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THE LAST EPISODE
Of

THE TEMUKA TOURNAMENT.

A REPLY TO
"PROTESTANTISM VERSUS ROMANISM"
(No. 3),
By the REV. J. DICKSON, M.A.,
Presbyterian Minister, Temuka.

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DEATH.

NYHON.—On the 12th inst., at her residence, Lee Stream, Mary Jane, the beloved wife of Michael Henry Nyhon; aged, 31 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

The New Zealand Tablet.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1897.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.



SHORT time ago the hope was expressed in these columns that during the present session something might be done in the way of securing to Catholics their undoubted rights in the matter of Government inspection of Catholic schools. We pointed out that while the majority of the Boards had acceded to the request of the Catholic hierarchy a number still refused, and we urged that in simple justice to Catholics legislation should be introduced to compel these recalcitrants to fall into line with the other Education Boards of the Colony. Shortly afterwards we received the following letter from an esteemed Christchurch correspondent:—"If not too much trouble, I would feel (with a great many others) sincerely obliged should you, when convenient, make known through the columns of your valuable journal the names of the various educational districts throughout the Colony whose inspectors examine the Catholic schools. Further, if you would direct those whose schools have solicited inspection and have been refused, how to go to work in order to achieve success." An order to be in a position to comply with our correspondent's request we have communicated with all the Education Boards as to whose attitude on the question we were in any way doubtful. The result of our correspondence shows that out of the thirteen Education Boards of the Colony four have distinctly refused to accede to the Bishops' request, and one has given only a conditional assent. The four who have thus placed themselves on the Catholic "black list" are the Auckland, Taranaki, Wellington, and North Canterbury Boards. The half-and-half Board is that of Hawke's Bay, who have decided that "if the Inspector wishes to do so and he has time at his disposal, not interfering with his regular work, this Board do not object." In the case of the Auckland and Taranaki Boards no reason was given for refusing the request. The reason assigned by the Wellington Board was that "the Inspectors were unable to inspect the whole of the public schools in this district and consequently were unable to do other work;" while the views of the enlightened Board of North Canterbury were expressed in a resolution to the effect that "in the opinion of this Board it is not desirable that any portion of the funds voted by Parliament for the support of our national schools should be diverted to the inspection of any denominational schools."

Before proceeding to answer our correspondent's second query, we would say just a word with reference to the reasons advanced by these two Boards for refusing to comply with so just and reasonable a request. The