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LYNCH-McENTYRE-On the 30th April, 1907, at St. Patrick's Church, Arrowtown, by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, James Lynch, Dunedin, to Nora McEntyre.

O'RGURKE-WOODHOUSE.-On April 30, 1907, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Timaru, by Rev. Father Tubman, John O'Rourke, of Timaru, to Eliza Hanoria, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woodhouse, Woodland Farm, Roxburgh East, Otago.

#### DEATH

BOND.—On May 11, at 27 Leith street, Dunedin, Clara, eldest daughter of the late William and Margaret Bond; aged 22 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

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

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Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

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, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1907.

### THE STAR IN THE IRISH SKY



HERE were many happy inspirations in Mr. Gladstone's later speeches upon the Irish question. But his great nind gave out one of its b ightest flashes of statesmanlike feeling when he spoke of the Home Rule period of 1886 as one of the golden moments for settling the Irish problem and bringing peace between the Saxon and the Western Celt.

is (said he) 'one of those golden moments in our history; one of those opportunities which may come or may go, but which rarely return, or, if they return, return at long intervals, and in circumstances which no man can forecast. There have been several such golden moments, even in the tragic history of Ireland. The long periodic time has once more run out, and again the star is mounted in the heavens'.

Once again 'the long periodic time' has run out. Once again 'the star is mounted in the heavens'. It shines upon a decimated people; upon a hundred years of quack palliatives, of rank failures by some of the greatest names in British political history to rule Ireland either thy coercion or by blundering 'conciliation', of the wreck of every expedient for governing a people of one race and faith by the tentative ideas of people of another race and faith. And now the star in the heavens shines on the hope that the one untried remedy for dealing with Ireland's desperate case is to be tried -in some measure or other to trust the people. We have not yet in these countries the details of the latest partial remedy for an ancient wrong. But from the meagre description of it that has tingled through the submarine wire, it seems to be a miserly, unsatisfying, and homoeopathic dose of the self-government that the nation has been demanding for the past century and more. The people are to be trusted, but, it seems, with a niggardly measure of trust that must be somewhat of a disappointment to those who entertained the broader hope. But the smaller trust is coupled with the promise that it is (as the Lord Chancellor declared) a step that 'necessarily and inevitably leads you one stage further in the direction of Home Rule'. And he added to the titled occupants of the gilded chamber:

'I believe—whatever your lordships' prepossessions against it, and however much you may dread its consequences—Home Rule is as certain to come as tomorrow's sun to rise, because there are forces working towards it which are beyond the control of this or the other House—great human forces which are working out their end and their destiny. The first is the inextinguishable love of freedom and self-government in their country which was illustrated in the gift of self-government to Canada. I agree there is no exact parallel

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