

Stoke Orphanage Rebuilding Fund Art Union.

THE following are the WINNING NUMBERS in the above Art Union:—

No.	Prize.	No.	Prize.	No.	Prize.
7109	7	2962	13	756	14
2477	20	6971	16	134	11
2995	23	3822	22	6555	1
1466	9	7100	12	2821	5
2760	6	2443	8	6176	24
7292	17	6950	19	7280	2
5621	21	4133	15	7221	3
5082	10	2728	4	2415	25
6979	18				

GEO. MAHONY, S.M.

WANTED, WORKING PARTNER in an ok'-established Coach Factory in the Empire City. Must be a good general body builder or wheelwright.

For further particulars apply N.Z. TABLET Office, Dunedin.

TO THE CLERGY

WE can supply Baptismal and Confirmation Register Books on application.

Apply TABLET Office.

INFORMATION WANTED

Information wanted about Nora McCarthy, who left Dunmanway, County Cork, for New Zealand about 1875. She was employed by Mrs James Brown, of Spring Bank. If she will communicate with her sister, Mrs. Ellen Farr, Castle street, Dunmanway, County Cork, she will hear of something to her advantage

NOTICE

The BAZAAR and ART UNION to be held in aid of the Dominican Convent Building Fund, Oamaru, have been indefinitely postponed owing to the impossibility of procuring a suitable Hall.

M. J. HANNING,
Hon Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Terence Fitzsimons, who died at Wairio on May 31, 1900—R.I.P.

'Tis just four years ago to-day dear Terence since you left me
My darling dear husband, your memory I'll keep,
For you were deserving of my fond recollections,
Dear to my heart is the place where you sleep

We miss you from our home, dear father,
Four years ago to-day,
A shadow o'er our home is cast
For many and many a day

—Inserted by his loving wife and family

DEATH.

O'NEILL.—On the 24th of May, at her residence, Cargill road, South Dunedin, Bridget O'Neill, aged 72 years. Deeply regretted—R.I.P.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

NON-GOSSIP—The subject of your communication is altogether a matter of parochial management. Speak or write to the priest in charge. He will deal with it.

J.O.B.C.—(1) Sir Redvers Butler was born in Devonshire (not Cornwall) in 1839. He is not a Catholic. (2) Sir William Butler was born in Tipperary County, Ireland, in 1838. He is a fervent Catholic. (3) Lord Kitchener was born in Kerry in 1850. (4) No charge. Glad to be of service to an old and valued subscriber.



To promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.

LEO XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1904.

PIUS X. AND DUELLING



REUTER is generally fossicking about in odd corners of Europe in search of sensation. For some time it has not 'got the color,' but a few days ago it announced a 'find' at Innsbruck, in the Austrian Tyrol. Here is the news as it has come to our shores:—

Reuter's Agency states that a sensation has been caused at Innsbruck by the Pope decorating two members of the Catholic Union who, through declining to participate in duels, forfeited their military commissions. The Pope is placed in direct opposition to the Austrian army authorities.

The announcement of 'a sensation' is, we think, a trifle exaggerated. Surprise and wonderment are essential elements to 'a sensation' as the term is here intended. And among the well instructed and Catholic population, civil and military, of the Austrian Tyrol, the Church's teaching on duelling is so well known that the action of the Holy Father, as described above, would appear perfectly natural and consistent. Moreover, shortly after the dismissal of the two officers referred to above—Marquis Taki and Count Ledochowski—Leo XIII. received them in audience with every sign of high honor and affection. He, moreover, addressed a letter of rebuke to the Emperor Francis Joseph for having permitted the degradation of two such brave-hearted Christian soldiers. Even Frederick the Great of Prussia referred to duellists as 'that tribe of murderers,' called duelling 'a barbarous custom,' and denounced the misnamed 'code of honor' as a tissue of prejudices and false opinions. Such, too, is the teaching of the Catholic Church. Duelling, such as we refer to, is regarded by her as actual or constructive murder. No Catholic may hold or teach that a man may accept the gage of private combat even to save his reputation for courage or to retain his position, no matter what it may be, in the army. The Church excommunicates not alone the principals in a duel, but the seconds as well, and all who in any way counsel or promote such combats and deprives of Christian burial all who are slain in those foolish and criminal encounters.

Duelling should disappear with the incoming of common sense and religion, just as profanity should go out with the decline of un-Christian coarseness and vulgarity of manners. The one is an outrage on good sense, the other on propriety. But in the Austrian and German armies there has been, for over a century, a marked return towards barbarism. The degenerate influence of the alleged 'code of honor' began to assert itself in Prussia about 1786. The onward course of its tyranny was eight years ago traced from that date till 1896 by Professor von Below, of the University of Munster (Westphalia), in a work entitled 'Duelling and the Germanic Code of Honor.' He gives the following melancholy account of the state of things in Prussia in 1896, and his words may be deemed to hold good for the whole of the German and Austrian armies—

Whilst the State on the one hand practically never punishes duellists, on the other it prosecutes with the most reckless severity those who refuse to duel. The