

DOMINICAN CONVENT, DUNEDIN.

DURING the Holidays (which will extend to the 2nd of February) it is requested that all communications with the above Convent may be addressed to the Bishop's Palace, Rattray street or to the Priory, Waikari.



BY SPECIAL AUTHORITY

Under the Patronage of His Honor the Superintendent, the Mayor of Dunedin, and the People of Otago.

GRAND ART EXHIBITION.

HAY & CO'S THIRD ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF WORKS OF ART.

MESSRS. W. E. HAY & CO. (late Howell and Hay), in holding this, their Third Annual Art Union in Dunedin, would respectfully request the support of all classes, if only from the fact that they claim for this distribution of works of art that there is actual *bona fide* value given in their prizes for the amount set against them.

The general satisfaction we have given in previous years in is some guarantee that we shall continue to deserve the support so freely accorded to us in these undertakings: but to all we say "Come and see for yourselves!"

The prizes consists of richly framed pictures, after the most eminent ancient and modern painters, comprising: Oleographs, chromolithographs, engravings, photographs, autotypes, tinted-lithographs, and prints in substantial ornamental, gilt, maple, rosewood, walnut, and other frames.

350 prizes of the value of £325, in 1,300 tickets at 5s each.

The drawing will be conducted on the strict art union principle by a committee of management chosen by, and from, the ticket-holders present at the time of drawing, of which due notice will be given. To take place on or about the end of December.

Prizes on view, and catalogues on application, next the Athenæum, Octagon, Dunedin from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Remember—Admission Free!!

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL, NASEBY.

WANTED, CATHOLIC TEACHER for the above School. Applications, with testimonials, &c., to be forwarded immediately to the Rev. President, E. Royer.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE VICAR-GENERAL.

The following sums have been added to above since our last issue:—			
Per Mrs FISHER.		Mr Copeland ...	1 1 0
Mr Wain ...	0 10 6	Total ...	2 14 6
A Friend, J.M. "F" ...	0 10 6	Anthony Gallagher, St.	0 5 0
Mrs Pratt ...	0 2 6	Bathans ...	0 10 0
Mrs Halston ...	0 5 0	Mrs Fitzgerald ...	0 10 0
A Friend, E.D. ...	0 2 6	Total ...	0 15 0
Mrs Hesford ...	0 2 6	Per Mr E. CARROLL.	
E. Carroll ...	...	...	0 10 0
Bernard Cunningham ...	...	...	0 10 0
Mary Macnamara ...	...	...	0 10 0
Bridget Green ...	...	...	0 10 0
Total ...		...	2 0 0

CANVASSER WANTED.

THOROUGHLY EXPERIENCED CANVASSER WANTED for the TABLET. Written applications, stating reference and terms, to be forwarded to the Secretary, Stafford street.

New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1875.

THE 'OTAGO GUARDIAN.'

This Journal, in its issue on the 6th inst., says many things in reference to us and others, which are not true, and for which its Editor has not condescended to adduce even the shadow of a proof. His readers, no doubt, attach great importance to all he has written; and not improbably regard his estimate of us as correct. But, we trust his triumph, if, indeed, such a thing exists in any shape, will be short-lived; and that honest men, even among his own supporters, will demand the production of evidence before they finally make up their minds that the NEW ZEALAND TABLET is painfully conspicuous amongst its compeers for its illiberality of sentiment, and for the aggressive feeling

which it displays against those who honestly differ from itself. "The two points," continues our contemporary, "for which it is most noticeable, are its fierce antagonism to Freemasonry, and its bitter denunciations of all and sundry whose opinions do not happen to harmonise in all respects with its own."

Our answer is, that antagonism to Freemasonry, so far from being a proof of "illiberality of sentiment," and of an "aggressive feeling," affords a strong argument of 'our being neither illiberal nor aggressive. Our hostility to Freemasonry arises from our detestation of tyranny and aggression. Freemasonry is the most tyrannical and aggressive of societies. Without going further, the fearful oaths imposed by this society more than sufficiently prove its tyranny; and its never ceasing assaults on the Church establish, beyond the possibility of a doubt, that it is essentially and fundamentally aggressive.

But the 'Guardian' charges us with giving currency to "absurd and monstrous misstatements, and pledging our reputation to the authenticity of spurious Masonic oaths, binding the fraternity to compass the subversion of the Christian faith, and the overthrow of monarchical institutions," and thinks this an adequate reply to our serious charges against Freemasonry, and an overwhelming proof of our illiberality and aggressive spirit. The fact is, however, that we have not made any misstatement whatever, and have not published anything spurious in reference to Freemasonry. In all our writings as to this society, we have always been most careful to give our authority for every statement made by us. We have given the names of the authors from whom we quoted, most accurately; and have also the chapter, page, &c., &c. These authorities have also been, for the most part, high Masonic authorities, such, for example, as *Cours philosophique et interprétatif des Initiations anciennes et modernes*, and *l'Orthodoxie Maçonnique*, both written by Brother * * * RAGON, whom the French Masons have styled *The Sacred Author* of Freemasonry; *Etudes Historiques et Philosophiques sur les trois grades de la Maçonnerie Symbolique*, by Brother * * * REDARES; *Le Monde Maçonnique*. We have also quoted from the works of Monsignor DE SEUR and DE SAINT-ALBIN, who are most careful to prove their statements from official documents and treatises, written by Freemasons, which are recognised as authentic by the Freemason Society.

The Editor of the 'Guardian' says, "It is rather improbable that a society to which Kings and Princes account it an honor to belong, should entertain the atrocious sentiments so freely and so falsely ascribed to it by the 'Tablet,'" and he fancies that this disproves all we have said. The Editor of the 'Guardian' is to be pitied for his simplicity. Why, the fact is, these Kings and Princes are mere dupes—phantoms, as they are called in the circular drawn up by the Chief Illuminated Masons, after the Masonic Congress, which had been held at Wilhelmsbade. And Brother FRANCIS * * * FAYRE, *Essai Historique et Philosophique*, p. CII., says that Princes have decreed to themselves the title of its protectors, and that Freemasonry will accord to them freely the title of Grand Masters, but that it will remain *fermée*—closed against its Grand Masters and protectors: that their vanity may be satisfied, but that the secrets of Freemasonry shall never be communicated to them. There has been no misstatement made by us, and we have published nothing spurious. Throughout our controversy with the 'Guardian,' and in all we have written on the subject of Freemasonry, we have not set down anything untrue, or even exaggerated.

It would have been well had the 'Otago Guardian' followed this good example; but, even in the very leader with which we are just now concerned, there is more than one instance of carelessness, or bad faith, or recklessness. For example, the 'Guardian' says, "And the mere circumstance that Pro Nono (himself at one time a member of the craft.)"—What will every honest, *causid ma* i think of this? Now, for the third time, the 'Otago Guardian' has repeated this calumny. On two previous occasions we disproved this statement of the 'Guardian,' on a third, we give the denial of Pro Nono himself, and yet the 'Guardian' repeats this lie, which was first spread abroad by MAZZINI in 1847, and which has been denied and disproved a thousand times since, as if there had never been a denial or disproof. Is there any language expressive and strong enough to adequately characterise and denounce such conduct as this? The 'Guardian' says we have displayed intolerance. In one sense, we plead guilty to this charge. We are intolerant of a lie, and shall continue to be so;