

catalogue of enormities perpetrated against the Church has been seizing upon its patrimony, and property to the value of twenty millions of pounds have been ruthlessly taken from her, and put into the treasury of State. It is consoling, then, to turn from this long list of misfortunes and miseries to the few items of intelligence which are calculated to gladden the heart. At the latest dates the Holy Father, after suffering a severe illness, was once more able to appear in public, and witness the demonstrations of joy by which his restoration to health was received. It is cheering to know that notwithstanding the efforts which have been made by the usurpers and tyrants to rob him of his sovereignty, the deputations of sympathy which he is daily receiving from all quarters of the globe proves that he is enthroned in the hearts of 200,000,000 of the human family, and the grand old man, with the weight of over fourscore years, is a monarch with a greater and more powerful sway than any sovereign in Christendom. The mail mentions that a pilgrimage had left New York, to the number of one hundred persons, of those who desire to visit the Vatican, and lay their allegiance at the foot of the Sovereign Pontiff. When will the enemies of the Church read the lesson which the persecution of their pastor teaches? Instead of crushing out Catholicity, persecution and the tyrannical measures which are at present put in force, will only serve to bind its members more firmly together, and the Holy Father, though now a prisoner in the Vatican, a Sovereign without a temporal throne, holds a higher place in the love and reverence of one sixth the entire universe than ever did pontiff when kings and Kaisers bowed their heads.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

We have received No. 81 of the 'Illustrated New Zealand Herald' which this month contains a four page supplement. The illustrations are of more than ordinary excellence, the 'wreck of the British Admiral'—a page-sized cut—being admirably executed, and vividly portraying the horrors of the appalling catastrophe. Beside various sketches of colonial scenery, the 'Herald' contains illustrations of the great Fire Brigade demonstrations in Melbourne, the scene of the Mining Accident at Maryborough, and a choice selection of reading matter. We have also to acknowledge the receipt of a miniature time card from the post-master-general. The table will be found an admirable acquisition, giving as it does the dates of the arrival and departure of the San Francisco, Suva, and Torres Straits mails, embracing the different parts touched at in the several routes. It also contains an almanac for 1874, and the rate of correspondence to the United Kingdom.

SOLICITATIONS having been received from the several agents of the Colonial Bank of New Zealand, in the Northern Provinces, for an extension of the time for application for shares, the directors have decided to fix Tuesday, the 21st inst. as the date on which applications for shares will finally close in this, and all the other provinces throughout the colony.

We notice by an advertisement in another column that a number of ratepayers of Leith Ward have presented a petition to Mr Thomas Birch, asking him to allow himself to be nominated at the ensuing election to represent them in the City Council. Mr Birch has acceded to the request, and in his address promises, in the event of being returned, to forward by all legitimate means the interests of Leith Ward and the City in general.

OWING to the delay in the receipt of our English and American files by the City of Adelaide, we have been unable to give our usual summary from Home papers. Up to the time of our going to press the mail had not been delivered.

A MEETING of the carpenters of Dunedin was held on Monday evening at the Hibernian Hotel, at which nearly one hundred of the craft attended. The meeting had been called to take steps to protect the trade against a reduction of wages which had been notified by some of the employers. A deputation was appointed to wait upon Messrs. Hyslop and Gore—two of the masters who had given notice of a reduction—and to obtain a definite answer as to their rate of wage. It was determined by those present that if the terms were not satisfactory, the men in their employ should come out on strike. The question was then discussed as to what rate should be paid to those who threw up their work, 30s and £3 being mentioned as the remuneration, the majority being, however, in favor of the smaller sum, and a levy of a shilling a day was made from those men in work to create a fund for the purpose.

ALREADY preparations are being made for the coming contest for the Mayoralty. During the week Councillor Walter has been holding meetings of his supporters, and has received strong promises of support. The only other candidate in the field is Mr Keith Ramsay, but whether the publication of his election address, he has not as yet taken any steps in his canvas.

We wish to draw attention to the notification from the President of the Hibernian Society, convening a meeting for Monday next, for the purpose of forming a Juvenile Contingent in connection with the association. The success of the society since its formation in New Zealand has been somewhat unprecedented, and we would urge on parents the excellent opportunity which is now available for their children joining so admirable a body. As the age for admission of members of the society has been fixed at eighteen, the Contingent will not of course be benefit members, but the small monthly subscription

will be funded for each until that age has been reached, when it will serve as the admission fee as a full member. Meanwhile the juveniles will be under the control of the association, and will be the means of supplying a constant stream of candidates for admission to the society.

