

the dream; the claim upon the leaning tower represents the fulfilment. Verily Italy has answered ill to the expectations formed of her. Meantime, perhaps, the architects of the present day had better leave Giotto's tower uncompleted. It is a splendour of Catholic ages. How Italy fares in anti-Catholic days the state of things at Pisa sufficiently teaches us.

There seems to be some hitch as to the settlement of the London strikes—the men apparently being unwilling to wait until January 1, as proposed, for the advance in their rate of wages. An attempt, however, is being made to induce the companies to commence the advancement next month.—It is decidedly a matter of congratulation for the Australian colonies that the sympathy and aid given by them are acknowledged as having secured the success of the strikers. No more wholesome result than this has marked the connection between the old world and the new.

In our correspondence column the Rev. Father O'Donnell makes an appeal in aid of the building fund of the Darfield presbytery. The rev. gentleman will, no doubt, find many generous friends to come to his assistance in discharging the obligations incurred.

MR. PARNELL'S action (says *Truth* of July 25) in withdrawing from the Commission seems to have brought the *Times* to its senses, and we are not to be pestered with the rebutting evidence which has been threatened. Everyone is, I think, glad of this, for no one wishes to submit fuller evidence to three lawyers as to whether, if there be political agitation and political crime, the agitators are responsible for the crime. If we are, indeed, to theorise on cause and effect, we might go back a step further, and contend that those who rendered the agitation necessary are the true culprits. But when this Commission is over, it will be our turn. There is grave suspicion against many persons in regard to the Piggott forgeries, and there is evidence also that the Government made common cause with the *Times* in its attempt to affix criminality on the Irish Leaders. This conspiracy must be investigated in all its ramifications. Just as Mr. Parnell and his friends have been obliged to show all their letters and accounts, so must the *Times* and its friends be forced to make disclosure. It is probable that the Government will resist this demand. If it does, the public will only be confirmed in the conclusion that the *Times*, the Irish Loyal and Patriotic League, and the Government have been banded together to crush political opponents under false charges.

Diary of the Week.

WEDNESDAY, 4th.

UNEXAMPLED floods at Numurkah, Victoria.—Trial of Cronin's murderers blocked through challenges of jury.

THURSDAY, 5th.

Wellington trade unions and Auckland Knights of Labour take steps in support of London strikers.—Waikato Hunt Club conclude season owing to fatal accidents.—Sir Henry Parkes states New South Wales possesses force of 9000 men; could raise 30,000 at short notice.—Collision of Shah's train in Russia; Shah escapes through window.—Apathy shown in France towards general elections.

FRIDAY, 6th.

Subscription lists opened at Auckland in aid of London strikers.—Gold raised, to date, in Victoria 60,000,000 oz; mines estimated still to yield 80,000,000 oz.—Chinese Restriction Act working well in New South Wales; arrivals in eight months 5, departures 600.—Chaplin, M.P. for Sleaford, takes seat as Minister of Agriculture in Tory Cabinet.

SATURDAY, 7th.

Cartridge factory at Antwerp explodes; 300 killed, 1000 wounded; all windows in city broken; explosion heard at Ghent, 80 miles away.—Canadian government claims £200,000 damages for seizure of sealers in Behring sea.

MONDAY, 9th.

Boulanger announces himself in favour of freetrade.—French vigneron attack Australian vintages.

TUESDAY, 10th.

Jack the Ripper murders another woman at Whitechapel.—Gladstone visits Paris.—Man named Brodie swims Niagara Rapids.

Mr. Michael Hannon, late of Sydney, has taken the White Hart Hotel at Oamaru. Under Mr. Hannon's management the house will be conducted in a manner leaving nothing to be desired, and recommending it strongly to the patronage of the public.

Messrs. James Samson and Co., Dunedin, advertise for sale a suburban hotel—a freehold property, offering, in many respects, superior advantages.

MYERS AND CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. They guarantee highest class work at moderate fees. Their 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.]

Correspondence.

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DARFIELD PRESBYTERY.

TO THE EDITOR N.Z. TABLET.

