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Father Hearn desires to Thank all who assisted in making the Carnival and Art Union a success.

MARRIAGE

BOYLE—HAVELOCK.—On September 15, at the Catholic Church, Invercargill, by the Rev. Father O'Malley, Thomas J., sixth son of John Boyle, Heddon Bush, to Florence, fourth daughter of the late George Havelock, Orepuki.

DEATHS

CAMERON.—On July 26, at St. Vincent's Convent, Sydney, New South Wales, Sister M. Gonzalis, the beloved daughter of D. A. and Margaret Cameron, of Nokomai. Deeply regretted. R.I.P.

KNOTT.—On September 11, at his residence, Railway Hotel, Mosgiel, William Knott. Deeply regretted. R.I.P.

SPILLANE.—On September 13, at Opio, Cornelius Spillane, brother of the late Maurice Spillane; aged 65 years. R.I.P.

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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, SEPTEMBER 24, 1908.

MENTAL HEALTH AND TRUE EDUCATION

ACCORDING to Dryden,

'There is a pleasure, sure,
In being mad, which none but madmen know.'

But it must be a pleasure which is taken sadly—as Englishmen are fabled to take their diversions. Or it may be as the rumination which, in *As You Like It*, enwrapped Jaques in 'a most humorous sadness.' But whatever may be the occasional feeling of the hapless ones who have 'eaten on the insane root that takes the reason prisoner,' in the verdict of the mentally normal no privation in the natural order equals that which leaves

'That noble and most sovereign reason

Like sweet bells jangled, out of tune, and harsh.'

The pity of it finds expression in the gentle Irish phrases which describe those bereft of reason as 'innocent' or 'God's creatures,' and which moves even the Arabs of the desert to say with reverence that 'Allah is with them.' It is in a sense true—as Dr. Johnson said long ago in his *Rasselas*—that all power of fancy over reason is a degree of insanity. 'The insane mind,' says the eminent British alienist, Robert Jones, M.D., F.R.C.P., in the August number of *The Practitioner*, 'acts in precisely the same manner upon motives as does that of the sane person, and although conclusions may be correctly and logically deduced, yet the conclusions are from false premisses, the person not being able, by any evidence presented to the contrary, to appreciate the falseness of these premisses. So long as conduct remains normal and unaltered, or does not exceed what the particular social surroundings deem to be within the normal, and so long as there is no interference with his own liberty, or with the liberty or safety or property of others, the individual so affected may remain a free person; but the moment the conduct is such that society around refuses to tolerate it, then freedom is curtailed, and segregation takes place, until proof is again afforded of the fitness of the person to be at large.'

The forms of alienation that require segregation constitute some only of the many varieties of insanity. There are, besides, the mental patients that go free; and the great army of defectives, of every degree of mental deficiency, who fail to reach a normal development. In London alone (says Dr. Jones) there is one defective to every 100 children among the 760,000 who are upon the roll as of school age; and 'there are probably 125,000 insane persons and defectives, who are incarcerated in the various institutions of England and Wales. . . . Moreover, there are those who are not criminals, but who are degenerates, and who eventually become dangerous members of society, those who are derelicts, "misfits." . . . These constitute a great and terrible social evil, and it is not too much to say that a part of this evil is both preventable, and to a great extent remediable.' In the course of his lengthy article in *The Practitioner* for August (on 'How to Secure Mental Health'), Dr. Jones deals both with preventive and remedial measures. His