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GARDEN PARTY (POSTPONED)

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, MOSGIEL.

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DEATHS

BOLTON.—On February 22, 1919, at his residence, 1 King Street, Petone, William Bolton; aged 64 years.—R.I.P.

COOK.—On February 28, 1919, at Lawrence, Annie, beloved wife of John Cook, and third eldest daughter of Michael Crowley, Whitehaven Street, Lawrence, late of Waipori.—R.I.P.

HAILES.—On Wednesday, January 22, 1919, at his residence, Chartlea Park, Balfour, Walter Mary Hailes, dearly beloved husband of Arabella Josephine Hailes; born at Budbrook, Warwickshire, England, on February 5, 1852; aged 67 years.—R.I.P.

O'RIELLY.—On February 15, 1919, at Methven, Thomas, dearly beloved husband of Alice O'Rielly.—R.I.P.

TWOMEY.—On January 28, 1919, at his residence, Cronadun, Michael, dearly beloved husband of Ellen Twomey; in his 72nd year.—On his soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE

CONNELL.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Private John Joseph Connell (N.Z. M.C.), who died on November 14, 1918, of pneumonic influenza, contracted while on duty at Military Hospital, Trentham; aged 20 years 9 months.—R.I.P.

IN MEMORIAM

DALY.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Daly, who died at Mosgiel on March 1, 1917.—On her soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

MCCABE.—In loving memory of Julia Agnes McCabe, who departed this life on March 3, 1916.—On her soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.—Inserted by her loving sisters.

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FEATURES OF THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

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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 6, 1919.

A PROSPECTIVE STEP-MOTHER



COUPLE of weeks ago, in Wellington, a body of men foregathered in order to consider what might be done to lift this country socially and morally from the slough into which it has fallen. As to the fact of that fall, as to the depth of the slough, there seemed to be no matter of doubt whatever in the minds of the speakers: it was admitted regretfully that laxity of morals and scandalous outrages on the most sacred ideals of humanity were too common amongst us. The problem was how to remedy this sad state of affairs. The discussion arrived about as far towards a practical conclusion as all such discussions in this country inevitably do. Mr. Hanan, assuming that air of superior sapience which fits him like a cap and bells, remarked that he had made the portentous discovery that it was time to do something! He also made the interesting statement that he did not consider himself a narrow-minded man, and that he did think he was a very worldly man. And, soaring to a yet higher height of inanity, he expressed the opinion of his non-narrow worldly mind to the effect that his schools might be called upon to step in and take the place of the parents with regard to the children. Mr. Hanan *in loco parentis*! It is not recorded whether the members of the deputation swooned or no: if they did not they had got over the effects of the "Niagara." But to think of the "system" which is the darling of every P.P.A. ranter in the Dominion, which has the support of every Jew and atheist, which keeps New Zealand fifty years behind the progressive countries of the world in educational matters—to think of that, of Mr. Hanan, who is symbolical of it, *in loco parentis*, or even as a sort of foster-mother or dry nurse, must have taken away the breath of the members of that historic gathering: at any rate they did not speak much after Mr. Hanan.

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If some philanthropic person would capture the Minister of Education and take him out to Soames Island for a week's retreat something might be done

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