

DEATHS

DALTON.—On March 4, 1917, at Invercargill, James Dalton, native of County Limerick; in his 84th year.—R.I.P.

MURRAY.—On February 24, 1917, at Wellington Hospital (after a short and painful illness), Edward Dominic (Teddie), youngest son of John and Catherine Murray, of 27 Roy street, Newtown; in his 17th year. Requiescat in pace.

IN MEMORIAM

McCAUGHAN. In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, who departed this life at his home, Carston, on March 16, 1916.
May his soul rest in peace.
Inserted by his sorrowing wife and children.

SEGUIN. In loving memory of Gustave (Guss), who was accidentally killed at Chain Hill tunnel on March 13, 1916.

Another year brings round the day
That tore thee from our heart away;
But every passing year imparts
Fresh loving memories to our hearts.

McCARTHY. In loving memory of Timothy John (Jack) McCarthy, who died on March 7, 1916, at Rawhitiroa, Eltham. R.I.P.
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 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 15, 1917.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



In the days before peace begot luxury, and luxury decay, Rome had to fight for her existence; and fighting consolidated the foundations of the Empire until Rome at length ruled the world. Horace, singing of her glory at its noontide, compares her to the forest oak that seems to draw fresh vigor from the blows of the axe that lops off its branches:—

Ab ipso ducit opes, animunque ferro.

Poor old Ireland has never known peace during all the weary years since the Danes landed on her shores; and if the sword could have killed her soul it had done it long ago. Yet in spite of a policy of extermination, and of cruelty and pitilessness, unrivalled in the annals of mankind, Ireland has saved her faith and kept young her love of liberty. The love of Faith and Fatherland is stronger in her soul than ever. The blood of her martyrs has borne a harvest that fills the whole round world to-day. Oppression has purified her patriotism; her children love her all the more for her crown of sorrows. The Irish are scattered in many lands now, but they never forget the land of their fathers:—

'Ireland, bright motherland, where'er the day
Sinks or upsoars around the reeling earth,
Thy children multiply, or dying grey,
Breathe thy dear name beside a foreign hearth.
In Babylon no willow bears their lyres;

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