

this country is of no advantage whatever to Catholics, but rather the contrary; and on what principle, therefore, can the majority claim to compel them to pay for it? We acknowledge, indeed, that the majority must rule, but this does not imply that the majority, because it happens to be a majority, may commit an injustice and impose a tyranny. The principle that the majority must rule contains the condition—and this is essential—that the ruling is just and equitable, and if it is not just and equitable, such ruling is both an injustice and a tyranny. And this is the position of things here. The rule of the majority in the matter of education is unjust, because it compels all to pay for what only a part can and does profit by, and from which the minority is excluded both by their own conscientious principles and the mode of administration pursued by the majority. Catholics, where possible, establish Catholic schools for their own children, and school boards and committees are composed almost exclusively of non-Catholics, who, as a rule, refuse to appoint Catholic teachers. The present system is in reality a non-Catholic and an anti-Catholic system, practically excluding all Catholics from all participation in its teaching and administration. In these Catholics are not recognised, and, still more, are only known to be excluded. And yet Catholics are compelled by the Representatives of the people to pay for this unjust, inequitable, and tyrannical system, which ignores CHRIST and does not teach even the existence of God. There is no use in appealing to a sense of justice or liberty on this subject in the majority of our legislators, and the only remedy in our hands likely to be productive of good effect is to arm ourselves at the registration office by putting the names of all qualified Catholics on the register of voters, and to vote in block against the plunderers and tyrants.

THE Most Rev Dr Moran left Dunedin this (Wednesday) morning for Milton, where his Lordship will inspect and examine the Catholic schools. The Bishop will return to town at the close of the week. On Sunday the 16th inst. his Lordship will be in Gore, and on the following Sunday, the 23rd inst., in Winton.

We would remind our readers that in order to comply with the instructions of the prelates of the colony contained in their recent pastoral, it is necessary for all those who are qualified to vote to have their names on the electoral rolls. All that is necessary to insure this is a call at the registry office of the respective district, where the officials are ready to attend to the matter. Little or no trouble is involved, and the duty is imperative.

THE Right Hon Mr Mathews, late Home Secretary, is announced as a passenger by the *Bimutaka*, which left Hobart a day or two ago for Port Chalmers. It is much to be wondered at that the right honourable gentleman ventures to trust himself in a country where Home Rule prevails. Let us hope, however, that what meets his view may afford him a salutary lesson, and induce him to change his mind—as he well might with much advantage to himself. An ex-Minister of the Imperial Cabinet, meantime, to whatever party he may belong, is a visitor of distinction, and one to be received with respect and deference.

THE cable-man tells us that Lord Houghton has had a cool reception in Dublin. As, however, he lets it slip that the cool recipients were the officials attached to the Castle, the importance of the matter seems somewhat diminished. We had been already informed that Mr Morley was planning to get rid of these people. How could it be expected that they would gush with delight on witnessing the arrival of a Lord Lieutenant in sympathy with him? There can be no doubt that the Viceroy appointed by Mr Gladstone comes as a *persona grata* to the great majority of the citizens, as well as to the people of the country in general.

OUR Wellington letter has reached us too late for insertion in our present issue. Pressure on our space also obliges us to hold over the lecture of the Rev Father Mahoney, alluded to by our Auckland correspondent; a letter from Shand's Track, and other matter.

In the report inserted by us of Mr Collins' paper on teeth, read before the Catholic Literary Society a week or two ago, the essayist is represented as saying "that the reason why females suffer more from decay of the teeth, he thought was on account of the food which they eat." What he did say was—"Females are more liable than males, because liability to disorders of any kind implies liability to decay of the teeth." He also said that he thought their dress had something to do with it.

ALDERMAN KNILL, a Catholic, has been elected Lord Mayor of London. The appointment is remarkable as that of the first Catholic who

has filled the position since the Reformation. It is true there was a Belgian gentleman—named De Kayser, if we recollect aright—who called himself a Catholic, Lord Mayor some few years ago. He declared, on his election, that in his official capacity he would act as a Protestant—it being pertinently put to him whether, should the call come during his year of office, he would die officially. But he does not count. He was a mere nominal Catholic, and notoriously a trimmer. Lord Mayor Knill is a brave man and a true Catholic, and makes open profession of his fidelity to his creed.

