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*Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitie 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 14, 1908.

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In his 'Anatomy of Melancholy', Burton quotes and applies the Latin proverbial saying: 'Rem carendo, non fruendo cognoscimus'—we best realise the value of a benefit when we are deprived of it. The separated Churches in Australia and New Zealand set but little store by religious education when the laws placed it within their easy reach. In Australia, the slighted gift was withdrawn, and State instruction secularised; with the full approving voice of the Reformed denominations; in New Zealand, with feeble and half-articulate protests that called for little notice. Now, and for many years past, there is a languid call for a State school religion. But there lies a chasm between their aspirations and their activities. The normal connection between feeling and action has been severed, like a spinal column that the surgeon's