KERRYTOWN ART UNION

The ART UNION in aid of the Kerrytown Building Fund will be drawn at Pleasant Point on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16. We regret to inform holders of Blocks to return same as soon as possible.

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MARRIAGES

McMENAMIN—CREANE.—On November 23, at St. Peter's Church, Wrey's Bush, by the Rev. Father O'Neill, Andrew McMenamin to Nora Crean.

PRENDERGAST—HERLIHY.—On November 30, at St. Columbkille's Church, Woodville, by the Rev. Father McKenna, Michael, third son of Mr. Maurice Prendergast, of Kerry Island, Killarney, to Mary Theresa, only daughter of Mrs. Herlihy, Mangaraw.

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.*

THE NEW ZEALAND TABLET

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1909.

THE LORDS, THE BUDGET, AND HOME RULE

IN the minds of most of our readers, or at least in the minds of those of them who follow Imperial politics, three questions will naturally arise in connection with the present crisis: (1) Were the Lords justified in rejecting the Budget? (2) What will be the issues in the coming election? and (3) What bearing, if any, will the election have on the prospects of Home Rule? The first is really little more than an academic question, and may be very briefly dismissed. The fact that Lord Morley—who made perhaps the weightiest speech against the Peers' action—admitted their bare legal right to reject the Budget, and the further fact, noted by the *Law Journal*, that the voting of the sixteen Peers having judicial experience showed the weight of legal opinion to be against the view that the Peers had violated the Constitution, may be taken as finally disposing of the technical constitutional aspect of the question. As to the wisdom or policy of the action, the Lords themselves had to determine; that was *their* funeral. While the Lords have recently rendered useful service in rejecting crude and all-thought-out Education Bills, and while something may be said as to the necessity for an independent Second Chamber as a security for stability in legislation, the British Upper House has so often blocked the way to really just and beneficent legislation that in these self-governing colonies few tears will be shed if, as an outcome of the present crisis, the Peers come back with their powers markedly curtailed. The general feeling among New Zealanders will be pretty much that implied in the answer given by a somewhat thorough-going Churchman who was asked if he was going to the funeral of a local Dissenter. "No," he replied, "I am not going to the funeral, *but I approve of it.*"

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What will be the issues in the coming contest? They will be stated variously, according to the political sympathies and party affinities of the speaker. Lord Lansdowne has announced that they will be Tariff Reform as against the Budget, one or two Houses of Parliament, and Socialism or not. But whatever the minor issues may be, it may be taken as practically certain that not Socialism,