

TOWN EDITION

CATHOLIC POOR SCHOOLS.

Our readers will not, we trust, forget that sermons will be preached to-morrow in aid of the House of Mercy, and in liquidation of the heavy debt on the schools for poor children erected by the Sisters of Mercy.

MASSACRE OF NATIVES BY SETTLERS IN FIJI.

ACCORDING to intelligence brought to Auckland by the Jesuit Nicol, lawlessness in Fiji is showing itself rather obtrusively. At Viti, about 20 miles from the mouth of the Rewa River, a district surrounded by disaffected natives, a Fijian was placed under arrest by his employer, Mr. J. P. Storck, for theft.

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10.

In reply to questions by hon. members, it was elicited—that such instructions would be given to the health officer at Queenscliff as would prevent his boat being used in any manner which could possibly cause any inconvenience to ships arriving at the Heads;—that the reason why when the intermittent supply of water was ordered last summer the supply at once became a permanent one was that a number of night watchmen were employed to prevent waste;—and that in all probability tenders for the first section of the railway line between Ballarat and Maryborough would be called for in the course of two or three weeks.

THE DIVISION ON THE EDUCATION BILL.

The following is the division list on the second reading of the Education Bill:—

- Mr. Bates
Mr. Macgregor
Mr. Burrows
Mackay
Mr. Burt
Macpherson
Mr. Casey
H'Lellan
Mr. Clark
Moore
Mr. Cohen
Orr
Mr. Cope
Patterson
Mr. Crews
Ramsay
Mr. Cunningham
Richardson
Mr. Davies
Riddell
Mr. Francis
Smith, G. V.
Mr. Fraser
Smith, W. C.
Mr. Garratt
Smyth
Mr. Gillies
Stephen
Mr. Harker
Stewart
Mr. James
Vale
Mr. Kerford
Walker
Mr. King
Williams
Mr. Langton
Wilson
Mr. Lobb
Woods
Zeal

NOES—21.

- Mr. Bent
Mr. O'Grady
Mr. Berry
Plummer
Mr. Bourke
Robertson
Lieut.-Col. Champ
Smith, J. T.
Mr. Curtain
Smith, L. L.
Mr. Farrell
Thomas
Mr. Hanna
Walsh, B.
Mr. Hopkins
Walsh, F.
Mr. Johnstone
Watkins
Mr. MacBain
Whiteman
Mr. McKenna

The following hon. members paired off on the motion for the second reading of the bill:—

- FOR: Longmore, Wrixon, Grant, Bayles, Purves. AGAINST: Duffy, Fellows, Russell, Phillipps, Levien.

Messrs. Spensley, Mason, Ferguson, and J. Jones were absent. It is not known how Mr. Spensley or Mr. Mason would have voted had they been present.

MURDER AT MARYBOROUGH.

A MURDER, accompanied by brutal atrocity, was committed at the Alma, a township some few miles from Maryborough, at a late hour on Monday night. The particulars, so far as could be gathered, were these:—On Tuesday morning an employe of Mr. James Edwards, butcher, in passing the Alma Creek bridge, observed the body of a man in the water, with the face on the North side of the bank.

TELEGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM THE DAILY PAPERS.)

PORT DARWIN.

PALMERSTON, THURSDAY. The Acting-President has been memorialised by diggers with small means for work or passage back. Nothing fresh has been heard from the reefs. Daly's prospecting party will start immediately.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

SYDNEY, THURSDAY. A disturbance took place on Tuesday between American and English sailors, which was quelled on the arrival of the police. The Agricultural Society have reported favourably on the Adelaide wines recently imported. The Sydney Rowing Club propose to form a representative crew fund.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, THURSDAY. A tailor named Serin has lodged a claim against the Government for £5,000 for the discovery of a payable coal-field. The locality indicated is the East Park lands. Similar indications were found in North Adelaide some years ago, but the specimens upon being examined were found not to be coal. The Permissive Bill has passed the second reading. Edward West, foreman at Simpson's coal-

yards, was killed to-day by a log of wood weighing three tons falling upon him. Breakfasts sold at 1s. Breakfasts unchanged. At the wool sales greasy fetched 10 1/2, scored 1s. 6d. ADELAIDE, FRIDAY. Debate on privilege had the effect of restoring the harmony of the two Houses. Breakfasts continue firm.

A MAN named Charles O'Connor, of Pelham street, Carlton, took an overdose of laudanum on Wednesday night, and had to be taken to the hospital, where the stomach pump was applied, and his life saved.

