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HEFFERNAN.—On June 4, 1912, at South Dunedin, Margaret, relict of the late Thomas Heffernan .-R.I.P.

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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 Justitios causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis. LEO XIII., P.M.

Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

TRANSLATION.—Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet con-tinue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.

April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII, Pope.



THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1912.

THE BELGIAN ELECTIONS



shall probably have something further to say regarding the Belgian elections when full particulars are to hand, but from the brief cables appearing in our dailies two facts are already apparent: First, that those political prophets were absolutely right who have been for some time past predicting that the present contest would be the keenest and fiercest

fight ever made against the Catholic Party since 1884; and second, that the Catholics, to the surprise and confusion of their opponents, have scored a magnificent In the last Parliament the Catholic majority over all other parties was 6; in the Parliament before that it was 8; in the coming Parliament, according to Wednesday's cables, it will be 16. The measure of the Catholic victory is the measure of the Socialist disappointment; and this has found expression in the disgraceful rioting and violence to which they have resorted. At Brussels and Ghent, we learn, the windows of the Cathelic clubs were wrecked; rioters at Liege set fire to two churches; many persons were injured at Verviers and Charleroi; elsewhere the Socialists de-

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