power to effect that end.

CHAMPION.

THE Thames district has for years been

weapons (notably the Navals and Engi-

ncers, whose carbines are the newest and

best arm in the district), they have

lonial Wimbledon. Captain Wildman'

and borne away from Nelson

due jackets have three successive years

possess inferior weapons, the rilles with

armed having passed through many hands

The field force of the Armed Constabulary

used them in the first instance. On the

policemen being armed with superior weapons, the Thames Scottish received

their old ones, and still continue to do thei

best with them. It was not until a

week or nine days previous to leaving for Nelson, that the rifle competitors of

our district were supplied with the "Hoki

The wonder, therefore, is that our rifle

men have been able to hold their own so

well with unfamiliar weapons in their

The advertised parade yesterday ordered

by the officer commanding the district to receive the Carbine Champion and other

representatives, met with that hearty re

monse with which our men invariably dis

inguish themselves, where the exedit of

he Thames force and district at large i

concerned. The parade fell in at abou

half-past4 p.m., oppose the Naval Hall. Al the corps of the field were well repre

sented, especially the Naval Brigade and

the Scottish Battalion. Preceded by their

bands, the several corps, under Major Murray in command, marched off in files

from the right, proceeding down to the

end of the Goods' Wharf, where the

Champion was taken from the Rotomahana

and carried shoulder high to a carriage in

waiting, in which were seated the Mayor

and County Chairman. The procession

then commenced a triumphal progress

brough the streets of the Borough in the

ollowing order : - Carriage drawn by four

norses containing the Champion, the Mayor of Thames, the County Chairman

and Capt. Wildman, T.N.B (the latter had

accompanied and returned with his men

rom Nelson); Naval Band, under Band-

naster Bacheldor; Naval Brigade, 40 ile, under Lieuts. Lawless and Burton,

ngineer Band, under Bandmaster O'Sul

ivan ; Hauraki Engineers, 20 rank and ile, under Captain Small and Licutenan

don; Thames Scottish Band, unde

Bandmaster Hunter; Thames Scottish, 40

rank and file, under Captain Watson Lieutenants Johnstone, Concy, and Perry

staff officers, Captain and Adjutant Sch

ickl, and Quarter-master Symington Thames Rifle Rangers, under Lieutenan McFarland ; Naval Cadets, under Lieuten

ant Ross. At the Bank Corner a halt was

Major Murray mounted the carriage and announced that the Mayor and County Chairnan had very kindly come forward

other representatives who had so gallantly

naintained the honour or the Thames

he Nelson contest. These gentlemen, it

vould say a few words, but before li

alled upon them, he thanked the represen

atives most heartily for having kept up

The Mayor said, as representing the in

abitants of the Borough, it was his privi

ege to return their heartiest thanks to

which they had maintained the credit of

ne district, and once more brought the

arbine belt to the Thames. He referred to the former successes of Petty Officer

Armstrong, and culogised him as now

aving taken the highest honours in the

earbine match. He said the honours were

he more creditable to Petty Officer Arm-

strong because only three years ago habandoned the rifle for the carbine, having

cen second in the Wanganui competitio

or the rifle championship. A year after

to the fine championship. A year attence to commenced carbine firing he almost gained the prize which he had brought

back with him to-day. The Mayor said he

egret that Government did not render the

olunteer force as much encouragemen

as it ought to; but he hoped they

would yet see their way to trea them more liberally. He did no

think there was any reason to fear an

nvasion from any forciga foe or any

Nihilist rising in their midst, like th

Ear of Russia had to contend with

who at last, if the latest reports were cor-rect, had been annihilated; but there was a native element they had to be prepared

to resist if necessary, hence he believed Government should be careful to keep their

Volunteer forces well equipped; and he

most sensible observation when he sai

he was willing to fight, but he should like Government to find the clothes the bullet

were to be put through. (Cheers). In the name of the citizens of Thames, he

hanked the representatives for their suc-

essful efforts to keep up the reputation of

The County Chairman said he could

nly endorse the remarks which had faller

rom the Mayor. - He felt a special in

crest in welcoming their champion (Pett

Officer Armstrong), for he had alway lisplayed great abilities as a Voluntee

nd was an honest and steady shot. — H

leserved the honour. All the Volunteers

redit to the district. He concluded b

alling for three cheers for the champio

entatives for the admirable manner

ampion Armstrong and the other repre

ne credit of the district. (Cheers).

