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## DEATHS

**DIAMOND.**—At Crumlin, County Antrim, Ireland, on March 5, 1908, Michael Diamond, father of Rev. E. Diamond, Newcastle, and uncle of Mrs. Kerr, Dacre, Southland; aged 92 years.—R.I.P.

**FLANAGAN.**—At West Plains, on Monday, April 27, 1908, Bridget, the beloved wife of John Flanagan; aged 71 years.—R.I.P.

**HEALY.**—At the residence of her parents, Ngahere, Grey Valley, on April 3, Annie, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Healy; aged 24 years.—R.I.P.

**O'HARA.**—At his residence, St. Bathans, on Sunday, April 12, Patrick O'Hara, late of Tulla, County Clare, Ireland; aged 75 years.—R.I.P.

**SULLIVAN.**—At Naseby, on April 28, 1908, Kate, wife of Bernard Sullivan, pound-keeper, in her 59th year. Native of Ennis, County Clare, Ireland.—R.I.P.

## MARRIAGES

**BURKE-FLANNERY.**—On April 27, 1908, at St. Patrick's Church, Napier, by Rev. Father James Goggan, assisted by Rev. Father McDonnell, of Meanee (cousins of bridegroom), James Joseph Leander, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Burke, of Greymouth, to Gertrude Mary, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Flannery, of Napier.

**PAYNE-GIU.**—On April 28, 1908, at the Sacred Heart Church, Reefton, by the Rev. Father Galerne, William Philip Payne, of Greymouth, son of Mr. P. L. Payne, Stationmaster, Christchurch, to Louisa Giu, granddaughter of Mrs. Cereseto, Reefton.

## EDITOR'S NOTICES.

Send news **WHILE IT IS FRESH.** State 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.

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

*Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiæ causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.*

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 7, 1908.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEES

**I**N his 'Love a la Mode', Macklin describes the law as 'a sort of hocus-pocus science'. 'The glorious uncertainty' of it fogged his fancy; but even that uncertainty lifts at times and enables those who live under the law to see clearly the legal ground on which they stand. Till last Monday we in New Zealand were, for instance, 'all in a fog' as to the relative powers of Education Boards and School Committees in regard to the control of the working hours of our public schools. Last Monday's Appeal Court judgment (in the case of Bruce and others v. the Wanganui Education Board) has served to lift the fog. And now we see clearly how far School Committees shall go, and no further, in the matter over which a legal controversy has been so long wagging its tongue.

A Press Association telegram in last Tuesday's daily papers runs in part as follows:—

'Mr. Justice Williams, in delivering his judgment, stated that the case depended upon section 124 of the Education Act, 1904. That section gave the Education Board the controlling power, and made it paramount. It was necessary for the conformity of education that in such an important matter as the fixing of school hours the Board, and not the school committee, should have control. His Honor agreed with the conclusion of Mr. Justice Cooper in the court below, and held that the appeal should be dismissed. All the members of the Court concurred, and the appeal was dismissed, with costs on the middle scale and as from a distance.'

The decision covers issues of much wider import than that of merely fixing school hours. For the case