

The Opening of the Memorial Church of the Irish Martyrs, Cromwell.

TO EVERY IRISH MAN AND WOMAN IN NEW ZEALAND.

His Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Verdon, Bishop of Dunedin, will solemnly open and bless the Memorial Church of the Irish Martyrs at Cromwell on Sunday, April 18. Everything possible has been done as far as the means permitted to make the building a worthy Memorial of the Martyred Dead of Ireland and a suitable Monument of the Faith and Patriotism of the Irish men and women of New Zealand. Will you, when so much has been done, allow the Memorial Church of the Martyred Dead of Ireland to be heavily burdened with debt at the opening? We appeal to every man and woman in the country with the least drop of Irish blood in their veins to help to open the Memorial Church of the Irish Martyrs completely free from debt. Surely the Blood of Ireland's Countless Martyrs cannot appeal to a single true-hearted son or daughter of Erin in vain.

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G. M. HUNT.

All contributions to be addressed to the Rev. G. M. Hunt, Cromwell.

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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, APRIL 8, 1909.

A WRONG THAT RAMIFIES



CATHOLICS in these countries have, happily for themselves, inherited from their fathers the results of a long training in the arts of patience. They, of all others in the community,

'Know how sublime a thing it is,
To suffer and be strong.'

In these countries the lesson is still 'rubbed in,' partly by the ding-dong of attack from sundry quarters, that is not limited to the spasms and jumps and paroxysms of mid-July, but in some shape or other runs on from New Year's Day to St. Sylvester's; but chiefly by the unjust forms of denominationalism in public instruction, posing as 'neutral' and 'undenominational,' for which Catholics are compelled to pay, and of which, on sheer grounds of conscience they cannot take advantage, except as the alternative to what Carlyle calls 'the tragedy of ignorance.' To Catholics, education, of its nature, necessarily implies the development of the child's whole nature—physical, intellectual, moral, religious. It implies something more than mere secular instruction (such as reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, etc.)—for they are not education; they are at best the mere communication of worldly knowledge or of the means for acquiring knowledge. No amount of mere instruction constitutes education—apart from the moulding and training of the heart and will and moral conscience of the child, and apart from reference to its true nature and destiny. We have already pointed out, in our last issue, the essentially dogmatic and narrow denominational character of the system of hard secularism which legally holds sway in our public school system and which banishes religion—as if it were a foul and evil thing—as if religion and the State were enemies to each other; we have shown how those parents who accept this form of secularism are rewarded with the free instruction of their children; and, on the

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