distinguished themselves at the

It is satisfactory to find that at the instance of Mr Fergusson, the resolution of the Waikato County Council keeping back all subsidies and other funds possible for the purpose of maintaing the road from Hamilton to Piako, as part of the main road to Te Aroha, in case of heavy traffic in

winter, has been rescinded. Colonel Nation, of Parnell, died at his residence on Saturday evening. Colonel Nation served in India in 1857. Shortly after the termination of the war, Colonel Nation with his family came to New Zealand, to which his rank as full Colonel was forwarded after him. In the early days of the Waikato war Colonel Nation's services were again called into requisition, and he was appointed Colonel of the first regiment of Militia, a post which he held for some time, and afterwards returned to private He took little active part in politics, but in the more limited sphere of the duties of a citizen he was more forward. He was elected first Mayor of the Borough of Parnell, and at the time of his death was Chairman of the Bench of Magistrates, composing the Auckland Court of Petty Sessions. leaves to mourn their loss a wife, and large family all grown up to man's and woman' daughters (Mrs E. H. Power and Mrs Still) are married, and one unmarried daughter remains at home with

her bereaved mother. Some interests begins to be manifested in the races to take place on St. Patrick's Day this shattered his legs and other--the 17th inst. Any one whose early rambles takes them into the suburbs cannot fail to observe the assiduity displayed in training operations, both for the flat and hurdle races. All our local horses are credited with being in first-rate "form," and as the entries also comprise several Auckland, Waikato, and Ohinemuri horses, of established reputation as "goers," the doctors, who were at once in attend-meeting promises to be, from a sporting point ance, to stop the flow of blood. Great of view, a very successful one.

The following is the state of the sick at the Thames Goldfield Hospital for the week ending 12th March, 1881 :- Remained 15, admitted 2, discharged 3, died 0, remaining 14. The diseases are-zymotic 2, constitutional 1, local 6, development 0, violent 5, out-patients 32.

The Australasian concludes an obituary notice of the late Miss Florence Colville, as follows :- "Let us think of her as a beautiful woman and a brilliant actress, and if, at a period when she was still beautiful and brilliant, there fell upon her a dark shadow, let us not seek to look into the darkness but remember only the sunshine in which she once moved. We may temper our regrets with the recollection that while the unshine was upon her, she used her rare talents with a devotion to her art that earned everyone's praise. Let us water the flowers that are planted on her grave with the tears of pity and forgiveness.

The s.s. Wanka, arrived in the Manukau on Sunday morning, from Nelson and Southern ports. Passengers: Captain Wildman, Messrs Gordon, Thomas, Parslow, Cameron, Harris, Armstrong, Lawry, John-stone, Mr and Mrs Hiderne, Miss Hamer, Messrs Cooper and Hay, Sergeant Taylor Messrs Frazer, Wynne, Gill, Keller, Haslett Brownlow, Downie, Weir, Woolley, Corpora Bloxsome, Messrs Greenfield, and C. Z. Fell. Miss Cowbett, Miss Baird, Messrs Lumsden Kendall, W. Rowe, Payne, Mrs Blundell, Messrs Carswell, Groose, Samuels, Scott Ford, Gossett, Miss Nievell, and 11 steerage The Maoris have subscribed £3000 to cover the costs of the Waitangi Treaty Hall, and

approaching meeting. The Roman Catholics are in earnest about creeting a church and establishing thembelves on a firm basis at Paeroa, as it will be seen that tenders are invited for the erection of the contemplated new structure.

to defray the cost of sending delegates to England to lay before the Queen the

grievances which are to be discussed at the

An excursion to Coromandel is organised for next Friday, when the Rotomahana will leave the Thames at an early hour, returning on Saturday afternoon. The Borough County, and Hospital representatives wil The Borough proceed by this trip.

Dr Payne, accompanied by Mr Austin, rode the journey from Paeroa, in 21 hours yesterday morning. This is considered very good work.

The tenders for the enlargement of the Primitive Methodist Church have been eigned, the contract having been taken by Radical Press, but it is generally be Fireman Wm. Watson, has been adjourned Messrs Boyers and Chappell, at £200.

Early yesterday morning (says the *Herald*) Captain Mahon, of the Victoria Company, Captain Payne, of the A Battery of Artillery, and a number of men of their respective corps went out to Onchunga in muft in a "break" to receive and welcome the Auckland and Thames representatives on their return by the s.s. Wanaka from the is expressed with the Boers. Nelson meeting. On reaching Onchunga, it was found that the steamer had not arrived. She shortly afterwards turned up however, being nicely decorated with flags as she approached the wharf in honour of the carbine champion and his fellow representatives. Capt. Mahon and Capt. Payne went on board and welcomed the representatives. After a short stay, the Thames men took the train for town, while most of the Anokland representatives returned by the break."

