

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

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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.

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—Inserted by his sorrowing wife and children.

BLANEY.—In loving memory of John Blaney, who died at his residence, Caledonian Hotel, Anderson's Bay road, Dunedin, April 14, 1907.

—Inserted by his wife and child.

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MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET.

Pergant Directoribus et Scriptoribus New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiae 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 15, 1909.

SOME VERDICTS ON THE SECULAR SYSTEM



IN another part of this issue we have quoted a New Zealand Anglican contemporary's view as to the evil results likely to arise from a system of public instruction divorced from religion. Many pages of this publication might be filled with an anthology of extracts from moralists and educationists regarding the declension in religious faith and practice (such as ignorance of the Bible, the great falling off in church-going, etc.) which they allege to be actual or calculable results of the exclusion of religion from the public schools. Presbyteries, synods, preachers, and the Protestant religious press frequently make these subjects the theme of comment. In dealing with this difficult question of evil results in the moral order, the reader will bear in mind the guiding facts and principles set forth a few weeks ago in this paper; he will take into consideration all the contributing causes in what is often a very complex problem; he will then, in casting up accounts, follow the line or lines of higher suspicion or of greater probability. At the same time, he will ever remember that any system of education, deserving of the name, has, among its most sacred and elementary duties, that of curbing the lower animal nature in children and strengthening their will and moral sense against degrading influences, and that it must fairly be held accountable for the measure of its failure to rise to the level of its responsibilities as a moralising agency, both positive and preventive. It is in the light of these remarks that the reader must peruse the verdicts quoted hereunder.