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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, MARCH 18, 1909.

### CREMATION



AFTER many years of discussion and effort, the cremationists of Wellington are at last within sight of their goal. In December last the first definite step was taken towards the erection of a crematorium; the City Council accepted a tender (£545) for the furnace; and a week or two ago the contract was let for the erection of the building, at a cost of £749 10s. It is expected that everything will be installed and the institution 'ready for business' by August next. The City Council apparently anticipate that they will not require to charge more than £2 or £3 for each incineration. But in such cases hope usually tells a flattering tale. The experience of other countries would seem to suggest that the Wellington Councilors are unduly sanguine. A similar anticipation of economy and cheapness was indulged in in England, and it was confidently hoped that the price would be as low as £1 10s; but the cost there for each cremation is still more than three times that sum. Nor does the signifi-

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