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THOS. J. HOLBROOK
General Secretary.

BIRTH

DALLOW.—On August 26, at her residence, Palmerston North, Mrs. Vernon Dallow, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE

BARRY—SYLVESTER.—On Wednesday, August 26, at St. Patrick's Church, Napier, by the Rev. Father O'Connor, Thomas William, eldest son of Mr. Barry, London, to Mary Norah, only daughter of Mrs. Sylvester, Napier.

MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET.

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, SEPTEMBER 3, 1908.

COMMENT ON A TAPANUI TIRADE



THE general elections are drawing nigh, and the various political parties interested therein are girding their loins to fight the fray, each according to its policy or conscience or lack of conscience—as it was in the beginning. With the merely political side of the campaign this journal has no concern. It preserves the independence that best adorns a religious newspaper, and declines to allow itself to be flown as a knot in the bedraggled tail of any political party kite. But there is one recurrent phase of electioneering in this Dominion that, when found, the Catholic journal must (like Captain Cuttle) in duty 'make a note on.' We refer to the efforts made by sundry credulous or mischievous individuals, and by two unpatriotic associations, to hound up religious rancor against their Catholic fellow-citizens by representing them as an intolerably chuckle-headed tribe, and as conspiring by sneaking and underhand means to capture the public service and make it a sort of annex of the Vatican, and a State-aided bulwark of 'Popery.' Nay, it is even said or suggested by these good people that the new 'Popish Plot' has so far succeeded that the public service is 'stuffed' with 'Papishes' to an extent far beyond their proportion to the total population of the Dominion; that, to secure promotion, you must be an adherent of the 'Romish' Church; that State salaries are absorbed by the followers of the Man of Sin, in a measure that constitutes something like an official scandal.