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Horse-feed, farrier work, and stores supplied on the ground.

Further information on the station.

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306	...	...	...	...	1st prize
422	...	...	...	...	2nd "
903	...	...	...	...	3rd "
92	...	...	...	...	4th "
641	...	...	...	...	5th "
708	...	...	...	...	6th "
989	...	...	...	...	7th "
628	...	...	...	...	8th "
893	...	...	...	...	9th "
351	...	...	...	...	10th "
853	...	...	...	...	11th "
397	...	...	...	...	12th "
439	...	...	...	...	13th "

NOTICE.

PHOTOGRAPHS and lithographic portraits of the Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dunedin may now be had on application to the Lady Superior, Dominican Convent, Dowling-street, Dunedin. These pictures are being disposed of to aid in the erection of the new conventual buildings, and orders for them are, therefore, solicited.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH IMPROVEMENT FUND:—

(Continued)

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Mr. Maloney	...	0	10	0	Mr. Reany	...	1	0	0
" Wm. McKeaney	...	0	10	0	" Drumm	...	0	10	0
" E. Reilly	...	1	0	0	" Thos. Gartland	...	1	1	0
" A. Toal	...	1	0	0	Mrs. Pledger	...	0	10	0
" Smith	...	1	0	0	Mr. W. McCarthy	...	0	10	0
" M. Connellan	...	0	10	0	" T. Rabbitt	...	1	0	0
" Cummings	...	0	10	0	" Plimcett	...	0	10	0
" D. McFee	...	1	0	0	" Crawford	...	0	10	0
" P. Martin	...	1	0	0	Mrs. Dungan	...	0	10	0
" Retzceuch	...	0	10	0	Mr. J. Brennan	...	1	0	0
" Heffernan	...	0	10	0	Miss O'Connor	...	0	10	0
" D. Sinnott	...	2	0	0	Miss Smallman	...	0	10	0
" Conley	...	1	0	0	Mrs Court	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Stanton	...	0	10	0	Miss Costigan	...	0	10	0
Mr. T. McCloskey	...	1	0	0	Mr. Hogan	...	0	10	0
" Burke	...	0	10	0	" J. Allen	...	0	10	0
" M. Fleming	...	1	0	0	Mrs. Fox	...	1	0	0
" Meade	...	0	10	0	Mr. McDonnell	...	0	10	0

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THE following SUMS have been received as Subscriptions to the TABLET for the week ending November 28, 1876:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. Hackett, Oamaru, to August 1, 1876	...	1	17 6
„ F. Brown, Upper Hutt, to October 10, 1876	...	2	4 0
„ J. Curry, Wellington, to April 3, 1877	...	0	12 6
„ Wm. Moloney, Hawkes Bay, to August 15, 1876	...	2	10 0
„ J. Rush, Wellington, to July 3, 1876	...	2	10 0
„ B. McNeill, Reefton, to January 24, 1877	...	0	12 6
„ P. M'Cormac, Gillespie's, to December 27, 1876	...	2	10 0
„ J. Kearsley, Wellington, to August 20, 1876	...	0	12 6
„ J. Murtagh, Nelson, to July 17, 1876	...	1	5 0
„ J. Milligan, West Coast, to August 8, 1876	...	2	10 0
„ E. Hurley, Switzers, to Nov. 7, 1876	...	1	6 0
„ P. Sheridan, Riverton, to Nov. 1, 1876	...	1	5 0
„ Nicholls, Featherstone, October 17, 1876	...	2	16 0
„ Corcoran, Auckland, January 17, 1877	...	3	10 0
Rev. James Mahoney, April 1, 1877	...	1	10 0

NOTICE.

Subscribers in whose names or addresses any mistake occurs are requested at once to notify such to us, as we are about to strike off a fresh supply of wrappers. J. F. PERRIN, Sec.

NOTICE.

R. W. H. VINCENT, Esq., of Wellington, has been appointed an Agent of the N. Z. TABLET Company.

NOTICE.

We beg to remind our Subscribers that the continued success of the NEW ZEALAND TABLET depends on the punctuality with which their subscriptions are forwarded to this office. Money Orders may be made payable to Mr. JOHN F. PERRIN, Manager, New ZEALAND TABLET Office, Dunedin.

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FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1876.

OUR FRIEND OF THE 'OTAGO WITNESS' AGAIN.

We perceive that we have again incurred the grave and afflicting censure of that disciple of M. JOURDAIN, whose prosaic deliveries appear weekly in the 'Otago Witness' under the heading of "Passing Notes." Mercy 'tis they are "passing."

Our critic is "astonished" that we should have the temerity to insert in our columns certain paragraphs clipped from American Catholic newspapers, which, to us, contain nothing that seems improbable, but whose contents are to the superior intellect and penetrating genius of this would-be Typhoeus an abomination.

The sparkling journalist fears, moreover, that our rashness in publishing the matter alluded to must injure the Catholic cause. Is this intended for a "satiric touch" for if it be, so very subtly is it dealt, that we fail to perceive its point; and we are, indeed, induced to venture such a supposition only from an inability to comprehend the remark in any other light either, for it is very certain that our gentle Mentor has not the least desire to utter a warning that would prevent us from bringing about the catastrophe he speaks of; since with all the unmeaning pertness, though none of the amusing manner of a magpie, he jerks out his querulous comments for just such an end as he pretends to admonish us against. Verily his intention is sinister but it is likewise vain, for that this most feeble croak of his should be joined to the general *brekekekex* that prevails is of little moment.

Now, as to the paragraphs complained of, we are glad to have this opportunity of reproducing them for the encouragement and edification of our Catholic readers. Here they are:—

"Pilgrimages to the Holy Grotto of Lourdes continue with unabated zeal. Three more well-attested miracles afford divine testimony to the truth of the apparition of the Mother of God in the now consecrated spot."

"There has been another apparition of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, this time at Marpingen, in the diocese of Trèves, to *three little girls*, attested this time too by several miracles. The quick ear of BISMARCK caught the news and he sent troops, fifteen of whom were quartered on the parish priest at Marpingen, to hinder the Holy Mother of God from appearing unless she complied with the Falck laws, and to prevent the people from flocking to the place of her appearance. The attempt was unsuccessful, and the soldiers have left the spot."

Concerning the second of these paragraphs we are unable to say much. We received the intelligence it contains (and on the subject alluded to only this) by the last mail *via* San Francisco, and whether it is true or false we cannot say. We shall then simply assert that we see no antecedent improbability attaching to it, for to weigh *pros* and *cons* in the matter would, we consider, be, under the circumstances, rash. With respect to the apparition of the Immaculate Mother of God, and the miracles performed at the Grotto of Lourdes, with the consequent influx of pilgrims there, we are prepared to speak with more assurance—not that we intend to enter at length into the particulars of the matter. To do so it would require far more space than we have at our disposal—nor is it necessary—for books and pamphlets innumerable have been written on the subject, notable amongst them "Pilgrimages in the Landes and Pyrenees," by DENYS SHYNE LAWLER, Esq., well known in Ireland, and a more extensive work still, entitled "Notre-Dame de Lourdes," by M. HENRI