

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

While tendering our thanks to the many Subscribers who remitted their accounts prior to the 30th September, we regret to state that there are still a number who are yet in arrears, and we trust that they will remit as promptly as possible. It is almost impossible for our Travellers to reach every part of the country, and we are relying on those in the out-lying districts to remit direct to the office.

### DEATH

**WALL.**—Of your charity pray for the happy repose of the soul of George Wall, who departed this life on October 16, 1916, at 4 Armagh street, Christchurch: aged 76 years. —R.I.P.

### FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE

**CASEY.** On September 27, 1916 (killed in action in France). Patrick, beloved second son of John and Hanoria Casey, Otara: aged 29 years and 9 months. —R.I.P.

**HAMPSON.**—At Tidworth Military Hospital, on September 29, 1916. John, dearly beloved son of Mrs. M. Hampson, Reefton.

May God have mercy on his soul.

**McGAHAN.** On September 14, 1916 (killed in action in France). Sergeant Charles William McGahan (Carly), 3rd Battalion N.Z. Rifle Brigade, the dearly beloved youngest son of Mary and the late Thomas McGahan, of Taikara: aged 27 years. —R.I.P.

**O'CARROLL.** Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of John Leo O'Carroll, who was killed in action in France on September 16, 1916, second dearly loved son of Thomas and Ellen O'Carroll, King street, Rangiora: aged 27 years. —R.I.P.

### IN MEMORIAM

**COX.**—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph William Mason Cox, who died at Hawarden on October 15, 1916.

On whose soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

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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 Justitiæ 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, OCTOBER 19, 1916.

### THE IRISH PARTY AND THE SETTLEMENT



THE correspondent who writes to us at length on the subject of our leader of September 21 does not directly challenge or question any of the specific facts advanced by us, and we find nothing in his letter to lead us to modify our statement that the rejection of the proposed Home Rule settlement was brought about by the perfidious alteration by English statesmen of the terms of agreement on two vital points, and that if the British Cabinet had kept faith with the Irish Party, the latter would have accepted the Bill, and Home Rule—such as it might be—would by this time be in operation. We do not, of course, intend to convey that the members of the Party were uninfluenced by the strongly expressed Irish opinion on the subject of even temporary exclusion for Ulster or by the difficulties which they had experienced in securing such measure of consent to the proposal as was actually obtained. But we believe that, so long as it was clearly understood that the exclusion proposal like all the rest was strictly temporary and provisional in its nature, the Party honestly held that acceptance of the scheme was the lesser of two evils, and that it was good business—taking a large view and acting with an eye to the future—to throw the onus of rejection upon the Lansdownes and the Norfolks and the other English Die-hards. That is the position which the Party still takes. In a letter to the Derry Division (No. 1) of the A.O.H., acknowledging resolutions of confidence in the Irish Parliamentary Party and published in the latest Irish papers to hand, Mr. John Dillon writes in part: "The publication of the 'heads of agreement' and the recent debate in the House of Commons have fully vindicated the action of the Irish Party, and made it clear to all honest and fair-minded men that under circumstances of the cruellest difficulty the Irish Party saved the National Cause from a very great danger. Had the Leaders of the Irish Party made themselves responsible for refusing to negotiate on the basis of the heads of agreement handed to them by Mr. Lloyd George on behalf of the Government there cannot be the slightest doubt they would have furnished the Coalition Government with a powerful argument in supporting the maintenance of Coercion and Martial Law in Ireland, and would have enormously strengthened Sir Edward Carson and the English Die-hards in any fight they might make against Home Rule in the future."

It is admitted by the English Ministers—as, of course, it could not be denied—that the terms of agree-

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