

masted Norwegian ship laden with wheat. Could the Germans have made good prizes of these ships, and brought them into port, they would have done a very real service to the cause of their country. But such a thing is impossible unless their battle-fleet can clear the sea-routes. Their campaign of destruction can at best have only a negative result, which we can afford to regard with a good deal of equanimity.

Professor Kettle's Fore-vision

Professor T. M. Kettle, who is now about to go to the front as a lieutenant, was in Ostend at the time when war broke out and in Brussels for the first five days of the fighting. His forecast—published at the time—of the character and final outcome of the struggle then opening has lost none of its interest, but has rather been confirmed, after eight months' fighting. 'As for our attitude of mind and temper, we have got to brace ourselves to the prospect of a blind war and a heavy war. The moral strain imposed by the necessary restriction of news will begin to show its severity as soon as we know that Irish, English, and Scottish soldiers are lying dead somewhere. The war itself we are going to win simply because we have no choice between victory and extinction. I see no reason to expect a diplomatic termination of it in its earlier stages. The only hope of that would centre on the detachment of Bavaria, Wurttemberg, and Saxony from Prussia. That, I believe, rather than a revolution, or the disappearance of the Kaiser's dynasty, will be the ultimate issue. Meantime, the awful duty of the sword lies on this country. Nobody who has ever seen, and walked, and talked with the vast German hosts, massed for manoeuvres, can expect any speedy triumph. Against Belgium one can well believe that the troops fought without anger, conviction, or *clash*. Against France it will not be so. A long war, a war of Apocalyptic bloodshed and destruction, issuing in the deepest peace that Europe has ever known; the reformation of small nationalities and of the common world; the end of sabre-rattling and armed camps, and of crusted diplomacy; the return to earth of reason and all humane aims; that is the fore-vision that possess my mind. It is a price greater than the Iron Gods ever before demanded, but it is the price of their abolition.'

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Chief Detective Herbert, who has been stationed in Dunedin for a number of years, has received notice of his transfer to Christchurch.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the last Mass until Vespers at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin. In the evening there was the usual procession, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sergeant O'Connell, who has been in charge of the South Dunedin Police Station for the last two years and a-half, left Dunedin on Friday morning to take control of the Gore district. Prior to his departure he was met by the local police staff and also by a gathering of the residents of South Dunedin, and on behalf of the former, Constable McRae presented the popular sergeant with a set of pipes and a tobacco pouch. The citizens presented Mrs. O'Connell with a well-filled purse of sovereigns. Mr. P. McKay, sen., who presided over the gathering, made complimentary reference to the manner in which the sergeant had carried out his duties during his stay in South Dunedin. Sergeant O'Connell replied in suitable terms.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week the members of the A.M.D.G. Guild gave a handkerchief tea at the residence of Mrs. J. B. Callan, jun. (vice-president of the guild) to Miss Mary Callan in connection with her approaching marriage. There was a good attendance, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. The president, in making the presentation, expressed her pleasure at seeing so many present to do honor to the bride-elect, who had been one of the first members of

the guild, and had always done her best for it. The members wished her a long life and every happiness, and they felt sure she would always remember the guild. As her future home would be not far from the Maori missions, the members would do all they could to assist the poor churches in those districts. They prayed that God would bless her and her mother, who had done so much for the Catholics of Dunedin.

ST. PATRICK'S DOMINICAN COLLEGE, TESCHEMAKERS.

The following are the results of the Oxford Local Examinations held at St. Patrick's Dominican College, Teschemakers, in November, 1914:—

Junior pass certificate—D. Sutton, L. McVeigh, T. Ward.

Preliminary pass certificate—M. Dwyer, S. Neil, B. Waldron, W. Boland, M. J. Collins, T. Hutton, R. Roughan, D. Collett.

Passed in four sections—E. Gallagher, A. McCone, W. O'Connell, M. Collins.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

RYAL BUSH. Answer next week.

W.L.L., Auckland.—A full and cordial appreciation of the late Mr. Moore appeared in our Auckland correspondent's notes in our issue of March 18.

Waipawa

(From our own correspondent.)

A mission to be preached by Rev. Father Grogan, C.S.S.R., will even in the various churches of the parish as follows: Waipukurau, Tuesday, April 20; Onga Onga, Sunday, April 25; Takapau, Thursday, April 29; Waipawa, Sunday, May 2.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

April 8.

The adjourned St. Patrick's Day sports, held on Easter Monday, were a great success. Mr. McGrath and an energetic committee are to be congratulated on the results. The social in the evening was a most successful wind-up to a pleasant day's enjoyment. Mr. Cassin was a most attentive and courteous secretary.

The Holy Week ceremonies were attended by large congregations. The Rev. Father Lane was celebrant at all the Masses. Rev. Father O'Malley, of Ormond, preached a sermon on the 'Passion' at St. Mary's Church on Good Friday night. On Easter Sunday there was a crowded congregation. Father Lane congratulated the parishioners on their desire to fulfil their Easter duties. He thanked the Sisters of St. Joseph and Children of Mary for the excellent decorations of the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday and the High Altar on Easter Sunday, and the choir for their services during Holy Week.

You never know how one good act of yours may cheer and encourage others, or how terrible an influence one single wrong may have!

The Minister of Finance was asked on Monday whether he had heard any news about what has given rise to the rumor that New Zealand was contemplating the raising of a loan on the London market. Mr. Allen replied that he had not. At present we are not under the necessity of going to London for money, he said. 'Our finances are easy just now, but I ought to say that we do not know what every succeeding month may bring about. If the deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank keep up to their present monthly rate we shall be under no necessity of raising loans in London.'