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The Annual Vacation ends on Tuesday, February 16.

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IN MEMORIAM

O'CONNELL.—In loving memory of Catherine O'Connell, who died at her residence, Seacliff, February 16, 1900. R.I.P.

—Inserted by her loving husband and family.

INFORMATION WANTED

Information Wanted of the Whereabouts of THOMAS MURPHY, son of James Murphy, of Kilmacoo, Avoca, County Wicklow, Ireland. Last heard of in Dunedin.—Apply to Tablet Office.

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

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

Communications should reach this Office **BY TUESDAY MORNING.** Only the briefest paragraphs have a chance of insertion if received by 'Tuesday night's mails.

ADDRESS matter intended for publication 'Editor, TABLET, Dunedin,' and not by name to any member of the Staff.

ANO NYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS are thrown into the waste paper basket.

Write legibly, **ESPECIALLY NAMES** of persons and places.

Reports of **MARRIAGES** and **DEATHS** are not selected or compiled at this Office. To secure insertion they must be verified by our local agent or correspondent, or by the clergyman of the district, or by some subscriber whose handwriting is well known at this Office. Such reports must in every case be accompanied by the customary death or marriage announcement, for which a charge of 2s. 6d is made.

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

Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiæ 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, FEBRUARY 18, 1909.

'THE NEED FOR AUTHORITY'



THE semi-jubilee Conference of our separated brethren of the Congregational Union of New Zealand, which is now in session, is being held under circumstances which are little calculated to arouse enthusiasm or to call forth any special manifestation of rejoicing. Doubtless if the whole quarter-century of its New Zealand history be taken into account, the Congregational body has made at least some sort of numerical progress; but, both in the colonies and farther afield, there are of late years unmistakable signs that the Congregationalists—at one time one of the most zealous and active of the Reformed denominations—have entered upon a period of stagnation, if not of absolute retrogression and decline. As far as New Zealand is concerned, though a general report and numerous district reports were presented at the Conference, no figures were submitted to indicate any progress, and the general report contained significant reference to the 'drawbacks' encountered during the year. A year or two ago authoritative figures, published by a minister of the Congregational Church, were quoted in our columns, showing a very marked and serious falling away in the membership of that body in the neighboring State of Victoria. Within the last three months a Congregational business-man in Sydney has written to the London