

BLOCKS of tickets sold for the Invercargill art union to the amount of 25s have been handed in to the Dominican Convent by Miss Kate Day.

THE concert and distribution of prizes in connection with the Dominican Convent High School, Dunedin, takes place to-day, commencing at 2 p.m.

THE annual distribution of prizes at St. Aloysius' College, Waikari was held yesterday, a report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

THE distribution of prizes at the Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin, comes off to-day, beginning at 11.30 a.m.

£80,000 worth of jewellery, belonging to the Prince of Wales, is reported to have been carried off by burglars from Marlborough House.

MR. H. S. FISH, returned to Parliament for Dunedin South, made his *debut* as a member by addressing a few words of advice to the working men by whom he had been supported, at the declaration of the poll. He told them, we doubt not much to their amazement, that capital must necessarily belong to somebody else besides the poor man, and had rights that should not be neglected; he also warned them to avoid extreme theories. It has been remarked that Mr. Fish reserved his word of advice until after the election; but this is not to be wondered at, for it evidently proceeded from a temporary aberration of his particular cast of intellect, and we may expect that the utterance will prove but a passing slip of the tongue. The man who goes into Parliament nowadays as, *par excellence*, a working man's member must not so cavalierly disinherit the poor man, and above all must hold to all sorts of theories. He, in a word, should be generally one who "should, without eyes, see pathways to his will," and waste no time on moderation. We fancy, somehow or other, that Mr. Fish will still prove the right man in the right place, whatever may have been his stumble in an unguarded moment. He can hardly afford, in sober earnest, to cast aside the *profanum vulgus* like that.—He is certain to want them again, and sharp enough to know it.

AT the meeting of the Otago Land Board on Wednesday, the application of Messrs. W. S. Grahame and H. Walton for a lease of 480 acres on run, No. 339, as a pre-emptive right was partially granted—the number of acres being reduced to 240. Mr. A. C. Begg applied to have the southern portion of Run 389 submitted to auction.—The other portions of the Run being useless owing to rabbits and wild dogs.—Mr. Campbell, the lessee, declaring that it would cost £2000 to keep the rabbits down. The chairman decided to write and explain matters to Government. Messrs. M. C. Orbell and Hugh McLean each applied for a license to occupy section 2, block 7, Peak District. Licenses were issued to Mr. Orbell for the portion east and south of the road line, and to Mr. McLean for the portion west of it. The application of Mr. P. A. Connolly for a lease of sections 41 and 42, block 7, Rock and Pillar District, was declined; the sections to be advertised as open for application on deferred payment a month hence. Occupiers of section 5, block 12, Rock and Pillar district having failed to fulfil the conditions of their licenses are to be requested to give up possession.

THE wild dog, according to Mr. A. C. Begg, promises to become an interesting addition to the anti-pastoral features of the country. His relative, the native dog in Australia, has long been known in such a character over there.

It is wonderful how people never know what a treasure they possess until its loss awakens them to a sense of its value. Certainly if the electors of any of the Dunedin electorates had had any idea in time of the worth of Mr Downie Stewart they would only have competed with one another for the chance of electing him. Why, it seems he was the pet of all the Parliament, the Ministry in particular doated on him, and the whole course of public affairs circled round his beloved person. We could, we are persuaded, tell a great deal more that is fond and pretty about him than this if the stock of capital "I's" in each of the compositors' rooms belonging to our daily contemporaries had not run out and prevented the full report of all he said about himself at the declaration of the Dunedin West poll from being printed. But perhaps it is enough for us to say that the House forsook all attachment to party for his sake, and agreed to everything he proposed without a word—what a pity it never entered his head to propose anything worth talking about. He had a wonderful opportunity of serving his country; it is a murder he let it slip.

THE scene at the declaration of the poll, in which our new and magnificent member Mr. M. W. Green figured, was particularly delightful and most redolent of the tabernacle. Our M. H. R. evidently revels in Billingsgate, and the remark of a gentleman in the crowd that he would "punch his head," seemed very much in keeping. Mr. Green has since made an apology in one or other of our morning contemporaries which reads very "umble" indeed.

MR. DICK in returning thanks to his supporters said nothing particular; we don't suppose he could do so under any circumstances. The Licensing Bill, he said, was very useful and workable, and only

required alteration to make it acceptable to the licensed victuallers. The Gaming and Lotteries Bill, he said, moreover, had not been without its effects. He gave his constituents to understand, in fact, that he meant to resume just where he had left off. So all we have to expect from him is his usual course of—Tam-foolery.

