

of Natives testified to the deadly effect of the fighting at close quarters which Von Tempsky and his men had pluckily undertaken. He secured his commission as major during this campaign.

When he was asked to place himself under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Fraser, a junior officer of recent standing in the colonial force, he point-blank refused, resigning his commission. His men almost mutinied. However, he resumed service at Wanganui with his company, and on September 7 his gallant life ended during the repulse at Ruaruru.

The references to Major Von Tempsky's death and the anniversary of the fight (writes the Auckland correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times*) have brought forward conflicting accounts of what led to the disaster, and frequently it has been asserted that Colonel McDonnell's plans were frustrated by the major's impetuosity.

Mr. James Shanaghan, of the Auckland Labor Department, was with the major to the end, and he has furnished the most interesting account of what really happened that has been published locally. He says the position was disclosed to the enemy by the friendly Natives firing long before the scene of action was reached. When the clearing was reached the friendlies refused to go further, and the troops led by Colonel McDonnell filed past them, being received by a withering fire a little further on. The troops returned the fire with great effect, and when the commanding officer gave the order to cease firing that was where the blunder came in. The men were being shot down like sheep, and Colonel McDonnell was completely unmanned. 'I will never forget the scene,' said Mr. Shanaghan. 'McDonnell was lying on the ground, reclining on his elbow, and Von Tempsky and Hunter were pleading to be allowed to charge. The colonel then replied, "I cannot; I do not know where we are." He then jumped up and said, "Come along, Hunter," and they moved off to the left and left poor Major Von Tempsky to carry out the policy of masterly inactivity imposed on him by his chief. Our brave old major was walking to and fro, with his sword in his hand, furious at being caged as he was. I met him, and he spoke to me in his kindly, thoughtful way, and asked why I did not take cover. I answered by putting the same question to him. He then said, "I am disgusted. If I get out of this scrape I will wash my hands clean of this business." He then sent me to take up a position and keep my eyes open, as the bullets were coming thick. I left him to obey the last order he ever gave. I had not gone far when a man of our company was shot. The major went to his assistance, and was shot, the bullet entering the centre of his forehead. He fell dead on top of the man to whose assistance he was going. That was how Von Tempsky died. A Frenchman named Jensen and I went to Von Tempsky and lifted him up and laid him on his back, and just as we did so a bullet struck Jensen on the side and travelled across his breastbone. Another struck the magazine box he had on his back. I left Von Tempsky and picked up Jensen, carrying him out across the clearing. I then met Hunter, and when we were about ten paces from Von Tempsky's body Hunter was shot dead. I got hold of him and started to pull him back; then I said to one of our men, "Come along for Major Von Tempsky's body." This man refused, but Captain Buck came up and asked if I knew where Von Tempsky was. I said "Yes," and he said, "Come along, lad, let's get him out." When we came to the body I was hit by a bullet on the left thumb. Just as I changed the carbine to my other hand a bullet struck my left hand, and the carbine stock knocked me backwards. Then Buck was shot dead, and as I got up a bullet took my cap off. I got away from the clearing, leaving Von Tempsky and Buck dead together. There were four of us went for Von Tempsky's body. Jensen and I were wounded, and Hunter and Buck were killed. There were 63 killed and wounded in the action, and two-thirds of these were shot down while they halted inactive in front of the masked pa.

Messrs. Dwan Bros., hotel brokers, Willis street, Wellington, report having made the following hotel sales:—Mr. W. E. Grantham's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Starborough Hotel, Seddon, Blenheim; the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Te Nui Hotel on behalf of Mr. W. S. Barr; the valuation of the furniture, stock, etc., of the Cricketers' Arms Hotel, Vivian street, Wellington, on behalf of Mr. Alex. Smith; the lease, furniture, and goodwill of the Palace Hotel, Willis street, Wellington; the lease of the Tavistock Hotel for Mr. R. Conneys; also the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Masonic Hotel, Waitara.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

September 18.

A social gathering in aid of St. Anne's Catholic Club, Newtown, will be held at the opening of the new club rooms next month.

The Very Rev. Father Regnault, Provincial, has been visiting Blenheim and Nelson, and is at present in Westland, where he expects to be about a month.

It is expected that the new church at Mount St. Gerard, Oriental Bay, of the Redemptorist Fathers, will be opened on the third Sunday in November by his Grace the Archbishop.

The following are the results of the Trinity College theory of music examinations held in June last in St. Bride's Convent, Masterton:—First grade, intermediate—May Bousted, 75. Junior honors—Henrietta King, 99; Margaret, Byrne, 97; Kaere Te Whaitu, 92; Madeline Kelliher, 91; Mary O'Neill, 90. Junior pass, Irene Taylor, 69. Preparatory, Sybil Cameron, 90.

That excessive wealth is more harmful than excessive poverty, was the subject for debate at the Catholic Club Junior Debating Society last Tuesday, when Mr. James McCusker took the affirmative side and Mr. J. O'Leary the negative. The speeches were very creditable and promising. At the conclusion of the debate the president (Mr. S. J. Moran) awarded the honors to the affirmative side. Mr. James McCusker was elected vice-president of the Society.

The members of the Petone Catholic Club were greatly pleased at their representative (Mr. Brice) defeating Mr. Grimstone, of the Civil Service Club, at billiards for the Chrystallate Cup. The match was played at Petone on Thursday. The latter was the holder of the cup. Mr. Brice won by 57 points. The best break was 30, made by Mr. Grimstone. In the next round, which took place last Monday at the Petone Catholic Club rooms, Mr. Brice defeated Mr. Frost, of the Wellington Catholic Club, by 175 points in a game of 300 up. The best break was 30, secured by Mr. Brice.

There passed away recently at Carterton, at the early age of twenty-four years, a fervent and practical Catholic, Mrs. Greathead, wife of Mr. George Greathead. The deceased lady was a daughter of Mr. P. Shukowski, of South Carterton. Her remains were laid to rest in the Clareville Cemetery on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large and sympathetic gathering of friends. A Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Catholic Church for the repose of the soul of the deceased by Rev. Father Bowe, who also officiated at the grave. She leaves two young children.—R.I.P.

The monthly meeting of the men's branch of the Sacred Heart Association was held at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday, when there was a large attendance of members. The Rev. Father S. Mahony, S.M., gave an instructive discourse on the Blessed Eucharist, and urged his hearers to receive Holy Communion more frequently, for it was the wish of the Holy Father that Catholics should approach the Holy Table monthly, weekly, or even daily. After Vespers two new members were received into the Association. Rev. Father Mahony succeeds Rev. Father Venning as spiritual director of the Association.

News was received by cable on September 14 of the death at Enmore, Sydney, of Mr. James Joseph Callaghan, at the age of sixty years. The deceased had a long and honorable career as a school teacher under the N.S.W. Government. He was for twenty-two years master of the Hamilton school, and was then transferred to Sydney. He was in all thirty years in the service, and in 1905 was President of the School Teachers' Association at the annual conference held in Sydney. Owing to failing health he retired from the service in 1906. The deceased was the father of Messrs. J. J. and J. W. Callaghan, of Wellington, both prominent members of the Wellington Catholic Club. They have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

On Thursday morning (says the *Dominion*) a very interesting and impressive ceremony took place at the Home of Compassion at Island Bay, when, in the presence of many of their friends, four of the novices took the veil and two made profession. The Order of the Sisters of Compassion was founded by Mother Mary Aubert herself, and is purely a New Zealand Order. Those desiring to enter it serve first of all as assist-

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