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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, FEBRUARY 11, 1909.

'THE LIBERTY OF THE PRESS.'



ELSEWHERE in our columns of this date (page 212) will be found a brief but juicy correspondence between the Rev. Father Hickson and the *New Zealand Times*. This correspondence was telegraphed to the daily papers of the Dominion, but—for reasons which we do not profess to fathom, and which we can only surmise—it was telegraphed in so mutilated a form that its real purport and true inwardness were not brought home to the great bulk of the readers of the secular press. Practically no idea was, for instance, given of the coarse and ill-tempered attack by a non-Christian, on Christian faith and sentiment, out of which Father Hickson's protest arose. The reader will gather, from page 212 of this issue, some idea, but only some idea, of the manner in which the faith and feelings of Christian people were lacerated by the Ingersollian revilings that stung and raved and raged through a good part of two columns of the *New Zealand Times*. Even the Managing Editor admitted that 'writers should at all times so couch their language as to avoid giving pain and offence' (we presume unnecessary and unprovoked pain and offence), and that the matter out of which Father Hickson's protest arose was 'vitiated by an intolerant attitude towards commonly-accepted theological views.' Which was putting the matter very mildly indeed. Another and, perhaps, even more significant reticence in the telegraphed report of the correspondence was the mutilation of the extraordinary letter of the Managing Editor which brought the brief exchange to a close. In this letter the Managing Editor placed before the world a statement of his principles of journalistic morality. It is a damning document—the most amazing thing of its kind that has, perhaps, yet appeared even in the gutter-press of this or of any other country. In an able, clear, and high-minded editorial article (reproduced on page 212) the *Lyttelton Times* reads its Wellington contemporary a much-needed lecture on the latter's fall from true journalistic grace and principle. But there are other features in that hectoring document that call for notice.

1. The law of the land claims, and vigilantly exercises, the right of excluding from the shores and the homes of New Zealand large classes of offensive publications. Father Hickson claims, for the Christian ministry, a right of a lesser though analogous kind—the right and duty of 'counselling' those under their spiritual care as regards the literature which they should receive into, or reject from, their homes. The *Lyttelton Times* voices the sentiment of present and past times when it says that Father Hickson is 'perfectly within his rights' in all this. But forth steps Sir Oracle, the Managing Editor of the *New Zealand Times*, and with all the confidence born of youth and