

cerning the President's death as follows: "England mourned with her separated sister as for a common father." By what process, we want to know, does a rebellious daughter turn into a "separated sister." May it always be done by the dropping of a tear in common? But success, to be sure, can do anything. We are anxious to learn what it will effect in the case of Ireland.

AMONG certain journalistic changes announced in Canterbury we find the appointment of Mr. M. Donnelly as sub-editor on the *Christchurch Press*. Mr. J. M. Twomey, we learn, has purchased the *Temuka Leader*, which we expect to find prosper under his skilful management.

THE Registrar is reported to have uttered an important truth by a slip of the tongue at the opening of the Irish Land Commission Court. He said "I now declare the Court of the Land League open." It was all very well for those who were present, including the Judicial Commissioner, to laugh, but they must have known at the same time that the Court was in fact a result of the Land League, without which it would never have come into existence. There will be more to laugh at as reasonably, perhaps, before the Land League has been stamped out, which as yet it by no means is—by no means.

THE utterances reported of a certain member of the Parliament of New South Wales named Dillon, and who it seems passes for a Catholic, respecting Mr. Fitzpatrick's burial, remind us again of how the Church is a great net filled with good and bad fish. We all know what the nature of the bad fish is, and how its presence salutes the nostrils from afar.

MR. PARNELL has not been removed from Kilmainham as reported.

GUITEAU declares himself to have been insane when he shot the President. The hunger for his execution, however, seems too strong to allow of a reprieve, even were he proved to be a madman. Its strength and extent is hardly honourable to the people of the States; it would become them more to feel an anxiety that the wretch might be found not accountable for his action.

THE s.s. Penguin was brought up to Dunedin through the newly dredged channel on Friday, giving a sufficient proof of the success of the deepening of the harbour.

THE Government have declined the request of the Otago members that the re-leasing of the Otago runs should be deferred until the Land Act had been altered and the question of the pastoral lands further considered. The pastoral monopolists are well aware that possession is nine tenths of the law, and they are evidently determined to maintain it. We admit, however, that any interference with the squatters which would dispossess them before settlers fit to replace them could be found, or in any way injure the production of wool, would be a serious matter, and the whole affair requires careful handling, and cool and moderate consideration—more, we fear, than it may perhaps receive from legislators desirous of cutting a good figure before the populace, or otherwise astride of a hobby.

A BOY named Binden has been fatally hurt at Masterton by the fall of a tree which he had been invited by his uncle to see him fell.

THE preparations at Grange-Gorman have apparently been made none too soon. Seven members of the Ladies' Land League have been arrested, and, we conclude, sent to the prison in question. The Irish landlords, meantime, are denouncing the reductions of rent made by the Land Court as confiscation, but as they hold out the hat to Government, and beg for compensation, they will hardly be looked upon as inclined to rebel. Poor fellows, they are to be pitied for being able to obtain only the worth of their acres.

AN accident occurred at the Bluff regatta on Tuesday, by which Mr. A. Robinson was drowned.

WE clip the following paragraph from one of our daily contemporaries; it furnishes another illustration of the advantages of secularism:—"Great barbarities, rivalling those of Dotheboys Hall, have been discovered through the exertions of Mr. Surr, a member of the London School Board, in St. Paul's Industrial Schools, an establishment placed under the jurisdiction of the School Board. Disclosures since made point to the existence of an official ring among the members of the Board, who did their utmost to stifle inquiry into the present case. The Home Secretary has closed the school, and written a letter strongly censuring the School Board, public confidence in which is much shaken."

THE Caledonian sports held, as usual, on the three first days of the week, at the society's ground South Dunedin, were again this year highly successful. The number of visitors was very large and everything went off with the utmost satisfaction to all who were present.

AT the meeting of the Otago Land Board held on Wednesday, Messrs John Duncan and Robert Stout who have been recently appointed, sat for the first time. The following applications were granted: that of Edward McCaffrey for a 21 years' lease of sections 8, 9, and 16, block V. Mid-Wakatip; those to purchase agricultural leases of John Galbraith, sections 31, 32, 33, block V., and 49, block VI., Tuapeka West; F. S. Marrayatt, section 15, block IV., Tuapeka West; George Matheon, section 24, block VI., Tuapeka East; Alex-

