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HOGG AND HUTTON, Octagon.

WANTED KNOWN—"FLOWERS OF THE FREELANDS," by THOMAS BRACKEN. See page 14 of this issue.

TO FARMERS—HARVEST HANDS (any number) forwarded on receipt of letter or telegram by

R. MCKENZIE,
OTAGO LABOR MART,
ROYAL ARCADE, DUNEDIN.

WANTED, for ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL QUEENSTOWN, a Certificated Male Teacher. For further particulars, apply to

J. F. TULLY, SECRETARY,
St. Joseph's School Committee,
QUEENSTOWN.

TO TEACHERS.

WANTED, a Teacher for ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL, NASEBY. Salary is £8 per month. Residence provided for single person. A large attendance may be relied upon if the teacher gives satisfaction. Applications, with testimonials, will be received on or before the 1st MARCH, by

E. ROYER, Catholic Pastor.

THE following SUMS have been received as Subscriptions to the TABLET for the week ending February 22, 1877:—

	£	s	d
Mr. W. Mackin, Waimea, to May 5, 1877 ...	1	5	0
" J. Gomez, Bull's, to September 26, 1876 ...	2	0	0
" J. Cogan, Naseby, to January 17, 1877 ...	2	4	0
" P. Deasy, Naseby, to May 29, 1876 ...	0	12	6
" D. M. Cameron, Riverton, to February 1, 1878 ...	1	5	0
" Slattery, Tinker's, to January 24, 1877 ...	2	4	0
" Duddy, New Plymouth, to January 9, 1877 ...	0	14	0
" Bowes, Napier, to January 24th, 1877 ...	2	10	0
" Gill, Dublin, to October 17, 1877 ...	1	5	0
" Callaghan, O'Kain's Bay, April 5, 1877 ...	1	0	0
" Cahill, Port Chalmers, March 1, 1877 ...	0	6	3
" T. Murphy, Ross, to May 9, 1877 ...	0	6	0
" J. Daly, Ross, to December 19, 1876 ...	1	5	0
" H. M'Guire, Wellington, January 10, 1877 ...	1	5	0
Rev. Father Rolland, to December 5, 1876 ...	0	12	6
Very Rev. Father Forrest, to December 12, 1876 ...	0	12	6
Mr. H. McAulay, Hyde, to February 28, 1877 ...	1	11	6
" J. Landers, Ross, to February 15, 1877 ...	0	12	6
" T. Gould, Havelock, to February 28, 1877 ...	1	17	6
" N. McGregor, Taieri, to May 29, 1877 ...	1	5	0

New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1877.

THE MACANDREW TESTIMONIAL.

On last Wednesday evening, an influential meeting was held in Dunedin, for the purpose of taking the steps necessary to provide a suitable testimonial to Mr. MACANDREW, the late Superintendent of Otago, in recognition of his past services to this Province. The proposed testimonial is, it seems, to have no political significance; and yet, considering that Mr. MACANDREW's services have been rendered chiefly in a political capacity, it is difficult to see how the testimonial and politics can, even in the abstract, be separated from each other. But let this pass, when people mean well, it would be ungracious to press too severely for consistency and logical sequence. The spirit manifested by some of the speakers at this meeting is creditable to them. The gentlemen to whom we allude have been for a year or two Mr. MACANDREW's opponents politically on one question; but having helped to carry that question against him, and being now victorious and triumphant

they feel they can be generous, and are, no doubt, desirous of being considered chivalrous victors.

We don't know that, under the circumstances there is very much merit in their returning to their first love, for it must not be forgotten that these gentlemen were for years the fast political friends of the late Superintendent of Otago. We hope that, in their case, gratitude is not a keen appreciation and an earnest expectation of favors to come, but a disinterested recognition of valuable services rendered to them and theirs. For there can be no doubt that Mr. MACANDREW is an able and unselfish politician, and should he be spared to take part in the future management of our affairs, he must inevitably come to the surface again, and take a leading part in the government of the country.

Like many others, we have not agreed with Mr. MACANDREW on all points, notably on the question of education. We have never belonged to his party, or indeed to any party and we have no obligations either personal or political towards him. Nevertheless we think, and we are glad of an opportunity of saying so, that he deserves well of the Province of Otago taken as a whole, and also of the entire Colony. He has certainly given an example of political honesty, and of disinterested devotion to what he felt convinced would best promote the interests of the people of Otago. Such an example is valuable for all. Mr. MACANDREW has throughout his long political career given unmistakable proofs of his ability, foresight, and wisdom in the inauguration of measures for the development of the various resources of Otago, and the promotion of the happiness of its inhabitants, and his administration of its affairs has been marked by decision and vigor. Talents and industry such as these, combined with constancy of purpose, and honesty of action, are calculated to make all his fellow-citizens his debtors.

The proposal, then, to present him with a testimonial at this time is not only a graceful proceeding, but, in some sense, the payment of a debt strictly due, and we trust that the project will be proceeded with vigorously. On more occasions than one, we have opposed Mr. MACANDREW's policy on certain questions; and we have not the least doubt that he and ourselves will be again found in opposition to each other; but this shall not prevent us from openly recognising his possession of many sterling qualities, and from testifying to his really great past services. Mr. MACANDREW, in our opinion, deserves the hearty and substantial thanks of the entire people of Otago, notwithstanding some defects and shortcomings; and we hope that the testimonial to be presented to him, will be worthy at once of the people who present it, and of him to whom it is to be presented. It should be this, or it should not be at all. It should be remembered by all, that acts of justice and gratitude are never in vain, even for those who do them. Such acts are the expression of virtues which serve and enoble both givers and recipients.

PRESUMPTUOUS UTTERANCES.

The Dunedin Town Council is nothing if not dignified. A solitary member in his private capacity, it is true, may now and then trip a little; he may, for example, act so as to appear to prejudiced people not quite up in his A, B, C, and as if he were not fully qualified to distinguish upon parchment one name from another. Yet how excusable is this in an age when all are affected by the sentiments of TENNYSON'S 'Modern Farmer,' and "property" clanks from the hoofs of every man's hobby, causing a bewilderment and general obfuscation in which it is but natural, that the distinctive marks that separate *meum* from *tuum* should now and then be lost or totally confounded together. Or a councillor, in his official character, may inform a man, who is certainly in affliction, and believes himself, at least, to have cause for complaint, that he, the honorable councillor, "would see him hanged" before he would consent to his not unreasonable request—a response which coarse people might be disposed coarsely to qualify, and to prefix by such an adjective as we care not to chronicle.

But, on the whole, take them altogether the city fathers are a venerable band of elders, and a godly withal; for, is it not recorded in the annals of the metropolis, so that it may be handed down to posterity in testimony of their worth, how they rebuked the impiety of certain misguided proprietors of Dunedin who, seeming in their atheistical presumption to confound, in a manner, this worshipful association with the rain-makers of heathendom, and believing that through the action or negligence, as the case may be, of the said council, they had