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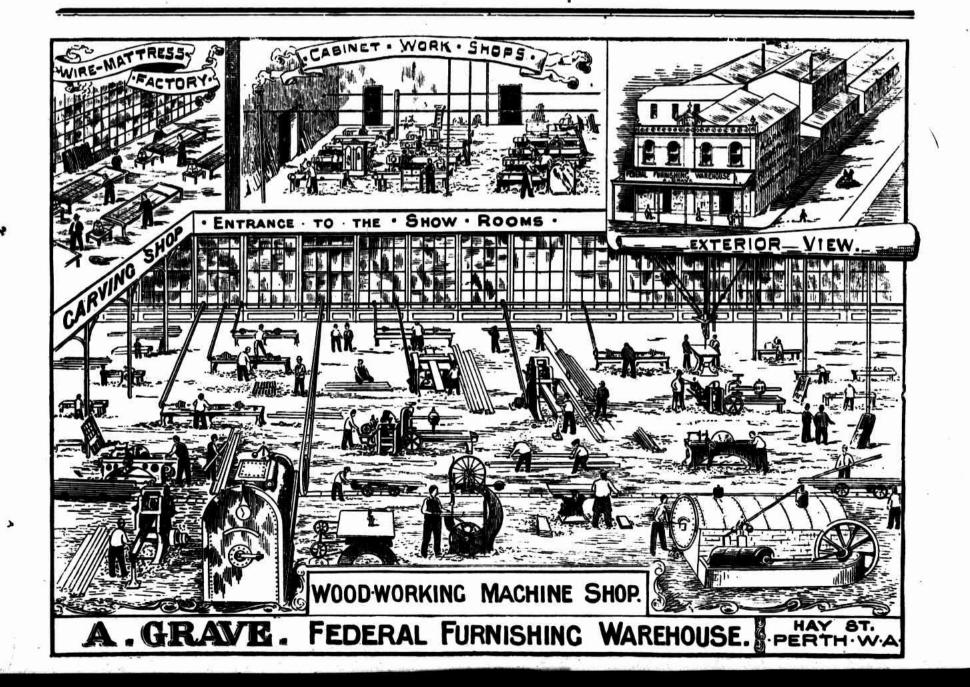
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OUR STORY.

OLE MISS AND MISS BESSIE

By M. E. HENRY-RUFFIN. (Continued.)

It sho did look nice down in de parlors, wif all de ladies dancin' and singin'. Old Monday, he was sawin' out the tune on hes fiddle, same as he sawwood, and a patin' on the floor and singin' out the figgers to the tune of the dancin':

Yo' right han' to yo' left han' lady; Forward two an' balance all.

Den I lucks up de sta'rs. In de little room right at de landin' Miss Bessie was a settin' and a sewin'. She was makin' clothes fur dem poor little white bucks down on de edge of de swamp what ain't nebber got nuffin to w'ar. She was runnin' the machine so smooth and singin' soft to her-

'Pears like I could set dar all night, watchin' Miss Bessie, she was singin' dat sweet, and her face front of de lamp like a glory, and de machine so smooth, like runnin' water, and she a smilin' and a singin' 'bout de angels and de blessed Christmas night:

Fall on your knees, Oh! hear the angel voices; O night divine!

Oh night! when Christ was born.
'Pears like she was puttier and more shinin' and peacefuller dan dem dancin' folks, and she a settin' all by herself. I begin studyin' 'bout maybe de angels was 'round Miss Bessie, a singin' so heavenly:

Oh holy night!
The stars are brightly shining.

I clean furgit to watch de dancin'.
Old Monday and hes fiddle was slippin'
away. I don't see nuffin only Miss
Bessie.

Miss Leany, 'pears like I can dream it all now. Me and Marse Herbert on de steps, Miss Bessie up dar, de dancin'

down in de parlor:

I can't remember which of us seed it fust. Miss Bessie she riz up to get somethin', and swee, in' her arm 'round, down cum the lamp. It blaze up all 'round her, and she stan' da in de

Marse Herbert, he jump clean over me, and me a gettin' up dem sta'rs, furgittin' all about de rumatiz. Marse Herbert cutch up de rug and fling it round Miss Beesie, and sayin', 'Oh, my d'arling! my darling!' We gets her over on the sofa, and when we dun unwrap de rug and Marse Herbert's coat and my ole shawl, and the counterpanes what we dun use to stamp out the fire, we find Miss Bessie only burnt a. little on her arm whar she was beatin' down the blaze. Marse Herbert, he sho was speedy that time. He keep a sayin', kinder chokin', 'My darling, you are not burt?' and axin' me, you are sure, Jane, she is not hurt? and a kissin' dat little burnt arm, and Miss Bessie,

she too scart to say nuffin.

Marse Herbert he hardly lemme fix dat arm wif lard and flour, and you know, Miss Leany, dat gwine do lote more good can dat kissin'.

Well, de white folks gets round Miss

Well, de white folks gets round Miss Bessie, and Miss Saunders she a whispering something dat make the red come back in Miss Bessie's face. De ladies kiss her and say dey so glad she ain't hurt, and Ole Miss she smile and bleeged to look like she ain't wrastling wif de wraf to cum.

Law, chile! dem days is dun.

Marse Herbert and Miss Bessie is on
dat plantation too long to talk about.

Dar cum Marse Willie round de cor-

Dar cum Marse Willie round de corner; but, Miss Leany, chile, I can sit in de dark and See Miss Bessie up sta'rs, me and Marse Herbert on de sta'rateps, de fiddle and de dancin' downsta'rs, and a blessed sound floatin' over all—

Oh night divine!
Oh night! when Christ was born.
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Foreign and Intercolonial. Telegrams.

(From the Daily News.)

FORBIGN

London, March 21.

The naval estimates, providing an additional expenditure of £3,000,000, came before the House of Commons yesterday. The items were passed by the Committee without alteration. The estimates provide for the construction of seven line of battle ships with a speed of 18 knots, 6 cruisers with a speed of 19 knots, two sloops and an increase to the naval force of 7,000 seamen. £250,000 is also to be devoted to fortifying the home dockyards.

The Registration of Electors Bill, which has been introduced into the House of Commons, limits the residence qualification of electors to three months. The Unionist party are opto this, and desire a six months' qualification.

The Parnell party has issued a manifesto, expressing extreme disappointment at Lord Roseberry's utterances on the subject of Home Rule.

Mr. J. Lambert, the Liberal member for the Sonth Morton division of Devonshire, and member of the Agricultural Commission, has introduced a Bill into the House of Commons to provide for branding all imported meat. The provisions of the measure are similar to the proposals recently submitted to a special committee of the House of Lords.

Mr. J. H. Geddes, the Managing Director of the Pastoralists' Finance Association, Sydney, has succeeded in forming a strong committee of Manchester merchants, who purpose operating to secure direct consignments of butter from Australia.

On application being made for the judicial sanctioning of the reconstruction scheme in connection with the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Judge Rowland Williams decided that the scheme should not be formally approved until the proposed examination of directors and officials had been held.

The above company have declared a dividened of five per cent.

M. Boulanger, member of the French Senate, has been appointed Minister for Co onial Affairs in the French Gov-

The French are occupying and fortifying Timbuctoo, in Central Africa

Louis Kossuth, the well-known Bungarian patriot, is dead.

London, March 28.

