

DEATHS

- BENJAMIN.**—On February 3, 1914, at 18 Harcourt street, Auckland, Mary Ann, widow of the late C. C. Benjamin, and daughter of the late Sergt. Patrick Coyle, of H.M. 58th Regiment; fortified by all the rites of Holy Church; aged 79.—R.I.P.
- BURGER.**—On February 26, 1914, at Kumara, Henry Burger; aged 73 years.—R.I.P.
- BLACKMORE.**—On February 18, 1914, at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Rochampton, London, Nora Blackmore, late of Southburn, Timaru; aged 26 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P. (By cable.)

IN MEMORIAM

SHERRIFFS.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Julia Sherriffs, who died on March 1, 1912. On whose soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

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INFORMATION WANTED

INFORMATION WANTED by Mrs. Richard Shinners, 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.

PERSONAL.—Anyone knowing Mat O'Sullivan, of Paddington, Brisbane, who came to New Zealand 20 years ago; mother enquires. Apply to Mrs. Hoscy, 26 Queen street, Wellington.

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, MARCH 5, 1914.

NEARING THE GOAL



MONDAY'S cables contained the brief but significant intimation, made on the authority of Mr. Birrell, that in a few weeks the Liberal Government would make a proposal as to the price at which peace in regard to the Home Rule proposals might be taken or left. The fulfilment of this announcement will be awaited with intense interest—partly because there is a general and genuine desire that if it is at all possible a peaceful solution of the problem should be found, and partly because most people are getting more than tired of the pourparlers and conversations and of the multitudinous suggestions and proposals—which have not the ghost of a chance of being seriously considered—which are being put forward by well-meaning but irresponsible persons. On this ground we welcome the note of finality in Mr. Birrell's announcement—the peace, when once the Government's proposal is submitted, is to be taken or left. We have all along contended that 'Ulster' bluster and braggadocio has received far more notice than it deserved. No one, of course, desires civil war or bloodshed; but to treat the Carsonites seriously and to help to confirm them in their delusion that they are real patriots and fighters when they are really nothing better than comic-opera warriors is the surest way to bring about such an evil.

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We are not speaking thoughtlessly, or from mere prejudice, or by any means without the book, when we describe the so-called 'military' preparations of the Carsonites as for the most part mere masquerade and make-believe. There are, it is true, eminently respectable and highly-placed gentlemen who take Sir Edward Carson in dead earnest, and who swallow wholesale the melodramatic nonsense served up by the English Unionist press. In New Zealand, for example, at the present time, a distinguished visitor—Earl Grey—is busy telling newspaper reporters that Ulstermen are being

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