COROMANDEL.

SATURDAY. There is very little to report in reference to the Tiki districts. Scarcely any interests have changed hands during the week. Speculators appear to be quite satisfied of the increasing value of the field; but until the claims are formed into companies and worked energetically, capitalists will not venture on investments except to a very limited extent. There scems to be no difficulty in discovering rich quartz, several important finds being reported. The Maoris are said to be on very good gold. Steady and persevering work is wanted, and if the present show continues, capitalists will soon be found ready to help. Already we hear of one gentleman, who represents a great deal of English capital, having expressed his readiness to put up batteries, tramways, and any mining works required on shares,

show on a personal inspection.

The members of the Thaines County Council will pay an official visit to Coromandel this week, to confer with the Coromandel County Council on the important question of the construction of the road between the two places, and other business of great importance to both

provided he is thoroughly satisfied of the

Mr Lloyd was on Thursday busily engaged surveying the new township or business sites in proximity to Fraser's Mill. It will be remembered that the Warden recommended that two acres should be surveyed off, such area to comprise the site of the mill property, and the Warden would take steps to have this reserved from the goldfield, in order to protect the interests of the mill proprietors. −Mail.

THE TIKI.

A Maori reserve having been found to contain good gold-bearing quartz, Mr C. F. Mitchell and a party have gone to the Tiki to prospect on behalf of the natives, Some Europeans visited the ground, with the intention of prospecting, but were driven off by the natives.

CABLE MESSAGES.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL.)

DIABOLICAL MURDER OF THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

ARREST OF THE ASSASSIN.

St. Petersburg, March 13. The Czar of Russia was murdered to-day by the explosion of a bomb. LATER.

St. Petersburg, March 15. the assassination of the Czar, who, Zealand shortly. accompanied by his suite, was witnessing a parade of troops in the city to-day, when a bomb was suddenly thrown from among the spectators, and fell close to where he was standing. It exploded, but did no harm to to his Majesty. A second bomb was almost simultaneously thrown, and

wise mortally wounded him. He was at once conveyed to a house near at hand, but His Majesty died within two hours from the loss of blood, though every effort was made by the doctors, who were at once in attendconsternation was caused on the parade ground when the bombs were thrown, and when the effect of their explosion was seen. Several persons, including some members of the Czar's suite, were

wounded. The assassin was arrested at the scene of the outrage before he had time to escape.

LONDON, March 12. In the house of Commons to day, the Right Hon, W. E. Gladstone made a statement regarding the position of affairs in the Transvaal. He announced that with a view to bring about a complete cessation of hostilities, and a permanent settlement of the difficulty, Peace Commissioners would be appointed in the Transvaal to undertake the negotiations with the Boers.

CAPETOWN, March 12. The news to hand from the Orange Free States announces that the population is at the present much excited over the state of affairs in the Transvaal.

THE COERCION BILL-ARRANGE-MENTS TO ENFORCE ITS PROVI-

London, March 2. Bill immediately becoming law, Mr Forster and the officials at Dublin are the enforcement of the provisions of Francisco, via Auckland. the measure. Lists have been obtained Mr William Foster, late Agentof the most prominent promoters of the General for New South Wales in agitation and outrages. Much discon- London, returned here to day per P tent is expressed at the delay of the and O. steamer Bokhara. He met Government in bringing forward their with a warm reception, and was premeasure for the reform of the Irish sented by the Committee with a conland system.

It is now asserted that the Land Bill will not be submitted to Parlia- SPECIAL TELEGRAMS. ment for another month. GOVERNMENT CENSURED FOR

INACTIVITY. The dilatory policy of the Government is severely criticised by the ieved the delay is due to a division of till the return of the Hawea from the opinion in the Cabinet upon including South, in order to obtain the evidence of principals in the measures.

SYMPATHY WITH THE BOERS. In the United States and on the Continent a strong feeling of sympathy

The Continental press condemns the annexation of the Transvaal as arbitrary and uncalled for, and describes the Boers as a brave people, fighting the Rev. D. Bruce be retained here as for liberty.

PLAGUE AT MESOPOTAMIA.

Intelligence from Bagdad states that plague has broken out in the district of Mesopotamia, proving most fatal amongst the population, who are dying by hundreds.

