 8,000.