

done and the system would be not only what its admirers say it is, almost perfect, but entirely perfect!

At the meeting of the confraternity of the Holy Family in St Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, on Tuesday evening, the Rev Father Lynch gave a lecture on University extension, contrasting the Summer School of America with the People's University of Germany. The rev lecturer directed the attention of his hearers to the successful efforts which are being made in other countries by the Church for the improvement of the Catholic people and for bettering the condition of the workmen. The Church, in fact, is doing practical work, while most of those who are her opponents, especially in the colonies, are wasting time in idle vapouring, or, still worse, in making a pretence, in their own interests, to serve the popular cause. We shall publish in an early issue an able article on the subject alluded to from one of our Catholic contemporaries.

As we go to press a report reaches us by cable of the death of his Eminence Cardinal Logue. The report needs confirmation—which we sincerely hope it may not receive.

THE Rev Father Walsh, of St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, paid a visit, *en passant*, last week to Dunedin. The rev gentleman, during his short stay here, was the guest of the Bishop and the clergy of the mission.

It should be good news to our readers in the cities South of Auckland that they are soon to have an opportunity of again hearing the splendid recitation of Miss Augusta Dargon, the famous tragedienne. This eminent lady has commenced at Auckland a tour of the colony. A hearty welcome should everywhere await her.

ON Sunday, in St Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, at the 11 a.m. Mass, the Rev Father Murphy, who acted as celebrant, referred to the deaths of the composer Gounod, and Marshall MacMahon, recommending the souls of the deceased to the prayers of the congregation. The music performed was the *Messe Solennelle*. Mr W. T. Ward acted as conductor. The soloists were Miss M. Morrison (soprano) and Messrs E. Eager (tenor) and W. Woods (bass). Handel's "Deaf March in Saul" was played at the offertory, and Mendelssohn's "Funeral March" as an outgoing voluntary. In the evening Gounod's "Ave Verum" was sung as a vesper hymn. Before the sermon Mr A. Vallis played Guilmant's "Marche Fanebre et Marche des Seraphs." After reading the Gospel Father Lynch paid a tribute to the beauty and solemnity of Gounod's music and the religious mind of the composer. The rev speaker also alluded to the practical Catholicism of the deceased Marshal and ex-President of France. Miss Morrison sang an "Ave Maria," and the choir gave a "Tantum Ergo" both by Gounod. The organist, whose "O Salutaris Hostia" in four parts, was also sung at Benediction, played the deceased composer's "Marche Solennelle" at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

It will be gratifying for our readers to learn that the results of the Senior Public Examination held recently at the Sydney University, show that our Catholic colleges in Australia still maintain the prestige which they have held for many years. St Joseph's College (Marist Brothers) heads the list with 12 pupils, the greatest number passed by any school in this examination. The Jesuit College is credited with four; Marist Brothers' High School and Convent of Mercy, Brisbane, 3 each; Christian Brothers, Brisbane, and Sisters of Charity, St Vincent's College, two each; whilst the following passed one pupil each: Marist Brothers Parramatta, Christian Brothers Lewisham, Sisters of Mercy Mount Carmel and Rockhampton. Two silver medals were carried off by the Marist Brothers' College, and two by their high school.

THE Napier whale is at it again. A mighty fish is he. Indeed, we are not sure that his editorial "we" does not stand for a whole shoal of small fry. Bishop Moran has got to look out while a leviathan like that is sailing around. He will not permit of religious differences, he tells us again, and the wonder is that so big a fish should have to speak twice. He takes up his place, too, between Bishop Moran and the Catholic workingman, "to have justice done," he says, "to even the humblest Catholic in the Colony." That humble Catholic, if he is the brother of a boy we take him for, will know where, with the greatest advantage, to plant his kick on the person of the intruder. Even if the fishes, who talk like whales, should not altogether forget themselves. This loud-mouthed sprat, we may point out, who pretends to put an end to religious differences and to protect Catholics from their Bishops, fills his columns with the ribald anti-Catholic trash of the *Humanitarian* and the lying bigotry of Dr Momerie, blasphemously describing the piety of the saints as "naastiness." Humble though the Catholic may be, we fancy he will recognise "cheek" when he sees it, and, as we have said, will know how to plant his kick in the right position. Catholic workingmen are not such fools as the Napier *News* believes them to be.

