

Hastings

(From our own correspondent.)

July 12.

The petition to both Houses of Parliament now in circulation is being largely signed by the congregation. I understand that the non-Catholics opposed to the movement, are circulating a petition of their own.

The Hastings branch of the Catholic Federation is rapidly increasing its membership. One member of the committee, Mr. J. J. Cassin, has enrolled over 300 members.

The half-yearly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in St. Patrick's Hall on Tuesday, July 8, when Bro. J. P. McCarthy, B.P., presided over a large attendance of members. The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted as follows:—President, Bro. T. Downing; vice-president, Bro. J. R. McCarthy (re-

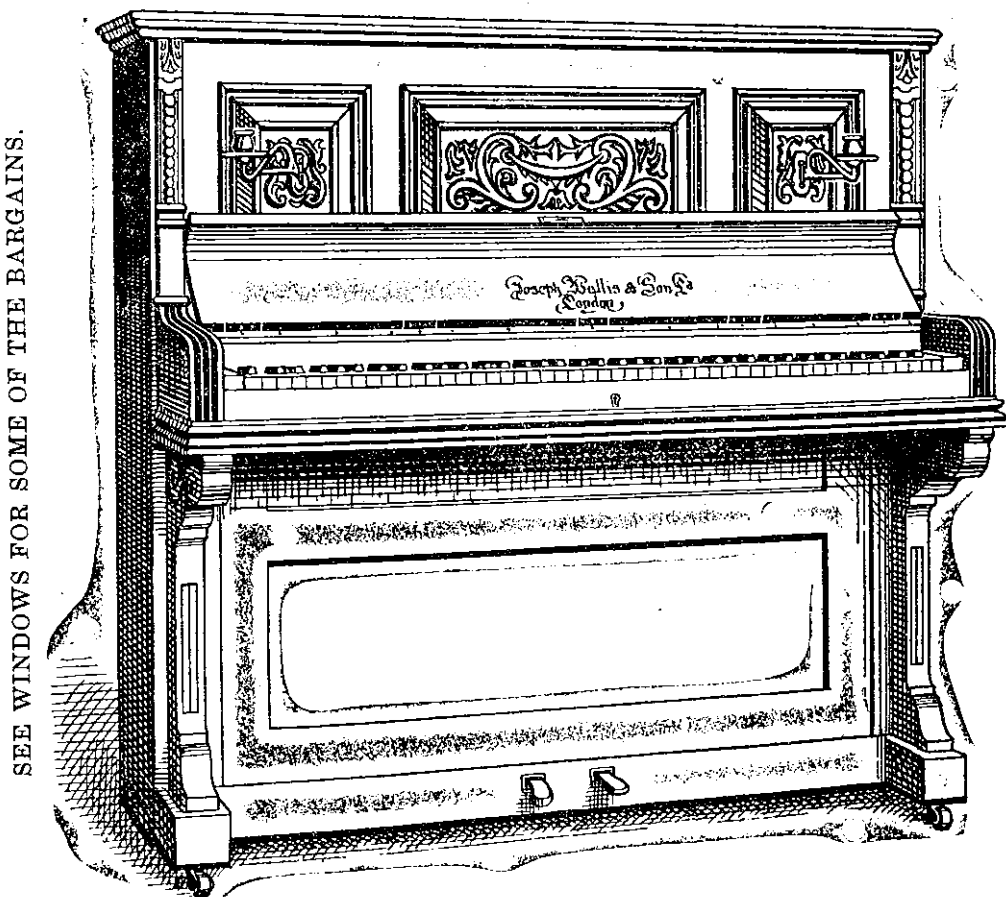
electd); secretary, Bro. G. O'Shea (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. J. Corkery; warden, Bro. T. Alridge; guardian, Bro. J. Moynihan; sick visitors, Bros. P. Maggin and T. T. O'Sullivan; trustees—Bros. T. Flynn, T. Downing, R. P. McCarthy (re-elected); auditors, Bros. P. J. Devine and T. Alridge (re-elected); delegates to United Friendly Societies Medical Association, Bros. G. O'Shea and T. Downing; four candidates were proposed, and three initiated.

It was a fearful shock to see
His look of pain and misery;
His cough, it made the houses quake;
His wife, she wept disconsolate.
His children joined the mournful throng,
And said: "We won't have father long";
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