

MARRIAGE

O'DRISCOLL—BOHAN.—On February 22, at St. Mary of the Angels' Church, Boulcott street, Wellington, by the Rev. Father Venning, Patrick Joseph O'Driscoll to Mary A, daughter of Mr. Michael Bohan, Wellington.

Direction J. & N. TAIT.

The Famous Australian Soprano,

AMY CASTLES

'Australian Jenny Lind,'

And CONCERT COMPANY, consisting of

ALEXANDER CAMPHAUSEN,

The Famous Leipzig Baritone.

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The Eminent 'Cellist.

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Pianist.

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GARRISON HALL, FRIDAY, MARCH 17.

ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT.

GRAND

NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT

Items by Mesdames R. Hudson, Jun., R. A. Power, Messrs. Jas. Jago, Jno. McGrath, and T. P. Laffey, Kaikorai Band, Kaikorai Band Quartet Party, and Christian Brothers' Choir.

Prices: 3s, 2s, 1s.

E. W. SPAIN, Secretary.

MAYORAL ELECTION

COUNCILLOR WILSON respectfully solicits your Vote and Interest on Wednesday, April 26, 1911. Polling from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Councillor Wilson has been continuously serving the Public Municipally since April, 1897. Mayor of Caversham for three years—1902, 1903, and 1904,—and is now serving his fourth year as Chairman of Public Works Committee, besides being a member of the Dunedin Fire Board.

TO THE DISTRICT ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to formally announce to you that I shall be a candidate for Mayoral Honors at the forthcoming election.

I am now the Senior Councillor on the Dunedin City Council, having been first elected to my present position as a representative for Bell Ward in March, 1904.

I have also had the privilege and pleasure of representing you upon other public bodies, including the Dunedin Drainage and Sewerage Board, of which I have been a member since February, 1903, and Chairman since 1905.

In response to numerous requests, I shall avail myself of an early opportunity of addressing the electors in the various wards, and hope thus to have the pleasure of making the personal acquaintance of ratepayers in the outlying districts.

Should you do me the honor of electing me, I shall endeavour to the best of my ability to conserve the interests of all classes during my term of office without fear or favor.

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM BURNETT.

DUNEDIN, MARCH 13, 1911.

DEATH

O'MAHONEY.—In January, 1911, at Warragul, Gippsland, Victoria, Julia O'Mahoney, sister of Mrs. Cornelius O'Dwyer, Spring Creek, Marlborough.—R.I.P.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

INQUIRER.—The parish priest of Kilmurry-Crookstown is Very Rev. Canon John O'Mahoney, and of Ballincollig, Rev. Jeremiah O'Keefe.

MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET.

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitie 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 16, 1911.

'CATHOLICS AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM'



THE recent Pastoral of Dr. Cleary—in which he dealt, in a comprehensive way, with the school question in New Zealand—has evoked editorial comment in most of our leading dailies; and the monotony with which they have all harped on the same string has at least this compensation, that the one reply will do for all. Dr. Cleary has replied specifically to the Wellington *Evening Post*; but the considerations he advances are so general in their application; and go so directly and completely to the bed-rock of the whole question, that his reply might have appeared with absolute appositeness and relevancy in any one of the papers in which his original position was criticised. The issue now raised and pressed by his Lordship is one which lies right back of all the arguments which are commonly advanced, either for or against our education system. The principle which he is engaged in placing in its proper place in the forefront of the discussion is a master principle, to which all others do tribute. What Dr. Cleary is pressing for, with courteous but relentless persistency, is a statement as to the root principle on which professedly Christian editors justify their exclusion of religion from the school life of the child. Both secularists and anti-secularists agree that education is a preparation for life and the responsibilities of life. On what view of life, on what philosophic basis, on what groundwork educational principle, do the press upholders of the secular system justify the elimination of religion from the formative process of school work? If our secularist friends decline or fail to face this issue, the thinking and observant section of the public will duly note both the fact and its significance. If, on the other hand, they attempt to give a straightforward and unequivocal reply to Dr. Cleary's searching question, they will realise, perhaps for the first time, exactly where they stand, and under which banner they are fighting—the standard of the Cross or the black flag of rank atheism. The *Evening Post* leader, in reply to Bishop Cleary's present letter, is before us; and without anticipating his Lordship's further rejoinder, we may say that so far the Wellington paper has utterly failed to make so much as an attempt at facing the clear issue raised by Dr. Cleary. We print Dr. Cleary's letter in full, asking our readers to note carefully the definite, precise, explicit point which the *Evening Post* was called upon to meet. The letter, addressed to the editor of the *Post*, runs thus:

To the Editor, *Evening Post*.

'Sir,—I have made a somewhat belated perusal of two of your recent editorial articles on the education question. In both, you favored me with marked attention, and accompanied this with a personal compliment for which I hereby