MR. ROBSON'S dramatic and musical recitals are meeting with warm appreciation in Dunedin.

A CHILD was scalded to death on Wednesday at Wellington by pulling a teapot off a table. This is an accident of a class by no means rare.

GUITEAU, the murderer of the President, has been declared perfectly sane by a conference of experts.

AFFAIRS in Ireland are still, it would appear, far from tranquil. The Government, moreover, seems at a loss how to proceed towards bringing the people once more into slavish subjection. The force of soldiers and police in the country having failed to overawe or beat down the people, an appeal has now been made through the London Mansion House to the wealthy classes of England to come forward and subscribe a fund for the "defence of property in Ireland;" that is, we conclude, they are appealed to in order that the Irish land-holders may be sustained in a position of comfort, until the popular patience has been worn out, and the people are conquered by hopelessness. The question is one, however, of vital interest to English land-monopolists, as the certain victory of the Irish people must be speedily followed by an inconvenient assertion of rights on the part of the English masses also.

AMONG the gentlemen called upon the other day to come forward as petty jurors at the sitting of the Supreme Court at Timaru, two were found to be awaiting their trial on separate charges of arson.

AT the last sitting of the Dunedin City Council a motion was carried conveying to his Worship the Mayor the best thanks of the councillors and citizens for the manner in which the business of the mayoral office had been conducted by him during the past year. It was further resolved that an illuminated address should be presented to him.

SOME cases of kidnapping in the South Seas have been reported to Sir Arthur Gordon and Commodore Wilson. Whether these particular reports prove true or not, it can hardly be doubted that many of the outrages committed by the South Sea Islanders from time to time are caused by just such cases as those referred to.

WE record with much regret a painful accident which occurred on Wednesday week near Waiholo to Miss O'Connor, sister-in-law of Mr. D. Sinnott, late of Dunedin. The young lady was attacked by a cow, and very badly hurt; her life being saved with much difficulty by a gentleman named Sweeney, who, it seems very courageously, threw himself between the angry beast and its victim.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR, in delivering his message to Congress on the 6th inst., referred to the differences that exist between England and the United States as to the Panama Canal and British Columbia. The President went on to recommend an addition to the army of 5000 men, and a reorganisation of the navy. This, however, may be explained by some likelihood of an interference by the States in the war between Chili and Peru.

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DUNEDIN.

A MEETING of the Committee appointed to make arrangements for giving His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese a fitting reception on his arrival from Rome, was held in the Christian Brothers' School, on the 8th inst. Mr. F. W. Petre occupying the chair.

There were present Messrs F. Meenan, J. B. Callan, N. Smith, J. J. Connor, J. F. Perrin, M. Fagan, N. Moloney, J. Brennan, E. Carroll, Jas. Scanlan, D. W. Woods, J. Drumm, C. Columb, E. Sheedy, W. Cunningham, P. F. Daniel, J. Milner, W. Lennon, C. Bunbury, T. Mee, M. Meenan, A. Toal, S. Whitty, Hussey, M. Mackay, W. Cantwell and R. A. Dunne, Hon. Sec.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Messrs M. Fleming, E. Downey, Cahill, J. A. Macedo, B. S. Carlton, Jno. Griffen, T. J. Leary, J. H. Hall and Jno. Corrigan?

After a long and animated discussion it was resolved on the motion of Mr. N. Moloney, seconded by Mr N. Smith—"That the collection in Dunedin be made from house to house, and also, that a collection be made at the Church door on a Sunday to be appointed with the permission of the Rev. Father Walsh."

It was proposed by Mr T. Mee, seconded by Mr F. Meenan—"That the clergymen in the country districts be written to, asking their hearty assistance and co-operation in their various parishes, for this collection."

This motion was carried unanimously, and on the proposition of Mr J. J. Connor, seconded by Mr N. Moloney, Messrs F. W. Petre, J. B. Callan, J. F. Perrin, F. Meenan, J. J. Connor, and the Hon. Sec. (R. A. Dunne), were appointed a sub-Committee to carry out the resolutions of the Committee, Mr F. Meenan to act as Hon. Treasurer.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, moved by Mr. C. Columb and seconded by Mr. J. B. Callan.