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THE Rev Father O'Hallahan (says the *Kumara Times* of October 24) has received a private telegram with reference to a proposed visit of Mr M. Davitt to Kumara. The well-known Irish politician and patriot will arrive at the Bluff about November 4th, and if arrangements can be made would possibly find his way here about the beginning of December. To sound the feeling of his compatriots the Rev Father O'Hallahan will hold a meeting of parishioners at St Patrick's school-room at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. We are sure such an opportunity will not be missed. Mr Davitt will no doubt be eagerly looked for in Hokitika and Greymouth, but there is every reason why Kumara should entertain the distinguished visitor on its own account and we know it will rise to the occasion.

TO DAY (Friday, October 11) is the 49th anniversary of the episcopal consecration of his Grace the Archbishop. On behalf of the Catholics of Tasmania, we (*Monitor*) offer to his Grace our warmest congratulations upon the happy event. Though the Archbishop has spent even more than an ordinary lifetime in the Episcopate, and though very many of these years were passed under the burning suns of India, we are pleased to be able to state that his Grace is still in the enjoyment of vigorous health, ruling his flock with that gentle sway which has ever won for him the affection of the priests and people entrusted to his care. Next year he will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Episcopate. Several members of the Australasian hierarchy have signified their intention of being present at the Jubilee celebration, which they regard as an event quite unique in the history of our young Australian Church. His own flock are also anxiously looking forward to the jubilee celebration.

THE *Lake Wakatipu Mail* is informed that St Joseph's Roman Catholic School, Queenstown, has passed an excellent examination. The report is held over, as Inspector Braik has not yet examined the preparatory classes.

THE subjects on which Mr Davitt has lectured in the Australian colonies are the following—five in number:—(1) "Parliamentary Photographs," (2) "Ireland in Westminster," (3) "The Trend of the Labour Movement in Great Britain," (4) "From Ballybrack to Jericho," (5) "Glimpses of Ancient Ireland." It is optional, we are informed, to committees to select any one or other of the first three lectures we have named, but with respect to the selection of the other two Mr Davitt must be personally consulted.

ON Sunday in St Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, the Very Rev Father Lynch referred to the success that had attended on the recent opening by the Dominican Nuns of a school in the North-East Valley.

The attendance from the first, he said, had been numerous, and was increasing every day.

THE pupils and students of the Dominican Nuns, as our readers will perceive from a paragraph in our "Dublin Notes," have been very successful in the Intermediate Examinations in Ireland whose returns have just been published. The schools of the Christian Brothers, too, have won additional honours in these examinations.

EVERYWHERE, indeed, Catholic schools are more than fulfilling the expectations formed of them, and the confidence of Catholic parents and guardians in the teachers to whom they confide their children is well sustained. The Catholics of North Dunedin are to be congratulated on the provision that the enterpris and self-denial of the Dominican community have made for them.

IT is now denied that matters between Russia and China have gone so far as was reported. The situation, nevertheless, remains generally more or less critical, and possibly it will be still a good while before peaceful results can be pronounced certain. Were the results to be war, they might follow without much further delay.

A PRESS Association telegram from Waimate states that effort are to be made by the Workers' Union to get Mr Davitt to lecture there.

AMONG the *on dits* is a report that Mr John Dillon is about to marry a daughter of Judge Mathews.

THE Turks still preserve an old way of dealing with new ideas, "A warship took the leaders of the Young Turkish party out to sea at night and dropped them overboard in the swiftest part of the current." This is a cablegram under date, Constantinople, October 25. The method is certainly expeditious—possibly effectual, too, among a community where an infection of ideas is slow in spreading.

The Legislative Council have rejected by a majority of 12 to 9—the Bill for the exclusion of Chinese immigrants.

The current number of the *Triad* is excellent. Modern languages form the subject of our contemporary's more learned remarks. He makes, for example, an attempt to correct French "as she is spoke" by ordinary English writers. In some instances it would be well to heed our contemporary's corrections. In others, perhaps, it would be as good to be incorrect as to be pedantic. For our own part, for example, we should be inclined to stick to our *on dits*. Wherever, in

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