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In conformity with arrangements made at the First Provincial Synod, held in Wellington in 1899, this Seminary has been established for the education of Students from all parts of New Zealand who aspire to the Ecclesiastical State. The Holy Cross College is situated at Mosgiel (10 miles from Dunedin) in a fine building hitherto known as Mosgiel House, which, with 11 acres of rich park land surrounding it, was purchased for use as a Seminary for the Ecclesiastical Province of New Zealand.

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The Seminary is under the Patronage and Direction of the Archbishop and Bishops of New Zealand, and under the immediate personal supervision of the Right Rev. Bishop of Dunedin, who will act as Rector.

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LEO XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET.

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THE LAND QUESTION IN IRELAND.



IRISH affairs occupy a considerable amount of attention in the British Empire at the present time. If we are to believe the cable agent, who evidently gets his Irish news from the most approved Conservative sources, and keeps us well posted on the utterances of minor judges, who use their official positions to deliver political harangues, many landlords and their agents are greatly agitated over the activity of the United Irish League, and are urgently pressing the Government to suppress the obnoxious organisation and proclaim meetings called in connection with it. It is rather significant, in the face of the statement of the organs of the landlord class that Ireland is more or less disturbed, to find that the police, who are always extremely active in ferreting out political crimes, and now and again in concocting them, as in the case of Sergeant SHERIDAN and his friends, have not been able to give any real testimony that lawlessness abounds. Kerry, which has a bad reputation in the opinion of the landlord class for being particularly susceptible to the charms of the League, presents us with the spectacle of the County Court Judge being given white gloves in Killarney, Listowel, and Tralee. The same has been the case in many of the other counties. We would like to know how many Recorders in England have had a similar experience. The Conservative Press would have us believe that it is almost impossible for landlords in many districts to collect their rents. Under such circumstances it would naturally be expected that they would hail with pleasure any scheme which would enable them to get rid of these troublesome tenants; they would facilitate in every way the sale of their properties at reasonable prices, and be only too willing to fall in with the proposal for compulsory sale as advocated by the Irish party in the House of Commons. Yet we find that the opposite is the case. There are few estates in Ireland on which the tenants are not prepared to buy their holdings at a rate equal to 18 years' purchase. This seems to be the limit which the Government authorities are prepared to sanction, as they consider that any higher amount would be unreasonable, and would handicap the tenant too heavily, and thereby endanger the security he has to give to the State which advances the purchase money. Even under the cumbersome and expensive legal machinery which now prevails a number of tenants have come to terms with their landlords within the past few years, the result being that peace, progress, and prosperity now reign in these districts which were remarkable ten years ago for being the scene of poverty, stagnation, hopelessness, and considerable social unrest. Under their arrangement with the State the tillers of soil are now paying from 25 to 40 per cent. less for their holdings than they were under the old regime, besides which they have the satisfaction of feeling that they are not at the caprice of either landlord or agent, and that in a certain number of years their holdings will be freehold. Since the purchase scheme came into operation the annual charges by way of interest on loan and reduction of capital have been paid with regularity, there have been no arrears, and the Government is quite satisfied with the measure of success which has attended the experiment. If the landlords are so badly treated by their tenants as their special organs contend, we

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