Mr. Chamberlain addressed a meeting at Edinburgh yesterday, and spoke strongly upon the present political situation in England. He taunted Lord Rosebery with being a conditional autonomist, with heel on the neck of the Irish nation one moment, and then, when the Irish lion was roused, making abject apologies for his conduct. Mr. Camberlain stated that Mr. Gladstone had left the new Prime Minister a heritage of woe, whose neck was particularly under the heel of the Irish nation. Referring to Lord Rosebery's recent remarks concerning the condition of the toilers, Mr. Chamberlain remarked that England was face to face with a new danger, principally arising from the over-crowded and congested state of the large cities.

Mr. Mundella, President of the Board of Trade, will not resign his position in the Ministry owing to his connection with the New Zealand Loan Agency Company. He has, however, resigned from the company's directorate, and has explained the position to the Premier. The Times states the directors of the Company await the inquiry before the Court with equanimity.

Mr. Fredrick Dalgety, of the firm of Dalgety and Co. Limited, is dead; aged 76.

Mr. David Powell has been re-elected Governor of the bank of England.

The Anarchists have succeeded in exploding an infernal machine in a church near Grenoble, in France. In the panic that ensued numbers of the congregation were crushed and seriously injured, and several are not expected to recover.

Mr. James Huddart has secured the services of Mr. R. S. Whyte, the designer of the Campania, to act as nautical adviser in the construction of four new steamers, each of 10,000 tons, for the new Canadian-Australian service.

Serious riots have occured at Buda-Pesth, in connection with the death of Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot. The University students assembled in force and prevented all theatrical performances, whilst an infuriated mob paraded the streets, and wrecked all houses and public buildings that were, not draped in mourning.

INTER-COLONIAL.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Sydney, March 22.

Mr. Price Williams, the well-known civil engineer, has proposed a seheme to the Government for the construction of numerous light lines of railway upon the land-grant system, with the right of the Government to take them over at any time within twenty-one years. Mr. Williams says his scheme, if adopted, will result in an enormous influx of English capital and popula-

A verdict of £125 against the proprietors of the Evening News, on a charge of libel affecting the business of Messrs. Bretnal and Barber, has been given. Another action of a similar character, Dimelow and wife against the Sunday Times, was settled out of Court, by the payment of £100 and costs, tohether with the publication of an apology. The latter libel reflected on the character of a school kept by the

At Broken Hill, yesterday, a curious matrimonial case was tried. An Aseyrian calling himself Joseph Lyons, represented to Mary Zamur, another Assyrian, a girl aged 16 and a great beauty, that two documents were certificates of their marriage, which he had obtained from the Registrar. He then gave her a ring after which she lived with him for five weeks, when Lyons' first wife appeared on the scene. A verdict of guilty was recorded against Lyons, and sentence was deferred.

Sydney, March 24.

Mr. Lusk, a well-known barrister. has been struck off the rolls for misappropriating the funds of a client. The learned gentleman has held briefs in many important cases, amongst which was that of Mrs. Louisa Collins, who poisoned two husbands at Botany in 1887 and 1888, and who was subsequently executed in Darlinghurst gaol.

At the Broken Hill police court, on Thursday, the two constables concerned in the death of Considine were committed for trial on the charge of manslaughter.

The man Lyons, on the charge of falsely representing a marriage certifi-cate, by the aid of which he seduced an Assyrian girl of tender years, has been sentenced to four years imprisonment, with hard labour.

Yesterday afternoon three little girls, named Maggie and Hilds Yeomans and Marie Shepherd, were drowned while crossing the Macquarie river in a buggy.

VICTORIA.

Melbourne, March 22.

Replying to a deputation yesterday, the Minister of Railways promised to reduce the surburban railway fares as

soon as the finances would permit. He refused, however, to reduce the produce freights from the country districts, as the reduction asked for on the carriage of wheat would involve a loss of twopence per bushel. The master millers met subsequently, and resolved to form a defence alliance against the men, owing to the operatives at one mill having refused to work unless the employer was compelled to take back a certain unionist who is in arrear with his pay

Melbourne, March 24.

Mr. Justice Hood has decided that Mr. Alison Smith's action for libel against the Age must be tried in the Supreme Court. The proprieter of the Age had tried to remove the venu of the of the action to one of the County Courts, on the ground that Smith had not sufficient means to pay the costs, in the event of a verdict being recorded in favour of the paper.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Adelaide, March 22.

Heavy rains are falling inland and up the Murray and Darling, as far as Bourke, where the gales have damaged considerable property.

The Premier, the Hon. C. C. Kingston, expects to spend a fortnight in Western Australia.

Owing to the great increase that has taken place of late in the telegraph business between South Australia and Western Australia, the authorities propose introducing the duplex sytem between the two colonies. This will materially facilitate the business of the department, and prevent to a great ex-tent, the many delays in transmission which at present occur.

The death is announced of Professor Kelly, who was a Professor of Classics at the Adelaide University.

The inquest on the body of Considine, the victim of the late shooting affray at Broken Hill, was further adjourned after the evidence of the two constables who shot the deceased had been taken.

Adelaide, March 24.

During the past few days seven hundred passengers have sailed by the steamers Adelaide and Bulimba for W. A. ports. Several sailing vessels are now being chartered for Fremantle from Port Adelaide, all of which will be full of passengers.

The Stock Exchanges are closed during the holidays. The latest outside transactions are as follows:-Coolgardies £71, M'Culloch's 27s., Bayley's 20s., Crossus 5s., Cosgroves 3s. 6d., Fortunes of War 7s. 6d., Star of the East (paid) £1. No transactions are taking place in other stocks. Brokens are 44s.

TASMANIA.

Launceston, March 24.

The relatives of a pauper who recently died in the public hospital are endeavouring to excite the indignation of the public, owing to a delay having occurred in the burial of the pauper's body. The officials of the hospital report that the relatives were unable to raise the funeral expenses to bury the body, which was, consequently, used for the purposes of dis-

NEW-ZEALAND.

Auckland, March 22.

The first election under the new Licensing Act, determining whether licenses must be reduced or not, is being held to-day. The result up to the present has not been definitely ascer-

Wellington, March 24.

The results of the popular voting at the election of Licensing Boards, under the new Liquor Law, are coming in from all the districts. At Dunedin, a

Scottish Presbyterian stronghold, 4774 voted in favour of prohibition, which was lost only for the want of 18 votes to make the staratory majority; but although the total cancellation of existing liquor licenses, though nearly carried, is not legally permissible, yet a reduction not exceeding 25 per cent. may be made in the existing licenses. At Christchurch, a strong-hold of the Anglican Church, the result of the voting is somewhat similar. At Timaru and Clutha, both in the Middle Island, and in several smaller towns, prohibition has been carried by the necessary number of votes.

Genaral Gleanings

Religious Teaching in State Schools.

THE WESYLEAN CONFERENCE.

