#### MARRIAGE

WALSH—HAND.—On July 30, 1913, at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, by Rev. J. Delany, Christopher George, eldest son of Mr. T. J. Walsh and grandson of the late Christopher Marlow, to Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. H. Hand, Milton.

### **DEATHS**

KENT.—On September 8, 1913, at his residence, 2 Cumberland place, Wellington, Samuel, dearly beloved husband of Kate Kent; aged 73 years (late H.M.S. Customs). R.I.P.

SHERKI.—At Inglewood, on August 23, 1913, John Sherki, native of Poland; aged 72 years.—R.I.P.

### IN MEMORIAM

CARD.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who died at Featherston on the 22nd September, 1912.

—Inserted by her affectionate family.

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Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitia 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, SEPTEMBER 18, 1913.

# TO STUDY THE SOCIAL QUESTION



N the very wide range of interest and activity which Catholic journalism of the present day embraces there are two objects which we have specially at heart and which every thoughtful Catholic editor and Catholic priest must necessarily have very much at heart—the extension of the usefulness of our young men's clubs and the promotion amongst our Catholic people of

a close and definite study of the social question. In regard to the latter—the urgent and pressing necessity for a thorough and widely-diffused knowledge of the true principles of social economics—there is now no room for two opinions. Socialism is being preached and printed and propagated in every conceivable way and in every possible direction; and it makes its insistent and alluring appeal to Catholics as to others. So far Catholics have been fairly well instructed in regard to the moral-and even economic-objections to which the principles of Socialism, strictly so called, are indubitably open; but something more than this purely negative and destructive attitude is obviously necessary. To the Catholic criticisms and objections the Socialist naturally replies: 'Well, since you reject Socialism, what do you propose to put in its place? Where are your principles? and what are your plans and proposals for easing or removing the burdens under which in every country, in greater or less degree, the great mass of the people labor as the result of the capitalism, monopolies, and cut-throat competition of our existing social and industrial system? These are entirely reasonable inquiries; but if the Catholic layman is to be in a position to answer them he must be prepared to give himself to some measure of serious and definite study of the question.

With these considerations in mind, we have decided to initiate a movement which, if supported to any tolerable extent by our young men, will in a notable degree accomplish both the objects above referred to. It is nothing more nor less than the introduction into New Zealand of the system of study and examinations in social science and political economy carried out in England by the Catholic Social Guild, which now undertakes to grant passes, certificates, and diplomas to the Catholic student who, by scientific knowledge proved by examination, qualifies for these distinctions.

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