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DEATH

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IN MEMORIAM

KERR.—In fond and loving memory of Arthur Kerr, who died at Dacre, Southland, on July 13, 1905. Rest in peace.

Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul.
Immaculate Heart of Mary pray for him.
—Inserted by his loving wife and children.

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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, JULY 16, 1908.

OLD AGE PENSIONS



W HAT Seneca calls 'the incurable disease' of old age has, for our poor, been robbed of many of its fears and clothed with new hopes in the Dominion of New Zealand by our Old Age Pensions Act of 1898 and its amendments. The annual report of the Department charged with the administration of this beneficent measure records that, at the end of March, 13,560 aged people were aided by it to pass in comfort through the period of repose of life—the rest that precedes the rest that remains. The cost to the country during the year was £325,199—which works out at the rate of 6s 11d per head of the population.

New Zealand has, happily, no hereditary paupers, and no pauper class. Her Old Age Pensions Act has