IMPORTANT SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT The annual session of the Victoria and Tasmania United Conference of the Australiasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, was held at Wesley church, Melbourne, on Monday March 5th. The President in the course of his opening address said .- "Another important question was that of Public education. The original idea here was to bring all the children of the colony under one educational system, and for that reason the system adopted was called a secular one. But an interpretation had been put upon the phrase "secular" that was never intended, and in consequence the Bible itself, and until lately all reference to Christianity were entirely torn out of the State school carriculum. What was the result?
Utter and general distatisfaction all round. The Roman Catholics were dissatisfied because they thought themselves treated unjustly, and the various Protestant sects were the same. They were utterly dissatisfied because they saw a large proportion of the children growing up in practical heathendom and without any adequate instruction in morality. Besides, what system of education could be adequate while it prevented children from becoming acquainted with the Bible ? No education could be completed that did not include religious instruction, for without it the acquisition of knowledge might become a curse to its possessor. This sentiment was held almost universally by the Methodist Church. (Applause.) Various remedies for the evil had from time to time been proposed. Some said there would be greater energy in the Sunday-Schools; but it was well-known that the children who wanted this education most were not to be found in the Sunday-schools. Another suggestion was that voluntary effort should make up the defiency, but that seemed a most absurd proposition. First he believed it was impossible to get a sufficient number of volunteers for the work. Next, if they were got, they would be untrained, and to put them side with the trained secular teachers was to put religion so far at an utter disadvantage. As for throwing the work on the shoulders of the ministers, his own impression was that that was impracticable. What with the regular business during the week, such as burials, and so on, which they had to do at uncertain intervals, it was utterly impossible for ministers to give religious instruction to children in the schools with any regularity. Besides, such a system would be a cruelty and injustice to the children. Why should the children who required religious instruction be kept in while their fellows were at play? The remedy was not to be found in that direction. There was one scheme with respect to which there was some sort of unanimity, namely, the adoption of religious school lessons which had been agreed upon by the churches concerned. That was a possible solution of the problem, and probably it could be arrived at very quickly. But he did not think that adopt-

ting the platform of the National Scrip-

tural Education League would be a true

or perfect solution. In his opinion another course would have to be resorted to. He spoke only for himself, but he would assert that the true solution was to be found in conceding to the Roman Catholics their claims. (Murmurs of dissent.) He did not expect that all present would agree with him, but he would assert that in paying the Roman Catholics for the results of their secular instruction would be found a solution of the question which would be both just and statesmanlike. He knew that that was not the opinion of a large section of this conference or of the Methodist Church, but that did not alter the conclusion to which he had come. It was with a scheme in that direction that the difficulty was solved in Canada, and he did not see why the same thing should not be done here.

The Latest Cossack Barbarities.

At the end of December a report reached Berlin that a terrible massacre had occurred in a Catholic Church at Krosche, in the Russian province of Kovina, near the German frontier. It was stated that the Catholic community, hearing that their church was to be closed, assembled and remained there day and night, and that finally the troops forced their way into the building, killing 20 members of the congregation, and wounding upwards of 100. This account of the affair was subsequently officially denied from St. Petersburg, and it was declared that four police officials were slightly injured, while none of the Catholics were harmed. The "Koelnische Zeitung" now publishes a detailed narrative of all the circumstances bearing out the original story. At two o'clock on the morning of the 10th November, Prefect Klingenberg, of Kovno, arrived at Krosche, accompanied by forty strongly-armed policemen. There were about seventy persons in the church. Cursing and yelling, the police rushed at the worshippers, beat them with the knout, and struck them with their swords, so that the church echoed with the cries of the wounded. Some succeeded in fleeing to the belfry, were they rang the bells, thus summoning the rest of the inhabitants, who crowded into the building. When the day began to wane 300 Cossacks arrived at the place, armed with rifles, lances, and knouts. The Cossacks' knouts have wire and iron twisted in at the end, so that every stroke tears the flesh. They divided themselves into two groups, and a great massacre began. The blood of the defenceless inhabitants, who were trying to protect their sanctuary, stained the walls of the church and flowed on the floor. Some of the Cossacks flew at the altars, smashed the crucifices, candlesticks, and images of the saints, and dashed them on the ground. The broken vessels and images were thrown into a cess-pool. Some corpses found in the church were tossed by the Cossacks into the lime-pit in the churchyard. The people who fled in all directions, were pursued by Cossacks and taken prisoners. Many sprang into the swollen river and were drowned. The rest were surrounded by Cossacks and driven by them to the Town Hall on the Market-place. Every inhabitant of Krosche was fo receive a special punishment. A doctor was fetched and was to say how many strokes with the knout each victim could bear. They were brought up singly, and their clothes torn off their bodies. Then they were made to lie down naked between two rows of Cossacks, and flogged with the knout. Nobody was spared, not even delicate women. This inhuman work lasted till sundown, and the poor wretches were taken off to prison. Then the prefect allowed his Cossacks to "enjoy themselves."

Quite So .- " Mr. Love called this morning when you were out, and what and what do you think he said?" "What did he say? Tell me." "You give me a sixpence first (pockets it). Well, he said I was a sharp boy,"— Pick-Me-Up.

THE EDUCATION QUESTION.

The following letter, dealing with the above question, we copy from the columns of the West Australian:—

SIR,-Somewhat late in the day I am replying to Mr. Langsford's letter which appeared in your issue of the 7th inst. That it is so late is not, however, due to any fault of mine, but to the pressure of business engagements. Let me say with regard to his method of calculating an assumed expenditure by the different denominations, that I cannot regard it has being a correct means of arriving at the matter. Many other circumstances would have to be taken into consideration, circumstances which must present themselves to everyone before the expenditure could be ascertained. It is not with this, however, I am concerned, as, after all, it is only presumptive matter. What I am concerned with is the aspect which the latter part of Mr. Langsford's letter places on this question. 1'o me, it is no new one. From the very first, I have recognised that, cloak it as they might under the guise of as-pirations after a "national" system of education, the real animating influence at work was the unfortunate spirit of religious intolerance. It had never been so plainly exhibited in pub-lic before Mr. Langsford's letter, though, privately, in my many conversations with the opponents of the dual system, the one question was always put to me, "Why should we pay for the teaching of a religion that we don't believe in?" or, in other torm, "Do you think I am going to contribute to the teaching of a faith I dis-Whether there is such a believe ? " payment, whether there is such an institution, is a matter I will deal with presently. In the meantime, let me put before the public an extract from Mr. Laugsford's letter, which, I contend, bears out the view I take—that the spirit of religious intolerance, and not the spirit of patriotism, animates, nay, dominates, the oposition to the dnal system. (The italics are mine). "The remaining point for consideration is the the effect in the Catholic Church caused by the establishment of national schools; and here evidence of a most direct character is available. In an essay on State educational systems of Australia from the Catholic standpoint,' by the very Rev. D. F. O'Haran, D.D., of Sydney, after pursuing an elaborate argument respecting the condition of the Catholic Church in the United States, he asks: 'Where are the 14,000,000 of Irish-Americans who should be Catholics? Ask false non-Catholic friends and pusillanimous Catholics, for to them and to the secularist (national) schools of America is mainly due this frightful loss to the feith and to the holy Catholic Church."
Again Mr. M. T. Elder, a Catholic gentleman, a Speaker at the Catholic Congress in connection with the World's Fair, read a paper on ' Our twenty millions' loss, and affirmed, and what was was worse proved, that in the United ave but slight hold on the agricultural masses, and in the United States we are losing.' What will be the result in Australia I will not be bold enough to hazard a conjecture; but the words of the reverend gentle. man before mentioned are full of the deepest signifiance. 'Faint hartedness or false sympathy with a similar secularist (national) system in Australia must eventually lead to similar results.'