Great alarm is felt that the disease may spread to other countries, and assistance is urgently asked for. RAVAGES OF SMALL POX AT

HONOLULU. Intelligence has been received, via San Francisco, that small pox has that Canterbury was always conspicuous broken out at the Sandwich Islands, by its loyalty, and here as in all the colony, committing great ravages among the natives of Honolulu, where especially

the mortality is excessive. EARTHQUAKE IN SWITZERLAND. A smart shock of earthquake was experienced at Berne, Switzerland, causing much consternation amongst

the inhabitants. THE IRISH LAND LEAGUE. March 6.

The officials and members of the Irish Land League continue to prosecute an active agitation for the amendment of the land laws.

MONSTER MEETING OF THE LEAGUE.

TOBAY, Sunday. Monster meetings of the League and its adherents have been held, and

GENERAL ROBERTS SAILS FOR THE

CAPE. General Roberts has sailed for the British operations in the Transvaal, to. He had had the pleasure of the

Cape Town. Spencer Childers, son of the Minister of War, has been appointed aide-decamp to General Roberts.

A LAND LEAGUER FOR NEW

Walsh, one of the members of the Land League, who was amongst those fare of New Zealand."—The Premier, in recently prosecuted for sedition, has replying to the toast of the Ministry, said left Ireland for New Zealand. It is the Ministerial Bench had not been a hed assumed that the object of his visit is of roses. He entered office at a time of assumed that the object of his visit is serious depression, but had unwavering to make arrangements in the Australia faith in the future of New Zenland, The rou can be measured for Trousers for 17s. 6d., or Trousers and Vest 28s. 6d., at Cloonan's (late Cosgrave and Co.) Plenty of Tweeds to select from.—[Advr.]

CONSTITUTIONAL STRUGGLES IN good harvest, the colony was now on the GERMANY.

Constitutional struggles in Germany between the Chancellor, Prince Bismarck, and the Reichstag, are exciting much interest, and soveral animated debates in the Chamber, in which the policy pursued by Bismarck has been severely handled by many deputies. ALPINE CLUB EXCURSION TO NEW

ZEALAND. Proposals have been mooted for the Alpine Club to visit New Zealand for the purpose of exploring the fine mountainous scenery of the colony. The idea has been favorably received among members, and it is anticipated that a The following are the particulars of considerable number will visit New

THE AMERICAN WINTER.

The severe weather in the United States and Canada still holds out. The snow storms are so heavy and continuous that on the Union Pacific and other lines of the North west, communication has been interrupted for more than a week. There has been an absolute block of traffic, and gangs of men have been employed to clear the line from snow drifts.

THE HAWAIAN KING. The King of Hawaai, David Kalakan, is now on a visit to England. He is fifty years of age, and was chosen king about seven years ago. HANLAN IN CANADA.

March 6. Hanlan, the champion sculler of the world, has arrived at Toronto in Canada, and met with a most enthusiastic reception. In reply to an address of welcome and congratulation, Hanlan spoke highly of both Trickett and Laycock. He has announced his killed, and many others severely intention of retiring from aquatics. IRON FAILURES.

The Darlington Iron Company has failed. METROPOLITAN LOAN.

The Metropolitan Board of Works have issued a two million and a half 3 per cent. loan at a minimum of 90.

AUSTRALIAN.

SYDNEY, Monday. The Schooner Leslie has arrived from the Solomon Islands, and reports that the master wasimurdered there by natives, and that a rumor was current when she left that Captain Laurie, of the schooner Black Hawk, had also been murdered.

News from the Mount Brown diggings states that the water there is exhausted, and the population has shifted six miles. One man has perished from exhaustion while proceeding to the field, and it is feared great loss In anticipation of the Irish Coercion of life will take place unless rain falls. Arrived: The Union Company's Te Anau from Wellington, and the Pacific engaged taking preliminary steps for mail steamer City of Sydney from San

gratulatory address.

(PER PRESS ASSOCIATION.)

AUCKLAND, Monday. An inquest held over the remains of

the engineers as to the accident. There are seventeen entries for Friendly

Societies sports on the 17th.

