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DEATHS

BROSNAHAN.—On February 14, 1915, at Waipawa, Marie, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Brosnahan, of Konini; aged 21 years.—R.I.P.

BROPHY.—On February 8, 1915, in the Hospital, Geraldine, Patrick Francis, beloved husband of Margaret Brophy, and second son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Brophy, Sutherlands, South Canterbury; aged 33 years.—R.I.P.

CARTWRIGHT.—On February 12, 1915, at his residence, Awamoa, Oamaru, Thomas, the dearly beloved husband of Ellen Cartwright; in his 57th year: deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

DELANEY.—On January 20, 1915, at Little Bay Hospital, Sydney, after a brief illness, Edward, the dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Delaney, Main street East, Palmerston North; aged 28 years.—R.I.P.

DUGGAN.—On February 8, 1915, at Wellington Hospital, Alfred Ross, dearly beloved husband of Mary Duggan, Bank road, Northland, Wellington; aged 64 years.—R.I.P.

HARDIMAN.—At Gore, on February 13, 1915, James Hardiman, beloved husband of Sabina Hardiman, of Pyramid; aged 71 years.—R.I.P.

MULROONEY.—On February 20, 1915, at Clyde, Cyril Alphonsus, third beloved son of William and Honora Mulrooney, 4 Cashel street, South Dunedin; aged 21 years: deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

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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 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, MARCH 4, 1915.

A NOBLE PASTORAL



Print elsewhere in this issue the full text of Cardinal Mercier's great message to his people—the famous Pastoral which Germany has vainly attempted to suppress. It is, in our humble judgment, the deepest, most thoughtful, most eloquent, and in every way the most moving and inspiring utterance on the subject of the war which has yet seen the light.

It forms, as it were, the coping-stone to Belgium's glory. It stamps the venerable Cardinal as being, alike in head and heart, a prince among men; and one hardly knows which to admire most—the greatness of the man, or of the Church and country which produced him.

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Roughly speaking, the Pastoral runs along the following lines:—an out-pouring of grief for his stricken country; an examination of the question, why have such sufferings been permitted to a people who have, in the main, been so faithful to God; a vivid and most touching description of those sufferings from personal and first-hand knowledge; a vindication of Belgium's attitude; and words of direction and encouragement for the future. These points need neither elaboration nor comment at our hands; we only ask our readers to read for themselves, and we venture to say they will find themselves touched as they have never yet been touched by anything they have read in the history of this war. What could be finer, more simple yet more profound, more moving yet more eloquently effective, than his answer to the anguished cry that must have so often burst from the lips of his bruised people: 'Why all this sorrow, my God? Lord, Lord, hast Thou forsaken us?' In the midst of his grief he looked upon the crucifix, upon the picture of the bleeding Saviour, and at once came resignation and consolation, and the murmur died upon his lips. 'The disciple is not above the Master, nor the servant above his lord.' There is the answer to the great mystery in a single sentence. We have read many and learned attempts to answer the great riddle of this war, but nothing at all comparable to the simple but sublime exposition of this master Christian.

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Cardinal Mercier's *apologia* for his country is characterised by the same simplicity and directness, the same strength of thought and felicity of expression, which mark the whole of this glorious Pastoral. The *apologia* was not really needed. But its terseness and manly vigor, its dauntless spirit and honest and uncom-

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