Sir, what do those words mean? I submit they can bear but this construction: that a secular system in America having proved the means of reducing the numerical position of the Catholic church there, so in the words of Dr. O'Haran, which Mr. Langeford quotes as being "full of the deepest significance," and evidently approves of, "faintheartedness or false sympathy with a similar secularist system in Australia must eventually lead to similar results." What results? The decrease, numerically, of the Catholics. Does not that read strangely in the latter half of the nineteenth century, which is supposed to be a time of widest religious and political liberty? Sir I am not a Catholic, I am

a Methodist, but I say this most emphatically, that Protestants have no more right to try and interfere with the pumbers of the Catholics than the Catholics have to interfere with numbers of the Protestants. And as one who would treat all creeds with the utmost tolerence,-as one who believes that not one of them is, in any of its essential features, better than the others,-as one who regards adhesion to a church as being very much a matter of temperament, I do mest strongly protest sgainst the taking of any posi tion which imports a conflict of sects. I know from actual personal experience of both sides that neither can claim to be free from bigotry, but instead of maintaining this barrier, instead of encouraging its growth, surely we should do our best to break it down, and to encourage the spread of that feeling of friendly tolerance which is unimating not only many Protestants, but, judging from my own experience of them, quite

as many Catholics. It is nrged, and at the first glance, with a certain amount of force, that the principle of State assistance to Voluntary schools amounts practically, to the State paying for denominational religious instruction. And it is urged, and with this I agree, that the State, which is composed of individuals representing many different shades of belief, ought not to be required to teach any one particular creed. But does the State, in making a monetary grant-in-aid of Voluntary schools, do so when those schools are denominational ? If the State does it must ask a quid pro quo; it must say in effect, " If we, by aiding you, a denominational school, with money, are, subsidising your religious teaching as well as your secular teaching we must require of you that, apart from its dogmatic character, it must be up to a certain standard, just as we require your secular teaching to reach certain standards." Do we find the State saying this? What do the by-laws require in connection with the assistance of the voluntary schools? This: (1). That teerc shall be a capitation grant payable on the average daily attendance (there is no subsidy to religious teaching there): (2) that there shall be a results grant, based upon the annual examination in reading, writing, arithmetic, Grammar, and geography. There is not a word about the State paying a solitary sixpence in respect of the result of an examination in religion, or that there shall be such an examination, or that any religious instruction shall form part of the code in respect of which the State make a grant. There is no allowance made for religious instruction in Assisted schools, just the same as there is no allowance made for religious instruction in Government schools. All the State concerns itself with pecuniarily, in each class of schools, is the secular, elemen-

tary education of the scholars. With regard to the objection which is taken by some to what they style contributing to the teaching of a religion they do not believe in, let me say that even if the Protestants did so contribute to the teaching of Catholic faith, which I have shewn they do not, the Catholics might just as well turn round and say they also contribute to a system of instruction in which they did not acquiesce. The grant to the Assisted schools goes almost entirely to the Catholic schools, and granting for the sake of argument only, that the contribution from the Protestant sections is a subsidy to religious teaching, we will examine the figures. The Catholics are estimated to number one-fourth of the population, and the Protestants the remaining three-fourths. In 1892, leaving out administrative expenditure, £9,320 were spent on Government schools, and £1,828 on Assisted schools (vide West Australian Year Book 1892-93; Report of Central Board of Education 1892). This on the basis of population would mean that the Protestants (three-fourths) contributed £6,990 to the Government schools and £1,367 to the Assisted schools. The Catholics (one-f urth) contributed £2, 330 to the Government schools and £455 to the Assisted schools, out of the revenue. In addition to this the Catholics contributed practically the greater part of the difference between the actual cost of maintaining their

schools and the amount they received by way of Government assistance. That which the Government schools received for their expenditure came out of the revenue; that which the Assisted schools received partly out of the revenue and partly out of the pockets of the Catholics. I am willing even to grant that the expense of maintaining their schools may be somewhat less owing to the fact that they do not employ such a highly-paid staff, and to accept the average cost per head at £2 10s., as it was roughly estimated to me by a friendly opponent the other day. Even then we find that whereas the average cost per head in 1892 to Protestants was £8 9s. 4d. in Govetnment schools, and £1 14s. 10d. in Assisted schools, to Catholics it was £3 9s. 4d. in the Government schools, and £2 10s. in the Assisted schools.

. There were several other matters connected with the question to which I should have liked to refer, but it would take up too much space, and I must therefore defer any other remarks till a future letter. There is, however, one thing I should I should like to say before I close. It is urged by those who style themselves the nationalist party that the present system is one that stirs up strife. Let me say this : For upwards of twenty years we have enjoyed peace, and there has been no strife whatever. It there be any now it has been caused not by the dual system, which has worked peacefully, but by the "free secular and compulsory " system which the " nationalists " are endeavouring to force upon us. So far, in all their arguments, they have been beaten, and I think that, without egotism, I may claim for my side that we are the better instructed in the working of the present Acts, thas we understand them more fully, and that we have argued more logically than our opponents. Speaking personally, for a moment I may say that it is somewhat significant that the "nationalists" have, apparently, abandoned some of their arguments since I supplied in my letters the statistics dealing with the two kinds of schools. The source from which I obtained those statistics was open to all, and I think they would have shewn greater ability in their attack had they considered their position in the light of those statistics before they opened the battle.

Yours, etc.,
DEMOCRITUS.
Perth, March 15.

Bunbury is a regular little Irish town, that is if we are to judge from the great display of green upon St. Patrick's Day last. Notwithstanding the abundant show of this article, the Catholics slid nothing to selebrate the feast day of the apostle Apostle of Ireland. Although there is a clause in the General Laws of the H.A.C.B. Society instructing every branch to celebrate that day in the most practicable manner; still our local branch treated it in the same way as they do in many other clauses. They certainly have been guilty of a very grave act by over-riding such an important clause.

A moot point.—First Belle: Then both Herr Schulze and Herr Lehmann had made her an offer of marriage—which was the lucky man? Second Ditto: Herr Schulze. Herr Lehmann married her.

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D. CONNOR. Chairman T. R. Board. Newcastle, W.A. Oct. 7th, 1893.

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"Be indefitigable in your purpose, anto with undainted spirit resist iniquity and try e conquer evil with good, having before your eyd the reward prepared for those who combat for the name of Christ."—Pius IX.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1894.

THE Assisted schools receive a grant-in-aid of some £1,823. This is a sum of money which deserves to be carefully and closely scrutinized. There is no other sum of money like it in the world, and there never has been. It is absolutely unique. Never was money endowed with such extraordinary qualities. Its capacities are infinite, and therefore it is more to be sighed for by those who desire inexhaustible wealth than the mines of Golconda or the wishing-cap of the fairy tale. It is for want of this apparently insignificant amount, as the West Australian is never tired of repeating, that the Government schools languish, or rather—since they do not languish—that they do not reach some vague and undefined but infinitely higher pitch of excellence. Given but this paltry £1,823, and the secularists would work with it such wondrous things as fairly deserve to be called miraculous. For instance, they would expend out of itseveral thousands upon the building of new schools and the repairing of old; and several hundreds more in salaries to teachers. Besides all this, the possession of the same sum would enable them to educate one-fourth more of the population, though at present each single one of the other three-fourths costs at least double the amount in question to educate. Finally, for it is not easy to exhaust the possibilities of this wonderful £1,823, it would enable them to place the whole education system of the country on a better footing, regardless of expense. These assertions are somewhat trying to our credulity, but the secularists who make them are "all honourable men," and there-Still the fore we must believe. question will present itself to many minds, that if the £1,823 will do so much, why is education at present so inferior as it is said to be; or why, being inferior, is it so costly?

The gospel of secularism, as gathered from the utterances of

the West Australian is a peculiar paid schools not only have no thing. Its conception of the money to spare, but are always privileges of the individual is not short of £1,823, the exact amount that which finds general accept-ance in free countries. The teachers of the Assisited schools, for example, earn their small salaries hardly and honestly, and this being admitted, it might be thought a matter of no concern to the public whether they expended the money upon themselves, placed it in a bank, or threw it into the sea. But not so. The West Australian holds different opinions as to the rights of individuals. It is not ashamed to pry into the private business of these teachers and to speculate in the public press as to what they do with their own

The logic of secularists is equally inscrutable. The very idea of putting Assisted schools on the same level as Government schools, as regards payment for educational results, they invariably, scout indignantly. Then, with a nice and truly secularistic conception of honourable dealing, they take advantage of the inequality which they deliberately maintain to found upon it a charge that the Assisted schools are underselling

the others.

