

SLIGO BROS. STOCK EXCHANGE, BUILDINGS
PRINCES STREET. MACHINERY AGENTS.
 Engines, Boilers, and all kinds New and Second-hand Machinery
 Bought and Sold.
 Practical Engineer in Charge.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART,
 TIMARU.

THE ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES
 Preached by the Rev. J. RONEY, S.J.,
 Will begin on the Evening of MONDAY, January 5th, and end on
 SATURDAY, 14th.

Ladies who wish to attend should apply as soon as possible to
 the REVEREND MOTHER SUPERIOR.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART,
 MELROSE, WELLINGTON.

IN FEBRUARY the Religious of the Sacred Heart are about to
 OPEN A CONVENT AT MELROSE,
 Near Island Bay, Wellington.
 They have taken a house on the site of the future Convent. Owing
 to the limited accommodation in 1905 they can take only a very
 small number of pupils. Therefore parents wishing to place their
 children should at once apply to the Reverend Mother Superior
 at Timaru, so that arrangements may be made to receive them.

THE PROVINCIAL ECCLESIASTICAL SEMINARY
 OF NEW ZEALAND,
 HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, MOSGIEL.

IN conformity with arrangements made at the First Provincial
 Synod, held in Wellington in 1899, this Seminary has been
 established for the Education of Students from all parts of New
 Zealand who aspire to the Ecclesiastical State. Holy Cross College
 is situated at Mosgiel (ten miles from Dunedin) in a fine building
 hitherto known as Mosgiel House, which, with more than 11 acres
 of rich park land surrounding it, was purchased for use as a Semi-
 nary for the Ecclesiastical Province of New Zealand.

Students twelve years of age and upwards will be admitted.
 Candidates for admission are required to present satisfactory
 testimonials from the parochial clergy, and from the superiors of
 schools or colleges where they may have studied.

The Pension is £35 a year, payable half-yearly in advance. It
 provides for Board and Lodging, Tuition, School Books, Furniture,
 Bedding and House Linen.

The Extra Charges are: Washing, £1 10s a year, and Medicine
 and Medical Attendance if required.

Students will provide their own wearing apparel, including the
 Soutane, as well as Surplice for assistance in Choir.

The Annual Vacation begins on the 15th of December and ends
 on the 15th of February.

The Seminary is under the patronage and direction of the Arch-
 bishop and Bishops of New Zealand, and under the immediate per-
 sonal supervision of the Right Rev. Bishop of Dunedin.

Donations towards the establishment of Bursaries for the Free
 Education of Ecclesiastical Students will be thankfully received.

For further particulars apply to

THE RECTOR,
 Holy Cross College, Mosgiel.

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

Send news WHILE IT IS FRESH. Stale reports
 will not be inserted.

Communications should reach this office BY TUES-
 DAY MORNING. Only the briefest paragraphs
 have a chance of insertion if received by Tues-
 day night's mails.

Reports of MARRIAGES and DEATHS are not
 selected or compiled at this office. To secure
 insertion they must in every case be accompanied
 by the customary death or marriage advertise-
 ment, for which a charge of 2s 6d is made.

ADDRESS matter intended for publication 'Editor,
 "Tablet," Dunedin,' and not by name to any
 member of the Staff.

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS are thrown into
 the waste-paper basket.

Write legibly, ESPECIALLY NAMES of persons and
 places.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

IN order to give Subscribers an opportunity of retaining the
 TABLET in their homes for future reading, we are prepared to
 BIND THEM IN YEARLY OR HALF-YEARLY VOLUMES
 if sent to us for

7s 6d per vol. Half Roan, Cloth Sides
 12s 6d " Half Calif, Cloth Sides
 25s 0d " Plush
 65s 0d " Full Calif, Gilt Edges, Tooled Sides

If necessary, for 20s additional, we will lay aside a copy each week
 for a year for non-subscribers or subscribers who perhaps make
 other use of their own papers.

Unless otherwise instructed, Volumes will be sent per N.Z.
 Express Company; freight forward.

DEATHS.

DENNEHY.—On December 14, at North street, Timaru, Patrick
 Joseph, infant son of Michael and Margaret Dennehy; aged 9
 months.

FOLEY.—At the residence of her daughter (Mrs Cullen,
 Grafton road, Auckland), on December 21, 1904, Mrs Mary Foley;
 aged 96 years. Fortified by the rites of Holy Church.—R.I.P.

O'SULLIVAN.—On December 22, at the residence of her
 sister, Mrs Craighhead, Rakain, Katie O'Sullivan, fifth daughter of
 the late Eugene O'Sullivan, Gurrane, County Kerry, Ireland; aged
 27 years.—R.I.P.

FOOHEY.—At her residence, Alexandra South, on December
 27, 1904, Margaret Foohey, late of Fermoy, County Cork, Ireland.—
 R.I.P.



To promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the
 ways of Truth and Peace.

LEO. XIII, to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1905.

A HOT SPELL



AMONG the many droll wood-cuts in Tom
 Hood's works there is one which represents
 two shock-headed malefactors upon the scaf-
 fold with the hangman by their side and two
 fatal nooses dangling behind their polls. It
 was in the days of public executions, which
 did not cease in Great Britain till 1868. The
 scaffold was represented by the king of pun-
 ster's as standing in the open street; an infuriated
 steer was thundering past in full career, trampling upon
 and 'skying' the spectators; and one of the condemned
 pair was made to remark to the other: 'Say, mate,
 isn't it well for us we're up here?' A somewhat simi-
 lar expression of self-congratulation must have risen
 to the minds, if not to the lips, of dwellers in and
 visitors to New Zealand—the land of green fields and
 clear streams—on reading of the fierce tidal wave of
 heat which broke from its home in the tropics and sub-
 merged New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia
 in an atmosphere fit only for a coolie or a salamander.
 With wintry storms in Wellington, a snow-fall at Han-
 mer, sleet and boreal blasts and blue-cold noses all over
 the south, life could scarcely be called gay over a good-
 ly portion of New Zealand as the young new year
 entered in cape of fur upon the scene. Yet it is better
 to be 'up here,' in the summer cold from which there is
 a ready retreat, than held fast in the relentless grip of
 an Australian summer heat that rises high enough for
 a convention of salamanders.

Some of the facts and figures revealed by the sub-
 marine cable make woful reading indeed. Here are a