

The leader in its last issue thus enumerates a few of the difficulties which bear its onward course:—"We have many other subjects on which we desire to write, but time, steam, power, and space alike prevent."

With regard to the newly created Archbishopric See of Melbourne, from an English paper we glean the following particulars:—"The See of Melbourne, formerly Suffragan to Sydney, has been made Metropolitan; and the Right Rev. James A. Goold, O.S.A., now residing in Rome in the Irish Augustinian priory of St. Maria in Fusterula, has been created Archbishop. His Grace will have five Suffragan Sees in his province—those, namely, of Adelaide, Perth, and Tasmania or Hobart Town, and the newly-formed Sees of Ballarat and Sandhurst.

An inquest was held on Monday at Port Chalmers on the body of William Lenton, one of the four who were drowned in the bay by the upsetting of a boat on the Queen's Birthday. The body had been discovered by a boy named Osborne in a bight off Mussel Bay, and was identified by Mr Lenton as that of his son, aged seventeen. After hearing some evidence the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death." There still remains one other body to be recovered—that of Butterfield.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

KAIAPOI (Canterbury) is in the singular position of having an evenly-balanced population—501 males and 501 females.

His Excellency the Governor on Monday gave his assent to the Otago Harbor Board Bill.

Mr Mathews of the Invercargill Post Office, has been appointed temporary mail agent for New Zealand on the route to San Francisco.

A man named James Connibie, who had been lately been discharged from the Hospital, had his leg broken on Monday while working at the Union street quarry. The accident was caused by a large stone rolling down upon him.

The body of the man Treason, who had been missing from Timaru, has been discovered in a creek near Temuka.

At a meeting of the City Council held on Tuesday, Councillors Reeves and Ramsay were elected members of the Harbor Board.

The receipts of the Dunedin Savings Bank for the six months ending June 30th were £19,374 15s. 6d.; and the withdrawals for the same period £14,175 14s. 10d.

A retiring allowance of £200 has been voted to Mr Greenfield, the late Secretary to the Nelson Provincial Council. The non-official member of the Executive, Mr Rout, receives £100 a year.

The sum of £199 has been placed on the Estimates by the Auckland Provincial authorities for the removal of the cemetery, which is too near the heart of the city and near to which there is considerable mortality—said by the medical authorities to be due to the effluvia arising.

A man who was known by the name of Hawthorne, has been hanged at Goulburn for an attempted murder near that town. He was suspected of at least half-a-dozen murders, and on the scaffold confessed to four of the crimes of which he was suspected. The Sydney papers described the wretched criminal as "one of the most heartless and blood-thirsty of the human tigers who have ever infested the Australian wilds."

John Jenkins, a carrier, has been committed for trial on a charge of wilfully setting fire to a dwelling-house at Waihoia, on the 31st of May.

A man named James Cochran, a carrier, while alighting from his dray near Palmerston, fell, and the wheel passing over one of his legs injured it severely. He was conveyed to Dunedin for medical treatment.

The last crushing of 200 tons of stone from the Star of the East claim at Cromwell yielded 125oz of gold.

Mr Oliver, M.P.C., has divided the amount of his honorarium between the hospital of the district he represents, and the Sailor's Home, an example well worthy of imitation.

Messrs. Meikle and Campbell are the successful tenderers for the erection of the new railway passenger station at Dunedin, the price being £3368, 10s.

The immigrants in the barracks who refused to work on Wednesday, finding that the authorities were determined to rigorously enforce the regulations, resumed work.

The whole production of the precious metals throughout the consists of nearly eight hundred specimens, gold and silver. One of the pieces dates from 1700 years before Jesus Christ.

HIBERNIAN AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY.

AN extraordinary meeting of St. Joseph's Branch, No. 73, H.A.C.B.S. was held last Monday evening. The President presided. The Rev. J. Crowley attended, and announced to the members that the Most Rev. Dr Moran had been pleased to appoint him chaplain to the Branch. He expressed the great pleasure he felt in being so closely connected with the Society. He had always taken a great interest in it, had watched with gratification its rapid growth, and his earnest wishes were for its future. The announcement, as also the rev. gentleman himself, was received most enthusiastically. The President congratulated the members upon the appointment. It was one they had always been anxiously looking forward to; if one thing more than another was calculated to promote the welfare of the Society, it was the appointment of a chaplain. A heartfelt vote of thanks to his Lordship for his graciousness in making the appointment, was proposed and carried by acclamation. A discussion arose as to the desirability of altering the place of meeting; but after a somewhat warm debate, it was decided to continue to meet in the schoolroom. Messrs Golden and Power were initiated benefit members; and Mr M. O'Donnell was nominated a fit person to become a member.

NASEBY.

