

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

Correspondents are particularly requested to bear in mind that to insure publication in any particular issue of the paper communications must reach this Office not later than Tuesday morning.

Subscribers desiring to have obituary notices inserted in this paper should either communicate with the editor or send copy of local paper containing particulars. Unless they do this they must not be disappointed if notices of recent deaths do not appear in our columns.

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. The Holy Cross College is situated at Mosgiel (10 miles from Dunedin) in a fine building hitherto known as Mosgiel House, which, with 11 acres of rich park land surrounding it, was purchased for use as a Seminary for the Ecclesiastical Province of New Zealand.

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 College Gown, as well as Surplice for assistance in Choir.

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

The Seminary is under the Patronage and Direction of the Archbishop and Bishops of New Zealand, and under the immediate personal supervision of the Right Rev. Bishop of Dunedin, who will act as Rector.

For further Particulars apply to the Vice-Rector, Holy Cross College, Mosgiel.

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NOTE—Our limit of Credit is Six Months.

TENDER FOR HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for the Purchase of the Goodwill, Stock and Furniture of the well-known GRIDIRON FAMILY and COMMERCIAL HOTEL, situate in Princes Street, Dunedin. The Gridiron is one of the oldest and best-established hotels in Dunedin, and has a recognised Country Connection second to none in Dunedin. The building has lately undergone a thorough overhaul from floor to ceiling, and has been refurnished throughout regardless of expense.

It is within five minutes walk of the Post and Telegraph Offices, Railway Station and Wharves, and offers to an energetic and capable business man an opportunity of securing one of the best Hotel Businesses in the South Island.

Separate TENDERS will also be received for the Lease of the above Hotel for five years.

Immediate possession given to successful tenderer.

Tenders containing 10 per cent. of purchase moneys to be addressed to

JOHN LAFFEY,
OTAGO HOTEL,
RATTRAY STREET,
DUNEDIN.

DEATHS.

LISTON.—On the 14th July, at her residence, Elm row, Mary, relict of the late James Liston; ag d 55 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

KENNEDY.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of John Kennedy, ag d 52 years, who died in London on May 19. The beloved brother of James Kennedy, gas manager, Greymouth.—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, JULY 17, 1902.

AXE AND FIRE-STICK.



HE old saying that 'all work and no play makes JACK a dull boy' holds good of statesmen and philosophers as well as of human units in less exalted stations. Two of the greatest philosophers of ancient Greece were once 'caught' in the act of making bits of flat shingle 'skim' or ricochet over the gentle heaving surface of the Gulf of Ægina. And does not Mr. BALFOUR find relaxation in golf, and did not the late Mr. GLADSTONE relieve the brain-strain by wielding his practised axe right sturdily upon the lords of the park or forest in Hawarden? It is well for the world that philosophers and lawmakers kick off the harness and turn their jaded minds to grass once in a while. But it is also well that the wearied ones should find their periods of relaxation—as did the pair of ancient philosophers and of modern legislators mentioned above—outside the boundary-lines of their customary pursuits and duties. This would, to some extent, save the world from the curse of dilettantism and faddism in philosophy and from tinkering legislation in politics.

For many years past New Zealand legislators have made forest-conservation the subject of this kind of leisure-hour and trivial law-making. It is sheer tinkering, and wholly unworthy of the New Zealand statesmanship which, in its serious and workaday moods, has found solution for the gravest problems of social and industrial legislation. And in the meantime—as the 'Official Year Book' states—'our native forests are fast disappearing before the woodman's axe,' and 'it is only a question of time when supplies will have to be drawn from artificial forests or from foreign sources.' A few years ago the institution known as Arbor Day was introduced by our Government. It is a tolerably popular festival in the United States and Canada, and has clothed many bald patches of the land with nature's native tresses of waving trees; but in Australia and New Zealand it has not thus far got its feelers around the popular fancy. It is, says the 'Year Book,' 'a matter for regret that New Zealand settlers have not as yet entered into the spirit of the institution, as it was hoped they would.' Here and there throughout the Colony, Arbor Day means sundry knots of school children and small groups of holiday-makers playing at tree-planting, not for commercial purposes, but for shelter or adornment. This mild annual outbreak of dilettante arboriculture is supplemented by more systematic tree-planting, under Government auspices, but on a relatively insignificant scale, about Rotorua, Tapanui, and a few other places. But for the one that is planting or engaged in the make-believe tree culture of Arbor-day, there are a hundred at work with axe and fire-stick on every working day of the year, reducing our once magnificent and fast-diminishing forest resources. We are destroying by the square mile. We are planting by the rood. The process has already led to the deforesting of vast areas of the Colony. And it has already made a hole in our timber trade which is being felt, and which promises to be far more keenly realised in the future.

There is a refreshing frankness in the report furnished to the New Zealand Government by Mr PERRIN, the scholarly and experienced Conservator of State Forests for Victoria. 'The value of timber from New Zealand forests,'

RIDE "ANGLO SPECIAL" CYCLES.