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MARRIAGE

JOHNSTON-FAHY.—At the residence of Mrs. Johnston, Washington Valley, Nelson, on Wednesday, August 6, by the Rev. Father Clancy, Henry Warren Johnston, Captain of SS. 'Barkly,' to Violet Fahy, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Fahy, St. Bathans.

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Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiae 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 13, 1908.

'SAUCY JACK BARRY'



ELSEWHERE in this issue the reader has learned of the relatively very large proportion of officers, and of men of the Catholic faith, that go to constitute the strength of the white fleet that now flies the flag of the Stars and Stripes in Auckland's spacious harbor. And it is fitting that Catholics should muster strong upon the roll of a navy of which a Catholic was (in the historic phrase) 'the father and founder.' The man who bears in the history of the United States that honored title is 'Saucy Jack Barry'—Captain John Barry, the Catholic son of Catholic parents, who was born at Tacumshane, in the county of Wexford (Ireland) in 1745, and 'passed out' at Philadelphia on September 13, 1803. At an early age—while yet a boy—Barry 'went down to the sea in ships.' At fifteen years of age he was resident in Philadelphia, and there he made his home till death found him, crowned with the glory of faith and patriotic service; a little more than a decade past the *medio del cammin di questa vita*—the midway course of life.

The sea called to Barry in the American colonies as it had called to him in Ireland. One memorable day—October 13, 1775—he arrived in Philadelphia from London, on the trading ship Black Prince, of which he was captain. On that same day the Congress of the young Republic—then at the beginning of the War of Independence—appointed a committee of three to report on the expense of fitting out two armed vessels to intercept stores designed for the British navy, then at Boston. Seven