

gregation. Mr. Thomas, however, is among people who will relish such assertions very fully, and they will salt his lectures admirably for these listeners, and serve to attract an audience. So far he is to be congratulated on his extraordinary hearing.—We may add a few words of speculation as to why "The Vagabond's" belief that he heard Father Hennebery propose to invoke the curse of God on Catholics should have earned from him for that ecclesiastic a dislike that has not been conferred upon a great many people who continually, in the name of all their gods, curse Catholics, and whom, nevertheless, "The Vagabond" seems very much to admire.

THE *Nation* speaks as follows in reference to the wretched Carey:—"It is bad enough to have a hand in so many murderous enterprises as those to which he has deposed; but, assuredly, it is worse to have been, while engaged in those enterprises, engaged at the same time in performing the religious duties the discharge of which all real Catholics regard with so much solemnity and awe. It is shocking and horrible to think of the profanation involved." It is, besides, we may add, very suggestive to find the light manner in which the vile wretch conducted himself while under cross-examination on this point, even attempting to return a joking reply to the question of Dr. Webb.

THE following is clipped from the *Nation* of April 21:—"The account which we publish in another column of the progress of Mr. Redmond's mission in Australia furnishes one other proof of the inextinguishable hate with which the typical Englishman pursues the Irish all over the earth. Mr. Redmond has, on the whole, met with a most gratifying reception in Australia—or, rather, in the very few districts of that vast continent which he had been able to visit up to the date of the letter of our correspondent; but his success has been achieved in the face of the most virulent and unscrupulous opposition on the part of the English Press in the Colony. No falsehood has been too audacious, no calumny has been too mean, for the Anglo-Australian journals in their warfare against the representative of the Irish National League and the movement that organisation directs. *Calum non animam mutant, qui trans mare currunt*; the London *Times* and the Dublin *Daily Express* find their counterparts in Sydney and Adelaide. And the nation which thus shows its hatred of the Irish race under all circumstances and in every clime still expects Ireland to regard its rule with affection, and wonders why Irishmen like to govern themselves!"

HISLOP and HOOPER'S A B C New Zealand Monthly Time Table for June is now issued, and will be found invaluable by all who need information as to every means of conveyance throughout the Colony. It contains besides a neat and convenient diary.

THE Melbourne *Age* is very much concerned about the report that Carey and his informing crew are to be sent to Australia.—The *Age* is afraid their presence will spoil the appearance of the streets, "Anyone who has seen their pictures," it says, "will be aware that the brand of Cain is stamped unmistakably on those repulsive physiognomies. No one could pass them in the street without suspecting a bygone history of crime." Well, some of their pictures were bad enough we admit, and to see men of such physiognomies "doing the block" would undoubtedly spoil the view, but in real life we could hardly find anything to equal the pictures alluded to and whose producers indeed seem to have had a very fair share of the "brand of Cain" in their imaginations. People, anxious to identify the informers on their arrival in Australia must not, in fact, look out for exceptionally ugly men, for even James Carey, as represented in the London *Graphic* might be considered almost good looking, and "Number One" as given by the Dublin *Freeman* is positively handsome.—In the present case, guilt must not be judged of from the manner of the countenance and it will be a misfortune if some perfectly innocent individual whom nature has not endowed with beauty receives a warm reception in the streets of Melbourne or elsewhere.

THE Dunedin Catholic Literary Society held their usual meeting on Wednesday evening, the Rev. President in the chair. After the routine business had been disposed of, the following notice of motion was given by a member for discussion at the next meeting, "That a memorial be drawn up for presentation to Parliament, approving and supporting the petition in favour of the Catholic claims in the matter of Education." A paper on "Youthful Culture and its Advantages" was read by Mr. J. T. Harris. The paper was a very creditable production and Messrs. Callan, Daniel, Haughton, and other members, in criticising it, spoke in great praise of Mr. Harris' effort, and trusted that it would be only the first of many which the Society would have the pleasure of listening to. The Rev. Chairman, in submitting a vote of thanks to the gentleman for his paper, took occasion to point out to the members generally the advantages of self-culture while members were young, and before they had reached that age when it would be difficult to overcome habits already formed. It was announced that the Rev. Father Burke would give a paper, on "The Manner of Writing an Essay," at the next meeting, to be held on this day week, the 15th inst.

We understand that, on the invitation of several of the members of the Dunedin Catholic Literary Society, Mr. J. B. Callan has con-

sented to enlarge on the paper on Shakespeare recently read by him at one of the Society's meetings, and reproduce it as a lecture in aid of the Cathedral building fund.