But most amusing and most instructive of all is the assertion that the teachers of the Assisted schools are "unpaid." This spirited accusation comes, appropriately enough, from the West Australian. The fact that these persons are left unpaid, we may well believe, does not constitute a very serious grievance with our morning contemporary; but the results of it are clearly very unpalatable to that pattern of broad secularistic charity and goodwill. In one breath the West Australian describes the teaching staff of the Assisted schools as "underpaid," and in the next objects to the manner in which they spend their superknown that the managers and teachers referred to have to maintain, improve, and keep in repair their schools. But, beyond this, it seems they are able to find means enough to build other schools. And beyond this again, the secunot directly assert—they even contrive to devote a portion of these educational monies to Church purposes. Surely, the Assisted school manager's slender purse is a wonderful thing, comparable to rothing on earth but the conjuoror's magic bottle. And as for the "underpaid" teachers, who maintaining a score of first-class schools with insufficient means in such a way as to have a large surplus left to be devoted to other purposes, there can be no doubt that a more lucrative occupation is open to them if they wish it. They might pose as the possessors of the "philosopher's stone," which turns all it touches to gold, and obtain ready credence for their claim in this superstitious age of secular education; or they might render a service to humanity by undertaking to reduce the huge deficits with which some countriesand notably secular Victoria-are helplessly encumbered. But, to pass on, the subtleties of the West Australian's logic are certainly confusing to the ordinary mind. If the teachers of the Assisted schools have so much money to spare, how can they be said to be underpaid. Would it be correct

money to spare, but are always short of £1,823, the exact amount which is necessary to ensure their thorough efficiency? A suggestion occurs to us which we freely present to our contemporary, in the hope that it will enable it to gratify its ancient grudge against Assisted schools. It is simply this:—pay the Assisted schools as the other schools are paid, and see if it be not possible to thus plunge them into same the condition of, we are assured, nipping poverty.

The West Australian does not disdain to suggest an inquiry as to what the teachers of Assisted schools do with their well-earned salaries. But why need the enquiry stop here? It is just as fair and courteous to ask what the railway servant does with his savings, or the Governor with his. And knowing that the government pays a certain paper several hundreds yearly for advertising—enough, probably, to support half-a-dozen Assisted schools—we are tempted to wonder to what use the editor puts his fat profits. To make such investigations is not, certainly, in consonance with oldfasioned ideas of chivalry; but it is quite in accordance, apparently, with the spirit of secularism, the new doctrine of light and sweetness which is to make all men recognize their brotherhood.

We feel sorry, in conclusion, to have turn from the leading article of the West Australian, with its dazzling flights of imagination and its sublime disregard of logic, to hard matter-of-fact. And the fact which it becomes our duty to state has all the unprepossessing equalities of its kind. It is an obstinate fact, which will stand any amount of probing and examination. It is a disagreeable fact which goes to show that our contemporary's assertions and insinuaabundant spare cash. It is well tions and surmises as to what the "unpaid" teachers of the Assisted schools do with their surplus funds, are, well-let us say-fairy tales. The fact is, briefly, this. The educational grant-in-aid to the Assisted school is not large enough to enable Catholics by its larist organ, leading us step by means to build churches, is not step to a really awful climax, large enough to enable them to fears—but for the world would build schools, is not enough, even, large enough to enable them to to defray the working expenses of the schools which are already in

Local and General.

SUNDAY School PRIZE-GIVING .- On dren of Perth were examined in the Christian D ctrine, and prizes distributed. Each little one was eager to win a prize, and indeed the answering was most satisfactory. After the examina-tion a lunch was given to the chi'dren which they thoroughly enjoyed after their own fasion. The children, as well as those who were present admired the priz s very much. Sincere thanks are Sincere thanks are due to the good friends who furnished

"DEMOCRITUS."—We notice in last Saturday's assue of the West Australian, that "Democrius" has written his last letter in defence of the present system of education. Without offering any comment on the c-s ation of the many clever letters that have come from his pen, on this question, and which it has given us much pleasure to reproduce in our columns from time to time, we would say that if all were as fair, honest and impartial in dealing with a matter that affects the liberty of so many people, more kindly fee ings would exist and an acceptable solution of a grave difficulty would more probably be arrived at. The supporters of the present system of education have lost a staunch defender in "Democritus," to say that the Government schools are overpaid? And how comes it that these much better critus."

yet we feel sure that the fight will end in a "glorious victory," of which much of the credit will be owing to "Democritus."

SHAKESPERIAN TABLEAUX.—The in-habitants of the Port are about to be treated to a grand promenade concert and Shakesperian Table.ux at the Fremantle Town Hall. The organisers are mantle Town Hall. The organisers are working very energetically to make it a success. We hear that Chief Justice Onslow has promised to sing, as well as Mrs. Durlacher and Messrs Cuzens and Ba-sett. The members of the Fremantle Orchestral Society will play selections during the intervals. The tableaux, which have been well reheaved will be which have been well rehearsed, will be taken from the "Taming of the Shrew."

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.—A preliminary meeting of delegates from the various friendly societies was held on Wednesday last. Mr. R. Hornby in the chair. The following resolutions were carried unanimously:—(1) "That this meeting is of opinion that the time is opportune to form an association embracing the whole of the friendly societies in Perth, for the purpose of dealing with matters affecting their general welfare." (2) "That this meeting recommend that the first business to be taken into consideration by such an association should be with reference to the friendly societies land at Claremont." Mr. Fleming was elected secretary, pro. tem. After some con-siderable discussion as to the management of the land at Claremont which had been granted to the societies by the Government, the meeting adjourned to Wednesday April 4th.

SIR HENRY PARKES AT NEWCASTLE.— On Thursday last Sir Henry Parkes, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Marmion M.L.A., Mr. Throssel, M.L.A., and Mr. DeHamel, M.L.A., were entertained at the Free-mason's Hotel by the residents of New-castle. Mr. W. J. Stewart, on behalf of the inhabitants, presented an address to Sir Henry Parkes. Sir Henry spoke at some length on Freetrade and Federation, his remarks being well received. Sir John Forrest, in returning thanks to the toast of "The M nistry" reminded those present that the last time he had spoken at Newcastle, he had got into some trouble over his speech, which had almost become historic. He had therefore to be particularly careful in what he said. Mr. DeHamel respended to the toast of "the visitors." He thought that Federation and Freetrade must go together. There was no warmer friend to federation than himself. Sir Henry Parkes, pro-posed the health of the chairman which brought the proceedings to a close.

SHAM FIGHT:—A considerable number of people assembled at Cottesloe on Monday last to winess the defence of our shores against a supposed invasion. The and respect to make their way to Perth. Our defenders, however, under the able generalship of Major Gardiner, blocked their progress at Cottesloe. By good fortune the defenders had all the cannons procurable, while the enemy had only their rifles to depend on, so it can be easily imagined that we, (that is the defenders) drove the foreign invades (mostly natives of W.A.) back inch by (mostly natives of W.A.) back inch by inch until at last they were (or supposed to be) precepitated into the sea. So perish all our enemies. After all it was good practice, and certainly a bloodiess victory for us. To those who understood all about it, although they could see a number of defects, it must be apparent that the material as hand, under a good military system could be turned to conmili ary system could be turned to considerable advantage, should occ sion ev r require t, which we trust is as yet a long, long, way off.

