

MARRIAGE

TANGNEY—DELAHUNT.—On February 16, 1915, at St. Joseph's Church, Morven, by Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, S.M., assisted by Rev. Father Aubry, S.M., and Rev. Father Taylor, S.M., Joseph Tangney (late of Temuka), to Annie Agnes, second daughter of Mr. Frank Delahunt, Gore.

DEATHS

DUNFORD.—On March 7, 1915, at her parents' residence, Bayfield, Anderson's Bay, Susan, third daughter of William and Susan Dunford: deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

FITZGIBBON. On March 1, 1915, at Inglewood, Monica, beloved wife of Thomas Fitzgibbon, Inglewood, and daughter of the late Thomas Dillon, Timaru: aged 32 years: deeply regretted. R.I.P.

LAW. On March 9, 1915, at his residence, 17 Lloyd street, Wellington, Amos, dearly beloved husband of Maria Law: aged 80 years. R.I.P. West Coast papers—please copy.

POWER.—On March 5, 1915, at Napier, Michael Power, eldest son of Catherine and the late Maurice Power, Dromore, County Waterford, Ireland.—R.I.P.

IN MEMORIAM

SHEEHAN.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of John William (Jack) Sheehan, who died at Auckland on March 21, 1912 (third anniversary).

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VERITAS, Browns.—In its spirit and in its main lines the matter you send is certainly not authentic history. Kindly let us know exactly from what publication the extracts are taken.

W.F.J., Wellington. Many thanks for forwarding matter. The document is already on file, awaiting attention when occasion seems to require it.

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 18, 1915.

THE LATE BISHOP GRIMES

DEATH is the great revealer—not alone to those who cross the threshold, but in a sense, also, to those who are left behind. As in a flash, it displays to us the life and character of the departed in their true setting and perspective. The element of imperfection, the common inheritance of our poor humanity, is now seen and judged in its relation to the whole life and life-purpose: and where these have been sincere and earnest, the noble effort, the lofty aim, the high ideals stand out in clear outline, and all else is as if it were not. The human heart, with all its faults, has no need of the precept which bids us to think and speak nothing but good of the departed. We would not if we could, and could not if we would, cherish other than kindest thoughts of those who have gone. The memories of unwearied labors, of unceasing and unselfish devotion, of unnumbered and at the time almost unnoticed acts of goodness and kindness, crowd upon the mind, and fill the heart with grief. The dead are dearest, be who will alive.

It is with some such sentiments as these that the sorrowing hearts of the Catholics of the Christchurch diocese—and in a measure, also, the hearts of all the Catholics of the Dominion who have ever come in contact with the late beloved prelate will now be filled. The detailed story of his life and life-work is told elsewhere in our columns. Viewed merely in its external aspect, as expressed in bricks and stone, in provision for the spread of religion and education, and for easing the burdens of the sick and suffering and destitute, it is a noble record. It is with the erection of the great Cathedral, that beautiful and stately pile, that the late Bishop's name will be especially associated. It is a pathetic circumstance that the good Bishop should have been called away when the one great object of his later years—the extinction of the debt on the Cathedral and the solemn consecration of the building to God was within sight of being realised. Thanks to his untiring energy and indomitable purpose, the liability had been rapidly reduced from the sum of £30,000 to the trifling amount of some £3000 or £4000. But though, like Moses, taken away when just within sight of the realisation of his hopes, his great work was really done. As one looks upon the long colonnades, pilasters, and walls of massive stone and the soaring, bronze-clad domes of this 'tabernacle of God with men,' the words of Ruskin's

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