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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, AUGUST 6, 1908.

AMERICA'S MIGHTIEST GROWTH



In a few days more New Zealand will, at Auckland,
greet America in its visiting fleet:

'Sir, you are very welcome to our house.'

For a young country like ours, there is an inspira-
tion in the visit of the grey leviathans which repre-
sent the wondrous progress and the sturdy strength
of a nation whose separate history as an indepen-
dent State runs back to only a brief century and a
quarter. Its rise and growth represent, perhaps, the most
marvellous development of colonisation and material progress that
this grey old world has ever seen. But great as has been its
material progress, greater still has been the expansion of the
Catholic Church within its borders. At the dawn of America's
independence, Catholics were only a 'little over the hundredth
part of the population. Now they probably number some fifteen
millions—or nearly one sixth—and if we include her foreign
possessions, they represent about a fourth of the entire popula-
tion that lives under the Stars and Stripes. Dr. Ellenwood, a
Protestant writer, said in the *Missionary Review*, in the early
part of 1890: 'From 1800 to 1850 the population of the country
increased nine-fold, the membership of all Evangelical Churches
twenty-seven fold, the Roman Catholic sixty-three fold. From
1850 to 1880 the population increased 116 per cent., the com-
municants of Protestant Churches 183 per cent., and the Roman
Catholic 294 per cent.' The same writer states that 'there is
a greater increase of Catholic population by natural generation.'
Since 1890 the relative expansion of the Catholic Church in the