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## NOTICE.

**N**OW READY—Nos. 1 and 2, Catechisms of the Christian Doctrine.

Approved by His Grace the Archbishop of Wellington and the other Catholic Bishops of New Zealand.

To be had from—

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Right Rev. Dr. GRIMES, Christchurch,  
Right Rev. Dr. LENIHAN, Auckland,  
Right Rev. Dr. VERDON, Dunedin,  
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THE PROVINCIAL ECCLESIASTICAL SEMINARY  
OF NEW ZEALAND.

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, MOSGIEL.

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.

The Pension is £35 a year, payable half-yearly in advance. It provides for Board and Lodging, Tuition, School Books, Furniture, Bedding and House Linen.

The Extra Charges are: Washing, £1 10s a year, and Medicine and Medical Attendance if required.

Students will provide their own wearing apparel, including the College Gown, as well as Surplice for assistance in Choir.

The Annual Vacation begins on the 15th December and ends the 15th February.

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.

For further Particulars apply to the Vice-Rector, Holy Cross College, Mosgiel.

## DEATH.

HIGGINS.—In charity pray for the soul of Margaret Higgins, aged 84 years, who departed this life on April 4, at Castle street, Dunedin, fortified with the rites of the Catholic Church. Relict of the late Daniel Higgins, of Saddle Hill.—R.I.P.



'To promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.'

LEO XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1902.

THE ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS'  
PASTORAL.

THE Pastoral Letter recently issued by the Archbishop and Bishops of the Colony and published the other day in full in our columns will no doubt by this time have been read by all with the interest and attention which, both for its own sake and on account of the source from which it comes, it assuredly deserves. The Letter, it will be noted, is devoted entirely to a discussion of what is known as the 'Education Question,' a fact which will of itself be a source of extreme satisfaction to all who have the true interest of the Church at heart. There can be no doubt whatever that the educational difficulty is the one great obstacle to the Church's rapid progress in this Colony, and so long as the proper settlement of this question is delayed, so long as the crying injustice involved in the present state of things continues, we are working against a dead-weight that handicaps and hampers us at every turn. It is certain, too, that there is a real need just now for a word of exhortation on this matter. As the Letter says, 'Public opinion in this country is not yet prepared to redress this great grievance, and seems callous to our efforts to bring it to a sense of the glaring injustice which the present public school system inflicts upon one-seventh of the Colony's best and law-abiding citizens;' and this callousness on the part of the general public has tended to produce a certain amount of hopelessness and consequent indifference amongst Catholics themselves. It is well, therefore, to have the whole subject brought freshly and fully before us, and to have from 'those who have the rule over us' a full and adequate statement of what the Church wants in this matter, why she wants it, and how we may hope to obtain it.

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The Fathers of the Council begin at the very beginning by pointing out the one radical and fatal defect of the present system and by explaining precisely why it is that Catholics do not and cannot accept it. That defect is, of course, the failure of the secular system to recognise the religious element in man and the lop-sidedness and absolute irreligion which are the necessary consequences of this omission. 'We clearly perceive,' write the Fathers, 'and emphatically affirm the fact that all men need education, but we steadfastly hold to the principle that a system of instruction which fails to recognise that religion is essential both to right thinking and right living, is necessarily defective, and may, in a given set of circumstances, be a curse rather than a blessing.' And again they say; 'The originators of the public school system of this Colony had, we would fain believe, no irreligious intention. But this does not affect the necessary tendency of such instruction to produce religious indifference, and consequently to destroy the power and influence of religion; and hence, be the intention or purpose of the upholders of this system whatever you please, they are in point of fact the most effective allies of the propagators of unbelief.' And the serious and absolutely baneful effects of the system are finally summed up in the following striking passage: 'Let us state the unvarnished truth. The homogeneity brought about by these godless schools is a homogeneity, a sameness of irreligion, a practical negation of all Christian beliefs during five consecutive days of every week of the child's life, with nothing adequate to counteract it on Sunday. It is the cancelling

RIDE "ANGLO SPECIAL" CYCLES.