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## MARRIAGES

KEOGH—GRIFFITHS.—On April 23, 1913, at Wanganui, by Very Rev. Dean Holley, Patrick Keogh, Studholme Junction, to Agnes May, youngest daughter of Mr. E. W. J. Griffiths, Wanganui.

McMULLEN—LYONS.—At St. Patrick's Church, Waipawa, on April 23, 1913, by the Rev. Father Bergin, Terence McMullen, of Pahiatua, to Mary Catherine, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lyons, of Waipawa.

## DEATH

MALLON.—At his residence, Chatton, on Sunday, April 27, 1913, Peter, the beloved husband of Catherine Mallon; aged 75 years. Deeply regretted.  
—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 continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.

April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1913.

## THE POLICY OF EVASION



IBLE-IN-SCHOOLS apologists still maintain their reputation as persistent and inveterate shirkers. Nearly a fortnight ago, as readers may remember, Mr. J. A. Scott submitted certain queries, per medium of the *Otago Daily Times*, to the Rev. R. E. Davies, Presbyterian minister of Knox Church, Dunedin. The questions arose directly out of a statement submitted to the *Daily Times* by Mr. Davies; and Mr. Scott undertook, if Mr. Davies gave him the opportunity, to prove that no Presbyterian minister or elder could support the League's programme without flying full in the face of the authoritative standard of Presbyterianism, the Westminster Confession of Faith. That Protestant readers of the *Times* realised that there was an obligation on the part of Mr. Davies to meet the challenge and face the issues raised is shown by such letters as that of Mr. J. J. Ramsay, which appears elsewhere in this issue. But up to date not a line of reply has appeared from the Knox Church minister. The following further letter from Mr. Scott appears in this morning's issue of the *Times*.

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'Sir,—It was long since evident to thoughtful people that Mr. Joseph Braithwaite was getting out of his depth in his effort to evolve a "principle" which should justify the violation of the rights of conscience and the picking of the taxpayer's pocket which are involved in the Bible in State Schools League's proposals; and it was manifestly only a matter of time when the tyrannous and persecuting character of his alleged principle would stand clearly revealed. I had intended to keep him under interrogation a little longer with a view to getting him to put into plain English the great "principle" which he wished me to grasp; but several of

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