

also which he enjoyed among the members of other denominations, and men of all classes, enabled him often to afford additional protection or aid to his own people in times of their distress. In **Monsignor COLEMAN**, then, we have lost a devoted priest, a sincere and honourable man, and a kind and constant friend. But no tribute that we could pay to his memory would express how deeply we, ourselves, feel his loss, and we are only conscious that all we have said seems cold and insufficient.—May his soul rest in peace.

A SOLEMN office for the dead and High Mass of *Requiem* for the repose of the soul of the late Right Rev. **Monsignor Coleman** will commence in St. Joseph's Cathedral to-morrow (Thursday) at 10.30, a.m. The funeral will leave the Cathedral for the Southern cemetery at 12 o'clock. Telegrams and messages of condolence have been received by the Bishop from his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington; Mr. **Humphreys** of Oamaru, who expresses the deep sorrow felt generally in that town at the sad news; and many others. **Sir Robert Stout** has also written a kind letter to a similar effect. We may add that the deceased prelate has left a will, made in 1874, and bequeathing everything possessed by him at his death, without exception, to the Church.

THE session of the Diocesan Synod was held in St. Joseph's Cathedral to-day (Wednesday). Owing, however, to the calamity which has fallen on the diocese, all but matters of absolute necessity were postponed. At the conclusion of the session a resolution was unanimously passed, proposed by the Very Rev. **Father O'Leary** and seconded by the Rev. **Father Newport**, and embodying the deep regret of the clergy for the loss the diocese had sustained in the death of **Monsignor Coleman**, and their high appreciation of his virtues, talents, and success in the service of religion.

THE Very Rev. **Fathers McNamara, S.M., V.G., Wellington**, and **Watters, S.M., Rector of St. Patrick's College**, and the Rev. **Fathers Devoy, S.M., and Lane** have visited Dunedin this week to see the Exhibition—with which they have expressed themselves much pleased. The Very Rev. and Rev. gentlemen were the guests of the Most Rev. **Dr. Moran** and the clergy of Dunedin at dinner on Tuesday.

THE handsome donation of £150 has been given this week to the building fund of St. Joseph's Cathedral by **Mr. P. K. McCaughan**, formerly M.H.R. for Riverton, who has been on a visit to Dunedin.

SIR Thomas Esmonde, who, on his return journey to Wellington, spent a day or two with the Rev. **Father Lavery** at Lyttelton, distributed the prizes in the Catholic school there, and made an address to the children. On the delegate's departure for the North a large number of the townspeople, including the Mayor, were assembled on the wharf to see him off. All the circumstances attending on the meeting held by **Sir Thomas** at Lyttelton were most creditable to that place, and especially so to the Rev. **Father Lavery**, as the delegate readily acknowledged.

THE drawing of the Dominican Convent art-union took place, as announced, in St. Joseph's schoolroom, Dunedin, on New Year's Day, several of the ticket-holders being present. Owing to the absence of the nuns in their annual retreat, the delivery of the prizes has been necessarily postponed until Monday, the 27th inst.

THE re-opening of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, takes place this year a little later than usual owing to the lateness of the diocesan retreat. The date is fixed for February 6th, when a punctual return of students is earnestly desired. We see that the chair of classics at the College will be filled by the Rev. **Father Bowden, S.M.**, who has come out for the purpose from Ireland, where he had recently completed a distinguished university career, taking the degree of M.A. **Father Bowden** is a native of Hokitika, where he was born in 1866.

WE regret that in the list published by us last week of the winning numbers in the Dominican Convent art-union an error occurred. For 13,713 read 13,743.

LORD CARRINGTON, Governor of New South Wales, accompanied by **Admiral Lord Charles Scott**, and attended by his aide-de-camp and some other gentlemen, arrived in Dunedin on Sunday evening on a visit to his Excellency the Governor. **H.M.S. Orlando**, conveying the distinguished visitors from Australia, had been met at the heads by the gunboat *Lizard*, which took them on board and brought them to Port Chalmers, where a special train was placed at their service. The reception given them in the city was cordial, though, owing to uncertainty as to the hour, comparatively few people were present at the terminus.

