

# A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!

WESTERN AUSTRALIA has at last received the boon of Responsible Government. Her mineral wealth is now proved to be great and permanent. A wise policy of development and progress is being carried out by the new Government. Of the Loan of £2,000,000 recently floated on the English market (the amount asked for being over subscribed) £1,336,000 is to be spent in the construction of Railways, improvement of harbours, and the developing of the Colony's known mineral wealth. The Western Australian Land Company, Limited, and the Midland Railway of Western Australia, Limited, are also expending large sums in opening up the country. The climate of Western Australia in the south-west is genial and healthy, and, with an annual average rainfall of 42in., makes it unsurpassed for agricultural, pastoral, and fruit-growing pursuits. There can be no two opinions as to the soundness of an investment in West Australian land when obtainable in such good positions and at such low prices as the Estates we are at present offering. That the investment will prove reasonably profitable to purchasers is a certainty, but in all probability the profits will be VERY LARGE. The latest advices from Perth are very cheering, especially regarding the gradual discovery of the enormous mineral wealth of the Colony.

So surely as Sydney, Melbourne, and other capitals have made lightning-like progress, so surely will Perth and Albany, the principal towns of Western Australia, do likewise, and those who are now fortunate and far-seeing enough to invest in the great colony will undoubtedly reap a similar harvest to those who secured land in the before-mentioned places. To make these allotments (Building blocks from 75 x 150 feet) accessible to all we are now selling them at prices from £5 per lot. Terms from 10s monthly. Purchasers need not improve or reside on the land. Payment suspended in case of sickness or want of employment. All guaranteed land and specially selected.

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his actions should be guided by the highest motives. He is taught not to work for money or profit, but for the highest motive of duty, for his parents, his country, and God. And surely a student will not work less assiduously because he keeps his soul free from sin, for if he fails, humanly speaking, he will not lose his reward. Such is the standard set up at St Patrick's College, and when such principles pervade the life of a nation—its social and political life—you have Christian culture and education. Their idea was to thoroughly educate the youth up to a true Christian standard, so that they might go forth and help to purify society. This cannot be done by any other system save Christianity. They knew that everything valuable and lasting is the outcome of Christianity, which also preserves the highest kind of civilisation. Remove this and society will degenerate into barbarism. But it was their object and their duty to prevent so dire a consummation. His Grace concluded by wishing all the students a merry Christmas, and those who were about to leave the College for good, success in the battle of life.

His Worship the Mayor was requested by the Rector to address the audience. In the course of his remarks he said that the community could not fail to watch with great interest the experiment of carrying on a sectarian college, whose curriculum was grounded upon religious teaching, against the competition of the secular and State institutions of the same kind. Although a heretic in their midst he himself watched the experiment with much interest. It rested with the pupils themselves to make St Patrick's College a truly great school, of which past and present pupils would ever be proud. There was another seat of learning in this Colony, though identified with a different religion, which has attained the distinction, and whose pupils were proud of their association with it. He referred to Christ's College in Christchurch. If the pupils of St Patrick's College cherished this feeling and acted up to it they would not only have a pleasant life at the College and a pleasant recollection of it afterwards, but the education they would gain would equip them for faithfully discharging their duty both as men and as citizens.

A Tyrolean piece, "In Trantem Heim," followed by the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close. As the audience was leaving the students gave three cheers each for His Grace the Archbishop, His Worship the Mayor, and the Rector.

## ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE SPORTS PRIZES.

The distribution of prizes in connection with St Patrick's College Annual Sports took place in the college study-hall on Sunday last. A number of visitors were present, but the inclemency of the weather was rather a drawback to a large attendance. Arranged on a table at the head of the study-hall were the prizes, and it is on all sides admitted that these excelled in number and value the displays of preceding years. Medals and cups were numerous, and other not less costly articles attracted the attention of the youthful athletes in the body of the hall. Rev Dr Watters presided, and opened the proceedings in a few brief words, asking Dr Cahill to distribute the prizes. The chairman of the sports' committee, Rev Father Holley, then read the list of successful competitors, and as each one's name was called he was presented with his allotted trophy, his companions testifying their appreciation and approval of his success by hearty applause. When all the prizes had passed to the winners, Dr Cahill addressed the meeting, and spoke on the importance of athletics, not only as mere amusement, but also as a means of developing a strong and vigorous constitution.