ander Fraser, section 73, block V., Tuapeka East; John McHattie, section 39, block XVIII., Tuapeka East; Jane Meiklejohn, sections 16 and 35, block XIII., Mid-Wakatip; Daniel McClusky, section 33, block X., Tuapeka East; that of William Hodgson (exchanged for deferred payment license), section 97, block II., Table Hill; that of Robert Wilson, to transfer license to James McKenzie to Quarry Stone, from block IV., Oamaru; that of George Adams to purchase a deferred payment lease of section 15, block X., Maerewhenua; that of J. F. Kitching, for renewal of sawmill license in the Rankleburn and Glenkenich districts (at 4s per acre over 250 acres.) The following were referred to the Warden to report: (1) A petition from Hyde to have sections 41 and 42, block VII., Rock and Pillar district, used as a racecourse and recreation reserve, withheld from sale as a permanent reserve, there being promise of the need of a township and school, owing to settlement on the east of the Taieri River; (2) the application of D. J. Smyth to purchase one acre of section 21, block XI., Chatton. The application of John McRae to purchase sections 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, and 16, block I., Tarras, was recommended for the Governor's approval. On the application of Thomas Dalziel it was resolved that the Governor be recommended to group sections 2 and 3, block XI., Tuapeka West, under the 6th section of the Land Act. On the request of Mr. John Hall it was referred to the District Land Office to report generally on unsold land within block XI., Tuapeka West as to its suitability for deferred payment. A letter from the Minister of Lands on the subject of the interior runs was postponed for discussion to the next meeting.

THE Rev. W. B. Purton, O.S.B., intends visiting the Peninsula district within the next few weeks, and has kindly promised to collect on behalf of the presentation to his Lordship the Bishop in that neighbourhood. The Rev. Father has promised to do this on account of the scattered nature of the locality and recognising the difficulties which the general committee would be subjected to in visiting the district. The hon. secretary has received a letter from the Rev. T. Kehoe, wherein he states the willingness of the Riverton people to do their utmost in the matter of the presentation.

LETTERS received in Dunedin by the Suez mail from his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese announce that the Bishop, at the desire of the Holy Father, had determined to remain in Rome for the canonisation which was to take place in the Sistine chapel on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. His Lordship, in that case, could hardly be prepared to leave Rome as early as he expected, and can not reach Dunedin before the end of February, at the earliest.

THE new year was well commenced in Nelson by the laying of the foundation stone of St. Mary's Church, which is to replace the building lately destroyed by fire. The stone was laid by his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, who was assisted by the Rev. Fathers Garin, Mahoney, and O'Malley, S.J. We shall give further particulars in an early issue.

The *Nation* heavily condemns certain cases of malicious injury to cattle, which, though at rare intervals, continue to be reported in the Irish Press. He truly says:—"They are mean, base, and cruel; any man or boy capable of putting his hand to such a piece of barbarity must be very low down in the scale of civilisation, and must have very much that is evil in his nature." "The cattle-houger," he continues, "is, in fact, an ally of Irish landlordism. By his misdeeds the case of the Irish landlords is materially helped in Parliament, on the platforms, and in the Press, and the case of the labourers and tenant farmers is grievously injured."

His Lordship the Bishop of Dunedin, we learn from the *London Tablet*, was for some days in the beginning of November the guest of the Redemptorist Fathers at Clapham.

The Clarendon Hotel, Maclaggan street, Dunedin, has been taken by Mrs. Wishart, late of the Royal Exchange. Mrs. Wishart's well founded reputation as a hostess requires no further commendation from us, and is in itself the best possible guarantee of the manner in which her establishment will be conducted. Under her management the Clarendon will certainly rank among the first hotels in the city.

MR. E. O'CONNOR, of the Catholic Book Depot, Christchurch, advertises in another column sundry valuable additions to his excellent stock of Catholic and Irish national literature.

MR. F. MEENAN, Great King street, reports:—Wholesale prices: Oats, 1s 8d to 2s per bushel; milling wheat, 4s 3d to 4s 6d per bushel; fowls' feed, 2s to 3s; barley, malting, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; feed, 1s 6d to 2s 6d per bushel; hay, £4 per ton; chaff, £3 15s per ton; straw, £2 per ton; bran, £3 15s per ton; pollard, £2 10s per ton; flour, £10 to £10 10s per ton; oatmeal, £10 10s to £11 per ton; butter, fresh, 6d to 8d, salt, 6d to 7d; eggs, 10d; bacon, in rolls, 7d to 7½d; side, 7½d; hams, 10d; fresh pork, 4d per lb.; potatoes, old, £2 to £2 10s per ton; new, 4s to 6s per cwt.

MESSRS. MERCER AND McDONALD, Rattray street, report:—Fresh butter, best and favourite brands (in 1lb. and ½lb. prints), 8d to 9d; good ordinary butter, 6d; eggs, 10d per dozen; roll bacon, 7d per lb. Good salt butter, in kegs, no demand; cheese 4d per lb, new cheese 4½d per lb.