PURSUANT to advertisement in the *Westport Evening Star* a large number of ticket-holders was present at the Catholic school-room, Brougham street, last evening (Jan. 7), to witness the drawing of the art union in aid of liquidating the debt on St. Canice's Church. **Mr. Pain** was in charge of the business, and by 8 o'clock he had all preparations made for the drawing. The assistance was obtained of Messrs. **Fayen, Sontgen, James, and W. Gothard**, and Misses **E. McLaughlan and F. Curtayne**, and the drawing was carried out without error. At the conclusion of the business the Very Rev. **Father Walshe** intimated that the list of winning numbers would be published. The advertisement will be found in another column. The satisfactory character of the drawing was in a great measure due to the complete arrangements made by **Mr. Pain**.

Truth, in referring to the close of the Parnell Commission, expresses commiseration for the judges on whom it devolves to give the verdict:—"The task before them," he says, "is really stupendous. The definite issues, the only issues which they as lawyers and judges were at all qualified to try, have all broken down and vanished into space. And now here are these poor men (with the assistance of their amiable secretary), wholly unprepared by training, education, or intellectual character, called upon to discharge an office from which a **Hallam** might shrink, that of historic critics of a contemporary revolution. I have watched them during the past thirteen months with feelings of respectful tenderness—the tenderness which one always feels at the sight of good men struggling with difficulties. They are, indeed, the best of men and lawyers. They know all about bills of exchange, and the contract of sale, and conjugal rights, and wills, and the rule of the road on sea and land. But the questions before them are: 1st, How much rose-water ought to have been mixed with the Irish Revolution? and, 2nd, Did the Parnellites mix exactly the proper quantity? This is an awkward puzzle to tackle. I suppose they'll take France in 1789, and England in 1688, and Brazil in 1839 and split the difference somehow.

WE are informed by **Mr. O'Coonor**, who acted as secretary to the Irish National Delegates' Reception Committee in Christchurch, that the net amount forwarded from that city in aid of the Evicted Tenants' Fund to **Dr. Kenny**, treasurer of the fund in Dublin, was £368 17s 7d. We have to acknowledge the receipt from **Ashburton** for transmission to Dublin for the same purpose of the sum of £190 1s. The names of the subscribers will be published by us in a week or two.

WE find we were not much mistaken in our conclusions as to the divorce case implicating **Mr. Parnell**. **Captain O'Shea**, it is now announced, is anxious to withdraw from the matter. It is to be hoped, however, that he will be obliged to make such revelations as may lead to the exposure of the whole plot. The result must be to advance **Mr. Parnell** in the favour of the English people, whose characteristic sentiments certainly do not include a disposition to approve of bringing about political ends by disreputable private undertakings.

IRISHMEN (says the *Nation* of November 16) need not be surprised that they are the victims of **Mr. T. W. Russell's** gall of disappointment. His own countrymen came in for a share of it on Wednesday. He has not been lucky on his native heath. The inhabitants of it are as well able to take his measure as any people under the sun. He has discovered, therefore, that they are fadsis and sots. Speaking to the Trinity young bloods at the College Historical Society, he declared that "all the quacks had settled down in Scotland, where they go in for free land, free fish, free fowl, and, what was of enormous importance to his countrymen, free whiskey." Scotland must be surely irrecoverable for Unionism when she is cursed thus by the son that has sped from her.

THE **Seymour-Walshe Opera Company**, after a very successful tour in the North Island, open in Westport on Saturday, and contemplate a visit of some five or six weeks to the West Coast. We may honestly congratulate our friends there on the opportunity thus afforded them of bearing good music thoroughly well performed. The members of the Company have justly earned a high reputation as artists, and have everywhere left pleasing memories behind them. Indeed, if **Mr. Walshe** were singing alone, the rarity at the present day of a tenor voice of the quality of that which he possesses would render it worth while to hear him. Supported as he is in a most effective manner, no one who can help it should miss the treat in store for them.

ONE **Mr. Albert Boulton**, of Albury, New South Wales, appears to be entertaining Chicago with traveller's wonders. We learn from the American papers that he has explained to that city how Australia is on the very point of becoming a great united Republic, without the least commotion either among her own people or in the mother country. One of the chief ends it seems, according to **Mr. Boulton**, for which this radical but quiet change is to be brought about, is