

GARRETT AGAIN.

Henry Garrett, *alias* Rouse, is again in trouble. It will be remembered that shortly after his discharge from gaol, after undergoing a sentence of eight years' penal servitude, for robbery under arms, the action taken by the Commissioner of Police, in endeavoring to remove such a social pest from the Province, was much commented upon. Garrett was elevated into a hero; much sympathy was expressed for him; the Commissioner of Police and the police were charged with cruelty, with hunting a man willing to be honest to death, and with preventing him from redeeming his character. Garrett came back from Melbourne, frequented a place of worship, and managed to ingratiate himself into the good graces of a number of the members of that congregation. Aid was given him in every possible way; work was secured for him in his trade of cooper, and as he was a good tradesman, he has been in constant employment, and has earned good wages. But the police did not believe in the sincerity of his protestations, and accordingly kept him under close surveillance, and yesterday proof was given that he had been playing a hypocritical game. Mr Allan, the seedsman of Princes-street, was passing his own premises, with a friend, about four o'clock in the afternoon, and had occasion to go into the shop by the back way. To his surprise he found the door unlocked, and upon reaching a second door, also unlocked, he found Garrett in the shop. The latter attempted to escape, but was secured and kept until the aid of Constable Nagle—who was passing at the time—was obtained.

Mr Allan had taken the precaution to conceal his cash-box, and the property stolen by the prisoner was of trifling value. When his house was searched, a revolver and ammunition and a most formidable knife were found. That the opinion formed by the police as to Garrett's reform was correct, is clearly proved by the fact that he is caught red-handed committing a robbery, having no possible motive for being dishonest. Frequenting, as he did, Mr Brunton's Church, he had ample opportunity of observing how accessible Mr Allan's premises were; and he was evidently well-prepared, for on his person no less than seventeen skeleton keys were found.

The above is from the "Daily Times" of Tuesday. In its issue of the following day that journal states that on Tuesday Garrett was brought up at the Resident Magistrate's Court. This circumstance induced a large number of persons to assemble near the Provincial Buildings soon after 10 o'clock. Not half the number, however, were able to gain admittance to the Court. After the evidence of the apprehending constable and Mr Macaithy, locksmith, had been taken, the prisoner, on the application of the Commissioner of Police, was remanded until Wednesday, to enable his lodgings to be searched before the case is further proceeded with.

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