

times. Dogs sold for gentlemen on commission, and taken in exchange. B., 3, Upper Buckingham street."—So runs the advertisement. But do these officers also eke out their pay by doing a little in the dog-trading line? It, at least, looks rather like it. The delicacy of the advertiser, moreover, in concealing his name is worthy of being remarked—but might it not have been as well if he had also concealed the standing of his customers? What a charming school for soldiers and nursery of martial valour, meantime, must be Ireland taken altogether as things are now.

WE learn that the value of the property at Brighton left by the late Dean Backhaus, as a home for aged clergy, is £6000 with an upward tendency.

WE observe that Messrs A. H. Ross and J. B. Thompson are candidates for the Mayoralty of Dunedin.

OUR contemporary the *Dunedin Evening Star* quotes from the Natal papers what it considers to have been an "affecting incident" that took place during the late war. "A wounded officer was lying helpless on the ground, and a Boer had his weapon raised and was just on the point of giving him the finishing stroke, when the officer in despair made the Masonic signal of distress. It was understood by the Boer, who lowered his weapon, and, at the risk of his own life, bore his brother to a place of safety." For our own part this incident affects us also, but it affects us with anything rather than admiration. There are Masons, it seems, who will murder the wounded in battle and only refrain from doing so on learning they belong to the brotherhood. God help all the rest of us, then. But here is, at least, a system of pure benevolence very different from that of the "Good Samaritan."

ARRANGEMENTS are being made in Dunedin to hold a Carnival in aid of the Benevolent Institution. A number of our fellow-townsmen are very energetically engaged about the matter, and it is expected that their labours will be crowned with a brilliant success. The musical portion of the entertainments in particular has already been amply provided for, and promises to be a source of great enjoyment. The object is one deserving of all the aid it is in the power of the citizens to bestow upon it.

AMONG the persons who suffered from accidents during the week have been Thomas Brierly, who fell from the roof of the Oddfellows' Hall in Stuart street, Dunedin, and broke his thigh; Joseph Bruce, kicked in the head by a horse near Maheno, and whose skull was fractured, with little hope of his recovery; James Alexander, drowned in the Avon; a man named Conroy and a boy named Wright seriously injured by a trap in which they were crossing the railway at Wanganui coming in contact with the engine; John Paskall, killed by a fall of earth at Adam's Flat; Thomas Mayze, killed by a horse's running away at Invercargill; William Cook, drowned by the foundering of a boat at Auckland; a man named Marks drowned at Stewart Island by falling overboard from a dingy.

THE train from Dunedin to Oamaru was completely wrecked at Waitati on Saturday evening by the engine's running off the line. Fortunately the accident occurred on a portion of the railway enclosed by high banks, or the results would have been most fatal. There were ninety passengers in the train, of whom only one, Mr. D. Dunbar, of Waikouaiti, was seriously injured, his legs having been crushed—but not broken—between the engine and the first carriage. The accident is attributed to some defect in the rails at the particular point in question.

MR. JAMES MURPHY, who has for some time been teacher of the Catholic school at Milton, has been appointed to the mastership of the Catholic school at Leeston, Canterbury.

"BRIDGET CONNOLLY," then, whatever the clerks in the census office may aver to the contrary, can not only read but write too, and that to some purpose as the following passage written by her in reply to a rigmorle which appeared in the *Otago Daily Times* will show—Bridget is certainly a girl of spirit:—"X" says that conscientious Roman Catholics cannot be reliable citizens, no matter what protestations of loyalty they may make. What a piece of impertinent presumption! A calumny of the blackest dye. Who was it fearlessly befriended the Stuarts when they were driven from the throne but Catholic Ireland? Who was it, when England was attacked by the Spanish Armada, and to whom did the sovereign entrust the command of the fleet but to Catholic Admiral Lord Howard? Yes, Catholics, and particularly Irish Catholics, have been the mainstay of the Crown, not by words, but by valorous deeds; enduring hardships, and shedding their blood freely in the Peninsula under Wellington, at the battle of Fuentes D'Onoro, after taking the village which was retaken by the French, and when, on the point of defeat, General Packenham—himself an Irishman—passed the word to the commander of the 87th Irish Fusiliers—"Let them loose; take the village," with a ringing cheer, and the cry "Faugh-a-ballagh" (clear the way), men who never knew defeat before—the French Guards, the finest troops in Europe—fell before the Catholic 87th Regiment. Let 'X' accuse them of not being reliable citizens. What did General Eyre say on the 18th June to the 18th Royal Irish in the Crimea?—"I rely on you, and expect you will this day do deeds which will make every cabin

in Ireland ring with pride and joy." His reliance was not misplaced: the brave fellows snatched victory from the enemy, although surrounded by the defeat of two armies. With a ringing cheer, without wasting powder, they rushed into the grave-yard and drove the Russians before them, occupying it all day under a burning sun, and under a heavy fire fighting their way out with the same desperate courage. Were these Catholics reliable citizens? Now in Egypt the same Catholic and Irish regiment have again given the best proof of Catholic loyalty. Their valour and bold courage are particularly mentioned in Sir Garnet Wolseley's dispatches."