WELLINGTON, Monday. The Presbyterian Assembly met again to-day. The motion to make Wellington the permanent place of meeting was discassed, but it was agreed to let the matter stand over until all the Presbyteries have been communicated with. A motion that Secretary and Treasurer of the Assembly was adjourned until this evening. There was a strong discussion on the motion to render the Students Evangelistic Act (giving power to celebrate marriage and administer baptism) inoperative for twelve

months. This question was also adjourned until this evening's sitting. Сильтенияси, Saturday. At the banquet in the Oddfellows Hall to the Governor, to-night, 200 were present. The Mayor of Christchurch was Chairman. Replying to the toast of his health, the Governor expressed gratitude at the welcome. He was not surprised the representatives of the Queen received respect. It was fortunate that, in the constitution of the colony, the position of the Governor was to bring him into close connection with no political party. For fifteen years he had been a Governor of Crown Colonies, and for the last five years he had exercised authority more than usually absolute. It may be asked if a man who had had these powers would submit to the restraints of constitutional government. In reply, he held that in countries where the mass of the inhabitants outnumbered those who hold the power, and were of a different race, it was necessary, for justice to all, that power should be vested in one man. In English communities, however, the form of government existing in the colony was the only one desirable. The power must rest with the people themselves. If he were asked had he learned passed off without any disturbance of the peace.

ARNERAL ROBERTS SALLS FOR THE of a colonial Governor were those of Lord Dufferin-to oil the machine of Government, and keep it going easily. The man who had had despotic power was not likely to fight for shreds of authority which Cape to assume the command of the could not replace what he had been used

acquaintance of the founders of Canter-

bury - Lord Lyttelton and Mr Godley— and he felt a special interest in

Canterbury. His conviction was that the

present depression was temporary. From

seeing the resources of the colony, he

three for the other representatives, and three for Captain Wildman, which were heartily responded to Major Murray then called for three theors for the Champion and Representa ives, and another three for the gallant Captain, who, he said, had gone at his own expense to Nelson, looked after, and night back his men victors, The cheers aving been given, Captain Wildman thanked the Volun teers and public for the flattering recep-tion he and his "charge" had received

upon their return to the Thames, and to eve of recovery. The duty of the Go-Champion Armstrong for doing his best to keep up the honour of the Thames and the vernment was to assist in developing the aval Brigade. In fact, all had done well resources of the colony. They might defor the shooting was as hot as hot could pend on the present advisers of the nim when at Nelson the two ex-champions had lifted the present champion on their shoulders and carried him out as the victor RECEPTION OF THE CARBINE

ome credit to bring back the Carbine Thampion (cheers). Three rounds of cheers were then given noted as the head-centre of that British for the Mayor and Mrs Wilkinson, County Chairman and Mrs Brodie, Maio nstitution-the Volunteer force. Not only has the district become popular for and Mrs Murray, and for the ex-champions Three cheers were also given for Paynter the discipline and enthusiasm of its citizen of Nelson, the rifle champion, and three soldiers, but since a proportion of the force for McLean, of Wanganui, who had tied of the step. has been armed with fair and serviceable with Armstrong.

Butt's Corner, and on their return the might not fully represent the views of the and perfumery made the man. Others, in muster was dismissed, the Navals repairing committee. to their hall, where congratulations were freely exchanged, and the followin original song sung by Mr Wiseman, th the following "tars" joining in the chorus:-

he Champion Belt for carbine shots SONG OF TRIUMPH. Petty-Officer Armstrong, the successfu winner for 1881, has long been distin-guished as an experienced and cool sharp-Tune-" Bay of Biscay." Once more to try their mettle, hooter, both with the rifle and carbine. Resolved the Belt to keep, Although the Thames riflemen have not With captain in full fettle been equally successful with their fortu-Our boys sailed o'er the deep; nate Naval comrades, yet, taking all circumstances into consideration, they have The time so quickly flew, As Nelson hove in view. acquitted themselves with credit. It mus be remembered that the Thames riflemen

Said he, my gallant men, The Belt you'll win again Back to the Thames you'll take it, oh! vhich the far-famed Thaines Scottish are The bright blue sky above us, The sun though scorching hot, Our men, intent on winning, Into position got

Foemen worthy of their steel Only increased their zeal. All tried their best, But above the rest Were the telling shots of Armstrong, ohl With Carbines from all quarters,

Wellington very near it, Wanganui with a tio; But our vet'ran's steady aim, In Match Seven won the game. Each shot did twang,

As it hit the bull's-eyes, oh ! Thus proudly Captain Wildman Unto his men did sayhree successive years, brave boys You've borne the Belt away. is cap he upwards threw, His sword he flourish'd too

Three loud cheers for Armstrong, oh Not long ago young Frearson Was only a cadet, Now he's won the District Belt And more will he do yet. Courageous as a buck.

