

Father Vaughan thought that this answer was best given in his old church where in days gone by he had seen a good deal of fighting in that trench. He had fought many such battles from there, and he hoped he had never made an enemy. He had never felt any unkindness towards those arrayed against him. He was not prepared to be carried out on a stretcher yet. He took a great deal of killing, and he hoped he might live to go forth, with both hands, when the war was over, to welcome his German brethren.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

March 13.

The ladies of the Hibernian Society are aiding the Belgian fund by selling green ribbon badges with the words 'It's a long way to Tipperary' printed thereon.

Mr. J. A. Scott, of the Agricultural Department, and a member of the Hibernian Society, has received advice that he has passed the final section of his L.D.B. examination.

Mr. M. Healy, son of Mr. W. Healy, of Brooklyn, was a member of the Australian Expeditionary Force which captured New Guinea. Mr. Healy, who is on a visit to Wellington, was engaged in commercial pursuits in Sydney when the war broke out, and was one of the first to enlist in the Expeditionary Force. He leaves for Sydney on Friday, and will join the next Australian Expeditionary Force.

As a result of recent deliberations by the Dominion Council of the Catholic Federation, it has been decided to erect in the camp at Trentham a large and commodious building for the use of the Catholic members of the Forces, of whom there are generally some 500 in each reinforcement. The building will be erected by fatigue parties, the Federation supplying the material, the arrangement being that the Defence authorities will have the work carried out on condition that the building is to be available for their use when required. The cost of the building is being defrayed by each of the four dioceses, and gifts of furniture, literature, and so forth will be gladly received by the Federation executive.

The mission conducted by the Mariist Fathers of St. Anne's Church has proved most successful. The seating capacity of the church has been taxed to the utmost at every service, even the early Masses. The

Rev. Fathers Taylor and McCarthy, who are conducting the mission, preached alternately, and, by their stirring and impressive sermons, made a great impression on the congregation, this being noticeable by the great number of communicants each morning. The missionaries have greatly assisted the various societies and sodalities, and the Catholic Federation by materially increasing their ranks. The mission will conclude tomorrow, when there will be a general Communion, which will be followed by a breakfast for the members of the Hibernian Society and the men of the parish in St. Anne's Hall. On Sunday evening a mission will be commenced by the same Fathers at St. Patrick's (Kilbirnie), and will continue for a week. On Passion Sunday they will begin a mission at St. Francis' (Island Bay). After Easter they will open a mission at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

March 15.

The entrants in the various sections from the Sacred Heart College pupils (Sisters of the Missions) were conspicuously successful on Saturday last, in the Dominion Competitions, now in progress. A complete list of Catholic successes will be given at the conclusion of the Competitions.

A large number of Riccarton residents gathered at the Oddfellows' Hall, Upper Riccarton, to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Chase, who are leaving Christchurch. Mr. G. Witty, M.P., who presided, referred to the untiring work of Mr. Chase in Upper Riccarton, and said that Mr. and Mrs. Chase had been ever ready to help any cause within their power. Mr. Chase had done valuable work in aiding the establishment of tennis and cricket clubs, and it was mainly through his efforts that the residents of Riccarton had their Domain. During the evening several presentations were made. An illuminated address was handed to Mr. Chase on behalf of the residents of Riccarton; a silver tray to Mr. and Mrs. Chase; a gold ring to Mrs. Chase on behalf of Riccarton residents; a gold brooch to each of Mr. Chase's three daughters, also from Riccarton residents; a framed photograph of the members of the Riccarton Domain Tennis Club, and a framed bronze certificate from the Riccarton Oddfellows, to Mr. Chase; and a manicure set and dressing case to Mrs. and Mr. Chase respectively from the members of Mr. E. Burke's salivard staff. Songs were given by Messrs. T. Cooper, L. Croft, W. McKay, and W. Townsend, a violin solo by Mr. E. Forsyth, and a flute solo by Mr. A. Hutton. Mr. Lunn played the accompaniments.

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