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H.A.C.B.S.—We are at all times willing to open our columns to any-
thing which may appear to us calculated to advance the interests
of this Society. We, however, do not think that such an end is
likely to be attained by further animadversions upon the conduct
of officials, past or present, which, while they form a class of
reading that we are by no means desirous of promoting, are most
likely to bring the Society into unenviable notoriety, and to injure
it materially; consequently we feel ourselves obliged to decline
all future communications of the nature alluded to, and for this
reason we have not inserted a letter forwarded to us this week.—
Ed. N. Z. TABLET.

NOTICE.

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to our Southland subscribers at an earlier hour than that at which
they are now sent out by us. The postal arrangements render
this quite impossible for the present at least.

New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1876.

THE PRESENT WEEK.

THIS is an eventful week, and will be memorable in the
annals of New Zealand. Sir JULIUS VOGEL has resigned the
Premiership with the view of obtaining the appointment of
Agent-General in London. This office was offered to him, he
says, by his colleagues in the Cabinet; and considerations arising
from ill-health, and the duty he owes to his family, have induced
him to accept the offer. The late Premier is a lucky man.
Dr. FEATHERSTON died just in the nick of time, and at a
moment most convenient for the personal and family interests
of Sir JULIUS VOGEL.

But there is another aspect of the question. Sir JULIUS
VOGEL has, by his policy, brought the affairs of the country
into a state of almost inextricable confusion. He has pulled
the constitution to pieces, and, as it seems to us and a great
many more, he and his party, though still willing to consu-
mate Abolition, are in such a state of alarm and bewilder-
ment that they do not know what step to take next. And
in these circumstances it is that Sir JULIUS VOGEL deems it
becoming, wise and manly to run away. Perhaps he thinks
the old saw—"He who fights and runs away, lives to fight
another day"—contains a profound principle of politics. Sir
JULIUS has set the colony in a blaze by his unwise and obsti-
nate policy, has succeeded in evoking a most determined
spirit of resistance which nothing but a return to the old order
of things political can appease, and having done so, decamps.

The truth is, though it may appear strange, the VOGEL
Government has fallen, rather than resigned; it has fallen,
though backed in the House of Representatives by a large
majority of abolitionists; because this majority is not in har-
mony with public opinion. The fact is, the late VOGEL
Government was absolutely unable to carry on the affairs of
the country in the face of the hostile attitude of the people;
and further persistence in the policy of abolition would have
provoked an armed resistance. This is a lesson that will not
be lost upon the people of Otago and Auckland. It proves
to them what union and determination founded on justice can
effect.

Another remarkable event of this week is the public meet-
ing held in the Drill-shed, Dunedin, to protest against Aboli-
tion, the absorption of the land-fund by the General Govern-
ment and Centralism. Between twelve and fifteen hundred
people attended this meeting, and the utmost unanimity pre-
vailed; whilst the determination of those present to resist
Abolition to the last extremity was not to be mistaken. From
the first there have been a few here who played fast and loose
with this question, who, when the question of Abolition was
first mooted advocated it most enthusiastically, but who, so
soon as public opinion declared itself decidedly against the
measure, changed their advocacy, if not their views, and have
ever since given a sort of half-hearted opposition; and who
now say they want a Board of Works in order to secure the
land-fund of the Province.

But a Board of Works would be little better than a sham
protection, and what is really wanted is an independent Pro-
vincial Legislature placed, within its own sphere, beyond the
power of the Central Government. The old Provincial sys-
tem with a few modifications would suffice. Separation,
indeed, in terms of Sir GEORGE GREY's resolutions so lately
rejected by the House of Representatives, would be the best
form of Government for the entire Colony; but failing
this, the old Provincial system for the Provinces which
desire it would, with a few modifications, and absolute
security against the encroachments of Centralism, suffice
for all local purposes. These modifications are as follows:
—1st. A reduction of Provincial councillors in Otago, at
all events, by one-half. 2nd. Responsibility secured by
biennial elections instead of by an executive chosen by a
majority of councillors. A responsible executive on the
English model seems to be singularly out of place under a
Superintendent elected by almost universal suffrage every
fourth year.

The sooner the present confusion and uncertainty ceases
the better for every interest in New Zealand. Men are now
out of employment, and things generally are dull. This need
not be the case. This country has abundant resources, and
room for millions of men. All that is required to secure