

itself (applause). He is engaged in a task which, considering the race, is impossible. You may weigh it against what gallant and persistent race you please; you may take Poland, the most gallant people in Europe, that flung the Turk back into Constantinople and saved the Cross from the Crescent; and yet Poland is a name trodden out within the limits of two hundred years of Russian oppression. For seven hundred years depopulated, starved, trodden under foot, Ireland, with the cross of her faith in one hand and the emblem of her nationality in the other has defied the most obstinate and most triumphant kingdom on the face of the earth (applause), and she stands to-day the pivot of British politics, on which turn and by which are judged the great civil questions of the leader of the English race. And yet this boaster undertakes to do what for seven hundred years Englishmen have tried to do and failed (applause). Oh no, oh no, Mr. Chancellor, you may thrust starving women and dying men out of their homes; you may stamp out everything that is happy in Ireland—yes, perhaps for a moment you may even stamp out resistance—but liberty knows nothing but victory (applause). Looking out on the present and judging by the past, Ireland will stand happy and prosperous when Gladstone's name will rot within those of Weterburne, Lord Eldon, and Lord North (prolonged applause).

The mayor then read a telegram from Mr. James Redpath, in which he said, "Boycott all British goods at once. Force your congressional representatives to increase the tariff on all British goods, and to vote millions, if necessary, to subsidise American lines of steamers, and thus drive British manufactures from our market and British shipping from our ports. This is a war to the knife on their part. Let it be a war to the death on ours."

Dr. Dillon Egan then addressed the meeting, and a musical programme was gone through in the interval between the speeches.

The *Boston Herald*, referring editorially to the reception given to Mr. O'Connor, says:—

The reception given last night to Mr. T. P. O'Connor was, as might have been expected, a conspicuous success. The weather, no doubt, was unfavourable, but it takes more than a sprinkle of rain to chill the warmth of an Irish welcome. Our fellow-citizens who owe their birth or have drawn their descent from the Green Isle turned out in their thousands, and crowded the Music Hall to its utmost capacity. Seats, aisles, and passages were overfilled. So great was the crush that long before the opening of the meeting the managers, sorely against their will, felt obliged to stop the sale of tickets at the door. The enthusiasm, like the attendance, ran beyond the bounds. We do not mean that it passed the limits of order. Far otherwise. But the assemblage was pre-eminently marked by its impassioned earnestness. There was a fervour, a spirit, a never failing receptivity that met and rose to the slightest point pressed by the speakers. The Celtic flint gave fire at every stroke. Under these conditions the orators of the evening had an easy task. But we do them no more than justice in saying that they could well have dispensed with the impressibility of the audience. When such speakers as Mr. O'Connor, Dr. Dillon Egan, Mr. Wendell Phillips, and Mayor Prince are called to dilate upon the wrongs of Ireland, a subject at once dear to their hearts and familiar to their tongues, the effectiveness of the effort needs no indorsement at our hands. Our opinion of the meeting, of the orators, and the audience may find expression in a single sentence. Emphatically, and at all points, the reception was a splendid success.

THE CANTERBURY CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF WELLINGTON, who is now in Canterbury, attended on Monday evening, January 9th, a meeting of the Canterbury Catholic Literary Society. Our readers are already aware of the establishment and of the objects of this Society, which will, we trust, go on and prosper. On the occasion referred to the President (Mr. W. M. Maskell) presented to his Lordship the following address, which speaks for itself and shows clearly what the Society has been doing and intends to do:—

January 9th, 1882.

"To His Lordship the Bishop of Wellington.
"May it please your Lordship,—

"We, the Council and members of the Canterbury Catholic Literary Society, willingly take advantage of your Lordship's visit to this parish to express to you our grateful thanks for your kindness in accepting the office of patron of our Society. Desirous as we have always been of submitting ourselves to Catholic authority, and of ensuring for our work the sanction of the Church it has been an additional incentive to our endeavours to know that our rules and our proceedings have been favoured with the approbation of your Lordship.

"Your Lordship is aware, from the preamble to our rules, of the objects which the Literary Society has had in view—namely, the instruction and proper entertainment of the Catholics of this district. In pursuance of these objects we have, since our establishment six months ago, held weekly meetings, at which lectures and addresses have been delivered by several of our members, original essays on various topics have been read, questions of public interest have been discussed in regular debates, and entertainments of different kinds (in which we have received valuable assistance from non-Catholic friends) have been provided for our members. In addition, our rooms have been open on other evenings for games of chess and draughts and for social conversation; and we are endeavouring to establish musical and dramatic sections of the society in order to provide further sources of amusement and interest. It is also in contemplation that during the coming winter months evening classes should be set on foot in different branches of study.