THE MANNING OPERA COMPANY .- AS was generally expected, this company has appeared under most favourable condi-tions, and has been attended by an amount of concentrated interest which does credit to the inhabitants of the smallest capital city in Australia. It is needless to tra-verse in detail the merits of the various operas produced, which has been already done by the daily press. Suffice it to say that Faust in particular made an indelible impression on the vast audiences who were privileged to see it, the acting and singing of the part of the evil Mephistopheles, by Mr. Josephs, being alone a marvellous conception and execution dramatically and musically; whilst the other leading artists came up to the exalted expectations formed of them. The descent from the sublime Faust to the ridiculous Girofle Girofla was a pleasing variation of the company's versatility, and in this latter opera most of the success was due to to the perfectly drilled chorus that backed up the splendid efforts of Miss Hardy and Mr. Leumane. In the Bohemian Girl Miss Elster gave further evidence of much latent histrionic talent which only needs developement to place her in the front ranks of the operation profession. Her principal drawback appears to be what is rarely seen in a prima donna—extreme modesty in act and gesture. The success achieved in the operas is sure to be repeated with additions in that most delightfully-tuneful of all operas, Maritana

to be produced on the last nights of the season next Friday and Saturday.

NEW CHURCH AT IRISHTOWN .- On St. Patrick's Day, His Lordship, the Right Rev. Dr. Gibney, blessed the new church at Irishtown in the presence of a very large congregation. His Lordship was assist d by Rev. Fr. Tracey. After the ceremony some five and twenty boys and girls were presented for confirmation. At the conclusion the congregation par-took of lunch on the ground adjoining the Church. Luncheon over, those present re-assembled in the ohurch to witness a very pleasing ceremony, which consisted in the parishioners of irishtown presenting His Lordship with a congratulatory address. Mr. J. Reilly read the address, which was as follows:

To the Right Rev. Mathew Gibney, D.D. Bishop of Perth.

May it please your Lordship-

We, the undersigned, the parishioners of St. Patrick's church, Irishtown, have very sincere pleasure in extending to your Lordship our expressions of grateful respect and esteem.

The auspicious occasion which has brought your Lordship amongst us, is one to be remembered in this Parish, as the blessing of our pretty little church of St. Patrick may, we hope, be taken as an indication of our spiritual and religious pro-

The Parishioners of Irishtown have laboured for many years to secure the erection of the new Church of St. Patrick's and thanks to the aid of her divine founder and the active assistance of our zealous Pastor, the work has been brought

to a successful completion.

The spread of our holy faith is always to your Lordship a work of love, and intimately associated with our holy faith is the spread of religious education which has always secured from your Lordship

unceasing advocacy.

The latest evidence of your Lordship's zeal to promote Catholic education. is to be found in the introduction to this col-ny of the celebrated order of Christian Brothers, who in every part of the world are famous as most successful trainers and

educators of youth.

Your Lordship's munificent endownment of the order in property to the value of £800, is a pleasing proof of your Lord-ship's sincere desire to place the order in a position of comparative independence, and we sincerely trust residents in country districts will second your Lordship s splendid efforts by seeding their children to the Christian Brothers' college to complete their educational course. We would also on this occasion refer with particular pleasure to the deep interest your Lordship has ever taken in the welfare of the Aborigines of this colony, and your Lordship's labours in the North West and the subsequent successful establishment of a Mission under the manage ment of the Trappist monks, is a pleas-ing proof of your Lordship's desire to spread the blessings of religion and civilization among the Aborigines of this coun-The mission is one which eminent y calls for the generous support of the Aborigines Protection Board, but we must express surprise and deep regret that your Lordship has not received that generous surport from the Board, which the dis-interested labour of the Trappist monks so richly deserve.

In again heartily welcoming your Lordship in our midst, we humbly beg your Lordship's blessing on ourselves and our families.

We remain Your Lordship's humble and obedient servants,

[Here follows the signatures.]

His Lordship thanked them for the address and referred at some length to the life of St. Patrick, to whom they had that day ded cated their church. In concluding he made a few remarks on the education of our children, and declared that, despite all opposition, Catholic schools would continue to be a success throughout the colony.

MINING.

Teams are leaving Experance Bay daily for the Goldfields.

600 ozs. of gold were brought in to Geraldton from the Emerald Mine last

At Pingelling, the new rush, about 60 men are on payable gold.

The Star of the East Mine has had the largest crushing yet made, results not to

Mr. W. E. Clifton, the legal manager of the Central G. M. Company, reports the crushing for the fortnight as follows: -Eight days run, crushed 296 tons stone

yielding 112oz. 7dwt. gold. Mr. Clifton also reports that No. 1 Central Extended G. M. Company, reports that their ast crushing of 146 tons of stone, yielded 820zs, 8dwt. 3grs. of gold.

It was our pleasure to so a magnificent nugget on Tuesday, which had been brought in o Perth, by an old mi er from the Kirnalpi rush near Coolgardie. Its weight is 97 to zs. it is most peculiar in shape, having pieces ticking ou all over it like the quills upon the fretful po curical times to be the prosest. pi e. It is considered to be the argest nugget yet brought in from Coolgardie.

POLITICAL ITEMS.

Mr. B.C. Wood has decided to contest the West Perth District.

Mr. C. P. Reilly, has determined to stand for the Greenough electorate.

Mr. J.J. Cassidy, has decided to with-draw from contesting the Yilgarn Elec-

Mr. H, Mc'Kernan, has withdrawn his name from the list of candidates for East Perth.

A Branch of the Progressive Political League is to be established in West Perth this (Thursday) evening.

Mr G. Chitty Baker, has been unanimously selected by the North Fremantle Branch of the Progressive Political League to represent them at the coming

Owing to the manner in which the Government is withholding its intentions as to the date of dissolving the present Parliament, candidates are keeping very

The Premier for South Australia (Mr. C.C. Kingston) arrived in Perth on Monday, last. We hear that he is likely to be asked to give a lecture on "Trades Un-

Yesterday, says a correspondent, we had a spleudid unrehearsed farce enacted G. T. Simpson and F. Monger, both Ms. L. A., gave an impromtu stump performance. We were immensley tick-led when Mr. Simpson asked us to invite Sir John Forrest to visit Cue, assuring us that were he invited Sir John would come, and should he come he (G.T.S.) could promise a railway to Cue, in fact to use the words of the "wiley one," he "had it in his pocket." We were warned that should we oppose Sir John, then we could not expect a railway. I remember well one of the phrases of this amateur burlesque actor. He said "Now men decide who you will support. You will be wanting 'honey.' and according to the way you chose you will receive 'honey.' vinegar.' Now which will you have?" It will take up too much time to tell you all about this awfully funny exhibit-ion, but G.T. Simpson got a dreadful snub-

A correspondent writes :- On Tuesday night last, at the Hampton Hotel, Mr. C. P. Reilly, convened a meeting of those who some time ago requisitoned him to stand for the Greenough District, his object being to reply to the requisition.

Mr. J. W. Eakins, occupied the chair. It was thought that business matters would prevent him coming forward, and many were agreeably surprised when he said he had, after due consideration, determined to place himself in nomination. To secure his return a strong committee was appointed, consisting of Mesers J. W. Eakins, Thos. Webb, James Bell, Joseph Connolly, Wm. Jones, John Mc Cartney, and Bernard McGuinness. Mr. Reilly's views, which are liberal and progressive, on questions directly affecting the District ought to ensure him a large following, and if the electors of Greenough have any regard, even now, for their own welfare, they will without doubt see that C. P. Reilly is the "man for Galway," and for whom they should all record their votes on the election

COUNTRY NEWS. YORK.

