

HOGG AND HUTTON'S ADVERTISEMENT.

PORT WINE, 1834 Vintage, 42 years old; per dozen, 110s.

PORT WINE, 1844 Vintage, 32 years old. A bargain. Per dozen, 75s.

BBROWN SBERRY, 10 years. Just received. Rate value Per dozen, 75s.

COLONIAL WINES, 30s. to 35s. per dozen.

LORNE WHISKEY (Genuine), 48s. per dozen.

HOGG AND HUTTON, Ctr'gon.

WANTED, for St Thomas of Aquin Roman Catholic boys school, Thames, Catholic teacher holding first-class certificate. Applications stating terms, accompanied with testimonials, addressed Rev. S. Chastagnon, Thames.

TEACHER WANTED for the CATHOLIC SCHOOL at Cromwell. Applications, accompanied with references, to be made to the Rev. FATHER KEHOE, from whom further particulars regarding Salary, &c., can be obtained.

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.

S T. JOSEPH'S CHURCH IMPROVEMENT FUND

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THE following SUMS have been received as Subscriptions to the TABLET for the week ending September 21, 1876:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. Gill, Hyde, to November 29th, 1876 ..	...	1	5
„ G. Matber, Christchurch, to February 28th, 1877 ..	...	1	5
„ J. Murray, Kaiwara, to September 8th, 1876 ..	...	1	10
„ D. Walsh, Arrow, to November 8th, 1876 ..	...	1	5
„ L. Ryan, Alexandra, to April 24th, 1876 ..	...	0	12
„ Thos. Mee, Roxburgh, to February 25th, 1877 ..	...	0	12
„ J. Woodhouse „ May 1st, 1876 ..	...	1	5
„ J. Honor „ „ ..	...	0	12
„ T. Richards „ April 3rd, 1876 ..	...	0	12
„ J. Roughan, Lawrence, to November 1st, 1876 ..	...	0	12
„ McCressan „ May 1st, 1876 ..	...	1	5
„ J. Roach, Evans' Flat, to May 1st, 1877 ..	...	1	5
„ J. Donnan, Lawrence, to January 24th, 1876 ..	...	0	12
„ P. Tracey, Evans' Flat, to October 24th, 1876 ..	...	1	5
„ P. Flynn, Lawrence, to July 24th, 1876 ..	...	0	12
„ M. Monaghan, Lawrence, to October 24th, 1876 ..	...	0	12
„ P. Cane, Havelock, to October 17th, 1875 ..	...	1	0
„ J. Harris, Lawrence, to February 15th, 1877 ..	...	1	0
„ E. Phelan, Charleston, to September 27th, 1876 ..	...	0	12
„ F. McParland „ May 8th, 1876 ..	...	0	12

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FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1876.

WHAT SHALL WE CALL IT?

Is it an address, a memorial, a threat, a sham, a scheme, or an absurdity; we mean the document lately forwarded to the members for Dunedin in the House of Representatives? We are not in a position to answer this question, as we have not been behind the scenes; but there is one thing in reference to this document which we do know. It is unjust, ungrateful, and in exceedingly bad taste. There can be no doubt, whatever, that it implies grave censure of the parliamentary conduct of Mr. MACANDREW, Mr. STOUT, and Mr. LARNACH. This is unjust and undeserved so far, at all events, as the present session of Parliament is concerned. These three gentlemen have, during this session, labored zealously and wisely to protect the rights, liberties, and material interests of Otago; and their conduct in the House has been such as should command the approbation and thanks of every citizen of Dunedin, and every lover of honesty and fair play.

This document insinuates that the obstruction of public business must be laid at the door of these three gentlemen and the party to which they belong. Where is the proof of their having done this? Few have spoken less in the House of Representatives than Mr. MACANDREW and Mr. LARNACH; and as to Mr. STOUT, not one of his able

speeches has been unnecessary. But the truth is, their crime has been, that they have manfully, patriotically, and laboriously, in the midst of weariness and disgust at stupidity, avarice, and attempted tyranny, fought the battle of justice and independence on behalf of their constituents. Notwithstanding the almost unanimous opinion of the people of Otago, there are to be found here a few persons whose greatest anxiety is to destroy the independence of their province, and hand her over bound hand and foot to a party whose honesty is exemplified by its determination to rob her of her land revenue, and whose ability to conduct the affairs of the country is evidenced by an inability to construct a legal Executive, and an extreme ardour in the passing of Indemnity Bills when caught in the perpetration of great political misdeeds.

The gentlemen of this Centralistic party are the real delinquents, and it is to this party that the wire-pullers who got up the Address to Messrs. MACANDREW, LARNACH and STOUT belong. Why did they not address their friends, Messrs. ATKINSON, WHITTAKER, McLEAN, etc., who are to blame for all the delay and other evils resulting from the present session? What business had they to send such a document to our city members? These gentlemen have not been guilty of incurring penalties by the purchase of the Piako Swamp, they have not sat in Parliament whilst holding their places as civil servants, they have not broken recent acts of Parliament by becoming members of an illegal cabinet, they have not introduced Indemnity Acts to screen themselves from penalties, consequent on repeated infringements of the law which they were bound to know and enforce, they have not been guilty of the political infamy of endeavoring to mulct in costs, by an Indemnity Bill, gentlemen who only sought to do what the law had authorised them to do. There is not on record conduct comparable to that of the present Ministry and their subservient majority in Parliament. Having broken the law, the Ministry like men ought to have taken the consequences. But instead of that they have, by the aid of their majority, punished the men who thought to make them obey a most just and necessary law of the land.

The obstruction to which certain gentlemen in Dunedin seem to object so much, arose from a desire on the part of some members of the House of Representatives, to test the point in dispute before the proper tribunal, the Supreme Court, and to prevent the stifling of all legal inquiry by a premature and unconstitutional Act of Indemnity. The Ministry by their bungling and high-handed proceedings, by their haste in endeavoring to save self, have been the cause of all the late deplorable proceedings in Parliament. It was to the Ministry their friends in Dunedin should have written, and not to Messrs. MACANDREW, STOUT and LARNACH, and we are more than pleased to find that these gentlemen have so promptly rebuked this uncalled for, unjust and non-pertinent manifesto of certain Dunedin citizens. Our remarks are not applicable to more than a few, for we are thoroughly convinced that the vast majority of those gentlemen who attached their names to this document did so inadvertently, and through a misapprehension of its drift.

LIBERAL VERSUS JESUIT.

THE party that dubs itself liberal in France, in the warmth of its desire for the prosperity of the nation to which it belongs, is at present bent on the expulsion of the Jesuits from the French Republic. It is found, we presume, that the presence of the learned order is antagonistic to the progress of liberalism, and the friends of this honorable cause, not being capable of overcoming their opponents by fair means, are determined, if it be in their power, to accomplish their ends by foul means.

It is quite true that the members of the Society of JESUS are utterly opposed to liberalism, because liberalism is identical with license, and it is impossible that any body of sincere ecclesiastics should not with all their energies oppose this. Moreover, their opposition, being that of men pre-eminent by virtue of their cultivation and talents, is a strong opposition, and one against which all intellectual methods of warfare are seen to have but little strength.

It cannot be objected to the Jesuits that they are ignorant and consequently that their opinions are valueless, for invariably since the foundation of their order, there has been found amongst them one man at least of European reputation for genius as well as learning; such, for instance, as was BOSCOVICH in the last century and in the present is SECCHI, and this in addition to the fact that the general body of the