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DEATHS

DOBBS.—On December 18, 1916 (accidentally drowned at Sumner), William Leo, youngest son of William and Mary Dobbs, 250 Salisbury street, Christchurch; aged 16 years. Deeply mourned by his sorrowing parents, brothers, and sisters.—R.I.P.

KEENAN.—On December 29, 1916, at her residence, Federal street, Auckland, Elizabeth, relict of Robert Keenan; in her 79th year.—R.I.P.

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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, JANUARY 18, 1917.

CARDINAL MERCIER AND BELGIUM'S TRIAL



UNHAPPY Belgium seems destined to drink the cup of suffering and humiliation to the very dregs. After witnessing the destruction of her cities and the devastation and desolation of her territory she has now the added ignominy of seeing her male population reduced to a condition which even Cardinal Mercier does not hesitate to describe as veritable slavery. The situation has elicited from 'the Lion of Malines' a characteristically forceful protest, from which we may gather a fair idea of the facts as they appear to the responsible ecclesiastic on the spot. The protest is dated November 7, and is signed by Cardinal Mercier on behalf of all the Belgian bishops, except the Bishop of Bruges with whom he was unable to communicate. The protest reads in part: 'The situation which we denounce to the civilised world may be summed up as follows: Four hundred thousand workmen are reduced to unemployment through no fault of their own, and greatly inconvenience the German occupation. Sons, husbands, fathers, respectful of public order, bow to their unhappy lot. With their most pressing needs provided for, they await with dignity the end of their period of trial. Now, suddenly, parties of soldiers begin to enter by force these peaceful homes, tearing youth from parent, husband from wife, father from children. They bar with the bayonet the doors through which wives and mothers wish to pass to say farewell to those departing. They herd their captives in groups of tens and twenties and push them into cars. As soon as the train is filled the officer in charge brusquely waves the signal for departure. Thus thousands of Belgians are being reduced to slavery. The Germans are not only enrolling the unemployed, but they are also recruiting a great number of men who have never been out of work. As early as October 19 we sent a protest to the Governor-General, and a copy of the protest was forwarded to the representatives in Brussels of the Holy See, Spain, the United States, and the Netherlands. The Governor-General, in reply, refused to take any steps. At the time of our protests the ordinances issued by the occupying Power only threatened the unemployed. To-day all able-bodied men are carried off pell-mell, penned up in trucks, and deported to unknown destinations like gangs of slaves.'

On November 16, the Belgian Legation at Washington endorsed Cardinal Mercier's declaration, and made public its protest to the United States against the 'enslavement' of Belgian civilians by Germany. Min-

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