BETWEEN three and four o'clock on Thursday morning a fire broke out on the premises in Palmerston-street, Carlton, owned and occupied by Mrs. Hamson, draper. The fire originated in two small rooms at the rear of the shop, built of wood and unoccupied. The damage to the building and contents was covered by insurance to the amount of £300. A small building, owned and occupied by Mr. Adam Kennedy, was also destroyed with contents, the damage in this case being estimated at £50, which was covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

THE following communication regarding the Charters Towers diggings has been received in Melbourne:—"Townsville, 28th September, 1872. The rush to Charters Towers has turned out a complete failure. Hundreds are here penniless. The Government issued rations yesterday to about fifty destitute men. Those who can manage to scrape the passage money (viz., £4 to Melbourne) together are finding their way back as fast as possible. Steamer after steamer continues to arrive, and how it will end remains to be seen. Your Government may yet have to fetch them away, for unless the rush stops starvation stares them in the face. Since writing, the fares per Wonga Wonga and Blackbird have been further reduced, to enable the miners to get away."

THE Lancet newspaper in reporting the death of Father Hintercker, S.J., says that the reverend gentleman died on Sunday night, of inflammation of the lungs, at the age of 52.

A MEETING of the Royal Commission on the low lands of the Yarra was held at the Town-hall on Thursday. The secretary stated that the Government had sanctioned the proposed expenditure for the surveys. The commission then appointed Mr. Thomas Hand, shire engineer, Lilydale, to make a survey of the Upper Yarra, and Mr. R. H. Coe, C.E., to make a survey of the Yarra from Dight's mills to the Gasworks, both gentlemen to be under the direction of Mr. Gordon, engineer-in-chief of water supply.

W. O'SHEA has been charged at the City Court with unlawfully killing and slaying John Sexton. Inspector Kabat said that the coroner's jury had found that Sexton died from injuries accidentally received during a drunken row, and that consequently O'Shea, who was in custody, had been discharged. Mr. Kabat, thinking that the evidence was very strong, had communicated with the superintendent of police, and the result was that a warrant for O'Shea's arrest on the present charge was issued. O'Shea was remanded till Wednesday—bail allowed and obtained.

THE lamplighters' strike is at an end, the majority of the men having agreed to go back to work at the contractor's price—viz., 2s. 6d. per week. The association was last night broken up, and the funds in hand, amounting to £2 17s., were ordered to be handed over to the committee of the Gospel Hall.

MR. W. V. CONDELL, son of the first mayor of Melbourne, has announced his intention of presenting the city with a clock for the Town Hall tower. He has placed himself in communication with Mr. J. Reed, the architect of the hall, for the purpose of obtaining information as to the dimensions of the clock-room, &c. Mr. CondeLL, who has been only a very short time in Melbourne, returned to England by the mail yesterday.

SEVERAL tenders for public works that were recently opened, the following were the lowest:—Supply of furniture for court-house, Rochester, £47 19s., R. N. Bennett; lead work at stair-case, Treasury buildings, £78 18s., Oats and Hallow; repairs to court-house, Wood's Point, £240, J. Robinson; supply of two snagging punts for Murray River, £1252, Daniel McCarty and Co.; removal of court-house and police buildings at Majorca to a new site, £239 10s., Joseph Jarvis.

THE commissioners for the forthcoming Exhibition at Melbourne desire to inform the public that the last day for receiving entries is Tuesday, the 15th inst., and that the exhibits are admissible up to the 25th inst.

THE lessee of the new Theatre Royal have obtained permission from the Government to lay a six inch water main through the centre of the building, connected with the mains in Bonrke street and Little Bonrke street. From this main six inch pipes are carried to all parts of the building. The danger of the new theatre sharing the fate of the old one is thus greatly lessened. With the knowledge of this fact, the audience in case of any false alarm will not be likely to be seized with a panic.

THE board appointed to examine the specimens of building stone sent in to the Public Works department for use in the erection of the Government house, on Thursday arrived at a decision in favour of two samples of freestone received from Tasmania, and a sample of granite from Banker's Creek, Castlemaine. The Gaols Statute Amendment Bill was passed through committee of the Legislative Assembly on Thursday.

THE ordinary weekly meeting of the committee of the Benevolent Asylum was held on Thursday. The superintendent reported that there were 626 inmates in the houses, of whom 430 were males and 196 females. The medical officer reported 298 inmates as being under medical treatment, 173 of whom were males and 125 females. Two old men, inmates of the house, who thought they would be able to make a living up the country during the summer weather, were awarded a pair of blankets and 5s. each to assist them to carry out their wishes.

