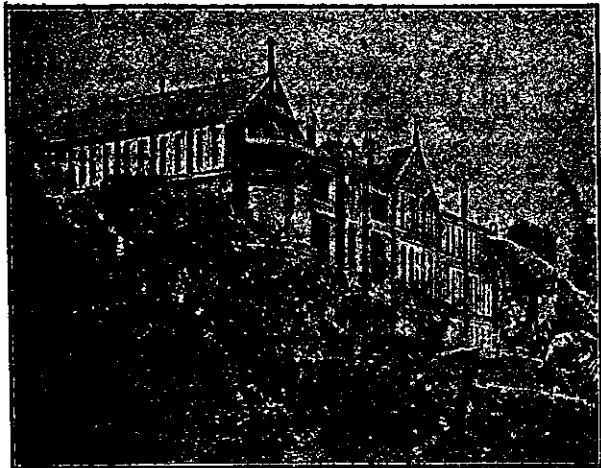


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MARRIAGES

BROPHY—LEDDY.—On October 2, 1912, at the Church of the Holy Name, Ashburton, by the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell, Joseph, fifth son of the late Mr. Kyran Brophy, Pleasant Valley, Geraldine, to Teresa, third daughter of Mr. Daniel Leddy, Wanganui, Ashburton.

O'CONNOR—McGRATH.—On October 14, 1912, at St. Patrick's Church, Palmerston North, by the Rev. Father Costello, Patrick F., eldest son of Mr. Maurice O'Connor, The Terrace, Wellington, to Violet Louisa, second daughter of the late Michael Henry McGrath, 'Orewa' College, Palmerston North. London and Dublin papers please copy.

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KELLY.—In loving memory of Peter John, the dearly loved husband of Mary Kelly, who died at Addington, on October 22, 1907.—R.I.P.

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MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET.

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Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.

LEO XIII., P.M.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1912.

A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER ON THE CONFESSIONAL



THE article on 'The Confessional' which we print on page 43 of this issue is remarkable alike in regard to its source, its author, and its subject-matter and general tenor. The article appeared in the September number of the *Christian Irishman*, an ultra-Protestant monthly published in Dublin. The publication appears in a green cover, embroidered with bunches of shamrocks; but except for this somewhat deceptive exterior there is nothing specially Irish about it, and little that is overpoweringly Christian. The paper is, it must be conceded, free from mere abuse and scurrility; but its 'Christianity' appears to consist chiefly in keeping a watchful eye on 'Rome,' and in drawing attention to her supposed delinquencies and errors. The editor must have been caught in an unusually broad and amiable frame of mind when, in a paper designed to wean the people from 'Popery,' he let in an article which actually defends the Confessional. The author of the article is the Rev. J. Kennedy Elliott, minister of the Presbyterian Church at Kent Terrace, Wellington, and at present, apparently, home on a holiday. Mr. Elliott has been a well-known figure in the life of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand for over quarter of a century, and is widely esteemed not only for his general good sense and solid ability, but for the gentleness and genuineness of his Christian character. He is, we believe, a North of Ireland man, and has, it is needless to say, always been staunch in his Protestant principles. But he has not shut his eyes to the facts of life and of human nature; and age and experience have forced on him the conclusion that even in the 'deadly errors of Romanism' there are large elements of truth.