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Members are particularly requested to attend.

M. J. O'CONNELL,
Hon. Secretary.

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THE OPENING AND DEDICATION CEREMONIES
OF THE

Dominican Chapel of the Immaculate Conception

WILL BEGIN AT 11 A.M. ON

ROSARY SUNDAY, 6th OCT., in ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL,
when the Right Rev. Dr. Verdon will celebrate Pontifical High Mass

There will be special music for the occasion.

The sermon will be preached by the Very Rev. Dean Burke.



IN MEMORIAM

Your prayers are requested for the VERY REV. FATHER FRANCIS REGIS PESTRE, S.M., who died at Washington, U.S.A., 3rd August, in the 64th year of his age, and the 40th of his religious profession.—R.I.P.



'To promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.'

LEO XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1901.

THE ASSASSIN AGAIN.



HE Anarchist assassin has been at his red work again. This time the coward's aim has found its victim in Mr. MCKINLEY, President of the United States, and for the third time in three years has struck a traitor's blow at the principle of order in the State, shocked humanity, and plunged a nation into mourning. After the first news of the treacherous attack public hope in New Zealand flowed for a time, then ebbed; and the gloom of the last sad messages from the scene of the awful crime was only relieved by the touching spirit of piety with which the dying statesman, standing on the verge of the future life, resigned his spirit into the hands of his Creator. 'God's will, not ours, be done,' said he to his disconsolate wife. And then, softly: 'Nearer, my God, to Thee'; and, after a time, the parting words: 'Good-bye all; good-bye. It is God's way. His will be done.'

Many a time and oft have rulers fallen beneath the assassin's hand in bygone centuries in Europe. But a new meaning has been imported into political assassination since the time of MAZZINI and especially since the evil day when ALEXANDER III. of Russia was blown to pieces by an Anarchist bomb in 1881, and the Anarchist-Socialist movement got a foot-hold among the nations of Europe. Formerly political ambition or rivalry or fear and the mere revolt against real or fancied tyranny were the motives for shortening the days of rulers. The process was effected (as in the case of MARY, Queen of Scots, CHARLES I., and LOUIS XVI.) by a mock trial, but more frequently by the swifter method of knife, dagger, bullet, poison, or bomb. Nowadays rulers are more frequently done to death just because they are rulers. The past eight years have witnessed the assassination of no fewer than seven heads of States in Europe and America. Three of these—NASR-ED-DIN (Shah of Persia), General BORDA (President of Uruguay), and Senor BARRIOS (President of Guatemala), were 'removed' in accordance with what we may term the old principles—the chief apostle and apologist of which was MACCHIAVELLI, in his work, *Il Principe* (The Prince), which faced the light of publication in 1513. The remaining four—the Empress of Austria, King HUMBERT of Italy, President CARNOT of France, and President MCKINLEY of the United States—fell just because they were the embodiment of the principle of order, authority, and law in human society. Personal grudge no more urged the treacherous CZOLOGOSZ to fire point-blank at the late Mr. MCKINLEY than it led BRESCHI to 'draw a bead' on King HUMBERT or the cowardly LUCCHINI to send his sharpened saw-file through the heart of the Empress ELIZABETH of Austria. Stab and shot were the official protest of anarchism against authority in the State. Your anarchist is essentially a puller-down. His policy is one of uncompromising destruction. For him, the present social system must go; the principle of authority must be pulled up by the roots—or blown up with dynamite; the tall poppies must be lopped. And so the rulers fall.

Just after the murder of Mr. MCKINLEY's predecessor, Mr. ABE LINCOLN, in 1865, Mr. DISRAELI, in the course of a notable speech in the House of Commons, coined the well-known saying: 'Assassination has never changed the history of the world.' This is, in a real sense, true. An apt sign was secretly hung out in 1798 over Beresford's

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