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wishes of all the parishioners, and all pray that he will return in

Correspondence.

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SCHOOL BOOKS.

TO THE EDITOR N.Z. TABLET.

Sir, - For the information of your correspondent, "G. Girling Bute" her," whose letter appeared in last week's TABLET, September 21, under the above heading, and others anxious to become acquainted with the Brothers' standard readers and school books—these books can be pro cored, together with prices, on application to any Catholic bookseller in the Colony-especially Messrs Whitaker Brothers, Wel ington, or E. O'Connor, Catholic book depot, Christchurch. - I am, etc.,

OATHOLIC PARENT.

Christchurch, September 24, 1894,

NO "SOLECISM."

TO THE EDITOR N.Z. TABLET.

SIB-May I ask you to allow me to inform your readers that the Moa Creek incident re elucational appointments is not a solitary one. The very same thing occurred at the next school district, Lauder, only a very short time ago. - I am etc,

John Sheehan, Ophir,

WESTPORT NOTES AND COMMENTS.

(By OLD IDENTITY)

September 21, 1894.

ACTIVE preparations are being made for a vocal and instrumental entertainment to be held on the 18th October next, at the Princess Theatre, in sid of the funds of St Canice's school. The object is a laudable one, and I am pleased to learn that the tickets are going off rapidly.

The Rev Father McCormack preached his two first sermons in St Canice's Church last Sunday week-morning and evening-and his eloquent discourses on each occasion were listened to with wrapt attention by large congregations.

The prognostication, in my last, that the members for the north and south ward seats in the Borough Council would be returned unopposed was quite correct, with the sight difference that Mr W. Nahr did not seek re-election, and Mr James Colvin took his place. Mrs Janet Leech, wife of the Harbourmaster here, was nominated for the south ward, but after feeling the pulse of the electors she decided not to go to the poll, much to she disappointment of mary. Messrs Robert Carr, compositor, and W. L. England, merchant, were nominated for the middle ward and they fought the election out to a finish, with the result that the old member won his seat by an overwhelming majority-thus placing another Municipal victory to his credit. The figures were: -Carr, 91; Rugland, 20. It is perhaps worthy of mention that nearly 30 persons were precluded from recording their votes owing to influenza and the inclemency of the weather, the majurity of whom were staunch supporters of the winning candidate.

The libel action, Harden v. Munro, has been settled out of court, an apology having been tendered and accepted.

Dr W. P. Willis, of Bichmond, Victoria, received the appointment of medical officer to the Westport district bospital. There were 19 applications for the position from all parts of the Australian colonies, including one local medical man (Dr Gaz). Dr Willis is said to possess first-class qualific toors to surgery, which greatly influenced his appointment to the position, this town being a mining centre. The successful applicant forwarded his portrait, and one of the local papers also supplied its readers with particulars respecting his height (5ft 6in) 30 years of age, an abstainer, married, a young man of forceful character (judging from his picture) and so forth. What a marvellous age we live in !

Captain Cox, second mate on the s.s. Janet Nicoli, has been appointed to the position of Assistant Harbourmaster at this port, vice Captain Me calf. There were 24 applications submitted to the Harbour Board for selection, and the choice of the majority fell upon Captain T. W. Cox. He was formerly Assistant Harbourmaster at

The notice which the Government has served upon the coal companies holding leases in this district, that their rights would be forfeited unless the output conditions were fulfilled immediately, meets with the approval of all right-thinking colouists, and the step which they (the Government) have taken is to be commended,

At the quarterly meeting of the Baller Licensing Committee, held on the 8th instant, at the court house, Mrs Malony, Messrs Patrick Ryan and C. Gording were granted removal of their publican's license to Coalbrockdale and Burnett's Face, on certain conditions as to accommodation. Mr R. Carr, chairman pro tem of the Licensing Committee, signed the certificates for removal yesterday. The Westport Coal Company objected for some years past to the granting of licenses in the vicinity of the mines, but the comp my I did not oppose at the last meeting.

All who are in search of the school books of the Marist and Chris-All who are in search of the sensor of the arants and ontistian Brothers will find them at Mr E. O'Connor's Book depot, Christ-church. Mr O'Connor has also on hand an extensive and well selected stock of books suited for school prizes.

The third centenary of the death of the blessel Canisins, who

rendered such great service to Switzerland, will be celebrated by the

Swiss Catholics in 1897.

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Swiss Catholics in 1897.

The Roman police have discovered a revolutionary band who correspond regularly with foreign Anarchists. Skeiety women have acted as go-betweens for the correspondents in order that the suspicions of the police might not be aroused.

Rev. Louis A. Lambert, author of "Notes on Ingersoll," and editor Philadelphia Times accepts the Henry George land theory this week in an article in which he says that there is nothing revolutionary in its teachings, and that the only question is, will it produce the bineficial results anticipated by Mr. George.

Sonor Joe Sosa, Minister of the Interior of Paraguay, has died suddenly whilst on a brief visit to the French capital. The deceased, who was only forty-two years of age, was one of the few statesmen in South America esteemed for perfect integrity and loyalty. The body will be conveyed to Paraguay.

According to an Orange orator, Delegate Pitis, at the Ghost-Dance of the brithren in London last week, "the Dominion of Canada has 60,000 Protestints and thousands of Orangemen."

According to the cold figures of the latest ceusus, the whole population of Canada has 60,000 Protestints and thousands of Orangemen."

According to the cold figures of the latest ceusus, the whole population of Canada numbers less than 4,500,000, of whom 1,722,000 are Catholics! Mr. Pitts must have gone to his bottomless namesake to find the bulk of his imaginary Orange coberts — Pilat.

A Catholic bashon has been appointed by the Chinese Governfind the bulk of his imaginary Orange cohorts - Pilot.

A Catholic bishop has been appointed by the Chinese Government a mandarin of the hird class. He is the Right Rev Mgr. Adz. Rishop of Telepte, Vic. r Apostolic of Southern Chantong. He now ranks among the officials of the Celestal Empire with judges of courts of sppeals and generals of the army. He is held in the highest honour by all class s. highest honour by a'l class s.

At a meeting or the Ontario Synod of the Church of England one of the speakers, the Rev Mr Waterman, said he detested that spirit of self-assertion which went by the name of Protestant, remarking that there was only one Protestant in heaven and he was turned out-that is, Satan.

Messrs, HOBLON & LON, Mintary Contractors, London. W. G. BURNS the Mailtary Tellor, 21 Oxford Terrace W. Christchurch, has been appointed their representative for Canterbury.