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BIRTH

PAVLETICH.—On the 20th May, at 10 Hill street, Mornington, the wife of Leonard Pavletich—a son.

DEATHS

CRAWFORD.—On 24th May, 1907, at his parents' residence, 5 Hyde street, Basil Andrew, beloved fourth son of Patrick and Annie Crawford; aged 22 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

CALDWELL.—On May 15, at his residence, Brown street, Dunedin, James Caldwell (late of Gridiron Hotel), native of County Derry, Ireland; aged 54 years.—R.I.P.

WHITAKER.—Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of Edward Stanislaus Whitaker, eldest son of Bernard and Agnes Whitaker, Kelburne, Wellington, who, being fortified with the Holy Sacraments, died on the 21st day of May, 1907; aged 22 years.—R.I.P.

IN MEMORIAM

FITZSIMONS.—In fond and loving memory of my dear husband, Terence, who departed this life on May 31st, 1900.—R.I.P.

Seven years to-day, dear Terence, since you left me,
 My darling, dear husband, your memory I'll keep,
 For you are deserving of my fond recollection,
 Dear to my heart is the place where you sleep.

We miss thee from our home, dear father,
 Seven long years to-day,
 A shadow o'er our home is cast,
 For many and many a day.

Oh, Immaculate heart of Mary,
 Thy prayers for him extol.
 Oh, Sacred Heart of Jesus,
 Have mercy on his soul.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

Send news **WHILE IT IS FRESH.** Stale reports will not be inserted.

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MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET.

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitie 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 23, 1907.

'A PARIS SENSATION'



THREE successive French Ministries have combined to place the burglar on a pedestal and dowl him there. They have made the kit of the 'crib-cracker' a standing resort against the religious faith which they hate and against the political opponents whom they dislike. They began the 'Second Reign of Terror' with the wholesale plunder of tens of thousands of French citizens, the head and front of whose offending was the Christian faith which they professed and practised. The elephant's trunk can at will shift a log of teak or pick up a sewing needle. And the regime of French official robbery spared nothing, neither the great things nor yet the small. It seized the great cathedrals, seminaries, and hospitals; but it also stole the reliquary from the altar, pilfered the poor-box in the aisle, carried off the country pastor's laying hen and iron saucepan, 'prigged' the orphans' soup-spoons and ransacked the clothes-presses of the Sisters of Charity. The larceny of the ambassadorial papers of an independent Sovereign Prince formed a fitting finale to the operations of the aggressively atheistic Radical-Socialist 'Bloc' or 'machine' that now Tammanies lodge-ridden France. The official cracksmen broke into the residence of Monsignor Montagnini, the representative of the Holy See in Paris; they stole his private papers and the documents of the Papal Nunciature to France; and they concluded the high-handed proceedings by treating the papal representative as a common malefactor, placing him under arrest, and bundling him unceremoniously across the frontier.

This illegal outrage upon personal right and international usage has, however, had results that Premier Clemenceau, who engineered it, has neither anticipated nor desired. Of this, more anon. Even the suborned 'Bloc' press find it 'dour work' to defend or palliate (as an English contemporary remarks) 'the idea of ransacking a man's desk, and that man the guest of a nation'. The seizure of an opponent's private letters has ever been repellent to British journalism, and 'Grahamising' could hardly find even a shamefaced and stammering defender in an indignant House of Commons. Many English newspapers have allowed consideration for the 'entente cordiale' to sew up their lips in regard to this grave international scandal of the raiding of the Montagnini desk. A few—happily a very few—have sought to palliate the outrage. To do