

A CANDID ADMISSION.

THE 'Appeal,' of Chicago, the organ of the Reformed Episcopalians, has the following in its December number:—

If one attacks the Romish Church, Galileo is his gun of largest calibre. If one assails Christianity, Galileo is a whole battery. The popular impression is, probably, that Galileo was a pious, truthful, learned man of science, who was hung, drawn and quartered by the Christian religion. In the face of all the tears, eloquence and indignation which have been vented over this one solitary scientific "martyr," it is most cruel to tell the truth about him. He is such a magnificent weapon against the Jesuits that we Protestants are loth to give him up. But let us do justice even to the Devil. Galileo's condemnation was the work of the science of his day; his enemies were his fellow astronomers, who sought untiringly to overthrow him. All the protection and support he received was directly or indirectly from ecclesiastics. The Roman Inquisition repeatedly refused to prosecute him, though urged to do so, and when at length his scientific enemies who all were advocates of the Ptolemaic System, forced the Inquisition to try him, the Holy Office contented itself with permitting him to maintain that Copernicanism was "scientifically likely in the highest degree but not to teach it was absolutely proven." Under this decree the Inquisition virtually stood between him and his hostile scientific brethren for seventeen years.

PIUS IX.

"THERE are three standing miracles now before the world," remarked a Cardinal lately to an American visitor in Rome, "namely—The unity of the Episcopate, the prolonged pontificate of Pius IX., and the Peter Pence."

A moment's reflections must convince any one of the truth of these remarks. At no time since the days of the Apostles have the Bishops of the Catholic Church throughout the world been more devoted in their allegiance to the Holy See.

That which has not been witnessed since the days of St. Peter—a pontificate extended to twenty-five years—we now behold, and more, in that of Pius IX.

The daily expenditures of the Holy Father are nearly what they were before the occupation of Rome. But though deprived of all revenue from his temporal dominions, his income is nearly the same. He continues to pay the pensions of the old and retired soldiers of the Pontifical Army, the salaries of the various officials of his court, together with his numerous and extensive charities, with the same exactness as when in the undisputed enjoyment of his temporal sovereignty.

In the faith and devotedness of his children, God has prepared for him a treasury equal to his expenditures.

The amount received from the Peter's Pence in those countries where it prevails, and from the generous offerings of the faithful in those where it does not, is nearly equal to the revenues formerly derived from the State.

He who suffered Herod to cast Peter into prison, did so, not that He might abandon His Vicar to the will of his enemies, but that He Himself might thereby receive greater glory, when He would come to his relief, and that the members might thereby be more closely united to their Head in the bond of charity and faith.

"But prayer was made without ceasing by the Church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night, Peter sleeping between two soldiers, bound, an Angel stood by him, and raised him up, saying—Arise quickly. And the chains fell off from his hands."—*Acts, xii.*—*Pilot.*

HISTORICAL! Vide "Jurors Reports and Awards, New Zealand Exhibition." Jurors: J. A. Ewen, J. Butterworth, T. C. Skinner. "So far as the Colony is concerned, the dyeing of materials is almost entirely confined to the re-dyeing of Articles of Dress and Upholstery, almost useful art, for there are many kinds of material that lose their colour before the texture is half worn. G. HIRSCH, of Dunedin (DUNEDIN DYE WORKS, George street, opposite Royal George Hotel) exhibits a case of specimens of Dyed Wools, Silks, and Feathers, and dyed Sheepskins. The colors on the whole are very fair, and reflect considerable credit on the Exhibitor, to whom the Jurors recommended an Honorary Certificate should be awarded." Honorary Certificate, 629: Gustav Hirsch Dunedin, for specimens of Dyeing in Silk Feathers, &c.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

ON THURSDAY, 22ND, FRIDAY, 23RD, AND SATURDAY, 24TH, the following alterations in the Running of TRAINS will take place:—

A Train will leave Milton for Dunedin and Intermediate Stations	At 9.10 a.m.
A Train will leave Dunedin for Milton and Intermediate Stations	At 7.15 p.m.
A Train will leave Mosgiel for Dunedin and Intermediate Stations	At 12.10 p.m.

