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School Children, Bald Hill Flat	0	13	0
Total	£590	19	3

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All contributions to be addressed to the Rev. G. M. Hunt, Cromwell.

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

Send news WHILE IT IS FRESH. Stale reports will not be inserted.

Communications should reach this Office BY TUESDAY MORNING. Only the briefest paragraphs have a chance of insertion if received by Tuesday night's mails.

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Write legibly, ESPECIALLY NAMES of persons and places. Reports of MARRIAGES and DEATHS are not selected or compiled at this Office. To secure insertion they must be verified by our local agent or correspondent, or by the clergyman of the district, or by some subscriber whose handwriting is well known at this office. Such reports must in every case be accompanied by the customary death or marriage announcement, for which a charge of 2s. 6d. is made.

DEATHS

CRENGLE.—Suddenly, at her residence, Waianawa, Southland, on October 27, 1906, Bridget, widow of the late John Crengle and third daughter of the late James and Bridget Braithwaite, County Antrim, Ireland; aged 71 years.—R.I.P. As she lived, she died—peacefully.

BROSNAN.—On November 2, 1906, at Blue Spur (after a long and painful illness), Maurice, third son of J. Brosnan; aged 23 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET.

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitie causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.
Die 4 Aprilis, 1906. LEO XIII., P.M.

TRANSLATION.—Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.

April 4, 1906.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1906.

GRUESOME FIGURES



NE of the most gruesome problems of the day is the increasing number of those who

Desperately run To death for dread of death.

It is the universal verdict of statisticians that in all countries of the civilised world there is a greater and ever greater tendency to weary of the burden—or rather the blessed privilege—of life. Nowadays where war and pestilence slay their thousands, suicide slays its tens of thousands. New Zealand, with its sparse and prosperous population, is no exception to the melancholy rule, its totals of self-killing having risen from 55 cases in 1847 to 68 in 1900 and—in 1905. Wagner, Mörselli, Bodio, Oettingen, Masaryk, Mayr, Rehfisch, Durkheim, Legoyt, Cherbuliez, and others, have probed the lurid mystery with keen speculations, and left it in the main a mystery still. But by far the most exhaustive and complete statistical treatment of the subject seems to be the recently published work of the Rev. P. Krose, S.J., 'Der Selbstmord im 19. Jahrhundert' ('Suicide in the Nineteenth Century'). From a review of the work in the September issue of the 'Civita Cattolica', we learn that Russia published no statistics of suicide for the first decade of the nineteenth century, France none for the first quarter, Belgium and Denmark none for the first third, England none for the first half, Saxony none for the first thirty years, and very few countries any for the first twenty years. Yet the fragmentary census returns of 1800-1835 give an official record of no fewer than (in round numbers) 55,000 suicides in Europe alone. In the second third of the century (1836-1870), the official returns, which were more numerous and regular, rose to 360,000 for Europe alone. For the remaining third of the century (1871-1900) the statistics are far more complete and copious, and (still for Europe) reach the appalling grand total of 1,069,568, of which Germany alone furnished more than 300,000.

From official returns and his own estimates, the author (who had already won some note for his world-statistics) concludes (says his reviewer) that between 1840 and 1900 suicide in Europe has increased four hundred per cent., while the population has increased by only sixty per cent. For the period 1871-1900, the author of 'Der Selbstmord' sorts out the various European countries into three classes. The highest rate of suicide (varying from 348 to 162 per million inhabitants) is found in the following countries: Saxony (the classical land of suicide), Denmark, France, Prussia,

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