WE would remind our readers that the concert and literary entertainment in aid of an old Irish colonist who has been disabled by an accident will take place in the lower room of the Temperance Hall, Russell street, on Wednesday evening next. Mr. T. Macpherson, J.P., ex-Mayor of Melbourne, will preside. Mr. John Edwards, jun., will give one of his admirable humorous readings; Mr. J. H. Glen will enact a scene in dual character from Sheridan's "Knowles' play 'The Hunchback.'" Mr. Myles G. Byrne, barrister, will relate "Personal Reminiscences of Ireland and Irish characters," and recite an original poem by himself, descriptive of a death in an Irish workhouse. Several ladies and gentlemen of talent will sing and otherwise contribute to the enjoyment of the evening.

IT is said to be probable that the North-Eastern Railway will be opened as far as Longwood in from three weeks to a month's time.

A VERY large deputation, introduced by Messrs. Cohen, Curtin, and Vale, M.L.A's., waited on the Chief Secretary on Tuesday morning to oppose the removal of the law courts from the present site to West Melbourne. Captain M'Mahon, the Mayor of Melbourne, and several property holders appeared to support the removal. Mr. Francis patiently heard the arguments for and against the removal, and stated that personally he was of opinion that, owing to the proximity of the gaol, and the difficulty of realising a fair value for the now vacant land, also considering the eligibility of the present site for the proposed courts, public purposes would be served by the erection of the new courts where the old ones now stand. However, the matter was one that the Cabinet would have to deal with. They would do so as soon as possible, and he might promise that an answer would be given, informing the secretary of the East Melbourne deputation of the determination arrived at by Tuesday next.

STEPHEN O'NEIL was brought up before the East Collingwood Police Court, yesterday, charged with illegally pawning ten pairs of boots, the property of his employer, Mr. Mason, boot manufacturer. The prisoner's solicitor wished the prosecutor to withdraw the charge, as his client promised to redeem the work immediately. This offer was declined by Mr. Mason, who said an example must be made. This was by no means a solitary case. In fact, as he expressed it, he "could not turn in his factory" owing to this practice being indulged in by the operatives in his employ. The man's defence was that he merely pawned the boots for safe custody whilst he was removing from one house to another. The case was adjourned for a week to allow the prisoner to redeem and finish the work, and return it to his employer. Bail was allowed.

MR. CANDLER, the district coroner, held an inquest yesterday, at the Star Hotel, Prahran, on the body of a female infant, which was found in a closet on the premises of Mr. Hughes, a resident of Dandenong road, on Wednesday night last. A girl named Sarah Pileor, who has lately been engaged as a domestic servant of Mr. Hughes' family, is charged with the murder of the infant, and as she is now in the Hospital, the inquiry was adjourned.

AN extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the Victorian Beetroot Sugar Company was held yesterday, at Scott's Hotel. The business was to consider and determine upon the allocation of the second issue of shares in the company. At the meeting a number of samples of various qualities of sugar manufactured at the company's factory at the Anakes were exhibited, and gave very general satisfaction.

THE Flemington Hunt Club meeting took place yesterday at Geelong. Shelah won the Flying Handicap, with Gaffer Grey second. Horizon came in first, but was disqualified. Canary carried off the Hunt Club Cup, Freestradler taking second honours.

LATE ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE REV. T. CAHILL, S.J., will preach at eleven o'clock Mass on Sunday, the 13th inst., at Saint Mary's Church, North Melbourne, in aid of the funds for the erection of a Presbytery for the Rev. H. England.

Temperance Hall, Russell street, LOWER ROOM.

A MUSICAL AND LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT in aid of a distressed family, whose head has been disabled by an accident, will be given on Wednesday evening next. Mr. T. Macpherson, J.P., ex-Mayor of Melbourne will preside. Mr. John Edwards, jun., will read; Mr. Myles Garratt Byrne, barrister, will relate "Personal Reminiscences of Ireland and Irish characters," and recite an original poem by himself descriptive of the death of a pauper in an Irish workhouse; Mr. J. H. Glen will assume a dual character from Sheridan's "Knowles' play 'The Hunchback.'" Miss Williams, Miss Curtis, Miss Spiller, Messrs. Talbot, Theobald, Wilson, Le Cour, J. Keys, W. J. Garrahy, M. A. Murphy, J. Bourke, and J. M. Heffernan will assist. Doors open at half-past seven, to commence at eight. Admission, One Shilling.