

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART TIMARU.

The Annual Spiritual RETREAT for LADIES will begin at 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, January 2, 1912, and end on Saturday, January 6, at noon.

The Retreat will be preached by
THE REV. FATHER FOSTER, S.J.

By applying to the Rev. Mother Superior, ladies wishing to make the Retreat can board at the Convent during the week.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART ISLAND BAY, WELLINGTON.

A RETREAT FOR LADIES will be preached by a Jesuit Father, to open on the evening of Monday, January 8, and to close on Friday morning, January 12.

Ladies who wish to attend it may reside at the Convent during that time. No special invitation.

[A Card.]

J. H. EGAN

SURGEON DENTIST.

Over Robbin's, Chemist; opp. City Market,
330 QUEEN STREET, AUCKLAND.

MEDICAL.

Dr. C. F. MORKANE, M.B., Ch. B., F.R.C.S.E.

Has commenced the practice of his profession in Christchurch.

CONSULTING ROOMS: 226 High St. (over Wallace & Co.)

Hours: 12 to 1.30 and 7 to 8 p.m.

RESIDENCE: 31 Carlton Street (Phone 520).

Hours: 9 to 10 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.

WANTED—A GENERAL, housemaid kept.—Apply Mrs. Dr. O'Neill, High Street, Dunedin.

[A CARD.]

WOODLEY A. PROWSE

DENTAL SURGEON.

VICTORIA AVENUE,

(Opp. PAUL & C's.),

WANGANUI.

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LICENSING POLL, 1911.

DECLARATION OF LICENSING POLL.

LICENSING DISTRICT OF CHALMERS.

In pursuance of the Licensing Act, 1908, I Hereby give Public Notice that at the LICENSING POLL taken under the provision of the said Act the number of votes recorded for each proposal submitted under Section 3 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, was as follows:—

For the proposal that licenses be granted in the district	2743
For the proposal that no licenses be granted in the district	3457

The total number of votes recorded at the poll was 6200, and, as the number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal that no licenses be granted in the district is less than three-fifths of the total number of votes recorded, I Hereby Declare that proposal to be not carried.

Dated at Port Chalmers, this 12th day of December, 1911.

G. G. CHISHOLM,
Returning Officer.

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

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiæ 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, DECEMBER 14, 1911.

BISHOP CLEARY ON THE EDUCATION QUESTION



THE annual distribution of prizes of the Sacred Heart College, Auckland, on December 5, the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary dealt in some detail with the education question, and a portion of his remarks were included in the report of the proceedings supplied to us. They contain however, such an altogether admirable vindication of the Catholic position, and such a weighty and timely exhortation with regard to the future, that we have felt it a duty to give them the added prominence attaching to this column. His Lordship spoke in part as follows:—

In the course of his report, the Brother Superior has laid his index-finger on the aims of the Catholic education imparted in our primary and secondary schools. It is to surround our Catholic youth with a Catholic atmosphere, to build them up sound in body, strong in intellect, and strong in faith. Here we have the true ideal of the education that educates; it develops every faculty, it prepares youth for complete living—fits them for every phase of duty and right endeavor in this life, and leads them to their true place in the wider and greater life into which we pass through one or other of the thousand doors of death.

In this system of the complete training of the faculties of the child, we Catholics pursue the opposite course to that lop-sided and experimental secular system which a political majority has forced upon the State-supported schools of New Zealand. The secular system first rose with the French Revolution, as one phase of the war against Christianity. Though not themselves generally hostile to religion, a majority of our politicians followed the deceptive lure of "French principles" in 1877. We Catholics stand firm where we have ever stood. We stand to-day for the training of the heart and will and moral conscience of the child, as we stood up to 1877, when our schools formed an integral part of the State system. We did not withdraw our schools from the State school system. They were driven out of it—driven out of it, not because of any verdict of educational experts, but by a combination of politicians who had neither knowledge of, nor skill in, the principles and methods of education. But that is not all. Our schools were driven out of the public school system on what was, in effect, a religious test—driven out of it on a question of religious dogma, driven out of it because we could not then, as we cannot now, subscribe to the sectarian French dogmas on which our Education Act is based. These underlying doctrines are chiefly the two following: first, that religion has no necessary or useful part in school-training. The second is, that a political majority has the moral right to banish religion from the place which it has occupied from immem-