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SILVER WEDDING.

O'CARROLL—DOWD.—On June 26, 1883, at the Catholic Church, Barbadoes street, Christchurch, by the Rev. Father Ginaty, John, second son of Thomas O'Carroll, 'The Pallace,' County Kerry, Ireland, to Norah Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. Timothy Dowd, 'Lassibie,' County Kerry, Ireland.

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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, JUNE 25, 1908.

SOME ANTI-CONVENT ROMANCE



EDITOR BRANN, of the Texas 'Iconoclast', scored and cross-hatched with his editorial cat-o'-nine-tails, in July, 1895, the authors of the sort of anti-convent romance that has been dealt with elsewhere in our present issue. 'I was raised a Protestant', wrote Mr. Brann, 'and, thank God, I'm no apostate. I learned Protestantism at my mother's knee and from my father's pulpit'. 'There are', said he in the course of the same article, 'three kinds of liars at large in the land: the harmless Munchausen, who romances for amusement, and his falsehoods do no harm; the Machiavellian liar, whose mendacity bears the stamp of original genius; and the stupid prevaricator, who re-chews the foetid vomit of other villains, simply because he lacks a fecund brain to breed falsehood to which he may play the father'.