OUR contemporary the *Lake County Press*, for June 1, furnishes us with the following report of the Dominican nuns' bazaar at Queenstown:—"The bazaar in aid of the Queenstown Convent building fund, which was opened on Wednesday, 23rd ult., and continued till Saturday, 26th, was a great success. All sorts and conditions of people responded most liberally to the invitation to assist, and the amount realised was very handsome. On Thursday the Town Hall was thronged with "customers," and the fair vendors plied them with the goods placed in their hands for disposal. On entering the hall, No. 1 stall on the left was kept by Mrs. M. J. Malaghan, while next, on the same side, was the one presided over by Mrs. Hicks. Mesdames F. M'Bride and P. Butler held one stall on the right, and Mesdames J. M'Bride, McKwan, and Eichardt the other—these latter ladies also held the refreshment stall. The stall opposite the entrance door was under the care of Mrs. R. M'Bride, assisted by the young lady boarders of the convent. The display of articles was both rich, rare, and plentiful, giving evidence of the work of love done by fair and willing hands, as well as munificent gifts from the general public. A Madonna, painted by Mrs. Chalmers, N. S. Valley, was greatly admired, and many envied Mr. Wilmott—the fortunate winner—the possession of it. A set of three bannerettes, most beautifully painted by the same lady, were won by Mrs. Eichardt, and presented by her back again to the Convent for a future occasion. The ladies holding the stalls were very much pleased at the prices obtained." The bazaar was followed by a concert, given at the Town Hall, and in which the pupils of the Convent Schools distinguished themselves highly. The net receipts from both bazaar and concert amount to £290, which it will be admitted is a very creditable sum, and speaks well for the liberality of the people of Queenstown and the surrounding district.

IF an "Irish Roman Catholic" who replies to us by advertisement in the *Otago Daily Times* will read the Bishop of Ossory's explanation of the Bull of Pope Adrian he will see that Father Burke might have found better grounds than a mere preference for his rejection of the Bull's authenticity.—And the Bishop of Ossory's reasoning has been confirmed within the last few months by the learned author of the *Analeceta Juris Pontifici*, who has found the original document recommending King Henry II. to apply for advice to the Irish Bishops and take no step without their sanction. As to this correspondent's not having profited as he afterwards found he ought, by the instructions given until "far into his teens" by priests and nuns in Ireland, it is to be regretted.—Others, however, have very fully profited by such instructions, and as a proof we have seen them recently beating the pupils of Protestant schools—acknowledged to have been most successful as educational institutions. It is hardly fair to visit the inattention or inactivity of the past on those who, no doubt, were grievously tormented by it—possibly by their having led the writer and his parents to understand he was "highly educated," we are to conclude that they simply said he was as much so as they or anyone else could make him.

OTAGO LAND BOARD.—AT the meeting of the Board to-day Government was recommended to group sections 25 and 26, and sections 12, 24 and 27, block X., Tuturau, and offer them for sale on pastoral deferred payments; section 32 to be advertised as open for sale at 20s. per acre. A. Stewart's application that section 2, block XII., Otaura, should be put up for sale was referred to the ranger. W. M'Cormack's application for a license to occupy section 12, block IV., Bankleburn, was referred to the Tuapeka County Council. J. Brown's application for a 21 years' lease of section 42, block V., Shotover, was referred to the Lake County Council. The request of the Bruce County Council that a road line be recorded through section 4, block IX., Kaitangata, was referred to the chief surveyor. In the case of J. Couney, the Board decided that some proof of ill-health must be produced before the money paid by him on a rural deferred payment section, at Chatton, could be refunded. The application of J. Spence to have run 233 divided into two areas, and fresh licenses issued, one in favour of T. C. Hill, at a rental of £293 9s 3d, and the other of J. Spence, at £196 10s 9d, was agreed to. It was agreed that sections 25 and 26, block I., Waikai, should be classified as suburban land, and offered at the upset price of £3 per acre; and that subdivisions of section 13 and 14 be withdrawn from sale. On the objection of G. Purton the Board decided to withdraw sections 1 and 2, block 7, Blackstone, from sale for a year, that the auriferous qualities of the land might be tested. T. Matheson's application to purchase section 5, block 7, Kawarau, was declined. T. Tyler's application to purchase twelve acres adjoining section 3, block XX., and section 23, block III., Tuapeka East, was recommended for the approval of the Governor. Charlotte Cook's application to lease sections 81 and 82, block V., Waitahuna East, was referred to the Warden. The following tenders under the perpetual leasing system were accepted:—Sections 3 and 4, block XIII., Sutton District, 216a 1r 19p, William Dow, at 5s per acre upset; section 8, block II., Strath Taieri, 272a 3r, Edward O'Connell, at 5s upset; section 11, block II., do, 348a 1r 29p, Faithful George Fielding, at 5s 3d (upset 5s); section 7, block V., do, 53a 0r 30p, Andrew Harvie, at 5s 1d (upset 4s 6d); section 26, block V., do, 48a 2r, Edward Cartwright, at 6s (upset, 6s); section 27, block V., do, 56a 0r 17p, James Fitzgerald, at 6s 6d (upset, 6s); section 35, block IV., do, 96a 2r 34p, William Brown, at 10s 1d (upset, 8s); section 38, block IV., do, 96a 1r 14p, Patrick Sexton, at 8s 1d (upset, 8s).