TELEGRAPHIC intelligence stated that the City of Adelaide left Wellington at 2 p.m. for Lyttelton, and ought to arrive there on Thursday morning, and reach Port Chalmers on Friday morning. She will leave Port Chalmers on her return voyage, carrying onward San Francisco mails, on Friday afternoon, reaching Lyttelton on Saturday morning, and without delay sail for Wellington, where she should arrive early on Sunday. She will then proceed to Napier without delay, arriving there on Monday, and at once leave for Auckland, which should be reached on Wednesday, the 8th. She will leave Auckland for Kandavu late on the 8th, with the San Francisco mails, and will thus be two days late. She is expected to connect with the Macgregor at Kandavu, which it is believed will proceed through to San Francisco.

It is a very pleasing duty to chronicle the prosperity of local industries, and we are glad to see that the preserved meats from the Green Island Works command a rate in the London market, which leaves very little doubt as to their superior quality. The 'Times' of Thursday says, "The Green Island Meat Factory is doing a good business this season. At present there are slaughtered from 60 to 70 head of cattle, and 1400 sheep per week. The Company, it is stated, receive at the rate of 64d per lb. for preserved beef and mutton in the London market, the brand of the Company being much sought after. Another industry, started in connection with the establishment, is smoked hams, which are exported in casks preserved in tallow."

We notice that Mr Joseph Clarke, son of the late Hon. J. T. Clarke, of Victoria, who has been visiting his New Zealand estates, has in conjunction with his brother become a director in the Colonial Bank. Mr Clarke is by far the largest landed landed proprietor in the Colony, and the names of those gentlemen in connection with the bank will be a tower of strength.

In the Canterbury Provincial Council, on the 26th ult., Mr Andrews moved that the time had arrived when cremation, or the burning of human bodies, should take place, in order to prevent the pollution of the ground, the streams, and the air, which results from burying such bodies, and that a sum be placed upon the Estimates for the purpose of establishing the most approved system of cremation. Sir Cacroft Wilson said he seconded the motion with great pleasure. A short discussion took place, during which no positive objection was made to cremation, but the general opinion appeared to be that the time had not arrived for bringing it into operation. Ultimately the motion was withdrawn.

THE *versata questio* concerning the sale of the Dunedin Water-works to the City Corporation, has at last been set at rest. At an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders which was held on the 26th ult. the proposed terms of agreement were confirmed and validated. The conditions upon which the Works become the property of the Council are—£17 10s. for each fully paid-up share under the Company's Amendment Act, 1864; £16 for all shares fully paid-up issued under the Company's Amendment Act, 1871; and a premium of £1 10s. per share on all shares allotted under the last-mentioned Act, in addition to the amount of paid-up calls. The purchase money shall be in cash, or in corporation bonds, payable in 50 years, bearing interest at 6 per cent., payable half-yearly.

THE work of turning the first sod of the Riverton Railway was performed by His Honor the Superintendent on the 26th ult., at Riverton. The day was observed as a close holiday by the inhabitants, and there was a great display of bunting from the signal station and all the places of business. Speeches were made by the Mayor, Mr Daniel, the member for the town, and the Superintendent. In the course of his remarks His Honor said he had no doubt the contractors would have the work completed within the specified time, as the Government had a £10,000 security for them; and stated that the chief credit of the inauguration was due to Mr Daniel who has fought hard for the interests of his constituents, and which, in the shape of railways, would ultimately tend to secure prosperity and happiness to all, in spite of croakers.

We have received No. 26 of the 'Southern Mercury,' which is now published at the 'Guardian' Company's office. It made its appearance last week in a complete new dress, and is decidedly equal to any, and inferior to none of the English weeklies. From "Echoes from a Tub" we extract the following happy hit at the prevailing rage for grandiloquent times:—"A private letter from Dunedin says that 'RUBEOLA' is prevalent in that city, and warns us to be prepared for its introduction here. The letter adds that it is not in itself dangerous, but requires great care to avoid cold after getting rid of the disease. The disease resembles measles, but those who have not had the latter, are not safe from the 'RUBEOLA.' Now I never had the 'RUBEOLA' that I know of. I don't suppose that anybody except a medical person, in Dunedin ever did have 'RUBEOLA' to their own knowledge. Consequently I got frightened; I rolled out of my tub, ploughed through the civic mud, defied the civic darkness, and smote upon my breast as I strode onwards, shouting 'Ha, ha,' and defying 'rubeola,' I went to the Athenaeum; I sought out the biggest and blackest of Encyclopædias the mouldiest of medical dictionaries, the thorniest of therapeutical treatises; and, as the final and complete result of my labors, I discovered that 'RUBEOLA' was another name for the measles! Oh, ye Gods!!! Miserable must the modification be; but 'rubeola' readily renders separation. Henceforth, all hail, Rubeola! Children shall never more be troubled with measles. I wonder whether the alteration of the name will necessitate a change of medicine?"

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