

ter of the teaching in the Dunedin School of Medicine, and for generally improving the intellectual status of medical men trained in the colony. The proposals are such as must commend themselves to every man of understanding. The address, which is an important one, will be found elsewhere.

The withdrawal of the German Education Bill must not be taken as marking the sense of the country respecting religious teaching. The Bill was so constructed as to provide for the religious education, per force, of the children of Free-thinkers. Its provisions, further, entailed a possible expenditure that was contemplated with great alarm. On these two points we may conclude the unpopularity was based that has resulted in the failure reported.

We have seen a very beautiful chess-table, which is in the process of completion at the Dominican Convent in Dunedin, as one of the prizes in the Oamaru art-union. The Very Rev Father Mackay has been presented by Mr Reidie, of the Dresden Company, with a violin valued at fifteen guineas, which, owing to the successful sale of tickets, he will add to the list of prizes.

We record with much regret the death of Mr J. W. Humphrey, which occurred last week in Wellington. Mr Humphrey, who was a native of Scotland, was a colonist of some 30 years standing. His career was creditable, and at one time he filled the position of Mayor of Westport. He afterwards removed, as manager of a branch of the firm of Baillie and Humphrey, to Oamaru, where he resided for some years. Of late he had carried on a business in Wellington. He has left a widow and one child, a boy of six, to mourn his loss.—*R.I.P.*

The Rev Father Browne has been removed from Rangiora to Ross. On the eve of his departure the rev gentleman was presented by his late flock with an address and a purse of sovereigns.

It is announced by cable that the Bishop of Salford has been appointed as successor in the See of Westminster to the late Cardinal Manning.

At a meeting of the unions lately held at Townsville, Queensland, to oppose the reintroduction of Kanaka labour, one of the men present declared himself ready, if necessary, to make use of force. As force, or wiles, or both in combination, will certainly be employed in reintroducing the labour alluded to, perhaps it would not be inconsistent with the situation to employ force in keeping it out. By the way, talking of Townsville puts us in mind of a meeting of parsons held in Sydney some twenty-five years ago also to protest against the employment of Kanakas. The late Mr Towns was hailed as a benefactor of his race, and declared the one exception perfectly qualified to own slaves if it pleased him. The moral to be drawn seems to us obvious. The exception made, however, quite neutralised the effects of the meeting—at least in some quarters. It is to be hoped that, as things are now, no exceptions will be heard of, but that the iniquitous proposal will be strenuously and successfully opposed everywhere. For our own part, we have no interests connected with Queensland, and still less if possible, with the South Sea Islands. But everyone fit to live is interested in our common humanity.

As a piece of canting hypocrisy, we think our readers will agree with us that the following can hardly be surpassed. It is an answer lately received by a Catholic priest from a person to whom he had announced by letter that a sum of money had been handed to him for restitution to sail deponent. Addressing the rev gentleman as plain Mr—for which, however, habitual ill manners and ignorance may account, the disciple in question writes:—"I may say that it is pleasing to see persons being led to see the value of acting honestly to their fellow-man. I trust that the person who handed you the money as owing to me may not merely be exercised in conscience only about earthly things, but be led to see the value and the *Efficacy* of the precious *Blood* of Jesus Christ, which cleanseth from *all sin*."—The pious chap adds, by way of postscript: "I should be pleased if the person would give you permission to tell His name. I would really like to write Him a letter."—But was it not just as well that the person making restitution had not been converted beforehand? As one of the Lord's elect the act of retribution, or any other good work, would not have been necessary for him. Under those conditions he could have walked into heaven, so to speak, with the money snugly stowed away in his pocket. That proposed letter could now do no harm to the writer's interests. Let us hope he may be enabled to bear his word of testimony.

As we go to press a quantity of matter reaches us containing reports of St Patrick's day celebrations and other events. We regret that it is impossible for us to publish any part of it in our present issue. We would again remind our readers that, to insure publica-

tion in any particular issue, contributions should reach this office not later than Tuesday.

A PARTICULAR point in Dr Moran's address as St Joseph's on Tuesday evening was that in which he denounced the injustice of applying the money forcibly extorted from the Catholics of the Colony to pay for teaching the children of the public schools to hate and despise their Catholic neighbours. This is a point that cannot be too strongly insisted upon. None but an insane bigot can fail to perceive its force.