"BRIDGET CONNOLLY" is again needed to reply to a statement made in a speech of Sir Edward Lee on the charge of the Light Brigade, and published by our contemporary the *Dunedin Evening Star* on Wednesday, the 28th anniversary of the day. Sir Edward said:—"We are glad, without being boastful, to think that 'only Englishmen could have done it.'" Nevertheless, more than half of the six hundred were Irishmen. In the Egyptian war, again, not only the 18th and 87th were Irish regiments, but the Irish element must have also been very strong in the 104th and the 74th Highlanders, in which the *London Tablet* says there are a "large proportion—if not an actual majority—of Catholics." We do not, however, mention this as in any way desiring to claim a name for Irishmen in a Highland regiment above that of the genuine Highlanders. It will be sufficient if they conduct themselves in the ranks as bravely as the men have always done from whom the regiment takes its title. They can do no more.

WE regret that owing to pressure on our space we are, again this week, obliged to hold back a considerable quantity of matter. Amongst it the report of the 8th annual meeting of the H.A.C.B.S. at Invercargill, and the concluding portion of the account of the Christchurch Cathedral.

EIGHT hundred delegates were present at the conference held in Dublin to consider and promote the national cause. But we need not kope to receive any true report of what took place there before the arrival of the Irish newspapers in a month or two. The telegraph is altogether in the hands of the enemy. It, by the way, sends us word that "it is alleged that the Land League accounts omit receipts to the extent of £98,000." No doubt it is so alleged—and no doubt the allegation is a complete falsehood. We only wonder they stop at so low a figure as £98,000. Why, it is not many months ago since a gentleman from England, making the grand tour with a couple of aristocratic scions, walked straight into this office and told us that a mortgage of several thousand pounds had been cleared off the Avonmore estate with Land League money. He did not say that he had himself seen the records of the release in question, but said that somebody else had. And, although incredulous, we could not contradict him, for he had the latest news in his cranium, and had the advantage of us. But a week or two after himself and his high-bred striplings had proceeded on their grand tour in comes a newspaper with the admission of an enemy that wherever the Land League money had gone Mr. Parnell had not received a penny of it. So much for these reports, then, whether by word of mouth or by telegraph.

ANOTHER affecting incident was that mentioned by the Rev. Mr. Fraser, when the Presbyterian were founding their church at Caversham the other day on a quick-sand by the aid of the Freemasons. He told how a party of shipwrecked sailors were relieved from their fear of dying of hunger or being killed by savages by seeing, all of a sudden, the spire of a village chapel. But suppose it had been the sign of the Marquis of Granby, or the Cross Keys, or the Royal Oak, or something else quite unlike the spire of a chapel, although also unlike a Pagan Lyceum or a statue of liberty, they had seen, would they not have cried out "saved, saved," just as joyfully? Meantime, the shipwrecked approaching Caversham can hardly, if they have the right use of their eyes, discern in its Presbyterian Church, so founded, a mark of "Peace of on earth and good-will to all men." The "affecting incident" reported from Natal—as well as the monument lately erected to Morgan in America—tell quite a different story from that. Churches built under the auspices of the Freemasons, in fact, very strongly suggest, to the initiated at least, both the Pagan Lyceum and the Figure of Liberty.

The Enniskillen Boarding-house, Barbadoes street south, Christchurch, conducted by Miss Keenan, will be found an extremely comfortable and convenient place of residence. Miss Keenan, whose experience of all matters connected with housekeeping has extended over many years and been gained in the most respectable quarters, will be found a most agreeable and kindly hostess, and her house, situated moreover within easy reach of the Catholic church and convent schools, will afford a most desirable home to those who avail themselves of it.

The worship of Satan is at last becoming public in Europe. One of the crimes of the Press noticed by Pope Leo XIII, in his address to the Romans on July 13, was the publication of a hymn to Satan! But this is only a single incident of this dreadful cult, not new, indeed, but hitherto followed out in secret. Not many weeks since the "anti-clericals" of Genoa marched at the inauguration of a statue to Mazzini, "marched under the banner of Satan." It is well nigh inconceivable, yet it is a fact, and one of the vile papers, noticing the fact says that hitherto this worship was secret and confined to the lodges, "but now it is the duty of Italians, who have so long lived under the menaces of hell fire, to render at length to Satan, the honors which are due to him."—*Catholic Review*,