Hip, Hip, Hurrah :

With heart and soul He'll reach the goal, Champion of New Zealand, oh! Armstrong is now our hero— May he next year be the same. r Gordon, or else Thomas.

For Fortune, we are told But never, I say, Must the Belt go away From our Gallant Navals, oh !

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HOS PITAL COMMITTEE.

In response to a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Hospital Committee, by the Town Clerk, a special meeting of the in a bill. Committee was held at the Salutation Hotel, yesterday, for the purpose of dis- done, as the company were not the actual He was born in 1818. cussing the advisability of sending a deputation to Coromandel on Friday to discuss with the authorities of Coromandel aid, and to devise a scheme for the better getting a substantial subscription from

stitutions. There were present—Messrs why should they interfere? Ehrenfried (in the chair), Hume, Aitken, making the state of things as public as McIlhone, McGowan, Mulli Renshaw, and the Revs. Lush, Laishley, Neill and O'Reilly. The Chairman, having read the letter received from the Town Clerk, said as

there was to be a conference of local be brought up at the conference. governing bodies held in Coromandel in a few days' time, it was advisable that the question of charitable aid and the position those bodies stood in relation with the Government should be discussed, so that some expression of opinion might be elicited from others interested in the same manner, and also in order that some pressure might be brought to bear on the Government in their arrangement of the Charitable Aids Bill. He thought the conference could only be productive of

The Rev V. Lush inquired what was the real object of the proposed conference.

The Chairman replied that the relations of the Borough having become somewhat altered in the matter of charitable aid they would soon stand in a new position and the idea of this conference was to gain an expression of opinion with the above subject in the Shortland Wesleyan surrounding governing bodies as to what stand they proposed taking in the

would take that opportunity of expressing future. Mr McGowan said that Government having some time back made certain promises re the support of the Hospital and charitable aid generally, had failed to come up to those promises, and now the Borough had thrown the support of the institution The lecturer apologised for back on the hands of the Government to be dealt with by them. He thought the object too short a notice to do other than read his the Long Drive section, crushed 40 tons of the conference, therefore, was to give lecture. His remarks would be particular for the payable return of 53ozs. gold. some definite expression of opiniou which larly addressed to young men. He wished might tend to regulate the scheme proposed in the new bill about to be intro

In reply to the Rev. Mr Lush, The Chairman said he believed there would be some representatives from Piake

present at the proposed conference. Mr McIlhone supported the Chairman in deputation, so as to ventilate their opinion on the question of charitable aid,

the event of agreeing to send a deputation, the committee had power to vote the ex-Mr McIlhone and others concurred that

mittee a subscription could be easily raised

Mr Mennie said, after all, he did not

amongst themselves.

see what was the object in going to Coromandel. Rev. Mr Lush; Because Coromandel

lieve, instituted the conference.

represented at the conference. By such an interview their ideas would become en-

larged upon the question at issue. The Chairman then asked what had been done by the committee appointed at their Government doing all that was in their be. It was a most exciting moment to last meeting to bring up a report on chari-

table aid. It having been explained that they had not yet completed their undertaking, Mr on returning to the Thames he felt it was McIlhone proposed, and Mr Mulligan scoonded, "That the letter be referred to seconded, the Charitable Aid Committee to choose one or two of their number to attend the conference."

Mr Renshaw remarked that the proposal was a very easy way of this committee shuffling out of the business. For his own part he was not persuaded of the necessity Mr Mennie contended that if the con-

The procession then re-formed and ference was to be attended, one repreparated through Pollen street as far as sentative was certainly not sufficient. One

The Chairman replied that every member of the committee was quite cognizant of their peculiar position at the present time. What they desired was to find out how best to efficiently maintain the hospital at the least possible expense to the inhabitants of the Borough. Mr Mulligan remarked that there ought

at the conference, as the Hospital Committee was well represented at the Borough Council.

Mr McIlhone: Which it ought not to be (laughter).

Mr Mennie having stated that if it was decided to be represented to let a sufficient number go. Mr McGowan remarked that it was yet

probable that another invitation would be sent them from the Borough Council to discuss the question of charitable aid. The Chairman: Then are we to under-

stand that no notice should be taken of Mr McGowan replied that he had no sary to manliness; but to that must be added both mental, moral, and religious recollection of the letter being authorised cultivation. If a man was created in the

by the Borough Council; but he would not go so far as to recommend that no notice be taken of it. He was not one or man-likeness must be Godliness or of the Borough party going to Coromandel. The resolution was carried,

man they must study the character of the sub-committee then discussed the Christ Jesus. question, but adjourned until this mornng. BUSH ACCIDENTS.