The following TRAINS will NOT RUN:—

The 11.30 a.m. Train to Abbotsford
The 6.30 p.m. Train to Mosgiel
The 7.20 p.m. Train from Mosgiel.

Return Tickets will be issued at Single Fares, available from THURSDAY, 22nd, up to MONDAY, the 26th.

WILLIAM CONYERS,

Superintending Engineer.

Central Station, Dunedin. 21st March, 1877.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF OTAGO.

EASTER MONDAY GAMES,

CALEDONIAN GROUNDS, KENSINGTON,

APRIL 2ND, 1877,

COMMENCING AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK SHARP.

PROGRAMME:		£	£	£
WRESTLING, open to all comers, but competitors to be drawn against each other according to their respective weights, 1st given to standards ...	...	15	5	2
GRAND EASTER MONDAY HANDICAP, of 220, 330, and 440 yards. Three best aggregates ...	...	10	5	2
And £3, £2, and £1 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each distance respectively, being equal to ...	...	9	6	3
HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 300 yards ...	...	£	£	s.
HANDICAP WALKING RACE, two miles ...	...	3	2	10
GRAND HIGHLAND REEL, in Costume ...	...	2	1	
SWORD DANCE in Highland Costume ...	...	2	1	10
IRISH JIG ...	...	2	1	10
HORNPIPE (competitors to have the option of dancing a Sailor's Hornpipe, or any description of Clog Hornpipe ...	...	2	1	10
YOUTHS' HANDICAP WALKING RACE, half-mile heats ...	...	15s.	10s.	7s. 5s.
YOUTHS' HANDICAP RACE, 330 yards, heats ...	...	10s.	6s.	5s. 4s. 3s.

Entries for the Running, Walking, and Wrestling will close on Wednesday, 28th March, at 6 p.m., and for dancing on Saturday, the 31st March, at 12 noon.

Entry Money for Easter Handicap, 3s. Acceptance, 2s. All other events an entry of 2s 6d only.

T. P. WILSON,
Secretary.

A R T U N I O N

TO CLEAR OFF THE DEBT ON THE

CATHOLIC CHURCH CHRISTCHURCH,

TO BE DRAWN FOR

ON THE ART UNION PRINCIPLE.

ON

THE 9TH APRIL, 1877.

PRIZES CONSISTING OF—		£
One New Double-seated Buggy, with patent leather hood ...	...	100
One Harmonium ...	...	18
One new set of Plated Buggy Harness ...	...	15
One Cow in full milk ...	...	15
One Horse ...	...	35
Quarter-acre Land (a town section) ...	...	...
One Lady's new Gold Watch ...	...	15
One Gentleman's New Silver Watch ...	...	10
One Eight-Day Timepiece ...	...	...
And various other Prizes, consisting of Works of Art, Jewelry, &c., &c., ranging in value from £1 upwards.		...

The winning numbers to be published in the Christchurch daily papers and the NEW ZEALAND TABLET.

TICKETS—TEN SHILLINGS EACH.

Tickets can be obtained from any Member of the Catholic Church Committee, or the Clergy, Christchurch.

CATHOLIC ART UNION.

THE DRAWING FOR THE PRIZES IS POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 9.

All Books, with the duplicate numbers and the money for the tickets sold, must be returned on or before Tuesday, April the 3rd, in order that prizes may be obtained in proportion to the number of tickets sold.

N O T I C E.

GEORGE STREET RESTAURANT.

ST. LAWRENCE WEBB, ... PROPRIETOR.

The proprietor wishes to inform the public that the above Restaurant will be found second to none in Dunedin.

MEALS ALWAYS READY.

BOARD & LODGING with every attendance. Charges Moderate