

MARRIAGES

McLEOD—HODGSON.—On April 9, at St. Mary's Church, Taihape, by Rev. Father Connolly, Alexander McLeod to Clara Hodgson.

SALTER—SHEPHERD.—On April 10, at St. Mary's Basilica, Invercargill, by the Very Rev. Dean Burke, A. Salter, Hamilton, to Ellen M. J., eldest daughter of Mr. John Shepherd, Invercargill.

SCHULTZ—O'KANE.—On April 8, at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, East Gore, by the Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, assisted by Rev. P. J. O'Neill, Joseph Schultz, third son of Mrs. Schultz, of East Gore, to Marcella, eldest daughter of Mr. Daniel O'Kane, of Gore.

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BAZAAR and ART UNION, in aid of the Seamen's Hall and Reading Room Building Fund.

The following are the **WINNING NUMBERS** in the Art Union drawn at the Borough Council Chambers, January 31:—1735, 3154, 1338, 1369, 1362, 3451, 3152, 1148, 5381, 331, 697, 355, 3010, 976, 434, 3521, 700, 1582, 3315, 340. Holders of winning tickets are requested to make application for their prizes as soon as possible.

The Committee also desire to thank all who assisted in any way to make the Bazaar and Art Union a success.

S. J. PRICE, Hon. Secretary.

RIVERTON ART UNION.

Father Murphy, yielding to the request of a large number of ticket-holders for the Riverton Art Union, has decided to **POSTPONE** the Drawing of Prizes till **MAY 9, 1912.**

Holders of Art Union books are requested to send in blocks and unsold tickets before the above-named date.

REV. P. MURPHY, Riverton.

[A Card.]

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ST. ANNE'S CARNIVAL, WELLINGTON SOUTH.

Archdeacon Devoy begs to inform his friends that the **ART UNION** in connection with St. Anne's Carnival and Fancy Fair, Wellington South, will be Drawn on **MONDAY EVENING, April 22**, in St. Anne's Hall. All who had books of tickets are requested to send in blocks and money before that date. Winning numbers will be published in the *Tablet*, also in local papers.

N.B.—All who took tickets in St. Patrick's College Silver Jubilee Art Union have new tickets and blocks issued for them in this Art Union.

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, APRIL 18, 1912.

THE HOME RULE BILL



THE long-expected has come at last; and Mr. Asquith, in fulfilment of the announcement made some weeks ago, introduced his Home Rule Bill in the House of Commons on Friday last. Though the present Liberal leader could scarcely hope to attract the commanding personal interest which centred in the figure of the Grand Old Man—Mr. Gladstone—on the occasion of the introduction of the Home Rule Bills of 1886 and 1893, the scene last week was a sufficiently memorable one. 'All the seats,' says the cable message, 'were secured hours before the proceedings commenced.'

The House of Commons was crowded, and a loud shout welcomed Mr. Asquith, while Mr. Redmond, who entered a few minutes later, was greeted with triumphant Nationalist cheers. Mr. Asquith's speech was a dignified, statesmanlike, and in every way impressive presentment of the arguments in favor of the Irish demand; and Mr. John Redmond's contribution to the debate was a very fine effort, well worthy of the occasion, his reference to the spirits of Gladstone and Parnell dominating the historic scene being an especially happy and telling touch. Even Mr. William O'Brien—whose ability no one can question—spoke with studied moderation; and his promise of loyal support to the Bill, if faithfully fulfilled, will be an important factor in facilitating the passage of the measure through its various stages.

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We give elsewhere full particulars of the Government proposals, and of the discussion on the measure, as furnished by the cable messages so far to hand. The Irish Parliament is to consist of a nominated Senate of forty members, and an elective House of Commons of 164 members. The Senate will be nominated in the first instance by the Imperial Government,