The Chairman called attention to the large number of persons who had been removed from the Tairna bush to the Thames Hospital when suffering from accidents. He not only pointed out the barbarity of ALEXANDER II., the late Emperor of Russia, towards the Hospital of endeavouring to get them to assist the

the exception of a contribution once of, £5, aided them.

employers, much of their bush work being let by contract.

Rev. Mr Lush : Then let us shame them into it. Our application might result in them. As long as they get no reminder

The Chairman said it was only by nossible they could soften the hearts of the directors. If they would not contribute voluntarily he should like to get the law to be made reach them.

Mr McGowan: Then let the grievance

Mr Honiss (Secretary) said the noncontributing of the Sash and Door Company was not for the want of reminding. Mr Monk, when applied to, had ridiculed the idea of the Thames Hospital being of any use to their men, maintaining that all the cases went to Auckland. Since then there had been even a greater number of accidents.

The Secretary, having been requested to make out a list of cases treated in the hospital, to be submitted to the next meeting, the matter dropped.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MANHOOD.

THE Rev. H. R. Dewsbury, of Auckland, delivered a lecture last evening on the Church, in aid of the Bazaar Fund. The chair was taken at 7.30 by the Rev. W. J Watkin. After singing and prayer, the looking encouraging.—ROBERT COMER. Chairman made a few remarks on the pleasant duty of introducing the Rev. H. tributers in the Poverty section of this R. Dewsbury, who had kindly taken the mine, have completed a crushing of 10

The lecturer apologised for any short-

tolaid them to become mon in reality as of stuff for Hearn and party produced well as in name; men who, knowing they 27ozs, 12dwts. gold. had been created for a purpose, strove so ends; mon who could think soundly, feel battery, for a return of 1780zs gold. The question of ways and means then generously, act nobly; good and true, debtors—in a word, manly men. He wished them to consider what a glorious

the funds could not be applied to that thing it was to be a man. Had they stood purpose.

The Rev. Mr Lush said that part of the difficulty was easily got over. If agreeable to the other members of the companie and caused it to become instinct making the control of with life - to chise! not only the beautiful

form, but even feeling, thought and man, for men were the creators of these things. If they turned to other depart mens of mental effort, the impression was

scoles, estimating their density, and discovering and defining the laws which guided their harmonious revolution. When we think of all this, can we help thanking God that He has made us men, and that there slumber in us the germs of undeveloped, or but partly developed manhood, that, under Divine influence and training may ultimately, in another world, attain to a degree of greatness which man's present achievements but faintly shadow forth.

To be regarded as a man was the crown-

ing ambition of all youths who had passed

the mature age of 12; and many men full

grown as to stature mistake the meek and

nake the thoughtful hold their sides in

sheer derision. He instanced the vain and

foolish whose ideal was simple show.

Many of our youth imagine that the cigar

and the cane, the garb or the gait, the

fashionably-cut coat, the man-millinery the use of slang or coarse ribaldry, or in brusqueness or rudeness. There was a marked difference between straightforwardness and brusqueness, between openness of character and rudeness, between independence and impudence. easy enough to be open and genuine without being offensive. Courtesy was an excellence to possess which is a comto be no difficulty about having a delegate mand of the Bible; it summarised all the moral virtues,-it was an assemblage of discretion, civility, and circumspection. Openness of character in no respect was more important than in language. After several graphic illustrations on the negative side of the question, Mr Dewsbury said he would endcavour to answer affirmatively the question, "in what consists true manliness of character?" and replied, perfect sincerity and genuineness: trueness, not only of words, but of actions firmness, determination, fortitude and courage. Next to faith in God's overruling Providence was a man's faith in himself. Physical cultivation was neces-

> A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to thé lecturer at the close.

image of God it is obvious that manliness

God-likeness. He concluded a most elo-

quent lecture by stating that if they

wanted to discover the true standard of

ALEXANDER II., THE LATE CZAR OF RUSSIA.

