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COMMENDATION OF THE HIERARCHY.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE *New Zealand Tablet* AS A PAPER WHICH SHOULD BE IN EVERY CATHOLIC HOME IN THIS DOMINION; WE DESIRE TO EXPRESS OUR WARM SATISFACTION AT THE VIRILE, SCHOLARLY, AND ABLE MANNER IN WHICH THAT ORGAN OF CATHOLIC OPINION IS BEING CONDUCTED, AND WE PROMISE TO DO WHAT LIES IN OUR POWER TO EXTEND ITS CIRCULATION.—*Extract from recommendations adopted at the annual Conference of the Hierarchy held at Wellington, June 13, 1911.*

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 3, 1913.

THE NEED FOR DISCUSSION



ANON Garland has now completed his official visitation of the four chief cities of the Dominion, and interesting and valuable discussions on the League's proposals are proceeding in all the four centres. In Auckland, Bishop Cleary has the Rev. I. Jolly and the Rev. Alex. Miller in a corner, and is also holding courteous and effective controversy with the Vicar of Stratford and the Bishop of Waiapu. In Wellington, the Very Rev. Dean O'Shea, by means of telling and vigorous addresses, and Professor Mackenzie and numerous other writers by means of communications to the daily press, are laying bare the weak points of the scheme and rallying the forces of opposition. In Christchurch, Mr. John Caughley, the Rev. W. J. Williams, and Miss Carel Cross are eatacking the League system from the point of view respectively of dissident Presbyterians, Baptists, and members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. In Dunedin, three contests are proceeding in the columns of the newspaper press—one between the Rev. W. J. Ashford (Congregationalist) and the Rev. W. Gray Dixon, Presbyterian and local honorary secretary of the League; another between Mr. J. A. Scott and the Very Rev. Dean Fitchett, a local vice-president of the League; and a third between the *Otago Daily Times* and Mr. Joseph Braithwaite, also a local official of the League. Short lived controversies have also taken place in the columns of the Dunedin *Evening Star* between the *Star* and Dean Fitchett, and between Dean Fitchett and Professor Mackenzie, of Wellington. In many other districts, also, outside the city areas the League's proposals are being subjected to vigorous criticism in the editorial and correspondence columns of the press. It is well that there should be this free ventilation of the subject, for discussion is the one thing imperatively necessary and desirable; and we are writing these lines expressly for the purpose of urging upon all interested the need of getting to and moulding on the side of justice the great body of outside opinion which is, we believe, open to conviction and ready to give a fair hearing if the case is put clearly and temperately before them. We must, of course, organise our own forces; but it would be fatal policy to leave the vast mass of outside opinion to be played upon unopposed by the League's persistent misrepresentations and appeals to sectarian rancor. The lecture and the printed pamphlet, leaflet, and broadsheet, and the columns of the secular press—that is the way to educate the public mind; and to educate the public is to seal the fate of the narrow and unjust proposals of the League.

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