According to an official report the average yield of wheat in this district is estimated at 15} bushels, and that of hay at 11 tons.

A young child named Taylor fell into Bland po l last week and was nearly drowned. A man named ardwick rescued the little f llow

The irregula ity of the up-trains does seem not accidental.

No account as yet is published of the receipts of the glove contest on Saturday night last. The receipts should be appropriated to an hospital

His Lordshi D. Gib ey was in York on Monday and Tuesday 12th and 13th in t. He returned to York from Northam on Monday 19th, leaving it for Pe th n the following morn-

Advertisments and placards announce the performance of the "Shaughrana" in the Oddfellows Hall here on Saturday next. It will doubtless be well patronized and prove an agree-able change to all. It has gained public merit and proise which is ever the prelude to theatrical success.

A picnic and sports were held on the Racecourse on St. Pa rick's Day and a most enjoyable time spent by a large gath ring of people. In the evening a fruit soci l was given at which a number of patriotic and national sougs were rendered. A sum of six pounds I hear was ne ted. The weather was "all-

On Holy Thursday the usual cere-moneis were performed. After Mass the Blessed Sacrament was borne in procession by Fr. Gibney to the sidealtar, most beautifully decorated and brilliantly illuminated. A procession of the school girls dressed as "Angels" preceded, and he way was strewn with choicest flowers. The choir, too, were present chanting the usual hymns and bearing lights. Public adoration was then commenced terminating on Good Friday with the pre-sanctified Mass. The stations of the Cross were also recited at 7 pm. on Friday evening. On E ster Sunday a large number approached he high altar at the early M ss. High Mass was celeb ated at ten by Fa her G bney. H. preached upon the Resurrection.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

LY "SCRUTATOR."

From the published repo ts of the numerical strength of the various city and town electorate-, especally th se in the metropolitan division of the colony, nothing is more striking constitue cies, and nothing more to be d sired tha a resistribution of seats in accordance with the exigencies of our altered population. For instance, the electorat of W st Perth which extends as far west as Cottesloe and eastward to the b undary of the Guildford constituency, is, in point of numbers, about twice as large as Perth (central) el ctorate, and contains nearly seven hundred names more then that of Ea t Porth-a surplus numer cally as strong as the North Fremantle district roll. Then sgain, the el-ctorat- of South Fremant e is about twice as large as that of central Fremantle which is like North Fremantle divisio. by about three hundred names. In other words, the divisions of Wes Per h, East Perth and Sou h Fremantle should, on the basis of population, have been provided for in the recent amendment of the Electoral Act by a subdivision of limits. The glaring representative anomaly of Freman le with its four hundred and odd votes getting equal representation to West Perth with its nineteen huudred votes, will be a standing reproach to the principle of popular election, especially when we consider the contiguity of these districts.

With or present system of electoral distriution, the three divi io sof Fremantle with their aggregate of about two thousand o e hundred votes il. get he same amount of parliamentary rep esentation as the Perth elec orates with their four t onsand one hundred and odd votes, for the Lower House. Whils a figh was made in the Upper is very properley giving much dis- House last year for the supremacy of satisfaction. The irregularity indeed the metropol tan vote for that chamber, the representatives of the people

in the Assembly remained indifferent to this principle of distribution as regards population. However, it is to be hoped that with the practic 1 lesson which will be learned at the forthcoming elections, progressive members of the next Assembly will lad the way to an early reform in the direction indicated, and especially in regard to the right of Perth to a larger rep-resentation than Fremantle. The principle of single electorates which we at present have, is a good one, and it only remains to secure a redistribution of divisions for the Assembly, and if possible the adoption of the secondballot system to achieve equitable results for the representation of majorities. A proper distribution of seats at the present juncture is of greater importance than even the abolition of plurel voting, and no time should be lost to secure that most desirable end.

The recent redistribution of seats on the single-electorate basis in New South Wales and the abolition of the plural vote places the mother colony nearly on a par with South Australia as far as regards electoral reform, the only tangible difference being t e transferof-votes system in vogue in the younger province. A new feature, however, has been introduced in New South Wales by the Electoral Act of last year, viz: the provision for the personal voting in any one electorate of the absent voter from the electorate for which he holds an elector's right. By that means the vote is transferred from the place in which it was tendered to the particular district indicated by the absent voter, and thereby a full poll throughout the colony is provided for. It appears to be an equitable arrangement for every political party, and it cannot be called a proxy vote, b-cause it necessitates the personal attendance of the elector, and, moreover, under the one-man-one-vote system no mischief can accrue from such privilege. In West Australia we have what may be called a double-banked Conservatism, inasmuch as not only have we the plural vote ad libitum, but we have that unprecedented thing, the proxy vote on top of it and on top of that again the distribution of the dates of elections over any period the Government may choose to fix-the latter giving a second chance to de-feated candidates. All the reforms alluded to are so just and equitable that their adpotion in Corservative England is only a matter of another session or two. As a lot of people in Australia seem to be more English than the English themselves, so also a large section of Australians appear to be more conservative than their English prototypes.

The burning questions of local option and the direct veto on the liquor traffic are seemingly about to come to the front in the colony as elsewhere. In Great Britain the Government is at the present time collecting information from every civilized community bearing upon this most difficult of al questions to settle. At the present juntcure in the old country, the Temperance Party is a mighty political power, and the settlement of the question there cannot be much longer delayed—the subject ranking in importance with Home Rule and Church disestablishment. The alleged affinity of "rum and religion" would almost seem to have some application to the attitude of the Anglican Church authorities on the direct veto agitation. At a recent Church Conference in, Canterbuy, the whole subject was debated with the result that the great majority of divines present dissented from the principles of the veto, and with such vigor in some cases, that the a sembly might well have been taken for a licensed vistuallers' gathering. The doctrine of the direct veto was declared to be immoral, unjust, inexpedient and confiscatory in its designs, and the eternal theme of "the liberty of the subject" was trotted out in all solemnity.

of course includes the majority of Anglican clergy), have, judgin; by the tactics induged in at general elect ons there for years past, a sumed he championship of the great licensed victual in interest in Great Britain, and Gladstone on the last occasion lost many seats through the powerful election influence of "the trade." But, notwiths anding, the matter cannot be shunted by the Liberal Party, impelled as they are from behind by nearly the whole of the English and Scotch Nonconformity. The next session will, in all probability, see this matter finally disp sed of in England as it has been in New Zealand. There, the popular voice seems to be against not only the increa e of the retail traffic, but for a sweeping reduction, without compens tion but with some notice, of the existing number of public houses. Although the extension of the franchise to women in New Zealand did not increase the number of prohibitionist members in the Legislature, the local option elections under the Veto Act has resulted in a great triumph, so far, for the Temperance party, which must be attributed in a great measure to the female vote.

The question is one of which demands the whole and undivided attention of the people of every coun'ry. There are some leading democrats who maintain that the solution of many of our social problems would be found in the universal application of the principle of the direct veto. However that may be, it must be manifest that the drink traffic is very closely associated with the industrial condition, health and morality of the great bulk of civilized mankind, and that being so, the wonder of it is that it has taken so many centuries to grapple effectually with the prop r control of the liquor traffic. It is a question which is outside of creed or nationality, as is evidenced by the combination of societies in England representing the Catholic and Protes ant elements of the na ion. The headpiece of the agitation in England was Cardinal Manning, just as Cardinal Moran is at the head of the Catholic section of the movement in Australasia. New Zealand has been frequently taunted with over indulgence in Ut pain and experimental legis'ation, but on the question of the liquor traffic reform it is likely to command the sympathy and attenti n of the best part of the people of the British Empire. I am quite sure that the reform element in West Australia will not be backward in watching the practical results of the legislation initiated in the most eastern colony of the group.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd.

