

## DEATHS

**FITZGERALD.**—On February 10, 1914, at his residence, Craigie Avenue, Timaru, Garrett, beloved husband of Nellie Fitzgerald; aged 51 years.—R.I.P.

**McCARTHY.**—At her residence, Ngaere, Eltham, Taranaki, on January 15, 1914, Hannah, beloved wife of Timothy McCarthy; aged 75 years.—R.I.P.

## IN MEMORIAM

**O'NEILL.**—In affectionate remembrance of our dear Pat, who died at Wyndham on February 24, 1913; aged 23 years.—R.I.P.

For many years our family chain  
Was firmly linked together;  
But oh! that chain is broken now,  
One dear link gone forever.  
Gone, and how changed is the scene!  
What gloom on all is shed,  
Oh, to think of days that have been,  
Of days now spent with the dead!  
Friends around may think we've forgotten  
When they sometimes see us smile,  
But they little know the aching hearts  
That smile hides all the while.

—Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother, brothers and sisters.

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**INFORMATION WANTED** by Mrs. Richard Shinnors, Market street, Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland, of her mother, Mrs. Mary Hourigan, and her sister and brother, Joe and Annie Hourigan, who left Ireland for New Zealand 40 years ago, and from whom she has not heard for 38 years.

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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 Justitiae 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 26, 1914.

## AN ABORTIVE CONFERENCE



An interesting experiment in the direction of finding a fair-all-round solution of the education problem has recently been tried in Melbourne; and though the result certainly cannot be regarded as other than disappointing, there are, as will appear, special reasons why it should not be regarded as finally closing the door to all attempts at settlement by consent. As an outcome of the recent debate in Melbourne on the education question—the details of which were managed by a joint committee of Catholic representatives and representatives of the Scripture Campaign Council—it was arranged that a representative from each side should call together a round table conference to thresh out the whole question, and see if some honorable *modus vivendi* could not be reached. After a delay of some weeks, the representatives of the Scripture Campaign Council evidently experienced a change of heart, and wrote to the press to say that the Catholic claim was so bound up with the question of a grant to Catholic schools that they saw no advantage in going further with the proposal. A Baptist clergyman, however—the Rev. F. C. Spurr—apparently on his own initiative, then took the matter up; and the conference duly eventuated in the Melbourne Town Hall on January 29. Some seventy or eighty persons were present, and all denominations were represented.

Apparently the conference was not constituted on the principle of a fixed quota of representation for each denomination; and it soon became evident that the Bible-in-schools party had not only mustered in force, but also that they had come with a predetermination

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