

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 SHERRY, 10 years. Just received. Rare value Per dozen, 75s.

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

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

HOGG AND HUTTON, Octagon.

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 SOLICITORS.

WANTED by a respectably connected and highly educated young gentleman a situation as ARTICLED CLERK or LAW CLERK in a Solicitor's Office, in town or country. A fair premium given if he be taken as an Articled Clerk, which would be preferred. Address A. B., NEW ZEALAND TABLET Office, Dunedin.

TEN POUND TEN FOR A DOUBLE-FURROW PLOUGH.

THE Estate of the late G. F. REID having to be wound up, we have secured from the EXECUTORS a few of PIRIE'S Celebrated DOUBLE-FURROW PLOUGHS, which we are prepared to sell at the above price.

NIMMO AND BLAIR, DUNEDIN.

NOTICE.

AS we are about to prepare for striking our Yearly Balance Sheet, subscribers to the NEW ZEALAND TABLET are requested to pay up all arrears without delay. Agents will also kindly attend to this notice.

JOHN F. PERRIN, MANAGER.

AN APPEAL.

FOR the last six years the "Daughters of St. Dominick" have been struggling to promote, in Dunedin, that good which it is the end of their Order to effect throughout the world,—namely,—the Education of Female Youth, in the path of science and virtue. The question of the advancement of true civilization, of genuine progress in the only real sense of the word—of the happiness of society, as of individuals, of the temporal and eternal interests of the rising generation, is eminently involved in the development and training of the young mind.

While the subverters of order and authority in Italy, Germany, and other countries, spare neither wealth nor energy in their efforts to mislead the young and innocent, shall we be dismayed by our poverty? Shall we make no sacrifices to save them? Shall we not rather call unto us the little ones of Christ,—shelter them from the baneful influence of corrupt principles and bad example—teach them that life has not been bestowed on them to be squandered in self-indulgence, vanity, or the gratification of their passions?—but that, on the contrary, it is to be devoted to the self-denying task of acquiring that solid, useful, and religious knowledge, without which they can never be good members of society here, or attain their noble destiny hereafter. To impart that all-important knowledge, the Dominican Nuns have devoted their existence. Hitherto their efforts in New Zealand have been much impeded by the numerous difficulties in which they have been placed. The want of suitable conventual and scholastic buildings has been a sore trial, and numberless have been the inconveniences arising therefrom. Plans for a Convent, suited to the requirements of the Dominican Rule, and affording facilities to the Sisters for conducting their Schools, according to the style of their European Houses, have been drawn out;—the means alone are wanting for the accomplishment of the design. The Nuns, therefore, earnestly solicit donations towards a work which will involve an outlay of at least fourteen or fifteen thousand pounds.

The smallest contribution will entitle the donor to a place on the list of Benefactors, for whom prayers are daily offered.

DOMINICAN CONVENT, DUNEDIN

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY.

DOMINICAN CONVENT BUILDING FUND.
Friends in Queenstown, per Miss Malaghan £ s. d.
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BIRTH.

HORAN.—On Monday, 12th inst., the wife of T. Horan, Catholic teacher, Arrowtown, of a son.

New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1877.

THE WELLINGTON ELECTION.

THIS event will come off in a few days. The nomination of candidates is fixed for Saturday next, and the polling for the following Tuesday. Two candidates are in the field,—Mr. TRAVERS, a barrister of some standing, and Mr. HUTCHINSON, the Mayor of Wellington. Their principles, political, social, and educational are identical. The contest therefore is one, not of principles, but of persons. There is not a hair to choose between them, and the public are in no way interested in the success or defeat of either.

But as every contested election has generally something peculiar, something which distinguishes it from every other contested election, so it is in the present instance. And this peculiarity consists in the undisguised contempt in which both candidates hold the Catholic electors of Wellington. Indeed so great and striking is this contempt that we asked ourselves, can it be possible that through some oversight, or mistake, or technicality, all the Catholics of Wellington qualified to be electors, have been excluded this year from the electoral roll. On no other supposition could we satisfactorily account for the language of the addresses of these two candidates on the subject of education, did we not know the sentiments of utter political scorn entertained by these gentlemen in reference to their Catholic fellow subjects.

It is no secret; on the contrary it is well and universally known that the Catholics of Wellington are conscientiously opposed to a system of free, compulsory, and secular education; and that rather than send their children to Government schools, they have, at the expenditure of large sums of money, provided really Christian schools for their own children of both sexes. Yet here we find two candidates, both pledged in favor of a system of free, compulsory, and secular education, both treating their Catholic fellow subjects as if they had no existence, or as if their views on public questions were not worth a moment's consideration, or even a thought.

Nor is this all, these two candidates pledge themselves to support a system of education, which puts the hands of one portion of the public into the pockets of Catholics, robs them for the purpose, and with the intent, of unchristianising their children if possible, and, at all events, of providing secularist bigots with the kind of education they require for their own children, at the expense, to a great extent, of Catholics, who, after helping to educate secularists very cheaply, may then, if they please, educate their own children at their own sole and great expense.

The two candidates for the honor of representing Wellington, in effect, say to their Catholic fellow-citizens: Stand aside, We do not want your aid, and as we do not want your aid, we will trample on your principles and consciences, contemptuously take your money to injure and insult you, and advocate a system of education which, we are quite certain, will as efficaciously exclude you from all participation in the expenditure of the public money, to which you contribute equally with all other citizens, as if there were a penal law expressly excluding you from government schools. This is really the meaning of that part of both the addresses, which treats of the subject of education.

And we do hope that the Catholic voters of Wellington will accept the invitation of Messrs. TRAVERS and HUTCHINSON to stand aside. We trust the Catholics of Wellington, on the polling day, will be conspicuous by their absence from the booths, and religiously abstain from giving the least help to either. In fact, it appears to us, that if any Catholics vote for either of the candidates, they will be guilty of an intrusion where they are neither wanted nor expected, as well as give evidence of a mean and servile spirit.

Our advice to Catholics is to altogether abstain from taking any part in this and similar contests. No good can come to the cause of truth and justice from sharing in such contests, whereas nothing but the loss of self-respect and the defeat for an indefinite period of the cause they have most at heart can result from their doing so. In about two years or so an opportunity will present itself, at the general election,