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September 4 to September 12, 1908

DRAWING of Art Union absolutely fixed for September 12th. Blocks and remittances to be returned to Rev. Father Hearn at the earliest date possible.

BIRTH

MULQUEEN.—On July 28, at their residence, Courtenay street, New Plymouth, to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mulqueen, of Balfour, Southland, a daughter.

MARRIAGE

DOWLING—WEIR.—On the 9th June, 1908, at the Catholic Church, Owaka, by the Very Rev. Father O'Neill, Milton, Thomas, second son of Thomas and Catherine Dowling, Seaward Downs, to Mary Geary, second daughter of Haqqa and the late Donald Weir, Owaka Valley.

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 27, 1908.

SCHOOL PRIZE BOOKS



HE longer the world lasts (says 'Mr. Dooley') the greater the volume of books that come tumbling out of the press. 'Day be day,' he adds, 'I read in th' papers announcements iv new publications that look like th' dilinguent tax-list. They's a publisher in ivry block, an' in-thousan's iv happy homes some wan is pluggin' away at th' romantic novel or whalin' out a pome on th' type-writer up-stairs.' In this growing pile of books there will be every variety, from the good or merely harmless down to the more or less hurtful stuff that reaches its superlative degree in foetid lucubrations that might have been 'edited by a lost soul.' Elsewhere in this issue, we have had occasion to emphasise the warning that a secular daily contemporary, recently issued in connection with certain malodorous forms of fiction—mostly written by women—which are being placed indiscriminately within reach of even 'the young person,' and which are highly calculated to stain the fair flower of maidenly innocence and reserve.

A grave duty devolves, in this connection, upon all that are responsible for the moral upbringing of the rising generation. It touches, in its measure, those who are responsible for the selection of prize-books for our Catholic schools. The time is now opportune for renewing the protest and the warning that we have more than once made against a slipshod and haphazard method of selection that has obtained in some of our Catholic schools. Unless our information is very much at fault, we fear that, even still, a very appreciable percentage of school prize-books is selected on no better principle than the glint of a gaudy cover