

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

PRINCE OF WALES' BIRTHDAY, 3rd JUNE.
DUNEDIN WINTER RACES, 3rd and 6th JUNE.
DUNEDIN WINTER SHOW, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th JUNE.

The following alterations in and additions to the Ordinary Train Service will be made in connection with the above:—

WEDNESDAY, 3rd JUNE.

Special Train will leave Dunedin for Palmerston and intermediate stations at 9.0 a.m., Returning Palmerston depart 8.45 p.m., Waikouaiti 4.20 p.m., Waitati 5.30 p.m., Dunedin arrive 6.50 p.m.

WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, 3rd and 6th JUNE.

Special Train will leave Palmerston at 8.5 a.m., Waikouaiti 8.33 a.m., Waitati 9.30 a.m., Dunedin arrive 10.38 a.m.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Palmerston at 4.0 p.m. will NOT leave till 6.0 p.m.

Special Train will leave Dunedin for Milton and intermediate stations at 4.0 p.m. The train usually leaving Dunedin for Outram, Lawrence, Owaka, and Clinton at 4.20 p.m. will NOT leave till 5.16 p.m.

SATURDAY, 6th JUNE.

Special Train will leave Dunedin for Mihiwaka, Palmerston, and intermediate stations at 9.25 p.m.

Special Train will leave Dunedin for Balclutha and intermediate stations at 9.35 p.m.

RACES AT WINGATUI.

WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, 3rd and 6th JUNE.

Trains will leave Dunedin for Racecourse Platform at 10.50 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 11.45 a.m. and 12.15 p.m.

Trains will leave Racecourse Platform for Dunedin at 4.8 p.m., 4.45 p.m., 5.0 p.m., and 5.25 p.m.

By Order.

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' NOVITIATE, CLONTARF, IRELAND.

The Rev. Bro. T. R. Hughes, Christian Brothers' College, Victoria Parade, Melbourne, respectfully asks the former pupils of the Christian Brothers and friends of Christian education to help in building the Centenary Novitiate, wherein the young members of the Order will be trained for all parts of the English-speaking world.

Sincere thanks are returned for the following amounts:—

Mr. J. Chapman, Ashburton, 5s; Mr. Owen McKeogh, Nelson, 10s; Mrs. Tait, Otago, 10s; Mr. John Maher, Seddon, 10s; Miss A. Phelan, Snowy Creek, 10s; Mr. W. McIntyre, West Coast, 10s 6d; Mrs. McMahon, Wallaceville, 10s; Mr. R. Wright, Wellington, 10s; Mr. P. L. Madigan, Nelson, 10s; Mrs. Brough (3rd subscription), Fordell, £1; Mrs. Brough, total, £2 10s; Mr. John Gilden, Westland, 10s; Mrs. E. P. O'Neill, Canterbury, 10s; Mr. P. Ryan, Otakoa, 10s; Miss Mary McDonald, Pockburn, 10s; Mr. T. McNaughton, Gisborne, 10s; Mr. J. Cahill, Hokitika, 10s; Mr. J. McDermid, Hokitika, 2s 6d; Mrs. P. Murphy, Makikihi, 10s; Mr. J. O'Connor, Canterbury, 3s; Mrs. M. Ryan, Weber, 10s; Miss R. Holmes, Taranaki, 10s; Mr. J. Carroll, Canterbury, 10s; Mr. W. Hewes, Taranaki, 10s; Mrs. Blake, Auckland, 6s 6d; Miss Kate Donovan, Southland, 10s; Mr. T. Powell, Southland, 10s; Miss J. Hanley, Dunedin, 10s; Miss A. Wilkins, Dunedin, 10s; Mr. J. Finn, Southland, 10s; Mr. L. Pas de Leon, Auckland, 6s.

(To be continued.)

Contributors of 10s or more will be presented with a beautiful picture of the Mother of Sorrows.

"Britannia's Call to Arms."

The Art Union in connection with the above was drawn on Tuesday, 19th inst. in the schoolroom, Guildford Terrace, Wellington.

The following is the list of prizes and the winning numbers:—

Prize.	Number.	Prize.	Number.
1	1813	9	26115
2	6298	10	25435
3	5424	11	28137
4	7020	12	6552
5	623	13	6383
6	1166	14	8197
7	1236	15	25602
8	24383	16	1508

B. QUIRK,
Hon. Secretary.

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.

The Stoke Orphanage.

We beg to acknowledge the following sums entrusted to us for the Stoke Orphanage:—

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged ...	40	17	0
Mr. John Donlan (Lawrence) ...	2	2	0
Mrs. Moir (Balclutha) ...	1	0	0

We shall be glad to receive, acknowledge, and forward further subscriptions entrusted to us for this great and sorely-tried charity. Rev. P. Murphy, Adm., has kindly consented to act as Treasurer for moneys received by us for this purpose.

EDITOR, 'N.Z. TABLET,'
DUNEDIN.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Terence Fitzsimons, who departed this life on May 31, 1900.—R.I.P.

Three years to-day, dear Terence, since you left me,
My darling husband, your memory I'll keep,
For you are worthy of my fondest recollections,
Dear to my heart is the place where you sleep.

We miss you from our home, dear father,
Three long years it is to-day;
A shadow dark upon our home is cast
For many and many a weary day.

Inserted by his loving Wife and Family.



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

LEO XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1903.

OLD AGE PENSIONS



AT first sight great things astonish us, cruel things shock us, pathetic things move us. But custom at last makes them all alike familiar. The mighty organ-note of Niagara is, for instance, little more to the dwellers near that great cataract than the tumbling swish of a Highland spate is to the listless shepherd boy. And it is said that the people of Manila have acquired an easy-going indifference to the minor earthquakes that almost every day set their city a-tremble with an underground ague. In an analogous way British legislators have long displayed what, to the New Zealand mind, must seem a lazy acquiescence in the grinding evils that pauperism has wrought in the condition of a vast mass of the people who are committed to their controlling care. In British politics there is a slow and ponderous conservatism that, perhaps, in the main makes for stable institutions; but it is usually cumbersome and elephantine and slow-moving when it is a question of righting wrongs that have managed to dovetail themselves into the great Institution that every British statesman must respect—Things-as-they-are. In such cases it often takes something like a social upheaval to set the legislative ball a-rolling. This it was that piledrove a new and happy idea—that of Old Age Pensions—into the British Parliamentary mind during the latter half of the eighteenth century. The destitution of the English working classes at the time drove them into a menacing attitude towards the constituted authorities, and short, sharp, and somewhat chaotic agitation led to the introduction of the first Old Age Pensions Bill into the House of Commons. This was in 1772. The Bill passed the House of Commons—by a squeeze. The Lords reviled and spat upon it and (figuratively, of course) kicked it off the floor of the gilded Chamber. And till the last few days that was the last and only Old Age Pensions Bill that was ever moved in the halls of Westminster.

RIDE "ANGLO SPECIAL" CYCLES.