



Of your charity pray for the soul of Mr WILLIAM MACKAY, father of the Very Rev Father Mackay, of Oamaru, who died at his residence, Dunedin, on Thursday the 2nd inst, Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, aged 90 years.—*Requiescat in pace.*

# The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

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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 TIMES AND THE STAR.



WEEK or two ago we made some comments on the nature of the opposition offered to the re-election of Dr STENHOUSE to the School Board of Otago. The *Otago Daily Times* took occasion from these comments to inform its readers that we advocated the Dr's re-election. As a matter of fact we did nothing of the sort. We advocated nothing in our comments one way or the other. We studiously abstained from everything that could in any way be considered an advocacy one way or the other. We confined ourselves in our remarks to the anti-Catholic nature of the opposition given to the Dr, and inferred from this the utter hopelessness of Catholics obtaining justice under the present system of education. This is the sum and substance of all we wrote on the occasion referred to, and we notice the matter now to put on record the recklessness and unfairness of public writers in reference to Catholic matters. Here in our daily contemporary our plain words are distorted from the clear and obvious meaning and represented as advocating what they certainly did not advocate. Our object in writing the words now in question, then, was no advocacy of any candidate or opposition to any candidate. The school board has no significance, so far as we are concerned, beyond that indicated above; no significance except as making plain that the partisans of the present system of education entertain the deepest conviction that Catholics, and all advocates of justice to Catholics, should on no account be permitted to take any part whatever in the administration of the system. And yet from this the *Times* has not hesitated to tell the public that we support Dr STENHOUSE'S candidature. Can it be that this statement was made to still further prejudice Dr STENHOUSE'S chance of re-election. We will not undertake to say it is so; but we may say it looks very like it. But, if we are somewhat in doubt here, we have no doubt whatever of the animus which prompted the *Evening Star* to publish in its last Saturday's issue some passages in reference to Wesleyans in Vienna, and comments thereon from the *Presbyterian*. Certain statements have been made as regards a sect of Protestants in Vienna, and certain questions have been asked as regards Bishop MORAN in consequence of these statements, evidently with the view of making people believe that in Austria Catholics persecute Protestants and that Bishop MORAN is inconsistent and not justified in seeking for justice here. We may ask, in the first

place, what has Bishop MORAN to do with any question agitated in Austria? How can he be made responsible for any policy pursued in Austria? He has no voice in such policy, he can neither further it nor defeat it. If an injustice is done to Protestants in Austria, is that a reason why an injustice should be done to Catholics here? Yet the *Presbyterian* and the *Star* seem to think so. Otherwise there is no meaning in the publication of the comments made by the former and re-published with keen enjoyment by the *Star*. We do not profess to know much about the occurrence commented on by these papers, and we think that they themselves do not know much about it, but in the estimation of our worthy contemporaries any weapon is good enough wherewith to beat Catholics. Although, however, we do not pretend to know very much about these particulars about which our contemporaries are so confident, we know something. The Protestants alluded to are not Austrian Protestants, but English foreigners who came to Vienna to endeavour to undermine the faith of Austrians, and in their endeavour to do so openly and defiantly insulted thirty millions of Austrian Catholics by telling them to their face, in their own land, that they were idolaters. This was hardly to be borne with. Only think of a dozen or so of upstarts, whose religion began a few centuries ago, and who probably, at least some of them, could hardly read any language, not to speak of the German, charging a great old, highly civilized Catholic empire that all its members, or at least the overwhelming majority of them, were idolaters. What could such presumption, vulgarity, and pride lead to but public disturbance? which the authorities were bound to prevent. We know, in the second place, that all Austrian Protestants, although in a small minority, are treated on a footing of equality with their Catholic fellow-subjects, and that in the matter of education no Austrian Protestant is compelled to pay for the free education of Catholics, but that all without exception enjoy the same rights and privileges and the most perfect justice. Can the same be said of New Zealand? No; and if the writers in the *Star* and *Presbyterian* are ignorant of this their ignorance must be wilful. In Austria, Protestants enjoy a justice and fair play which is denied to Catholics in New Zealand, and if the *Presbyterian* and *Star* do not know this they ought to have made themselves acquainted with obvious facts before rushing into print. The readers of these papers will no doubt believe that Protestants are persecuted in Austria and that Bishop MORAN is claiming here what Catholics in Austria refuse to concede to Protestants. And yet nothing can be more untrue than both of these statements.

A CONCERT will be given in the City Hall, Dunedin, on the evening of Wednesday the 15th inst, in aid of Mr Francis Mulrooney, who has been suffering for some time from a severe illness. The assistance has been secured of several of the principal musicians of the city, including the Misses R. and K. Blaney, Treseder, Morrison (vocalists), the Misses Moloney and Schlotel (instrumentalists), and Messrs Young, Blenkinsopp, Woods, Carolin, Eager, and Deaker. The object is a most deserving one, and an extremely attractive programme will be presented.

ON Wednesday evening, the 1st inst, the Very Rev Father Maher, C.M. addressed in St Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, the confraternities attached to the church. The subject of the address was the advantages accruing from the membership of religious societies. There was a very large attendance.

THE Rev William Ganly, inspector of Catholic schools for the diocese of Melbourne, has been for a few days on a visit to Dunedin. The rev gentleman had previously visited the Lakes, preaching last Sunday evening at Queenstown. Father Ganly expresses himself highly pleased with what he has seen of New Zealand.

THE Rev Father Coffey has been appointed assistant to the Very Rev Father O'Leary at Lawrence. The Rev Father P. O'Neil becomes assistant priest at Gore.

PREPARATIONS are being busily made at Hokitika to present an address and testimonial to the Very Rev Father Martin, S.M., on the occasion of his elevation to the dignity of Dean. A long and devoted ministry has well deserved for the good father this demonstration of respect and affection.

WE record with great regret the death of Mr William Mackay, father of the Very Rev Father Mackay, of Oamaru, which occurred at his residence, Cargill street, Dunedin, on Thursday, the 2nd inst, at the advanced age of 90. The deceased, who was a native of Glen-