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# The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1892.

## 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.

### THE ELECTION STRUGGLE AT HOME.

**T**HE British Parliament is dissolved, and the two great political parties are in the midst of a contest of the utmost importance. Mr GLADSTONE and his party, to whom we ardently wish success, place Home Rule for Ireland in the forefront. Lord SALISBURY and his Unionists place the denial of Home Rule to Ireland in the forefront.

This is the situation. All other considerations are only secondary. Until Home Rule is granted to Ireland, there is no hope for the peace and prosperity of Ireland, or for the amelioration of the condition of the masses in England. As Mr GLADSTONE has truly said, Ireland blocks the way. The tyranny of English legislation and administration has so impoverished and exasperated the Irish people everywhere in that country, and thus embittered their compatriots all the world over, that until Home Rule is granted, the British Parliament can never expect to have time to duly consider social questions demanding solution in England. This is not the fault of Ireland, but her misfortune, and is entirely owing to the attitude of the Tory party and their allies, the Liberal Unionists, who, for the sake of Protestant ascendancy, refuse common rights and liberties to the Irish people. Lord SALISBURY has appealed to the no-Popery instincts of ignorant and unthinking people to help him to keep his heel upon the necks of the Irish people, because he hates the majority of the Irish people for being Catholics. This, divested of verbiage, is the policy of Lord SALISBURY, who, in this the last quarter of the nineteenth century, can rise no higher as a statesman than his ancestor and the founder of his family in the bad, cruel, and persecuting days of Queen ELIZABETH. This man, who refuses to Ireland what justice, good sense, and wise policy demand, has no scruples, whilst he declaims against the ridiculous bugbear of Catholic ascendancy in continuing the disability which excludes all Catholics, simply because they are Catholics, from the offices of Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland and Lord-Chancellor of England. A Turk, Jew, or atheist is eligible for these offices, but not a Catholic. He makes no effort to secure fair play for the Catholics of Belfast, who are excluded from all offices and situations in the power of the majority of Protestants there to bestow. Seventy thousand Catholics in Belfast have not a single representative in the Town Council, which would not appoint even a Catholic scavenger. And these are the men who inveigh against religious ascendancy and exclusion not dreamt of.

The whole thing is absurd and in a sense ridiculous. Wherever in Ireland Protestants are in the majority, no Catholic ever is or ever has been appointed or elected by that majority to any situation whatever. Whereas, on the contrary, wherever Catholics are in a majority nothing is more common than the election of Protestants to office in the gift of the majority. Thus we constantly see Protestants Lord-Mayors of Dublin and even councillors and aldermen, and the same can be said of all the other corporations of the kingdom in which Catholics constitute the majority. Even so far as Parliament is concerned a similar state of things prevails. Some of the most Catholic constituencies of the country are represented by Protestant gentlemen. But in Belfast, for the sake of which the Tories refuse justice to Ireland, not a single Catholic is to be found in the Town Council or in any office over which the Belfast Corporation has control. What a lesson is there not here? And there is not the slightest reason for saying that the Catholic majority would in any way inflict the least injustice or disability on their Protestant fellow-countrymen. But it serves Lord SALISBURY's purpose to persuade English Protestants to the contrary, in order to forward his political plans, and accordingly he hesitates not to do so. It is ignoble warfare and cannot fail to stamp infamy on his name and policy. We hope the English masses will understand that the refusal of Home Rule to Ireland means the postponement of all measures of amelioration so far as their social condition is concerned, and that the granting of Home Rule to Ireland means the speedy settlement of the questions social and political, in which they are most interested. Only let Lord SALISBURY and his Unionist party succeed at the next general election and the English masses may look forward to a long continuance of all the evils of which they complain at present. His success means the undue ascendancy of the classes over the masses.

THE many friends of the Rev Father Laverty will be glad to learn that he is progressing favourably, and had so far recovered as to be able to celebrate Mass at the Brackleybridge Catholic Church on Sunday last. A meeting of the Brackleybridge Catholic Church Committee was held the same day, when the following resolution was passed:—Proposed by Mr William McMannus and seconded by Mr David McNamara—"That the committee, on behalf of the Catholics of this district, beg to return their most sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Nestor for their kindness and hospitality to the Rev Father Laverty during the time he was under their care after the accident." Proposed by Mr Owen McEntie and seconded by John O'Connor—"That a copy of the above resolution be sent to Mr and Mrs Nestor, and to the N.Z. TABLET, the *Christchurch Press* and *Lyttelton Times*."

WE are requested to announce that the Saturday classes at the Dominican Convent, Dunedin, will not be held this week, the nuns being in retreat.

THE excitement with which the general elections are anticipated in the United Kingdom appears to have already reached fever heat, and what we have not still to expect it is difficult to say. An especially ugly incident has been the action of a woman at Chester, who struck Mr Gladstone in the eye with a piece of bread, throwing it, we are told, in a particularly vicious manner, and inflicting a nasty and possibly a very serious hurt. We may, perhaps, gather from this event that Primrose dames do not always maintain the "repose" of their caste. Sometimes, as it would appear, they can even adopt methods that are more Irish and less nice. The famous attack on the eyes of the late Mr Parnell with lime or flour, for example, was hardly worse. Mr Gladstone has since been confined to his house, inflammation of the eyes being feared.

A STRANGE case is reported in the *Auckland Herald* of June 18, in which the head-master of a Government school has been dismissed, for attempting, as he explains and as many reliable people seem to believe, to preserve morality in his school by somewhat questionable means. If this school-master were sincere, as there are grounds to believe he was, the means adopted by him, and which must have been offensive to any man of decency, would seem to prove his zeal and devotion. What we may certainly admit is that the position in which a man, with a desire for the good of his pupils, and aware, as also one of the Auckland doctors testifies in a letter to the newspaper we referred to, that a destructive and abominable habit was growing amongst them, was placed in a very trying position. No moral influences were permitted to him by which he might successfully combat the evil—religion especially, the sole effectual check for anything of the kind, was forbidden. What, then, could he do? There seems to be some excuse for the means to which he felt himself obliged to resort. We are rather inclined to think this unfortunate gentleman

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