

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 outlying districts to remit direct to the office.

DEATHS

BOWLING. On October 3, 1916, at Te Awamutu, William, dearly beloved husband of Annie Margaret Bowling; aged 43 years (late of Ashburton and Hampden). Fortified by the rites of the Church. R.I.P.

O'DOWD. At St. Bathans (suddenly), Bridget, the beloved wife of Thomas O'Dowd; born Emisscorthy, County Wexford, Ireland; aged 73 years; deeply regretted. R.I.P.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on her soul.

FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE

DELANY. Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Cecil Sylvester Delany, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Delany, North-East Valley, Dunedin, who was killed in action in France, October 5, 1916; aged 37 years.

DEVINE. On October 5, 1916 (died of wounds in France), Sergeant Patrick Devine, second son of Thomas and Bridget Devine, 11 Howe street, Dunedin (late of Lawrence); aged 22 years and 6 months.

Thy will be done.

IN MEMORIAM

HOWARD. In loving memory of John Francis, beloved son of Thomas and Elizabeth Howard, Te Waewae, who died on October 30, 1915; aged 21 years. R.I.P.

O, Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Thy prayers for him extol;

O, Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Have mercy on his soul.

—Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brother.

O'BRIEN.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Terence O'Brien, who departed this life at his residence, 50 Queen's drive, Musselburgh, on October 25, 1914.

On whose soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

Inserted by his loving wife and family.

WANTED KNOWN

PRAYER BOOKS, ROSARIES, and OBJECTS OF DEVOTION, now obtainable from the SACRISTAN, ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL, DUNEDIN

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NURSERY GOVERNESS for Three Children (eldest 7 years); references required. Apply—Mrs. J. Loughnan, Perth street, Timaru.

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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, OCTOBER 26, 1916.

CATHOLIC POLICY AND PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION



We cordially welcome the contribution to our columns by Mr. P. J. O'Regan—to be followed, we understand, by others from his pen—on the subjects of Catholic policy and proportional representation. Both topics are eminently worthy of close and exhaustive discussion, and their treatment by so able a politician and so gifted a writer as Mr. O'Regan, is certain to be in the highest degree both stimulating and educative. We desire nothing better than that the Catholics of this country should be induced to think earnestly and seriously upon these important matters, and if Mr. O'Regan can do something to accomplish this object he will have deserved well indeed of his co-religionists. So far as the question of reforming our miserable apology of an electoral system is concerned, the attitude of the *N.Z. Tablet* is fixed and definite. For some years past we have strongly and earnestly advocated a change along the lines of proportional representation; and as opportunity offered, we have explained and expounded the principles of the system, and have done all in our power to help Catholics to realise the supreme importance of working for their realisation. The matter of a general Catholic policy, however, has not yet reached anything like definiteness and finality, and it is between the hammer and anvil of discussion that a clear and practical line of action is most likely to be evolved. We trust, therefore, that our readers will give careful attention to all that appears in our columns on the subject, and that they will themselves take part in a general and intelligent ventilation of the question.

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We are at one with Mr. O'Regan in the importance which he attaches to proportional representation, and, like him, we have great hopes of the benefit that would accrue to the Catholic body in the matter of obtaining some measure of political justice from Parliament were such a system in full and intelligent operation. But it is easily possible to pitch our expectations too high, and we are bound to say that Mr. O'Regan's presentation of his case errs somewhat by excess, both in what he claims for a reformed electoral system, and in his condemnation of more direct political action. For example, we are told: 'Were the Catholic body represented in Parliament in proportion to its numerical strength, there would be in the popular Chamber eleven of its chosen representatives. . . . Under a proper system of proportional representation we would get them, not as a political accident, but as a matter of

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