We would beg of our readers not to forget the approach of the great event of the season—the concert at the Garrison Hall, Dunedin, in aid of the building fund of the North East Valley church. The programme is an especially choice one. The fact that it contains some music composed for the occasion makes it of special interest. Several of the principal amateurs of the city, with some professionals, and a numerous and well-trained chorus and orchestra, have given their assistance, and a very excellent performance may, therefore, be confidently expected. Mr Charles Umbers will sing a song written by himself—and will be accompanied by Mr Whitwell-Butler, who has composed the music, and the orchestra will perform a gavotte composed by Mr A. Vallis. Other performers, vocal or instrumental are, Mesdames Rose and Angus; Misses Morrison, Blaney, and Moloney; and Messrs Jago, Corrigan, Packer, Jones, Walker, Thomson, Mansor, Ibbotson, Woode, and Parker. There will also be an elocutionary contest between three boys of the Christian Brothers' schools, for prizes presented by Captain Toomey, D.I.B. (a gold medal); the Dresden Piano Co. (a silver medal); and His Worship the Mayor (a silver chain). No one should neglect being present at so interesting and varied an entertainment.

C H R I S T C H U R C H.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE Rev Dr Kennedy, S.M., arrived last week in this city from Sydney, and departed on Thursday last for the ecclesiastical Seminary at Meane. He will return again, it is said, to these parts at Christmas time, and will be then finally located in Napier. About 60 friends, most of whom are neighbours in the district, assembled on Monday evening last, at his mother's little farm at Papanui to celebrate the happy event of his return. Mrs George Harper, two of her sons, and her daughter, Miss Harper, the Misses Summerville and Daley, and Messrs W. Hoban, barrister and solicitor; Poff, O'Mally, Smith, W. Cronin, O'Donoghue (2), and Delahunt were among others present. His Lordship Bishop Grimes, and the Rev Father Cummings, V.G., visited the farm on the same day, but previous to the social gathering. The verandah of Mrs Kennedy's house was tastefully decorated with a large flag, with evergreens and with Chinese lanterns. A sort of summer-house—wherein on a long table was a grand spread—was also with the aid of a tent and green branches erected at one end of the house, and lit up with lanterns. Everyone seemed pleased, and to enter thoroughly into the spirit of the occasion, and was glad to see, welcome, and congratulate Dr Kennedy, who appeared in the summer-house at about 8 p.m., and said grace, and invited his numerous guests to turn for a while their serious attention to the many good things on the table. Mrs Harper presided during the evening at the piano, and, in another room, to the strains of a violin, which Mr J. Joyce handled skilfully, dancing was kept up. Mr Hoban, who presided over a merry company in the tent, contributed also not a little to the general enjoyment. Mrs Kennedy, who has been a widow for five years, has a younger son, also a married daughter. The former resides with his mother and the latter lives near. Mrs Kennedy's eldest son, Dr Kennedy, who has attended school for upwards of twenty years, proceeded from the farm 16 years ago, when he was a mere lad of about 12 years of age, to St Mary's at Dundalk. He graduated and obtained subsequently the M.A. degree at the Royal University of Ireland. He went then to Barcelona and to Rome. For two years he studied at the latter place at the Gregorian University, and secured the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Previous to his departure from the Colony he attended the Catholic school in this city, and was under the tuition of Mr E. O'Connor, and a schoolmate of Mr Hoban.

The meeting of the Catholic Literary Society was adjourned on Tuesday evening last in order to give members an opportunity to attend an entertainment, which Mr J. D. Foley gave on the same evening in the Hibernian Hall in aid of the Hibernian Society's building fund. The attendance at the ball, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, was not as large as the attractive programme and the talented performer well merited, but was highly appreciative, and Mr Foley, who elicited roars of laughter, had more than once to respond to enthusiastic encores. *Après* of the Hibernian Society, I may mention that Mr G. J. Sellers, D.P.P., and Mr J. Curtin, P.P., have sent in a report addressed to the president, officers, and members of the St Patrick's branch, No 82 of the Hibernian Society. Mr Sellers and Mr Curtin were appointed by the local branch of the Society to attend as delegates the recent general