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**CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART,  
 TIMARU.**

**THE ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES**  
 Preached by the Rev. J. RONEY, S.J.,

Will begin on the Evening of **MONDAY**, January 9th, and end on  
**SATURDAY**, 14th.

Ladies who wish to attend should apply as soon as possible to  
 the **REVEREND MOTHER SUPERIOR**.

**CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART,  
 MELROSE, WELLINGTON.**

**IN FEBRUARY** the Religious of the Sacred Heart are about to  
**OPEN A CONVENT AT MELROSE,**  
 Near Island Bay, Wellington.

They have taken a house on the site of the future Convent. Owing  
 to the limited accommodation in 1905 they can take only a very  
 small number of pupils. Therefore parents wishing to place their  
 children should at once apply to the Reverend Mother Superior  
 at Timaru, so that arrangements may be made to receive them.

**THE PROVINCIAL ECCLESIASTICAL SEMINARY  
 OF NEW ZEALAND,  
 HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, MOSGIEL.**

**IN** conformity with arrangements made at the First Provincial  
 Synod, held in Wellington in 1899, this Seminary has been  
 established for the Education of Students from all parts of New  
 Zealand who aspire to the Ecclesiastical State. Holy Cross College  
 is situated at Mosgiel (ten miles from Dunedin) in a fine building  
 hitherto known as Mosgiel House, which, with more than 11 acres  
 of rich park land surrounding it, was purchased for use as a Semi-  
 nary for the Ecclesiastical Province of New Zealand.

Students twelve years of age and upwards will be admitted.

Candidates for admission are required to present satisfactory  
 testimonials from the parochial clergy, and from the superiors of  
 schools or colleges where they may have studied.

The Pension is £35 a year, payable half-yearly in advance. It  
 provides for Board and Lodging, Tuition, School Books, Furniture,  
 Bedding and House Linen.

The Extra Charges are: Washing, £1 10s a year, and Medicine  
 and Medical Attendance if required.

Students will provide their own wearing apparel, including the  
 soutane, as well as Surplice for assistance in Choir.

The Annual Vacation begins on the 15th of December and ends  
 on the 15th of February.

The Seminary is under the patronage and direction of the Arch-  
 bishop and Bishops of New Zealand, and under the immediate per-  
 sonal supervision of the Right Rev. Bishop of Dunedin.

Donations towards the establishment of Bursaries for the Free  
 Education of Ecclesiastical Students will be thankfully received.

For further particulars apply to

**THE RECTOR,**  
 Holy Cross College, Mosgiel.

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**MARRIAGE.**

**CAVANAGH—McDONNELL.**—On January 3, 1905,  
 at St. Patrick's Church, Naseby, by the Rev. Father  
 McMullan, William George, sixth son of James  
 Cavanagh, of Lawrence, to Sarah, second daughter of  
 John McDonnell, Bald Hill Flat.

**DEATHS.**

**FOLEY.**—On November 21, 1904, at his residence,  
 Goosane, Birdhill, County Tipperary, Michael Foley,  
 brother of the Very Rev. Dean Foley, Temuka, and the  
 Rev. Father Foley, Taree, Maitland, and uncle of the  
 Rev. Father Coffey, South Dunedin; aged 52 years.—  
 R.I.P.

**KELLY.**—On the 24th December, at the residence of  
 her uncle, Mr. M. R. Lawlor, Gore, Sarah Cecily,  
 second daughter of James and Margaret Kelly, of Green  
 Hill, Riversdale; aged 12 years and 11 months.—R.I.P.

**HANNIFIN.**—On January 5, 1905, Johanna, young-  
 est daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hannifin, Waimate; aged  
 21 years.—R.I.P.



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 ways of Truth and Peace.*

LEO. XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1905.**

**THE CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE.**

**N**ONE of the sayings attributed to Louis XIV.  
 of France has enjoyed such a vogue as one  
 which he is alleged to have uttered in 1655,  
 when he was a haughty youth of seventeen.  
 The President of his Parliament had been  
 urging him to consider the interests of the  
 State, and the impatient Louis (so the story  
 runneth) closed the pleader's lips with the  
 hasty interruption: 'L'etat, c'est moi'—'I am the  
 State!' At any rate, Louis XIV., despite the theatri-  
 cal gorgeousness of his reign, was at heart a tyrant,  
 and lived pretty well up to the level of his supposed  
 motto. One of the worst tyrannies of his rule consist-  
 ed in the extended use of 'lettres de cachet,' or letters  
 bearing the small royal seal (cachet) by which he set  
 aside the law, suspended forms of justice, clapped great  
 numbers of persons into the dungeons of the Bastille,  
 and left them there without accusation or trial during  
 his high pleasure—often for life because such was the  
 royal decree, or because the hapless prisoner was for-  
 gotten by his gaolers and left to die and rot in durance  
 vile.

The 'lettres de cachet' have lately been revived in  
 the French army as part of the Radical-Socialist cru-  
 sade against God and religion in the Third Republic.