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**MARRIAGES**

**ANNIBAL—SORENSEN.**—On June 2, 1915, at St. Canice's Church, Westport, by the Rev. Father Long, Robert Heslam Annibal, eldest son of Mrs. Casey, Westport, to Eileen Mary, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen, Westport.

**BOLGER—POWELL.**—At the Catholic Church, Kapaonga, on Wednesday, July 7, 1915, by the Rev. Father Cahill, James, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bolger, to Mary, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Powell.

**MENTED—SULLIVAN.**—On June 30, 1915, at St. Brigid's Church, Pahiatua, by the Rev. Father McKenna, Aileen Marion, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sullivan, Pahiatua, to Harold Stephen, third son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Mexted, of Pahiatua.

**DEATH**

**McCARTHY.**—On July 3, 1915, at the Waimate Hospital (suddenly), Margaret McCarthy, beloved daughter of John and Catherine McCarthy, of Waimate; aged 15 years; deeply regretted. —R.I.P.

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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, JULY 15, 1915.

**QUEENSLAND AND THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION QUESTION**



OME of the favorite arguments and most confident assertions indulged in by Bible-in-schools leaders in the course of the late New Zealand campaign have been rudely knocked on the head by the result of the recent State elections in Queensland. It was urged upon the New Zealand public, it will be remembered, that Queensland furnished the conclusive example and crowning proof of the success of the New South Wales scheme of religious instruction, as advocated by our own New Zealand Bible in State Schools League. Queensland, we were told, had carefully watched the working of the scheme in New South Wales, and the reform had won its way by sheer merit into the sympathy and approval of the Queensland voters. Even at the time it was made, it was demonstrable that the statement was not in accordance with the facts: for the Bible-in-schools referendum was actually carried by only 26 per cent. of the possible voters, and this vote was secured only after a keen and carefully-organised agitation, aided by the inaction and somewhat easy-going policy of the opponents of the measure. It was further urged upon hesitant New Zealanders that the adoption of the New South Wales system would kill what is known as the Catholic agitation stone dead. In no country, it was said, in which this scheme had been established, had there been any movement in any serious quarter to secure or to accord State recognition of Catholic claims. As the League's official card delicately put it: 'This system . . . gives such satisfaction to the vast majority that the National System of Education cannot be disturbed.' The statement was manifestly intended to win over the bigots to the new movement, and no doubt it duly played its part in that direction.

Both of these assertions have been completely falsified by the result of the Queensland elections of May last, and by the subsequent developments arising therefrom. The Government which, at the instigation of the Bible-in-Schools League, foisted the Bible-in-schools referendum proposal upon the country, met with a debacle unprecedented in the history of the dominions. That Government has literally been swept out of existence; six of the Cabinet Ministers, including the Premier and the Minister of Education, lost their seats; and only an insignificant remnant of the once powerful party have succeeded in securing the support of the electors. The Opposition (Labor) Party, which was in a minority of 24 in the previous Parliament, now numbers 50 in a House of 72; so that, with a more than 2 to 1 majority, it is absolute master of the situation. So much by way of evidence of the extent to which