SIR,—If I may judge by the frequent mention with which your Christchurch correspondent favours me, many of your readers take some interest in me and my affairs. To gratify this interest, for which I am very thankful, will you allow me to say through your columns that "the last nail" has been driven in the Darfield Presbytery, but the last pound is by no means paid. What with purchase of land, cost of erection of Presbytery and necessary outbuildings and architect's fees, the whole outlay amounts to very nearly six hundred pounds, a heavy burden for my flock, which is very small in point of numbers, and far from rich in this world's goods. May I then ask friends in other parts to come to our assistance? Many such have already helped handsomely, many others have promised assistance, and I am sure there are still others willing to assist if only asked. I, therefore, take this opportunity, first, of thanking most heartily those who have assisted; second, of begging those who have promised to redeem their promises as soon as they conveniently can; and third, of reminding all and sundry that "the smallest contributions are thankfully received."—I am, etc.,
Darfield, September 9, 1889. J. J. O'DONNELL

TIMARU.

(From our own Correspondent.)

AN addition has been made to the Church property here by the purchase of the section known as McGregor's. It is intended, as soon as a suitable residence is erected, to make an application for Christian Brothers to take charge of the boys' school, and it for this purpose that the section mentioned has been secured. As it adjoins the property on part of which the boys' school is erected, it completes the square of ground lying between Brown and Heaton streets, and facing the North Belt. With a good residence and the spare ground attached, the Brothers should be very comfortably situated when they are amongst us. I learn that so many demands are being made for Christian Brothers from various parishes that it is rather hard to get them, and therefore it is impossible to guess as to the time the boys' school will be placed under their management. In the meantime the school continues under the efficient management of Mr. Lowe and his staff of assistants.

A concert is to be held on Thursday, 12th inst., to provide funds for repairs to the school and surroundings. The programme is an exceptionally good one, and the concert should prove as equally successful as the previous ones held in the boys' schoolroom.

No further steps have been taken in preparing for the expected visit of the Irish delegates. The further delay in Australia of Mr. Dillon and his colleagues has given more time than was at first supposed. That successful preparation will be made, and in good time, is, however, a matter of certainty.

To be on a level with your neighbours on going to bed, and wake up in the morning to find yourself on the top of a hill is not an unusual experience in this enchanting locality. The Corporation workmen are again usefully employed. This time it is at what is termed "striking the levels," which means that wherever they notice a street in an unusually good state of repair, they plough it up in such a manner as would convey to most observers the impression that a spring crop was being put in. In some instances they almost consign some unfortunate resident to a living grave by banking up the street immediately in front, until one would imagine they were erecting earthen fortifications around the dwelling. In others they seem to have an anxiety to elevate him, so that he may be visible to all the surrounding neighbours from their doorsteps. This is meant to be improving the town, but to me it looks like as if some erratic earthquake with under and over proclivities, has been dancing a caper under Timaru to the tune of "Bob up serenely."

Mr. Egan, who has been so long the hospitable lessee of the Fairlie Creek Hotel, has joined the list of Bonifaces in Timaru, having leased the Royal Hotel, lately sold by Mr. Jas. Sullivan.

A narrow escape from an accident happened to three Timaru citizens while driving in the country some days ago. The horse suddenly shied and upset the conveyance over a deep drain, the result being that two of the occupants were thrown clear of the conveyance, the other one was pitched into the drain underneath it, while the horse, in his inverted position, looked like some peculiarly rigged ship with all her sails blown away, but with the masts still standing. After repeatedly declaring he was dead, and refusing to credit any opinion to the contrary, the man in the drain bade his friends a last farewell. After some time he was persuaded to emerge, and arriving at an hotel close by, he was resuscitated under precisely the same treatment as the corpse at Tim Flaherty's wake.

CANTERBURY CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE above Society held its weekly meeting on Tuesday the 2nd inst., when the attendance was very fair. The programme—impromptu debates—proved a very interesting one, the majority of the members taking much interest in the subjects. One especially, "Are the Irish people the best adherents to the Catholic faith," bringing out a large number of the members; and, on the whole, the programme proved very interesting. The meeting closed with prayer. On the 17th inst., the Rev. Father Le Menant des Cheneais, S.M., is going to give a lecture on Ireland—past, present, and future—and no doubt it will prove a great treat to the members. All visitors will be cordially welcomed by the Society.