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MARRIAGE

SILVER WEDDING.

BRADLEY—BROWN.—On August 5, 1888, at the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, Wellington, N.Z., James Edwin Bradley, Auckland, to Mary Brown, of Bridge of Allan, Perthshire, Scotland, and now of Hinuera, Waikato.

DEATHS

HANNAN.—At his residence, 107 Elles road, Invercargill, on Monday, July 21, 1913, Michael, beloved husband of Mary Hannan.—R.I.P.

McBRIDE.—At the residence of her sister, Mrs. Frank Pritchard, Spey street, Invercargill, on Friday, July 25, 1913, Hilda Gertrude Gabriel, youngest daughter of Sarah and the late Hugh McBride, Lake Hayes, Arrowtown; aged 21 years.—R.I.P.

McDERMOTT.—On July 6, 1913, at Auckland, Annie, dearly beloved wife of Thomas McDermott.—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, AUGUST 7, 1913.

THE LEAGUE AS RUNAWAY



N old couplet has it:

He either fears his fate too much,
Or his deserts are small,
That dares not put it to the touch
To gain or lose it all.

The champions of the Bible in State Schools League have been again and again invited to put their fate 'to the touch' in ways that required perhaps a little courage but that would at least be obviously decisive one way or the other; but they have invariably declined, and the refusal has at times been accompanied by a 'climb-down' of a distinctly humiliating, not to say ignominious character.

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The latest cases in point are furnished in connection with League meetings at Wanganui and at Hawera. At the former place it will be remembered that Bishop Cleary some few weeks ago had a remarkably fine meeting; and in the Wanganui papers of July 21 it was announced that a meeting would be held, under the auspices of the League, on July 31, at which the Rev. Dr. Gibb would 'reply to Bishop Cleary.' Bishop Cleary thereupon wrote, under date July 22, to the secretary of the Wanganui branch of the League submitting to Dr. Gibb and to the League the following proposals:—1. Have a proper public meeting, as his (Dr. Cleary's) had always been. 2. Give him (Bishop Cleary) at least a clear hour for relevant questions, granting also the right of the questioner to rise to a point of order if he feels satisfied that the lecturer is evading, side-tracking, or talking around the question. As a further alternative, and one which he much preferred, Bishop Cleary submitted the following:—1. I offer a hall or theatre free of cost to the League for a public meeting of 2½ hours. 2. (a) Half the time to be devoted by me to questioning the Rev. Doctor on matters relevant to the League's scheme, and to his answers thereto; (b) the balance of the time to be occupied by the League's relevant questions to

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