bringing poor fellows so far with their was surnamed Nicholaewitch, as the eldest legs or arms broken, or their bodies other- son of the late emperor Nicholas. His wise mutilated, but that the directors of mother was a sister of Frederick William the Sash and Door Company evinced quite IV., King of Prussia. On the death a callous disposition, and on no occasion of his father, which took place on had any of them troubled to enquire after March 2nd, 1855, he became autocrat them whether they were dead or alive, but of all the Russias, and immediately issued, left them to the mercy of the Hospital a proclamation intimating his resolution to Committee to either cure or bury them. pursue the plans of Nicholas, and, if pos-There were more accidents from Tairua sible, to bring the war, which was then than any other outlying district, and yet raging in the Crimea, between the united that Company, who were reaping large forces of Turkey, England, France, and dividends, did not in any way contribute Sardinia, and those of his own dominions, towards the Hospital attendance of to a successful termination. In this, how the unfortunate men in their employ. He ever, he was doomed to disappointment; brought this matter forward with the view for on the 8th Sepember, 1855, the allies obtained possession of Sebastopol, the funds of the institution to which they did stronghold of the Crimea, which was the not hesitate to send the suffering. With precursor to a suspension of hostilities. Peace was concluded in the same year he did not think the Company had ever since which time Alexander has steadily devoted himself to the administration of The Rev. Mr Lush suggested that the statement of the internal policy of his extensive do-Secretary should make out a list of patients minions, to the development of arts and treated from Tairua, and send the company manufactures, and the gradual abolition of serfdom, a task which even the energy of Mr Renshaw said that this could not be his father recoiled from undertaking-

MINING MATTERS. MOANATAIARI.-The mine manager re-

ports as follows:-Point Russell Creek evel: The crosscut north has been extended 36 feet this fortnight, making the total distance driven 88 feet. Two small stringers have been intersected within the last few feet, but nothing of importance has been met with. The country is still good for leaders. Twelve feet more driving will complete the present contract, and we shall then start and crosscut south with four men Nonpareil: In another week the adia level will be abreast of the shaft, and a short crosscut will then be put in to connect with it. The old level has all fallen in, causing much trouble to get through. The surface drive in the Kuranui creek has been extended \$4 feet this fortnight, and is now up to solid ground in the face. A winze has been started here to connect with the hot stopes below for the purpose of ventilation. 80-feet level : The south crosscut in Morning Star section has been extended 27 feet, and we are now driving on the leader previously intersected and reported upon; small patches of gold are obtained here. We shall shortly drive upon it eastward, and also start stoping. In stoping upon branches of No. 3 reef. the leaders are small, and have not lately produced the usual quantity of picked stone. The general ornshing is still poor. but showing for a slight improvement on last return, and on the whole our mine is

KURANUI HILL. - Pearce and party tons of general dirt, and some The lecturer apologised for any short-stone, for the excellent yield of 68 ozs. comings beforehand, as he had received 10dwts gold. LeManquais and party, of

HAPE CREEK.—A crushing of 23 loads

Cune.-The drives on No. 5 lode and to live that that purpose might be accom- Gilmour's leader having been connected, plished; men possessing character, not and good ventilation being secured, stop-swayed by every external influence, but ing has been commenced upon the latter with individual peculiarities, well defined body of quartz, and a quantity of good and strong; a strength regulated by quartz comes to hand.—The tributers, Mr McIllone supported the Charman in the Mission, adorned by purity, allied closely Clarke and party, put through about 250 donutation, so as to contlate their opinion to goodness, and directed to the noblest pounds of picked stone at the Alburnia.

OLD GOLDEN CALL. The mine manager, The question of the was questioned whether, in capable men withul, who, according to Mr Clawford, forwarded the following the ovent of agreeing to send a deputation, their opportunities, leave their impress on telegram to the company's of dee in Auckthe world, and make the world that land yesterday:—"A few pounds of good debtors—in a word, manly men. He picked stone to hand to-day. Reef about picked stone to hand to day. Reef about five feet thick, and improving in quality.'

NEW WHAT G.M.C -The mine manager reports as follows :- Since my last general The Chairman replied that he quite emotion out of the shapeless mass; to report I have had six men driving from approved of the suggestion, and would be bring within the compass of a few inches the top of the rise on the hanging-wall willing to give a subscription for the some of Nature's fairest scenes it may be of leader. They have driven 25 feet to the has averaged 12 inches in thickness, showing strong colours of gold whom breaking down the leader. I have also had two

miles in extent. We cannot help feeling eastward and westward of the rise, and for as we looked how grand it was to be a the whole of the 50 feet driven the leader will not come to us. We are invited. deopened—man had harnessed the eleThe Chairman: That is one of the hest ments to his car, that over roads of iron main lode that was left standing on the deopened-man had harnessed the ele-men cutting through the portion of the he might dart with the speed of the hanging wall on the 160 level. They cut Mr Hune: Coronandel people, I believe, instituted the conference.

Mr Aitkin the conference.

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