

NAZARETH HOUSE

THE GROVE, SYDENHAM.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE

The Stone will be Blessed by his Lordship Bishop Grimes, and Laid by his Excellency the Governor, on SUNDAY, January 17, 1909, at 3 p.m.

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SILVER WEDDING

WHITAKER—BROGAN.—On the 8th January, 1884, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Wellington, New Zealand, by the Very Rev. Father McNamara, Bernard Fear Whitaker to Agnes, youngest daughter of the late Mr. P. Brogan. (Silver wedding.)

DEATHS

CROWE.—On the 6th January, at his residence, 44 Pine Hill terrace, Michael James, beloved husband of Mary Crowe; aged 68 years. Deeply regretted. R.I.P.

DALY.—On the 8th January, Frances Florence, wife of Frederick Daly, 5 Brunswick street, South Dunedin, and eldest daughter of W. J. Clark, Stuart street. R.I.P.

O'ROURKE.—On the 2nd January, at Broughton street, South Dunedin, Daniel O'Rourke, contractor; aged 56 years. R.I.P.

TOOMEY.—On the 16th December, at Reefton, Margaret, beloved wife of James Toomey, Hokitika, and native of Castle Gregory, County Kerry, Ireland; aged 45 years. R.I.P.

TREACY.—On the 23rd November, 1908, at the presbytery, Askeaton, County Limerick, Rev. Edmond Treacy, P.P., after a brief illness, eldest son of the late Patrick Treacy, Cromwell, Hospital, brother of the Very Rev. Dean Treacy, Los Angeles, California, and the Rev. Patrick Treacy, P.P., Stratford, New Zealand, and John Treacy, Kilnap House, Cork. 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, JANUARY 14, 1909.

THE CHANCES OF WAR



FOR a long time past it has been generally recognised that so far as Britain is concerned the real danger-spot amongst the nations of the Continent is Germany, and scarcely a year passes in which alarmist talk about the possibility of war is not more or less rife. The cry of 'Wolf, wolf' has been raised so often, without adequate cause, that there is a danger of the warning falling unheeded at the very time when it is really needed. For it would be idle to deny that at the present moment the European outlook is decidedly ominous and the peace of Europe is really in danger. A single straw falling in a given way may be the result of a chance draught, but a number of straws all falling in the same direction are generally taken as indicating fairly conclusively in what direction the wind blows; and the weight of the following considerations lies in their cumulative force.

What, then, are the considerations which lead thoughtful people to scent danger in the existing situation? They are four in number. (1) There is the fact that the highest military authorities in England—the men whose duty it is to keep their ear to the ground and catch the first hint of coming trouble—are uttering impressive warnings to the Government and the people as to the urgent danger of invasion. A month or two ago an expert pointed out the significant fact that by means of air-ships of the Count Zeppelin type Germany could land 150,000 men in England in a single night. Only six weeks ago Lord Roberts moved in the House of Lords: 'That in the opinion of this House the defence of these islands necessitates the imme-