The Rector again rose and commented on the success of the boys in the athletic field. He assured them that these prizes were but omens of a more important distribution to occur within a few days, when the college year would be brought to a close. He was sure, he said—and the students approved by sincere applause—that all would agree in passing a vote of thanks to those who had laboured for the success

of the sports, and especially to Rev Father Holley and Mr McCardell. Then with cheers for Dr Cahill the proceedings terminated.

The following is a list of the principal prizes:—S.P.O., Grand handicap—1st J. O'Connell, challenge cup and gold medal; 2nd J. Cullen, silver pencil and inkstand; 3rd W. Fallon, Mr Mee's trophy. High jump—1st J. O'Connor, silver medal; 2nd B. McCarthy, Mr Hannah's trophy. 120 yds, under 15—1st P. Garvey, silver cup; 2nd S. Hickson, silver medal; 3rd H. Hayward, silver pencil. 220 yds, under 15—1st A. Henderson, silver medal; 2nd H. Hayward, silver medal; 3rd P. Garvey, boys' annual. Long jump—1st P. Fay, Mr Kohn's cup; 2nd W. Organ, Mr Lindsay's trophy. 250 yds open—1st E. O'Brien, bag; 2nd J. Cullen, album; 3rd W. Organ, silver medal. High jump, under 15—1st J. Hanley, medal; 2nd J. McQuilkin, Mr Whitaker's trophy. Half-mile—1st D. Driscoll, gold medal; 2nd A. Henderson, album; 3rd P. Scally, medal. Mile—1st P. Daly, medal; 2nd D. Driscoll, Mr Tracey's trophy. Band's race 1st H. McDonnell, gold pin; 2nd N. Moloney, silver medal.

## A SCOTCHMAN'S PHILOSOPHY.

AN old Scotchman is said to have risen in prayer-meeting one night and *apropos* of nothing delivered himself of the following remarks: "There are three things I never could quite understand. First, why boys will throw sticks at green apples when, if they waited, the apples would ripen and drop off; secondly, I never could quite comprehend why men go to war to kill each other when, if they remained quietly at home they would die a natural death in good time; thirdly, and most important of all, I do not see why the men chase around after the women, since, if they sat still, the women would run around after them." How true that death comes to all men, to some so prematurely, who neglect the warning symptoms of approaching disease, such as a tired, aching feeling in the morning, headaches and nervousness, sour taste in the mouth, etc. All these are signs that the physical body is deranged and that if treated lightly, serious danger is to be apprehended. Alfred Saunders, Esq., Octagon, Dunedin, says:—Clements' Tonic and Fletcher's Pills cured me of nervous debility after I had consulted ten medical men, and spent £200 on their fees and medicines. The advertising quacks robbed me altogether. It is disgraceful that the law allows the depredations of these harpies. I can honestly recommend Clements' Tonic. It must be good. Mine was a bad case, as most of the doctors here can prove. Of course I had to take a long course, but that was to be expected, for I had been terribly humbugged, but I am at last restored to health and strength solely by Clements' Tonic.

A beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin has been erected over the western entrance of the church on Lambay Island, Dublin Bay, facing the harbour. It represents the Immaculate Conception, after Murillo's famous painting, and is the gift of Count Conesdine, owner of the island.

Father Davies, the parish priest of Baltimore, County Cork, whose death we (*Edinburgh Catholic Herald*) announced in our last issue, was the maker of Baltimore, raising it from a mere fishing hamlet to the rank of a prosperous town. He got the pier and safety harbour made, the technical schools for teaching the manufacture of fishing gear established, and raised the subscriptions for the provision of good boats to start the existing fishing fleet. He it was, also, who took the lead in promoting the railway from Skibbereen to Baltimore. Father Davis was one of the noblest and best of men. Ireland will miss him. God rest his soul.

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