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DEATH.

BOROUGH.—On the 6th June, at Kiltrush, County Clare, Ireland, Margaret, relict of the late Captain Borough, R.N.; aged 70 years.—R.I.P.

The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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.

WHAT A COMMENTARY!



ASSUMING that the cablegram which states that the London *Times* contests the jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts to try the case of PARNELL *v* the *Times* is true, we wonder the proprietors of the newspaper are not ashamed to adopt such a course. For fully 18 months the *Times* has sedulously libelled Mr. PARNELL, and has again and again challenged him to appeal to a jury in England, Scotland, or Ireland. And yet the moment he accepts the challenge, the jurisdiction it had itself invoked is denied by it. This is a striking commentary on its sincerity, and its belief in its own assertions. The charges made by the *Times* against Mr. PARNELL are so grave that an honest man would not make them without certain information and a strong sense of duty; and such a man would not fear to appear before any jury. The conduct of the *Times*, then, in contesting the jurisdiction to which it had itself appealed is, in the minds of dispassionate men, equivalent to a confession of recklessness at least. The *Times* is clearly not certain as to the grounds on which it so grievously slandered Mr. PARNELL, is afraid to appear before an Edinburgh jury, and is determined to employ every means in its power to prevent the case being tried by a jury at least in Scotland. Yet this appears the fittest place for this trial. In London the *Times* might very probably be fortunate enough to secure a jury of friends, even of partisans. The same might be said of Dublin in reference to Mr. PARNELL, though not with the same confidence, owing to the practice of packing juries on the part of the Government of the day in cases in which their political opponents are concerned. But Scotland, it might be supposed, is free from prejudice in the case, and consequently most likely to afford the means of providing an unbiased jury. Were the *Times*, then, anxious for a fair trial, it not only would not have objected to a trial in Scotland, but would have hailed Mr. Parnell's action with the greatest satisfaction. It has not done so, however; but it has done the contrary, and consequently people throughout the world are *ipso facto* disposed to regard the *Times* as having acted throughout in bad, or at the very least, in doubtful faith, and therefore most criminally. Nor will they be reassured by the attitude of the *Times* before the Commission at its first sitting. In answer to Mr. Justice HANNEN the counsel for the *Times* declared he was unable to formulate a charge against any one of the Irish Members or others, and secondly that he was unable to prove any charge against any of the Irish Members or others. He took up the position of a non-litigant, and of being there only to help the judges in fishing for charges against Irishmen, that is, against the National League. Of course, this is apart from the forged letters. So far as they are concerned, the charge against Mr. PARNELL personally is clear enough. But setting these aside, the *Times*, when brought to book, was compelled to confess its inability to formulate or sustain a charge against any person. Under these circumstances, it may be asked, what then is the meaning of the Commission of three judges? Clearly the meaning is, the Commission has been appointed