

## EDITOR'S NOTICES.

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## THE PROVINCIAL ECCLESIASTICAL SEMINARY OF NEW ZEALAND.

### HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, MOSGIEL.

In conformity with arrangements made at the First Provincial Synod, held in Wellington in 1890 this Seminary has been established for the education of Students from all parts of New Zealand who aspire to the Ecclesiastical State. The Holy Cross College is situated at Mosgiel (10 miles from Dunedin) in a fine building hitherto known as Mosgiel House, which, with 11 acres of rich park land surrounding it, was purchased for use as a Seminary for the Ecclesiastical Province of New Zealand.

The Pension is £35 a year, payable half-yearly in advance. It provides for Board and Lodging, Tuition, School Books, Furniture, Bedding and House Linen.

The Extra Charges are: Washing, £1 10s a year, and Medicine and Medical Attendance if required.

Students will provide their own wearing apparel, including the College Gown, as well as Surplice for assistance in Choir.

The Annual Vacation begins on the 15th December and ends the 15th February.

The Seminary is under the Patronage and Direction of the Archbishop and Bishops of New Zealand, and under the immediate personal supervision of the Right Rev. Bishop of Dunedin, who will act as Rector.

For further Particulars apply to the Vice-Rector, Holy Cross College, Mosgiel.

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### IN MEMORIAM,

SCANNELL.—In sad and loving memory of our dearly-beloved father, John Scannell, who died on September 1, 1901, at his home in Ireland. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

'Twas hard to part with one so dear,  
We little thought his time was near,  
Farewell, dear father, thy life is past  
Our love for you till the end will last.

'Tis sinful, we know, to wish you were here,  
But life is so lonely without one so dear,  
One so truthful, so loving, forgiving and kind,  
'Tis not often permitted on this earth to find.

Inserted by his loving children.

QUINN.—In loving memory of our dear little Katie, who departed this life September 13, 1901, at Sacred Heart Convent, Wanganui.—R.I.P.

Thy gentle voice now is hushed,  
Thy warm, true heart is still,  
And on thy young and innocent brow  
Is resting death's cold chill.  
Thy hands are closed upon thy breast,  
We kissed thy lovely brow;  
And in our aching hearts we know  
We miss our dear one now.

Inserted by Mrs. A. Quinn and family, Sydney, N.S.W.

### MARRIAGE.

M'CARTNEY—BRADY.—On August 11, at St. Mary's Church Wanganui, John Joseph M'Cartney, of Castlecliff, to Isabel, youngest daughter of the late Harry Brady, Esq., Toome Bridge, County Antrim, Ireland.



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

LEO XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1902.

## THE FRIARS IN THE PHILIPPINES.



WE had hoped that the campaign of slander against the friars in the Philippines had pretty well come to an end, and for some time past there has been manifest a gratifying disposition on the part of higher-class Protestant journal to do something like justice to the religious Orders for the heroic up-hill work they have performed in reclaiming, educating, and civilising the Filipinos. It was, therefore, with a feeling of pained surprise that we read the coarse and clumsy attack which disfigured the columns of the Dunedin *Evening Star* on Saturday last. The attack was contained in an article or letter quoted by the *Star* as having been written by the New York correspondent of the *Argus*. Apart altogether from the false statements with regard to the friars, the letter is a very muddled and inaccurate production, while the clumsy way in which the calumnies against the Orders are dragged in, apropos of nothing at all in connection with the present state of the question, shows unmistakably the animus and malice of the writer. Regarding his statements, or rather surmises, as to the course of the negotiations between the American Government and the Vatican we have nothing to say, the final agreement announced in later cables disposing entirely of his obviously manufactured version of the facts; but we have a few remarks to make with reference to the aspersions which he has so wantonly and maliciously published on the character of the friars.

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And first we would draw attention to the evidence furnished by the letter itself of the writer's absolute unreliability as a witness, and of his palpable bias against the Church. Of the false statements with which his letter is plentifully besprinkled we select two, as being particularly glaring and inexcusable and as being sufficient in themselves to stamp the writer at once as a descendant of ANANIAS. 'The leading Catholic prelates in the United States,' he asserts, 'have been in sympathy with our Government in their desire to get rid of the Spanish friars.' And further on he says: 'The protests of American Catholics may cause the Vatican to yield within the coming few days,' the obvious suggestion being that not only the Catholic prelates of America, but the Catholic laity also are in sympathy with the proposal to banish the friars. Both statements are absolutely and irredeemably false. As far as the Catholic prelates are concerned, they have carefully abstained from expressing any opinion whatever, on the ground that, the matter having been placed in the hands of brother prelates for settlement, it would be unbecoming and would savor of dictation if they were to make public their views, however strongly they might personally feel upon the question. As for the laity, so far from sympathising with or acquiescing in the proposal to expel the friars, they have made the country ring with their protests against it. We receive amongst our exchanges every Catholic paper of any note published in the United States, and for weeks past they

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