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DEATHS

CORBETT.—On November 1, at Dannevirke, fortified by the last rites of Holy Church, Mary, relict of Michael Corbett, of Umutaoroa.—Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on her soul.

-Inserted by her sorrowing daughter, Kathleen Corbett.

HITCHINGS.—On December 3, 1917, at her residence, 196 Church Street, Palmerston North, Elizabeth Winifred, the beloved wife of Edward Hitchings, in her 44th year.—On whose soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE

HEATH.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Private Thomas Patrick Heath, 6th Reinforcements, who died at the Cambridge Sanatorium, November 22, 1917, son of Patrick Heath, Waiharara, North Auckland, and nephew of Mrs. Mary Wilson, Taruheru, Gisborne.—R.I.P.

HEFFERNAN.—On November 20, 1917, at Dunedin, Thomas Heffernan, late of the 22nd Reinforce-ments, dearly beloved eldest son of the late Thomas and Margaret Heffernan, South Dunedin; aged 35 years.—R.I.P.

HOBBS.—In most loving memory of Charles Vivian Hobbs, 1st N.Z. Cycle Company, much loved only son of Stephen and Alice Hobbs, who died in France on December 10, 1916.—R.I.P.

Grieve not for me! Pray that ere long War's welter welds foundations deep and strong: Holding aloft, symbol of Dawning Light, Majestic, grand—the Citadel of Right.

SPIERS.—In proud and affectionate remembrance of James Spiers (14th Reinforcements), who was killed while in action in France on December 10, 1916. Fourth son of John and Mary Spiers, Kurow.

-Inserted by his loving parents, sister, and brothere.

IN MEMORIAM

BOURKE.—In loving memory of John Bourke, of River Bank, Hamua, who died at Pahiatua on December 12, 1914.—On whose soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy —Inserted by his loving daughters.

HUGHES.-Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Daniel Hughes, who died on December 12, 1916.—On whose soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, ISLAND BAY, WELLINGTON

THE ANNUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES, given by the Rev. FATHER HEALY, S.J., will begin on the evening of JANUARY 7 and end on the morning of JANUARY 12. No invitations will be sent, and ladies wishing to make the Retreat should apply to the Reverend Mother Superior.

ST. PATRICK'S DOMINICAN COLLEGE TESCHEMAKERS

The above beautifully situated and commodious College will be placed at the disposal of the ex-pupils and friends of the Dominican Nuns for a

SPIRITUAL RETREAT
which will be conducted by Rev. G. Byrne, S.J., and
will commence on the evening of DECEMBER 27, and conclude on the morning of DECEMBER 31. Ladies wishing to make the Retreat should communicate with the Mother Superior at once.

Conveyances will meet the 2.55 train from Dunedin and the 3.55 from Oamaru. The Northern Express

(6 p.m.) will be served by cars from Oamaru.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, TIMARU

The ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT for LADIES will begin on the evening of WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1918, and end on MONDAY MORN-ING, JANUARY 7

The Retreat will be preached by the Rev. Father Corish, S.J.

By applying to the Reverend Mother Superior, ladies wishing to make the Retreat can reside at the Convent, where they will find every accommodation.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, REMUERA AUCKLAND

THE ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LADIES will begin at 7 p.m. on MONDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 1918, and end on SATURDAY MORNING, 12TH JANUARY. It will be preached by the Rev. P. J. Baker, S.J.

Ladies wishing to attend should let the Reverend

Mother Superior know as soon as possible.

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. Thanslation.—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, DECEMBER 13, 1917.

FOUNDATIONS OF RATIONALISM



OW and then we read the confession of an honest man who is not abashed to tell the world that his denial of the existence of the supernatural order springs from his knowledge that the existence of a Judge Who should one day call him to an account of his stewardship is a thing that he wants to forget. Not all men are honest enough

to make such a confession; and not all men owe their loss of faith to loss of moral self-respect.