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BIRTH

GALLAGHER.—On December 26, 1911, at Cargill
street, Dunedin, the wife of H. Gallagher—a son.

MARRIAGE

DUNCAN—HARTNELL.—At Darfield, on November
29, 1911, by the Rev. Father Fanning, S.M.,
James Francis, third son of Mr J. Duncan, Haw-
kins, to Mary, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
J. W. Hartnell, of 'Sampford,' Hororata.

DEATHS

BROSNAHAN.—Of your charity pray for the repos-
of the soul of Cornelius Brosnahan, who died at
Beaconsfield, fortified by the rites of Holy Church,
on November 27, 1911, in his 52nd year. Born
in Co. Kerry, Ireland.—R.I.P.

RIORDAN.—On December 28, 1911, at Southbridge,
Monica, the fourth daughter of Thomas and Annie
Riordan, in her thirteenth year.—R.I.P.

STACK.—On December 22, 1911, at his late residence,
Railway road, Hastings, John William, the beloved
husband of Catherine Stack; aged 63 years.—
R.I.P.

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 con-
tinue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the
ways of Truth and Peace.

April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1912.

RELIGION AND POLITICS



WE have referred briefly in another column
to the way in which, in some electorates,
the sectarian spirit was invoked during
the recent elections; and we also give
elsewhere particulars of the discussion on
'Sectarianism in Politics' which has
been proceeding in the columns of the
Christchurch Press for some few days
past. This discussion arose, in the first
instance, out of a timely and much-needed protest,
made by his Lordship Bishop Grimes, against the deter-
mined attempt which has been made in many quarters
to prejudice public opinion against the head of the
Government solely and merely on the ground that he
is a Catholic. Closely following on his Lordship's
utterance there appeared in the columns of the *Christ-
church Press* an anonymous letter from a West Coast
correspondent, making sundry wild charges against
priests of undue interference with Catholic voters in
connection with the Westland contest; and a day or
two after the appearance of this letter the *Press* devoted
a leader to the subject in which, on the authority of
'a reliable correspondent,' it alleged that in Dunedin
West a couple of days before the election 'every Catho-
lic voter was seen' in the interests of a particular can-
didate—the context clearly conveying the implication
that the 'seeing' was done and undue influence exerted
by Catholic priests. Thanks to the prompt action of
Bishop Grimes and of the Rev. Father Coffey both alle-
gations were at once shown to be utterly baseless. His
Lordship immediately telegraphed to the Very Rev.
Dean Carew, of Greymouth, and to the several West
Coast priests concerned. Dean Carew wired back as
follows: 'Letter absolutely untrue as far as we are
concerned—we took no part whatever in election';