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DEATHS

DERROM.—On June 18, 1919, at her residence, Ngahuru Street, Eden Terrace, Auckland, Flora, relict of the late Major James Derrom; aged 75 years.—R.I.P.

HAYDON.—On June 22, 1919, at Christchurch, John Haydon (late G.P.O.), in his 58th year.—R.I.P.

MALONE.—On June 15, 1919, at the residence of her sister-in-law (Mrs. T. Malone), Riverlea, Taranaki, Bridget Malone, native of Co. Clare, Ireland; aged 82 years.—R.I.P.

FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE

IN MEMORIAM

BROSNAHAN.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Timothy John (Ted) Brosnahan, third son of Hugh Brosnahan, late of Kerry Town, South Canterbury, who was killed in action at Armentieres, on July 16, 1916; aged 26 years.—On his soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

IN MEMORIAM

BURKE.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of John Francis Burke, dearly beloved son of Michael and Adelin Burke, who died at Petone on July 1, 1918; aged 8 years.—Inserted by his sorrowing parents.

DURNING.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Owen Durning, beloved husband of Allison Lillie Durning, who died at Dunedin, on July 8, 1914.—On his soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

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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, JULY 10, 1919.

FRANCE AND THE VATICAN

BEFORE the war there was in France a notable Catholic revival among men of letters, and in a country where genius is revered as it is in France such a sign was full of promise for the future. Many of the writers who a few years ago drew the attention of French readers to the crying necessity for establishing society once more on the basis of God's law are now no more. Péguy, Psichari, and numerous others have died fighting for France, which has suffered untold loss in their deaths. Bourget, Lamy, and a host of authors of great name still remain to carry on the work of regeneration. Their number is increasing as time goes on, and novelists and romance-writers hitherto noted for their anti-Catholic bias are to-day seeing life with a higher and clearer vision. It is remarkable that at the reception of Mgr. Baudrillart among the immortals of the *Académie* the address of Marcel Prevost pleased and surprised Catholics who were doubtful enough as to how the writer of so many novels of doubtful morality and unhealthy views would approach his subject. M. Prevost, however, affirmed that he had been convinced by the teachings of de Mun and Baudrillart that it is the duty of all good Frenchmen to restore internal harmony in the country by reparation for the injustice committed against the Church. He pleaded that all should work and pray together that the ties which had been broken should be restored, insisting on liberty of teaching for the Church and the return of the religious who had been expelled. When a prominent member of the Left has the courage to assert such views at a full meeting of the *Académie*, and when the talented representatives of the intellect of France loudly applaud his speech, there can be no doubt that we may welcome a sign of the times which the dead heroes would have given their lives to see.

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In April, during a visit to Rome in connection with the cause of Joan of Arc, Mgr. Touchet told an interviewer that in the hearts of many Frenchmen there was an eager desire for reunion between France and the Vatican. This desire was begotten of a sincere love of France and a sense of justice towards the Church which France had treated so badly in the past. If at present the Government is in opposition to the popular will, it is because of its corruption and weakness, and because of the prevalence of Masonry and atheism in high places. Mgr. Touchet believes that in time the will of the people will overcome this evil and root out old prejudices and hostilities which stand in the way of France's welfare. France herself is religious at heart, and anxious for the renewal of cordial relations with the Pope. Mgr. Touchet recalls that in