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Sub-Inspector, Mrs. Sheehan and Family wish to thank all kind friends for their sympathy and floral emblems in their recent sad bereavement.

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

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[A Card.]

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## DEATHS

ROSSBOTHAM.—On April 17, at his residence, 48 Heriot row, William Rossbotham; aged 77 years.—R.I.P.

SHEEHAN.—On March 21, 1912, at Mountain Road, John William, dearly beloved eldest son of Elizabeth Charlotte and Sub-Inspector Bartholomew Sheehan; aged 21 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.



THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1912.

## A BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS CONFERENCE



YNODS, assemblies, and conferences have presented us with a long succession of schemes—various and ever varying—for permanently laying the uneasy haunting spirit of the education difficulty; but so far their efforts have invariably come to naught, for the reason, among others, that they could never hit upon a programme upon which the different and differing sections of Protestantism could agree. At last, however, our non-Catholic friends appear to have achieved some approach towards definiteness and unanimity. A conference was held last week at Christchurch at which the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Primitive Methodist Churches were represented; and the following resolution was adopted: 'That this conference approves of the general principles of religious instruction which obtains in New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, and West Australia, and commends such as the only practical solution of the problem of religious instruction in the State schools of New Zealand.' The conference constituted itself into the Bible in State Schools League of New Zealand; and it was agreed that the policy of the league should be to appeal to the Legislature for a referendum to be carried out on the lines of the Queensland referendum in 1910. According to the Press Association report 'the general feeling of the conference was that the meeting represented an epoch in the history of the movement, and that the time was ripe for an appeal to public opinion on the whole question.' The sanguineness of the conference—in the face of so many past failures—reminds one of the story told some time ago by an American paper of an enthusiastic amateur fisherman who was looking for tarpon in southern waters. He wrote home to his expectant friends that although he had not seen any thus far, he was quite sure of getting one next day. 'In fact,' said he, 'you may say I have practically caught him.' In the minds of the Christchurch enthusiasts, their fish is as good as caught.

But before the Bible Leaguers go any further we rise to ask a respectful question. According to the terms of the resolution which was carried, the conference had been called to consider and discuss the solution of the problem of religious instruction in the schools. It is a problem in which Catholics are intensely interested, and to which they have given a great deal of attention. The principle of religious education—for which, in greater or less degree, the conference