APPOINTMENTS .- A. Lambert to be local court at Williams vice resigned. In the Post and Telegraph Department: R. A. Crawford to be, provisionally and temporarily, assistant at Roebourne. F. W. Barwick to be, provisionally and temporarily postmaster at Pingelly. E. A. Gratick to be, provisionally and temporarily, assistant at Geraldton.

SCAB DISTRICT .- His Excellency the Governor in Executive Council has further amended the boundaries of the Central Scab District by including that portion of country, at present within the Northern Scab District, bounded by lines starting from a spot situate about 1,050 chains due west from Elizabeth Spring, and extending north about 1,650 chains, west about 1,200 chains, passing through survey mark R 74 at Brineyan Well, then south in direction of survey mark R 80 at Woogorong to a spot due west from Elizabeth Spring, and thense due east to the start-

THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FOR-CES .- Volunteer Force .- Bunbury Rifles: Second Lieutenants Edward Maxt-The Tory party in England (which | ed and John Marshall resign their prov- | 1 wish to enter my boy in your school.

isional commissions: dated 15th March, 1894. Geraldton Rifles: Second Lieuten nt F. F. B. Wittencom is placed upon the unattached list! dated 15th March, 1894. Unattached List: Second Lieutenant F. F. B. Wittenoom to be Second Lieutenant; dated 15th March, 1894. (G.O., 21-3-94.

MEDICAL.—Registered as a medical practitioner of this colony, under "The Medical Ordinance, 1699," 33 Vic., No. 8), Andrew McNeil; qualifications of the Parks of tions: B.M., Edin., 1893 M.S., Edin.,

ROADS BOARD ELECTION.—Irwin: Members, S. J. Phillips E. W. Clark-

PUBLIC RESERVES.—Darkan Agricultural Area:—Nos. 2,411 (160a.), cultural Area:—Nos. 2,411 (160a.), 2,412 (160a.), 2,413 (417a), 2,414 (160a.), 2,415 (306a.), 2,416 (7a), for public utility. Serpentine Agricultural Area: Nos. 2,456 (30a.), 2,457 (285a.), 2,458 (60a.), 2,459 (15a.), for public utility. Jandakot Agricultural Area:—No. 2,491 (101a.), for use of aboriginal native, Frederick Lowington Lowington,

DESIGNS AND TRADE MARKS ACT, 1884 .- P. Dutoict & Co., of Brussels, Belgium, corset manufacturers, have applied to register a trade mark in respect of corsets. J. & P. Coats. Limited, of Ferguslie Thread Works, Paisley, North Britain, thread manufacturers, have applied to register a trade mark in respect of sewing and crochet cotton on spools or reels and in hanks or balls.

The Bankruptcy Act.—Receiving Order: Re J. T. Whitehead hairdresser Perth: 12th inst. Adjudication: B. J. T. Whitehead: 14th inst.

How HE WAS IMPRESSED .- Here is a good story at the expense of Armour. the big tinned-meat man of Chicago, The Mayor of New York, while on a visit to Chicago, went over Armour's place. While s anding with the manager at a window which over ooked a great yard, he saw a herd of oxen driven in. A few minutes later there was a great rattle and crash, which turned out to be the result of hundreds of ins felling down a shoot. "What's in those time?" he asked the manager. "Oh," was the reply, "they contain all that's left of those bullocks you just saw driven by!" "Indeed!" said the enlightened traveller. "That is simply marvellous! Just wait a minute while I make a note of it." And, producing a no e-book, he rapidly scribbled down something, while the manager exchanged winks with an assistant working at a neighbouring desk. When the New Yorker got back to his hotel that evening, he was interviewed by a Chic-go pre-sman, who, among other questions, said, "I be ieve you have been to Armour's place to-day? What do you think of clerk of the magistrates and clerk to the it?" "Well," said the mayor slowly, cencern. See, here is a note I made of an occurrence that struck me particularly," and produ ing his note-book, ne turned to the entry that he had made at Armour's and handed it to the reporter to read. It ran thus-"I have been about a good bit in my time, and have met some thundering liars, but never such thundering ones as Armour's folk."

> A story of the dangers of phonetic spelling is told by the "Sydney Sunday A Scandinavian, named Ole Times. Baumgartz, who is established in Australia as a schoolmaster, was astonished and outraged one day by the receipt of the following missive .

Old Boom guts, is queer. Curr, ass, you ar a man of no legs, i wish to inter my bowie in your skull!

A conference was held, and the writer, a new-comer, was visited by a body of inhabitants and asked indignantly to read his letter aloud, and say what he meant by it. He read ;-

Ole Baumgartz, Esq. Sir, -- As you are a man of knowledge, The Catholic Priest in London.

Mr. G. R. Sims, the well-known author and dramatist, recently declared that in his opinion the Roman Catholic priests are the only clergy in London who know how to sympathise with the poor, who are beloved and respected by the dewellers in the slums, and who can make themselves and everybody else perfectly at their ease in the humblest and most squalid of homes. Mr. Sims, who is not a Catholic himself, adds that Protestants all are wrong in supposing that the respect and esteem for the Catholic clergy that are shown in densely peopled localities are due to the ignorance and superetition of the sunken masses. It is, be says a feeling of gratitude, a conviction that the Catholic priests are the only clergy who sincerely care for them and desire earnestly to ameliorate theis condition—it is this belief that accounts for the popularity of the Catholic priest in the slums, and for the suspicion with which the parson and the minister and, the pareon's wife and the minister's wife, and the parson's Jaughters and the minister's daughter, are all regarded by the people who make up what "General" Booth calls " the submerged tenth" of the inhabitants of London. If the parson and the minister, and their wives and their daughters, are ever to succeed in the slums, Mr. Sims says they they must somehow learn how to establish that "magnetic current" of sympathy between tkemselves and the poor which the presence of every Catholic priest sets in motion.

Egypt and Western Africa.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Propagation of the Faith on the West Coast of Africa goes on with increasing success, still the mortality among the devoted band of missionaries, whose heroic zeal sends them to labor in this distant and deadly climate, continues with unabated persistency. By the latest European mail the Rev. Farther O'Sullivan received intimation of the death of the Right Rev. Dr. Chausse, Bishop of Lagos, in the third year of his episcopate. This is no less than the sixteenth announcement of the death of a member of the society of African Missions which has come to hand during the past twelve months. In almost every case the deceased had failen a victim to the malarial fever of the West Coast of Africa.

The Rev. Father O'Sullivan, who has been deputed to the colonies on behalf of the Propagation of the Faith in Western Africa and Egypt, and who has been successfully prosecuting his work of collecting for some time past in South Australia and West Australia, visited the parishes and districts of Kapunda, Gawler, Marrabel, Balaclava, Salisbury, and Manoora during the past few weeks, and desires to express his deep gratitude for the kindness and generosity he experienced from priests and people. The subscriptions received have enabled him to forward to the assistance of his confreres in Africa two further remittances-£120 from Adelaide by this week's European mail, and £253 to be dispateded from Perth by the following mail. These remittances, together with the sums already announced as remitted from time to time, since the rev. collector's arrival in Adelaide in the month of June of last year, will make a total of £1,237 forwarded to the African Missions in that interval.

The Superior-General of the Society has written to the most Rev. Dr. Gibney, of Perth, and to the Very Rev. Dr. Byrne, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Adelaide, expressing his deep sense of gratitude for the substantial aid rendered to the work of the society, as well as for the kindness and courtesy experienced by the collector.

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