ANOTHER good point in Dr Moran's address at St Joseph's was that made by him in allusion to the threat of an opposing block vote. From this, he said, he was persuaded the love of fair play and sense of justice among the great body of their fellow-colonists would protect them.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

GREAT interest attended last Sunday on the laying of the foundation-stone of the church of St Patrick, South Dunedin. The congregation has for some time worshipped in a school-chapel, which, as their numbers grew, became "small by degrees and beautifully less," until at length, and as things are, they are put to much inconvenience. The new church, however, which will occupy a site on the north side of the grounds, will console them for all. It will be, when finished, a very handsome building, in the classic style of the Roman basilica, affording seating accommodation for 1,200 people, and in size 150ft. by 50ft., with a height of 45ft. to the ceiling. Chief features will be a magnificent dome and colonnade. But, as a matter of course, to complete the building in all its perfection will be a work of years. All that is aimed at for the present is to erect it so far as to provide a suitable place, affording sufficient accommodation, for the celebration of the Divine mysteries. The plans have been prepared by Mr F. W. Petre, and as this gentleman's work, when carried out, is always even better in reality than it promises in his plans to be, we may be convinced that the church will be a striking ornament to the city. Mr D. W. Woods is the contractor, which is a sufficient guarantee that the work will be well done. The crowd on Sunday was a large one. His Lordship the Bishop, assisted by the Rev Fathers Mangan, Howell and Hegarty, O.S.S.B.; Lynch, Adm.; O'Donnell (Port Chalmers), Hunt (pastor of the district), P. O'Neil, and J. O'Neil (Milton) officiated, and the ceremonies were carried out in accordance with the directions of the *Pontificale Romanum*. The Bishop, vested in cope and mitre, with the clergy in soutanes and cottas, approached the site in procession from the school-chapel. The order was as follows:—Cross-bearer (Rev Father O'Donnell) and acolytes, boys of the Dominican Nuns schools, school girls, the members of the H.A.O.B.S., men of the Sodalties attached to the church, women of the Sodalties, acolytes preceding the Bishop and priests. The procession was enlivened by the gay banners which the school children, the Hibernians, and the sodalties carried, as well as by their respective regalia, ribbons, and scarfs—and presented a very pretty appearance. In a cavity beneath the stone were placed copies of the New Zealand TABLET, the Otago Daily Times, the Globe, and the Evening Star—in which latter paper we may remark in passing, men of a future generation may perhaps read with amazement and disgust the consistently obscene means adopted by that piously edited sheet to stamp out what it suggestively calls the *odium theologorum*. A parchment containing the following inscription was also placed beneath the stone: Hac die 20 Martii, 1891, lapidem hunc primarium Ecclesie Deo omnipotenti sub titulo et invocatione Beati Patritii, Hibernie Apostoli dedicandae, frequenti Populo Catholico, presentibus sacerdotibus Dunedinensibus, vicinisque, regnante Victoria Magnae Britanniae regina, Leonis XIII Papa Pontifice, Comite Glasgovie, Gubernatore Novae Zelandiae, Patritius Moran, Episcopus Dunedinensis, benedixit et posuit. The Bishop in his address confined himself to a few words of explanation regarding the building about to be erected. His Lordship also, as directed by the ritual, exhorted those present to come forward and place their offerings, according to their means, upon the stone. The collection amounted to £400, a devout consummation which was received by the gathering to whom it was announced with ringing cheers. The Bishop congratulated the people on their generosity, and expressed himself much pleased at the result—as, indeed, he and all concerned in the matter had good reason to be. The Rev Father Hunt, in particular, is to be congratulated on the true spirit of Catholic devotion shown by his flock. The sum already collected, we may add, as declared by the Bishop on this occasion, amounts to £1500, the total cost of the building being estimated at £5000.

Messrs Duthie Brothers, George street, Dunedin, announce the arrival of their new goods for the autumn and winter seasons. Ladies will do well to inspect the stock before making their selections elsewhere.

Messrs Brown, Ewing and Co, Princes street, Dunedin, are showing a splendid selection of novelties for the season. Country orders receive careful and prompt attention.