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 Begs to inform his Customers that he is in receipt of very large consignments of Ready Made Clothing, which he is determined to sell at prices hitherto unheard of in Dunedin. The Stock is all new, well-selected, and capital value.
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THE EIGHTH ANNUAL FETE,
 Under the auspices of the
DUNEDIN BRANCH OF THE HIBERNIAN AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY,
 Will take place at the
CALEDONIAN SOCIETY'S GROUNDS,
 ON
B O X I N G D A Y ,

All the leading Athletic Competitors are entered for the different events.
 In addition to a first-class Brass Band, Mr Jas. Caughlan, the famous Irish Piper will be in attendance, and play a choice selection of National and Popular Music.

Admission to the Grounds, ONE SHILLING.
W. CUNNINGHAM,
 Hon. Sec.

WANTED, for the Catholic School, Ashburton, a Teacher (female) to take charge of the school on the termination of the Christmas holidays. Salary, £90.

Applications to be sent to **FATHER COFFEY.**

WANTED, a Female Teacher, for the Catholic School, Cromwell. Salary, £80 per annum. Private tuition in music and singing allowed. Applications and certificates to be forwarded to

REV. F. O'LEARY, Cromwell.

WANTED—For St. Patrick's School, Greymouth, Head Teacher, with salary £200 a year. None but of steady habits and first-class attainments need apply.

Applications, with testimonials, to be sent in before 1st January 1882, addressed to **FATHER M'GUINNESS.**

WANTED, a few copies of **TABLET** of issue of July 23rd, 1880. Subscribers holding same will oblige by forwarding them to this office.

WANTED, Certificated Female Teacher for St. Patrick's School, Arrow, to open 16th January. For particulars, apply to

REV. JOHN MACKAY.

CATHEDRAL FUND.

I BEG to acknowledge, on behalf of the Most Rev. Dr. Moran, the following subscriptions towards the Cathedral Fund:—

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M. WALSH,

DEATH.

MCCARTHY.—On Sunday, the 18th inst., at Meadow Bank North East Valley, Patrick, third son of Phillip McCarthy, aged 15. *R.I.P.*

The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1881.

A WORTHY UNDERTAKING.



OUR Christchurch correspondent returns this week to a very important subject, already ably touched upon in his correspondence: that is the frequent cases of cruelty to animals that are among the worst features of our colonial life. In the letter to which we refer there will be found the statement of one or two cases which seem exceedingly gross, and which cannot be heard of by any man of common humanity without causing him to feel both disgust and shame.

The matter is one which nearly concerns us all, for there is nothing that has a more brutalizing effect upon the human character than cruel treatment of the lower animals. If it be true, as the old proverb says, that the "merciful man is merciful to his beast," no less true will it be found that the man unmerciful to his beast has little tenderness towards his neighbour. But if the education of the school be influenced by that of the home, the education of the home is also influenced by that of the street, and the child who constantly witnesses a disregard for the sufferings of animals will, if he does not actually come to delight in them, at least learn to regard them with an indifference that must produce a hardening effect upon his nature, and counteract in some degree, more or less, the influences of the best home or the most carefully managed school.

We would, therefore, very earnestly second the proposal of our correspondent that some Catholic society already formed should adopt among its objects that of the prevention of cruelty to animals, or that some society with such a special object should be formed by Catholics, and extend its branches throughout the colony, and we feel the more anxious to advocate such a cause that it enters into our particular province, being intimately connected with a thorough Christian education, to the advocacy of which our columns are above and before all other things devoted.

We, therefore, appeal to our readers every where to take this matter into their serious consideration, and we further will remind them of how fitting a subject of consideration it will be at this holy time held in memory of that in which there was proclaimed by Heavenly voices—"Peace on earth to men of good will."

In our leader of last week we made one statement that, we are happy to say, bids far to prove inaccurate; it was that his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese could hardly be expected in Dunedin before February at the earliest. We now, however, learn by means of letters received *via* Suez from Rome, that in all probability the Bishop would have been prepared to leave Italy for New Zealand *via* Brindisi by the mail that left this month, so as to arrive in Dunedin in January. This intelligence will be of importance to the committees and gentlemen everywhere throughout the diocese now making preparations to welcome his Lordship, and will serve to show them the necessity that exists for energetic action, so that their plans may not be disarranged by the Bishop's arriving more speedily than had been expected.

THE Wellington *Evening Post* reports the following:—Bishop Redwood made a few remarks during the distribution of prizes at the Convent School yesterday, which will commend themselves to every parent in the community. After complimenting the pupils on their proficiency in all the branches of instruction in the school, he said he had to make a few observations which would, perhaps, run counter to their ideas of acquiring a knowledge of German, French, fancy needlework, and fine things of the kind; but the subject on which he desired to speak was, to his mind, of more importance than all the rest. He hoped the young ladies would complete their education at home, and perfect themselves in household work, for it was a thing which would last for a lifetime. This could not be taught in a con-