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and definite advance, for, only thirty years ago, the faithful of the Roman Church were warned against joining their prayers with those of heretics and schismatics. In this change, there was hope that the estrangement, which had existed for centuries among the different churches, might come to an end." In speaking of the Papal letter in question the Bishop expressed himself very well in the beginning, and it is not strange that he could not end better?

Much regret is felt by the people of Port Lyttelton, also by many persons in this city, at the demise of Mrs Ellen Grantham, the eldest daughter of Mrs Butler, and the wife of Mr Robert Grantham, licensee of the Royal Hotel, Lyttelton. The deceased lady, who was only thirty years of age, died on Tuesday last at her late residence in the Port. Her remains were brought round the Summer road to the residence of Mrs Butler at Waltham, whence the funeral of Mrs Grantham, which was largely attended, left on Thursday last for the pro-Cathedral and the Linwood cemetery. The Right Rev Dr Grimes, who had visited her twice during her short illness, said in the pro-Cathedral a solemn *requiem* Mass for the repose of her soul and also officiated at the grave. Mrs Grantham leaves a husband and two children to mourn her loss. — *R.I.P.*

The Industrial Exhibition continues to be well patronised, and on Thursday last during the morning and evening fully 2,500 people paid for admission. The Alpine Club gave its annual exhibition in the concert hall in the evening, when the room was filled with an audience, who thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment provided. The Hon J. G. Ward visited the exhibition on the same day, and was received by the president, Mr H. B. Kirk, and conducted round the various departments. When the inspection of the exhibits was over Mr Ward was conducted into the reception room where his health was drunk with musical honours. In proposing the toast Mr Kirk expressed the pleasure of the committee at the visit of the Colonial Treasurer, who had given an assurance that on his return to Wellington he would cause £500, granted by the Government towards the exhibition, to be forwarded to Christchurch. Mr Ward, in reply, said he was much surprised to see so good and extensive an exhibition seeing how little noise had been made about its preparation, and that he considered exhibitions of great importance to the Colony. He had seen other exhibitions in New Zealand and also in other colonies, and he would say that the present one compared favourably with them. The Ministry fully recognised the importance of the undertaking and had really intended that one or more of their number should have attended the opening. He regretted that he had so little time to see the exhibition on the occasion, but he hoped that when he returned from Invercargill with his wife he would have time to pay another and a longer visit. Mr Ward then proposed the president's health, which was enthusiastically drunk and to which he very suitably responded. An excellent programme was prepared for Friday even-

ing last and was very tastefully executed under the direction of Mrs C. Edgar. On Saturday afternoon Mr E. W. Seager gave a children's entertainment whereat he described the history of the magic lantern and showed a number of views.

DUNEDIN CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

A VERY enjoyable debate was held in St Joseph's Convent School-room, Dowling street, on Wednesday evening, between the members of the Congregational Church Mutual Improvement Society and St Joseph's Literary Society. Mr C. E. Haughton occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members and friends of both societies. An apology was received from the Rev Mr Saunders, and the chairman also apologised for the absence of the Very Rev Father Lynch, Administrator, who is at present in the North Island. The subject of debate was "Should New Zealand federate with Australia?" The affirmative side was taken for the St Joseph's Society by Messrs Marlow, Hussey, Carolin, J. Hally, and P. Hally. The negative side was taken by the Moray Place Society, whose speakers were Messrs Holmes (leader), McGill, Burlinson, Gillman, and Harris. Some very able speeches were made on both sides. On the motion being put to the meeting, the chairman declared a tie, and said that owing to the excellent manner in which both sides had treated the subject he could not give his casting vote as to which society had won the honours of debate. Mr Coull, in proposing a vote of thanks, referred to the good feeling displayed by the speakers and the good results derived from such meetings. Mr J. B. Callan, in seconding the vote, also referred to the good feeling displayed and the pleasure it gave him to be present that evening to listen to such an excellent debate. He admitted that if he had been in the chairman's place he would have found it difficult to give a casting vote—the speeches were so evenly balanced. Light refreshments were then handed round, and a very pleasant half-hour was spent before the visitors departed. A word of praise is due to the ladies who worked so hard to make the entertainment a success. The thanks of the society are due also to the Dominican nuns, who are always so generous in giving up the schoolroom to the Literary Society when ever they are requested to do so.

The education question is to be fully discussed at the Anglican Church Congress which is to be held at Norwich in October.

The Japanese are said to be greatly incensed against Russia, believing that it has designs on Corea. They look forward to the prospect of a war against the Northern Colossus at no distant date.

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