LAST week (says the Auckland *Herald*, October 17th) Monsignor McDonald, accompanied by Master S. Fleming, made his usual pastoral visit to Maraetai, via Wairoa South. He celebrated Mass on Tuesday morning at Mr McCristal's, and on Wednesday morning at Mr Keane's, when many had the happiness of receiving Holy Communion. The catechising of the children formed *en route* a special feature in connection with the Monsignor's labours. During the visit he also attended to the natives, who with the Europeans, both Catholic, and kind friends of other denominations, were delighted to see Father Walter, and extend to him every mark of kindness and attention.

WE are rather disappointed at Sir Robert Stout's address to the Wellington constituents. We looked for some new fads, but found none that were not at least three or four months old. The new Liberalism has not as yet given way for a newer. Probably, however, we shall have a surprise or two sprung upon us before the election. Undoubtedly such will afterwards be the case. We live in hope.

DURING show week in Oamaru (says the *North Otago Times*), a bazaar will be held in the Public Hall in aid of the Basilica of St Patrick. From time to time we have had bazaars for various purposes, at which some splendid displays of work have been witnessed, but this fair promises to surpass everything of the kind which has ever been held in Oamaru. Thanks to the untiring efforts of those who have the success of this bazaar at heart, there is in hand a grand collection of goods both useful and ornamental, and a large attendance and considerate generosity is all that is required to ensure success. The building, the foundation stone of which was laid last May, is now giving evidence of the noble structure it will be when completed. It does not require a profound knowledge of architecture to enable one to see that this will be an edifice of no ordinary kind, and one having few equals in New Zealand. Even now, in its unfinished state it claims, and obtains, the admiration of visitors. That this basilica will be an ornament to the town all are agreed; and in order to procure funds to ensure its completion this bazaar is now being held. It is to be hoped that the desired end will be attained, and that the efforts of those who have worked so long and so well will be crowned with success. Mr Neil Fleming has kindly consented to preside at the opening of the bazaar.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own Correspondent.)

ON Tuesday last the Rev Father Salvador, parish priest of Lyttelton, afforded the Sisters of Our Lady of Missions and their pupils an opportunity of hearing the phonograph recently imported by him from America. The machine is one of Edison's latest and is replete with the most recent improvements. His Lordship the Bishop, Father Cummings, Father Briand, and Dr G. E. Deamer were present at the entertainment. Cylinders containing vocal and instrumental musical items, speeches, etc., were given, after which several of those present spoke into the machine and had their speeches reproduced to the delight of the young auditors.

It is pleasing to notice that the work of improvement which has been in progress for some time past on the church property is extended to the Brothers' school. The old and dilapidated paling fence, which has long been an eyesore to Catholics, has at length been replaced by a neat and substantial picket fence, which gives the corner quite a smart and respectable appearance. The whole of the block on which the church with its various buildings stands, is now bounded by really good fencing, except that small portion immediately in front of the pro-Cathedral, and surely an effort will be made to secure uniformity as soon as possible.

While on the subject of fences I may say that many in connection with the Church, and outside the Church too, have wondered who the *generous benefactor* was, who at considerable expense to himself erected the gate and fence in front of the Bishop's residence. Rumour had it that Mr Eben George (for electioneering purposes I suppose) was the donor, but a disclaimer from that important personage, published in all the daily papers, dispelled that illusion, and now the affair is as much of a mystery as ever.

A concert was given by the Aloysian Guild at Halswell in aid of the church funds, and was an unqualified success. The room was crowded by an appreciative audience. The programme was an excellent one, and the manner in which the lads acquitted themselves of their several parts reflected great credit on the Guild. The Halswell committee deserve great praise for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort and entertainment of the performers. The Very Rev Father Cummings was present and thoroughly identified himself with the proceedings; he is very popular, and deservedly so, for he has always evinced the greatest interest in the spiritual and temporal welfare of the members of his flock who reside in that district.

Mr W. Hayward, first Mayor of Sumner, and a prominent member of the Catholic Church, was the recipient of a complimentary banquet

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