

THE LATE BISHOP MURAN.

SPECIAL NOTICE

ANY ONE becoming a SUBSCRIBER TO THE NEW ZEALAND TABLET for 12 MONTHS will be presented with a copy of the BEAUTIFUL CHROMO LITHOGRAPH PICTURE of the late MOST REV. DR. MOBAN recently presented to our SUBSCRIBERS

JAMES MUIR, PRACTICAL HATTER, (Opposite Bagg's music saloon).

Begs to intimate to the Catholic clergy now assembled that, having secured the services of Mr W. CONNOR as shopman, they will be treated with Civility and Courtesy.

J. M. has in stock a vast variety of Shirts, Sox, and Pants suitable for winter wear.

He would specially call the attention of clergymen to the fact that he can turn out a hat of any description or size within twelve hours of order, either silk or felt. Birrettas of any material or size.

Note the Address: JAMES MUIR, 16 PRINCES STREET.

DRAWING OF ST CANICE'S ART UNION.

ST CANICE'S ART UNION was drawn on May 28th, under the supervision of his Worship the Mayor and other well-known citizens.

No.	Prize	No.	Prize	No.	Prize
3334	24th	2481	36th	3898	2nd
51	25th	5877	38 h	759	27th
2239	34 h	2553	26th	4015	22nd
2987	31st	2718	10th	5077	32nd
2173	8th	219	23rd	2991	13 h
649	5 h	765	19 h	3253	30th
3409	18th	631	28 h	2167	17th
6646	15 h	4750	11th	6334	12th
642	29 h	4122	7 h	5762	3rd
2291	37th	1481	40 h	6261	9th
1419	14th	1633	16th	2333	35th
14	4th	1648	6th	1412	21st
2750	39th	2720	20 h	2499	1st
5765	33rd				

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On JUNE 16 h, 17th, 18th and 19 h.

(By permission of the late Colonial Secretary)

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JOHN MACKAY.

DUNEDIN PRESBYTERY PREPARING FOR BATTLE.



YOUR attention has been directed to a report of the Dunedin Presbytery in the *Evening Star* of last evening—with the request that we allude to the “insolence and unqualified bad taste” of a notice of motion which has reference to the appointment and consecration of the Most Rev Dr VERDON. We are asked to point out the discourtesy contained in the presence on the presbyterial minute book of the notice of motion in question. We do not as a rule wade through the painfully detailed minutes of the Presbytery. Synodal “hansardising” is a yearly infliction. We have to meet columns of speeches addressed through the secular Press to parochial constituents. The general public take but little interest in the reports save when a “row” is chronicled, and then the remark is heard: “Why is not dirty linen washed in private.” Generally, proceedings are dull at presbytery and synod. Hence the special efforts periodically made to brighten the meetings by the introduction of matters which will naturally cause lively speech. Hence, no doubt, the notice of motion given by the Rev Mr FINLAYSON, clerk of Presbytery, for next monthly *sedesunt*. This gentleman has formally announced his intention of moving this resolution:—“The Presbytery, having had their attention directed to the proceedings in connection with the recent appointment of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Dunedin, take this opportunity of pointing out the unscriptural and unwarrantable claims made on behalf of the Popish Hierarchy, as set forth in the Bishop's oath and in Archbishop Redwood's sermon; of warning the people of this colony regarding the anti-Christian tyranny inherent in the Papal system; and of expressing the hope that the day is not far distant when the Roman Catholic Church will feel its bondage under this system to be intolerable, and cast off this hierarchy as a thing alien to the Church and hostile to the interests of Christ's kingdom.” As far as New Zealand is concerned, “*Roma delenda est*” is the programme of Mr FINLAYSON. To wipe out Roman Catholicism is, however, a rather large order. Even if the Dunedin Presbytery carry unanimously the proposed resolution, in all its absurdity, the Catholic Church will continue to advance, and, we doubt not, the fair-minded people of the Colony will still fail to see “the anti-Christian tyranny inherent in the Papal system.” They will rather come to the conclusion that the leaven of bigotted exclusiveness of old Dunedin is not yet purged out, and that anti-Christian discourtesy is just now more in evidence than anti-Christian tyranny. As to the proposed attack, the first in the episcopate of Dunedin's second bishop, we know the “first attack is the fiercest.” Our Presbyterian friends made mistakes in the past; if they ride for a fall in the future, 'tis their own affair—they are going to begin the battle. Many of our readers will remember the assault which a *oryphaeus* of Presbyterianism made on the doctrines of the Church some years ago, and the crushing replies of Dunedin's first bishop to the Rev LINDSAY MACKAY. Our yet older readers will remember the action at the time of Father SEON's arrival in Dunedin when the faithful Presbyterians were warned by a discourteous enthusiast that a wolf in sheep's clothing was in their midst. The warning which, old identities inform us, was given on the occasion of the arrival in North-East Valley, of the pioneer Marist priest simply served to convey information of his presence to a scattered flock. Father SEON good-humouredly expressed gratitude for the publicity given to his advent, and quietly went on his way, saying Mass and preaching Catholic doctrine and administering sacraments in this Presbyterian stronghold. All the efforts of combined jealousy and bigotry have failed. Catholicism advances. Unprovoked attacks do our holy religion not the slightest harm: they disgust sensible men, and have the good effect of giving favourable opportunity for public pronouncements on Catholic doctrine. The attack which Mr FINLAYSON has planned will, if Presbytery debate the matter with warmth, lead to serious examination on the part of the unprejudiced and fair-minded of the real doctrines of our holy Church. We look forward with great interest to next meeting of the Dunedin Presbytery. Speeches on Catholic doctrine and our “anti-Christian tyranny” will be a change from the “*Nuga puerorum*”—trifles of children—so often chronicled. We notice in the reports which we occasionally read that

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FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1896.

PROGRESS AND JUSTICE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

THE Catholics of New Zealand provide, at their own sole expense, an excellent education for their own children. Yet such is the sense of justice and policy in the New Zealand Legislature that it compels these Catholics, after having manfully provided for their own children, to contribute largely towards the free and godless education of other people's children!!! This is tyranny, oppression, and plunder.

J. J. DUNNE, (Late Manager for J. Muir and Co. Hatters, Princes St.) has now opened with a Choice Stock of the very Latest Novelties (specially imported) in Hats, Ties and Mercery in Premises known as the CENTRAL MERCERY ESTABLISHMENT, 40 Princes St. (next Braithwaite's Book Arcade). Country Orders punctually attended to. *Special*—Silk Hats, Birrettas, stocks, etc., a SPECIALTY. Note.—Closed Wednesdays at 1 o'clock.