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St. Joseph's, Dunedin	" "
High School, "	February 1

PENINSULA ELECTION.

D R. M O R A N

WILL ADDRESS the ELECTORS

IN

NAUMANN'S HALL, SOUTH DUNEDIN,

ON

FRIDAY, 12TH INST., AT 8 P.M.

CATHEDRAL FUND.

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions towards the Cathedral Fund :—

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Per Rev. W. Burke	6	0	0	Per Mr. W. J. Hall	1	3
" Mr. Dillen	0	15	0	" Mr. Cronin	0	7
" Mrs. Bell	1	10	0	" Mr. Carroll	1	2
" Mr. T. B. Conway	2	15	0	" Mr. Hamilton	0	7
" Miss Faulkener	1	16	6	" Mr. Lennon	2	2
" Mr. Smith	1	7	0	" Mr. R. A. Dunne	0	12

✻ P. MORAN.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"HENRY VIII."—The publication would be a costly undertaking and would not pay here. Catholic publishers moreover, in England and America are now bringing out new editions of every old work likely to prove of interest, and that in question will hardly escape their notice. An old edition will, nevertheless, always possess an especial value.

TO WEST COAST SUBSCRIBERS.

Mr. W. Cunningham, our Country Canvasser and Collector, is now visiting the West Coast. We would ask subscribers in the various districts to render him every assistance in promoting the interests of the TABLET.

D E A T H.

MARTIN.—On 28th December, 1882, at her residence, 55 Collins street, Hobart, Tasmania, Mary Anne, widow of the late Thomas Martin, in the 81st year of her age.—R.I.P.

The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1883.

THE PENINSULA ELECTION.



Our issue to-day will be found Bishop MORAN'S address to the electors of the Peninsula. This address speaks for itself, explains the reason why the Bishop offers his services to the constituency, and announces his principles on the most important subjects likely to engage the attention of Parliament. We also perceive that he will address a meeting of the electors in NAUMANN'S Hall, South Dunedin, this evening at 8 o'clock. It is not necessary, consequently, that we should write at any length on this subject. There is no ambiguity about the Bishop's words, and it may be safely said that any information the electors may require on points not explicitly stated

in a short address will be given in NAUMANN'S Hall, this evening.

The Dunedin daily papers are opposed to the Bishop's candidature. This we expected. These papers have all axes to grind, and grind away they will, come what may. But there is nothing remarkable or worthy of comment in what they say with the exception of the sub-leader of the *Star* of Wednesday evening. The *Star* misrepresents the Bishop, makes a weak attempt to induce its readers to believe he contradicts himself, says that he speaks what he knows is not true, and endeavours to raise the no Popery cry. The greatest enemy of the *Star* could not do anything better calculated to bring it into disrepute than ask the public to read the Bishop's address side by side with this sub-leader : and we ourselves desire no other vengeance on the editor than that they should do so.

It is ludicrous, but at the same time pitiable, to see the editor of the *Star*, at the very moment he is opposing the candidature of a Catholic seeking for justice for Catholics, on the ground that he is a Catholic, posing as the defender of civil and religious liberty, and passionately conjuring the electors by the memory of LUTHER, CALVIN, KNOX, MELANCTHON and others, to elect Mr. LARNACH and reject Bishop MORAN. Is the Bishop such a monster that he must be rejected at any cost, and Mr. LARNACH such a perfect politician that he must be preferred before him? Is there no other way of securing the return of a candidate who, it is expected, will support the Ministry, and no other way of defeating Bishop MORAN than an appeal to falsehood and the worst passions?

But notwithstanding the ludicrous and transparently disinterested zeal of the *Star*! the issue may be safely left in the hands of the intelligent and respectable voters of the Peninsula.

As some people entertain a doubt whether the Bishop is in earnest, we are authorised to say that if the electors of the Peninsula will do him the honour of returning him to Parliament, he will be found in his place there, and that he will there and elsewhere devote his best energies to promote their interests.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE PENINSULA.

GENTLEMEN,—There are two candidates before you, whose principles on the most important question that can engage your attention are in direct opposition to those held by a considerable number amongst you.

Mr. DONNELLY has declared himself an opponent of Mr. PYKE'S Bill, having stated in his first speech during his canvass that, had he been in Parliament last year he would have voted against it, and that if returned he will vote against it should it be brought forward during the next two years—that is, during the present Parliament. Now, Mr. PYKE'S Bill, though extremely meagre as to its provisions, proclaimed and embodied the just and equitable principle that men who educate their own children should not be compelled to pay for the free education of well-to-do people's children; that Catholics, for example, and all others who build and support schools of their own, are entitled to, at least, aid for their schools from the taxes which they pay; and that it is a monstrous injustice to compel them to pay for the free education of other people's children, and refuse them aid from their own monies for their own schools. This is the principle against which Mr. DONNELLY declares he would have voted, and will vote, if returned to Parliament. And yet Mr. DONNELLY blushes not to ask the support of Catholics and all others who object to the present unjust and one-sided system of education.

Mr. LARNACH, the other candidate, is in favour of introducing Bible reading into the public schools, and this, according to his speech, is the only change he would be disposed to make. All the other provisions of the present system of education, so far as he is concerned, are to remain unchanged. He wishes to bring back the old Otago system, under which Catholic children were frequently compelled to read the authorised version of the Scriptures, and in not a few instances to remain outside shivering in the cold and rain whilst the teacher and his Bible-reading scholars were comfortably seated within around the fire provided by a generous public—Catholic and Protestant. And to this old Otago system would be then superadded compulsion, not merely by the influence of the teacher and the terror of his cane, but by law. Mr. LARNACH, then, is the advocate of a system of education under which Catholic children, in districts where there are no Catholic schools, would be compelled to attend Bible-reading schools, and left to the tender mercies of bigots of every denomination, who, as hitherto, might be certain of the support of their respective committees.

It is difficult to say which of these two candidates is most unjust and tyrannical in his principles and policy, and most opposed to