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N O T I C E .

THE elegantly-executed photographs of the Bishop (by Messrs. Clifford and Morris) the copyright of which has been reserved, can be had on application at the Convent, where they will be sold for the benefit of the Christian Brothers' School Fund, for which object they were taken at the time of the Bazaar.

THE TABLET, Vol. 3, FOR SALE. Bound copies of the above, also a few copies of vol. 1 and 2; price, £1 5s.

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	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Sheedy (second subscription)	2	0	0
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Mr. M. Murphy	5	0	0
Mr. D. W. Woods	2	2	0

THE following SUMS have been received as Subscriptions to the TABLET for the week ending September 7, 1876:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. E. O'Connell, Hyde to Nov. 22, 1876	2	0	0
" John Farrell, St. Kilda, to Jan. 3, 1877	1	5	0
" T. Fox, Switzer's, to March 5, 1876	0	12	6
" J. Cullen, Akaroa, to Sept. 27, 1876	1	5	0
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" Peters, Napier, to March 1st, 1877	0	12	6
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" J. Hays, Gillespie's, to Oct. 7, 1876	1	0	0
" M. Twohy, per Rev. Father Petit Jean	1	5	0
" P. Sheridan, Wellington, to Oct. 11, 1876	1	0	0
" Henry, Wellington, to Nov. 7, 1876	1	0	0
" R. Fuller, Port Chalmers, to Jan. 31st, 1876	1	0	0
" E. Kirk, Dunedin, to Aug. 29, 1876	0	12	6

DIED.

O'SULLIVAN.—On the 12th of August, at his residence, Lislealane, Mount Pleasant, Marlborough, Mr. John O'Sullivan, sen., late Inspector of Public Works for the Marlborough Provincial Government.—R.I.P.

New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1876.

IGNORANT AND INCORRIGIBLE.

SOME hopeful who knows where Tapanui is, has lately visited New Mexico, has written about his travels, and the Otago 'Daily Times' has had the good taste and justice to publish his blasphemies against the Catholic Church, and even common decency! A more truculent, lying, and indecent attack on the venerable Church of God and genuine history, than this made by "An Old Otago Settler," we have not read for a long time. The man must be an ignoramus as well as a demented bigot.

It will be necessary for us to transfer some of this writer's nonsense and contradictions to our pages, in order that our readers may see a specimen of "An Old Otago Settler," and that we may be enabled to deal with him as

he deserves. But before doing so, we beg to apologise for doing so, and to plead as our excuse, absolute necessity. Writing of certain people whom he came across in New Mexico, this "Old Otago Settler" says, "Although they lie, and steal, and cut throats like blazes, they are yet very good Catholics, and even go to the length of suicide, in some cases, in order to do God service." If these men are such as they are described by "An Old Otago Settler," which we doubt very much, instead of being very good Catholics, they are not Catholics at all. And that any old settler who ever resided in Otago could have been capable of writing such a monstrous falsehood, we could not have believed, nor would we even now believe it, had we not the authority of the 'Otago Daily Times' for saying that this atrocity was really written by "An Old Otago Settler."

Here, again, are a few more specimens of the truthfulness and accuracy of information of "An Old Otago Settler." "How one's blood boils at a system which has subjected the human body and mind to so many dreadful sufferings. . . . I have never seen a more degraded and superstitious lot of people than the Spanish Mexican races in their western territories." Indeed! "An Old Otago Settler" then cannot have travelled much in England and Scotland. Had he done so, or if having done so, had he chosen to speak truly, he would have met with thousands in happy England and thrifty Scotland, as they are called, who, in brutality to helpless women and children, in besotted drunkenness, and in profound and amazing ignorance, are immeasurably lower and more degraded than even the Spanish Mexicans in their western territories. We are no apologists of their crimes or faults; but they cannot be charged with mutilating and murdering women and children with their fists and their feet, with brutalising themselves with intoxicating drink, with ignorance as to the name of Christ, or even of the sovereign who rules over them, as has been proved to have been the case in innumerable instances in England, where the people have not been "subjected to the influence of the Catholic Church for ages." "An Old Otago Settler" does not charge the western Mexicans with these or such enormous crimes, and from his not having done so, we may rest assured he could not. In what then has their great crime consisted? In an exaggerated superstition which the Catholic Church condemns, and into which they have fallen, not because they have been for ages subjected to the influence of the Catholic Church, as this shallow or malicious "Old Otago Settler" would have us believe, but precisely because they have for generations been withdrawn almost altogether from her benign influence by liberal and revolutionary governments, whose one great object has been throughout to destroy the Catholic Church, and blot out, if possible, even the name of Christ.

Again, "An Old Otago Settler" gravely tells us that "the Church has had absolute dominion for ages in Spanish America. The Church has had the biggest share of the people's earnings, and their education entirely in its hands, and what is the result? In South America, in Central and North America, the same story as in Italy, Spain, and Ireland—the masses debased and ignorant of the commonest laws of their being; turbulent, unruly, given to lying and assassination, rebelling against both Church and State." This is truculent and reckless writing with a vengeance. This "Old Otago Settler" knows so little of the subject on which he undertakes to write, that he hesitates not to state, as a fact, that which is notoriously untrue, as testified in all histories, except such as have been composed for the use of schools in England and Scotland to help on the spread of genuine education! This "Old Otago Settler" seems never to have read the story of *Las Casas*, and the other innumerable Catholic ecclesiastics who, through long years of weary conflict, battled for the rights of the Indians and the privilege of teaching them Christianity, against the greed and tyranny of godless colonists, or the apathy-ignorance, and sometimes the direct opposition of a distant government which was throughout engaged in thwarting the Holy See, and which put the climax on its iniquities by banishing their most able and devoted teachers. Neither does this "Old Otago Settler" seem to know anything of the action of Mexican governments for the last fifty years—how often these have banished bishops and priests, confiscated the property of the Church, left entire districts for years without pastors, and obstructed in every way, the action of the Holy See, as is done at present in Protestant Germany. He was probably too much engaged up at Tapanui, with his sheep and his bullocks, to attend to such