THE half-yearly meeting of the St. Patrick's Branch H. A. C. B. Society, Naseby, was held on the 26th inst. Mr Joseph Kealy, President, in the chair. After transacting the ordinary business of the meeting, receiving contributions, entrance money, and so forth, the election of officers for the ensuing six months took place. Mr Michael Brooks was unanimously elected President; Mr Gordon, Secretary; Mr O'Connell, Treasurer; and Mr Michael O'Brien, Warden. The election of Vice-President and Guardian, were postponed to the next ordinary meeting. The newly elected officers were installed in their respective places by Past-President Brother Kealy, and their several duties pointed out to them. The accounts for the past quarter were audited by Messrs Brooks and Kealy, and found correct. Messrs H. J. Sproule, John Collins, Michael Mannix, and Ned Lane were proposed as benefit members. Proceeds of the evening, £4 14s 6d.

The new Catholic Church is now finished, but is still over £120 in debt. The Committee intend holding a Bazaar about the middle of November, the proceeds of which will be devoted towards the clearing off of the Church liabilities, and the residue to the erection of a parochial residence for our worthy pastor. Contributions to the Bazaar will be received by the Church Committee, viz., the Rev. E. Royer, Messrs Brooks, Brown, Healy, Sproule, O'Connell, Black, and Gordon. We trust our Dunedin and country friends will assist our efforts to free the house of God from debt, and enable us to erect a suitable residence for his minister. Our worthy pastor is indefatigable in his exertions, and has just returned from Oamaru, where he has been most successful in raising contributions; and we sincerely trust that wherever he may call he will be received with a *cord mille fealties* by all our countrymen, and that they will show by their zeal and generosity in giving the means to erect a temple to the living God, and residence for his shepherd, that they are worthy descendants of their sires, and that they have not degenerated in this new Ireland of the South.

"Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey,
When wealth accumulates, and men decay."

I visited the Catholic school a few days ago, and was highly delighted with the appearance of the children, and the management of the teacher; and I have no doubt that with a little assistance from the parents in the way of managing the children at home, he will in a short time make the school second to none in the country districts.

HIBERNICUS.

Naseby, June 25.

GOOD TEMPLARS AND ROMAN CATHOLICS.

AUCKLAND.

It is stated in one of the Auckland daily newspapers that the Good Templars are about to apply to the Pope, through Archbishop Manning, requesting His Holiness to sanction Roman Catholics becoming members of the Order of Good Templars. It is not stated on what authority this rumour rests. Supposing the report true, it indicates a very kindly feeling on the part of the Good Templars towards their Catholic brethren, and a very becoming respect for the Pope's spiritual authority—rather unusual with Protestants in general. It is to be feared, however, that there would be insuperable objections to Catholics entering the Order of G. T., even though it were not a "Secret Society"—its object the suppression of intemperance, or rather the suppression of the common sale of intoxicating liquor, is a thing good in itself, and most desirable. Still the Society is partly religious and partly political in its nature. Roman Catholics, therefore, however friendly disposed they may be to Good Templars, and however desirous they may be to see them succeed in the attainment of their main object, could not consequently amalgamate with them. At least such is my own opinion as a layman. Whatever be the issue of the advance made by the Good Templars to a fraternization with the Roman Catholics, even supposing it fail, good must come out of it. The Good Templars are a very numerous and a very respectable and influential Protestant public body, and the bare fact of their showing an anxiety to amalgamate with their Roman Catholic friends is honorable to both parties. When the objections to such a union are officially made known by the Pope through Archbishop Manning to the Good Templars, this no doubt will lead them to consider more fully than many of them may yet have done the nature of Catholic principles—religious, moral, and political. Archbishop Manning will thus be made the medium of bringing the well-disposed Protestants into communion with their Catholic brethren, and ultimately conducting many Protestants into the Catholic Church. English Protestants trust him; they confide in his judgment and sincerity. The very fact of the Good Templars having made him the medium of their communication with the Holy See is a proof of this. I have always an impression that this Good Templar Order, if its members had only the grace of perseverance, would lead to important results of some kind—though I feared with many that, being without any sufficient ecclesiastical control and direction it might issue in evil. The longing after union with Catholics now exhibited by the Order impresses me still further with the conviction that there is possibly a great future before it, in some way. The very name "Templar" is redolent of antiquity and Catholicity. This is an inquisitive as well as a rapid age. The Good Templars are generally well educated, reflecting, and well disposed men. They see the necessity of strict subordination and religious influence in their Society if it is to stand and flourish. They know that strict order, obedience, and permanent religious power are nowhere to be found apart from the Catholic Church. Every association, every order, established for great and beneficial purposes, more especially for purposes of a religious kind, if it is to be permanent and powerful, must be framed and worked on Catholic principles. An association formed on any other principles except Catholic, contains within itself the elements of decay and death. The Order of Good Templars is in a certain sense a religious order; and the very instinct of its members, the instinct of self-preservation, as a society, one may say, is leading them to long after union with Catholics, and therefore after the adoption of Catholic feelings and principles.