

MARRIAGE

FLANNERY—O'GRADY.—At the Church of the Sacred Heart, Timaru, on July 19, 1911, by the Rev. Father Tubman, John Flannery, Co. Sligo, Ireland, to Mary Ellen O'Grady, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William O'Grady, of Timaru.

DEATHS

FORD.—At his late residence, West Plains, on Thursday, August 10, 1911, Thomas, beloved husband of Ellen Ford; aged 82 years.—R.I.P.

GARTLY.—On August 9, 1911, at his parents' residence, Spring Vale, John Edward, third dearly beloved son of James and Mary Gartly; in his 26th year. Fortified by the last Rites of his Holy Religion.—R.I.P.

KERIN.—At Arrowtown, on August 1, 1911, Ellen, beloved wife of the late Patrick Kerin; aged 62 years.—R.I.P.

MISSING FRIENDS.—Information desired respecting THOMAS CONCANNON by his brother, Michael, Woodlands, Southland.

[A CARD.]

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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, AUGUST 17, 1911.

A FAMOUS VICTORY



WITHOUT pretending that there is any sort of absolute or mathematical certainty that Home Rule will be accomplished in 1914—for the unexpected happens in politics as elsewhere—it is perfectly safe to say that the last and most formidable barrier has been removed, and that the accomplishment of self-government for Ireland is now brought well within measurable distance. The Veto Bill—or, to give it its correct name, the Parliament Bill—passed the House of Lords on Friday by a majority of 17, the figures being:—For the motion, 131; against the motion, 114. The Bill abolishes absolutely the Lords' right to reject—even for one session—any Money Bill; and with regard to other measures it enacts that 'If any Bill other than a Money Bill is passed by the House of Commons in three successive sessions (whether of the same Parliament or not), and, having been sent up to the House of Lords at least one month before the end of the session, is rejected by the House of Lords in each of those sessions, that Bill shall, on its rejection for the third time by the House of Lords . . . be presented to his Majesty and become an Act of Parliament on the Royal Assent being signified thereto.' There are no exemptions specified in the text of the Bill—the various amendments which were proposed in the direction of exempting certain questions from the operation of the measure having all been rejected. Mr. Asquith has promised to introduce a Home Rule Bill, on the lines of Mr. Gladstone's Bill of 1893, in January, 1912. If, then, the Premier keeps his promise; and the measure passes the Commons but is rejected by the Lords, and this procedure is repeated in 1913 and 1914, the Bill will, on its third rejection in the latter year, automatically become law, merely on receiving the Royal Assent.

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The Peers—as was only to be expected—have tried in every possible way to block or to destroy the Veto Bill; and have fought to the last ditch in defence of their ancient privileges. The principal 'wrecking' amendments brought down by the Lords were (1) A proposal to set up a Joint Committee—representing both Houses of Parliament—whose function it should be to decide what were, and what were not, Money Bills; and (2) An amendment exempting from the operation of the Veto Bill any Bill (a) Which affects the existence of the Crown or the Protestant Succession thereto; or (b) Which establishes a National Parliament or a National Council in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, or England, with legislative power therein; or (c) Which has been referred to the Joint Committee, and which, in their opinion, raises an issue of great gravity, upon which the judgment of the country has not been sufficiently ascer-