"It is with great regret that we find ourselves unable to address your Lordship on this occasion in a room properly adapted to the wishes and the necessities of our society. It will be apparent to your Lordship that the room in which we are now assembled is totally inadequate for our purposes, and we regret also to state that we fear the

want of proper accommodation has had, and may continue to have, an injurious effect upon our members, and consequently upon our success. Established in June last, with a foundation of 27 members, our roll at the present time contains 94 names. The average attendance at our weekly meetings has been about 35. These members, in consideration of the fact that the Catholic male population of the parish of Christchurch alone is probably not less than 1600, cannot be said to be sufficient, and we are obliged to conclude that the want of proper accommodation is one principal obstacle in our way, more especially as we are thereby very greatly hampered in our endeavours to provide that variety of entertainment which is, it may be said, almost a necessity for such a society as ours. We have now, however, good reason to hope that, on the next occasion when your Lordship may honour us with your presence amongst us, we may be enabled to welcome you in a room which may be at once suited to our own purposes and worthy of your visit as our patron.

"We may also be permitted to express the hope that amongst the evidences of our progress and success may soon be found a sufficient and well-selected library, a means of instruction and enjoyment which is, we think, of paramount importance. Of such a library we possess now only the nucleus.

"In concluding this brief record of our position, of our proposals, of our objects and of our necessities, we beg once more to heartily thank your Lordship for your kindness in becoming our patron and in appearing amongst us this evening, and to humbly express our earnest hope that you may be long permitted to govern and direct us as Bishop of this diocese; and if, under your Lordship's patronage and supremacy, we, the Canterbury Catholic Literary Society, may be permitted by Divine Providence to help, in ever so small a way, in preserving Catholic faith, Catholic practice and Catholic unanimity in New Zealand, we shall at least feel that our endeavours have not been thrown away, and that our existence has not been without advantage to the cause of God and of His Church. It is in the hope of such a result that we beg now to subscribe ourselves.

"Your Lordship's humble and grateful servants,

"On behalf of the Canterbury Catholic Literary Society,

"W. M. MASKELL, J.P., President.
"R. H. VINCENT, Vice-President.
"JOSEPH B. SHEATH, Sec. and Treas.
"F. MILNER, Librarian.
"P. DOYLE, M.D.
"W. B. PERCEVAL
"D. O'SULLIVAN
"H. H. LOUGHANAN
"G. J. SELLARS

Councillors.

"Christchurch."

His Lordship the Bishop expressed his thanks for the address, wishing the Society success in its endeavours, showing what good such a society can do when properly organised, as he felt sure this one was. He exhorted its members to pull well together and bear up against any difficulties or inconveniences it may experience at first, as great things had small beginnings, and he again wished them every blessing and success.

The programme of the evening was now proceeded with: Mr. R. A. Loughnan giving a very lucid, clear, and interesting lecture on music, and Mr. J. W. Kennedy reading an original paper on "Ireland and the Catholic Faith," which called for loud plaudits at times from the meeting, and merited some very eulogistic remarks from his Lordship.

This concluding the business of the evening his Lordship closed the meeting with prayer.

The President then called for three cheers for the Bishop, which were given in a really hearty manner.

Mr. Philip Walsh has commenced business on his own account in the Club Stables Shoeing Forge, MacLaggan street, Dunedin. Mr. Walsh will be found a proficient in the art of shoeing horses and all the branches of a blacksmith's trade. All those who favour him with orders will find their work well and promptly done.

Mr. Matthews, Great King street, Dunedin, offers for sale an excellent stock of every description of vehicles. His waggons, drays, and carts will be found of superior make and strength.

OTAGO LAND BOARD.—At the meeting of the Otago Land Board held on Wednesday, the following applications were granted:—That of W. Lucas, to purchase 320 acres of block I., Blackstone district, that of G. Ferrier, to purchase section 4, block VII., Maniototo; that of F. D. Bell, to purchase section 7, block VII., Dunback; that of W. Herult, for deferred payment license over section 8, block V., Dunback. On the application of residents at Waitahuna and Tuapeka, it was resolved that whenever the survey of run No. 106 is completed, it will be dealt with by the Board in the interests of settlement. The application of Peter Joseph to remove guano on Green Island was declined. Consideration of H. Hecklet's application for leave to occupy section 1, block X., Waikouaiti district, was adjourned for a week. James Laverty's application to purchase 10 acres, section 25, block VII., Crookston, was referred to the Secretary of the Education Board to see if the land be required. It was resolved that ten years' lease of the southern 7000 acres run 389 be offered at auction, at £150 upset rental. R. Wilson's request that certain sections at Le stream be opened for application at £1 an acre was adjourned for a week. R. Miller's application to purchase 200 acres, Glenomaru district for a water supply, was referred to the ranger for report. A certificate of application for gold-mining lease, section 8, block IV., Waipori, was granted to J. Robertson and R. Cotton. A notice of the Board's intention to grant a lease to J. Bennett and others of section 9, block II., Fraser district, was ordered to be gazetted. The applications of C. O'Donnell for section 6, block III., Taras, and James Dawkins sections 27 and 28, block III., Cromwell, were recommended for the Governor's approval. The application of Charles Higgins to occupy section 2, block X., and that of W. W. Francis to occupy section 10, block XI., Waikouaiti, were adjourned for a week.