

RAKAIA, CANTERBURY

Blessing and Opening of New Convent and Classrooms

Blessing and Opening of New Convent and Classrooms for Sisters of Mercy, Rakaia, Canterbury, on : : : :
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 1914.

ORDER OF SERVICES FOR THE DAY:

Masses 8.30 and 11 a.m. (Missa Cantata), followed by Confirmation. Pontifical Benediction 2.30 p.m., and Blessing of Convent.

His Lordship the Bishop of Christchurch will officiate. Rev. Dr. Kennedy cordially invites all friends and well-wishers to be present.

Donations to the Convent Building Fund will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

REV. DR. KENNEDY.

MARRIAGE

GRAY—REIDY.—On July 22, 1914, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, by the Rev. Father Buckley, James, only son of Mr. James Gray, Dunedin, to Mary (Mollie), youngest daughter of the late Mr. William Reidy, Lawrence.

REA—O'GRADY.—On July 22, 1914, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Reefton, by the Rev. Father Galerne, Mary Annie O'Grady, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O'Grady, Waitahu, Reefton, to J. J. Rea, Waitutu, fourth son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rea, Ross.

DEATHS

HELMS.—On July 29, 1914, at Dunedin Hospital, Christian (Cris) Helms; aged 56 years.—R.I.P.

O'ROURKE.—On July 17, 1914, at his father's residence, Station street, Napier, James Power (Jim), youngest son of Bartholomew O'Rourke, and of the firm of O'Rourke and Sons.—R.I.P.

O'ROURKE.—At her husband's residence, Station street, Napier, on July 18, Brigid Power, beloved wife of Bartholomew O'Rourke.—R.I.P.

WILDSMITH.—At Otaki Hospital, on July 25, 1914, Margaret Hephzibah, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wildsmith, Tautere Cross, Otaki; aged 17 years.—R.I.P.

YAMM.—At her residence, 26 Harbor terrace, Dunedin, on July 24, 1914, Margaret Yamm.—R.I.P.

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, AUGUST 6, 1914.

THE WAR



HE hopes that were held out for a time that the European war cloud would pass have proved vain, and the cataclysm has come. Austria has declared war against Serbia and is bombarding Belgrade; Germany has declared war against Russia, and shots have been exchanged on the Russian frontier; and without any declaration of war, German troops have invaded France. It is not easy to state with any definiteness or certainty the cause or causes of this dramatically sudden development. The recent assassination of the Archduke of Austria when on a visit to Serbia, the existence of a serious and extensive industrial upheaval in Russia, and the fact that England and France were pre-occupied with internal difficulties of a more than usually troublesome kind, have doubtless contributed to determine the moment selected for letting slip the dogs of war; but the root cause of the trouble would seem to be the deep and long-standing racial antagonism between Teuton and Slav. Thus much is made fairly clear by a speech delivered by the German Imperial Chancellor in the Reichstag. 'The racial antagonisms,' he said, 'between Slav and German will not by themselves lead to a war between us and Russia. We, at any rate, shall never stir up such a war, and I do not believe that those who at present hold power in Russia will ever do it. It is, however, as well known to the Russian statesmen as it is to us that the Pan-Slav currents, about which Bismarck even in his day complained, and which caused his uneasiness, have received a powerful stimulus from the victories of the Slav States in the Balkans. Bulgarian victories over the Turks have been celebrated in these quarters as victories of the Slav idea in contrast with the Germanic idea. Together with the real conflict of interests, these tendencies have contributed to the tension which has prevailed this winter between Austria-Hungary and Russia.' And this view is confirmed by the following statement made by *Germania*, the principal organ of the Centre Party: 'We have repeatedly stated that a victory of the Balkan Allies is in reality a Russian victory. When the great European war breaks out the Triple Alliance will be opposed by the Triple Entente and the Balkan States, and the latter will be found more ready to fight the Triple Alliance than England. Until lately it was thought in Germany that we should have to prepare for the inevitable war with England. The events of the last few months have shown that a greater and more immediate danger threatens Germany from the direction of Russia. The Oriental question has assumed a new form. It may be summed up in the words: Germanism versus Slavdom.'

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