

Private William Henry Tohill (Mr. John Tohill, Caversham, father).

Private Clarence Newton Wills (Mrs. Mary J. Wills, South Dunedin, mother).

OBITUARY

SISTER MARY AGATHA LYNCH, O.S.D.

At St. Dominic's Priory, Dunedin, on the evening of Sunday, June 13, Sister Mary Agatha Lynch passed peacefully away after a short attack of pleurisy and pneumonia. The deceased, who was born at Hokitika in 1873, was the youngest sister of the Very Rev. P. M. Lynch, C.S.S.R., Manila, and Mr. James Lynch, of Greymouth, and of Sister Mary Teresa, of the Dominican Convent, Oamaru. During her ten brief years of religious life, Sister Mary Agatha had endeared herself to all by her sweet gentle ways and thoughtful, kindly disposition, and had in a short space fulfilled a long time. May her soul rest in peace.

His Lordship Bishop Verdon presided at the Solemn Requiem Mass on Tuesday morning, and gave the final Absolution. Rev. Father Buckley was celebrant, Rev. Father Delany deacon, Rev. Father Kavanagh sub-deacon, and Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., master of ceremonies. Rev. Fathers Corcoran, D. O'Neill, and Tobin were present in the sanctuary. The 'De Profundis' was sung by the Sisters as the coffin was being carried to the hearse. Very Rev. Father Coffey officiated at the graveside.

SERGEANT-MAJOR T. J. B. LAFFEY.

The many friends of Mr and Mrs J. Laffey, formerly of Dunedin, heard with sincere regret of the death of their son, Sergeant-Major T. J. B. Laffey, who was killed at the Dardanelles early in May. The deceased, who was probably one of the youngest sergeant-majors of the Permanent Staff on active service, was educated at the Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin, where he served with the Hibernian Cadets. On leaving school he became apprenticed to the cabinetmaking trade, at which he served his full time. Later on, however, he joined the Permanent Staff, and was posted to area 49, at Invercargill, as sergeant instructor. He had scarcely completed his probationary period when the Expeditionary Force was called for, and on volunteering for active service he was appointed a sergeant-major to B Company (8th Southland Regiment) of the Otago Infantry Battalion. He will be remembered by many local footballers as a solid full-back for the Christian Brothers' senior team for several seasons. Previous to joining the Permanent Staff Sergeant-Major Laffey was attached to the machine gun section of the 4th (Otago) Regiment, and had a fine record as a Territorial. He was the second son of Mr. John Laffey, 162 Leet street, Invercargill, and was 24 years of age. His elder brother, Sergeant-Major T. P. Laffey, is stationed at Invercargill.—R.I.P.

PRIVATE JOSHUA JAMES SALTER, PORT CHALMERS.

Private Joshua James Salter, of the N.Z. Main Expeditionary Force, notice of whose death appears in this issue, was the third son of the late Martin and Catherine Salter, of Port Chalmers. He was born and educated in Port Chalmers, where he was well known and respected. For many years he drove the horse on the wharf for the Railway Department. After leaving Port Chalmers he followed farming for some time, and at the call to arms was among the first to enlist, being appointed to the Ambulance Corps. After leaving New Zealand he transferred to the Infantry, and lost his life in upholding the honor of his country. He leaves many brothers and sisters in various parts of New Zealand to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

Lampware is going to be very dear buying. Hadn't you better make a selection from Smith and Laing's stock, Invercargill, before they go up in price?

Hawera

(By telegraph, from an occasional correspondent.)

June 15.

Speaking at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday evening on 'Sanctity as a note of the Church,' Very Rev. Dean Power said: 'When instructing converts or teaching the children in the schools, I generally follow the usual course, and show how the Church must be holy in its Founder, in its aim, in the means it adopts to pursue this aim, and in its children, who must be in all ages eminent for holiness. I have not time to go through all this this evening; let me, however, take as a practical illustration Catholics' conduct in respect of the present unhappy war that is afflicting the nations. Christ our Lord urges us to be holy as He Himself is holy, to become His disciples, and He points out to us in the most touching and beautiful words that this holy discipleship consists in brotherly love, which must embrace even the enemy. Now the whole population of this Dominion, like the populations of all the warring countries, may be divided into three classes. The first class embraces those who fight the enemy with the tongue of scurrility and mendacity. These consider themselves patriots, but their patriotism is of a spurious kind, and has this disadvantage that, while in no way contributing to defeat the enemy, it brings ample dishonor upon itself. Spurious patriots have an easy way of deciding doubtful matters. All rumors that tell against the enemy are true, all that tell against their own side false. These, also, are of the stuff of tyrants, for with raucous voice they proclaim that all who will not shriek with them are pro-enemy and anti-patriotic. People of this class are not found in the Catholic Church, or if, unhappily, a Catholic is found here and there amongst them it may be retorted that one swallow does not make a summer. There are true patriots serving their country, honoring themselves; they are Catholics having at their head the illustrious Pontiff, Benedict XV., who has ordered a three days' fast and penance for the Universal Church, and who has, in Christ-like words, forbidden to his children the use of opprobrious terms towards their foe. If non-Catholics are found in this class it is in the measure in which they come under the influence of the Church, whose note is sanctity, and whose great characteristic is charity. The third class embraces those who, taking advantage of their opportunities, take up the sword against the foe, and go forth to conquer or to die in defence of the beloved fatherland. These are heroes as well as patriots. Their banners are blessed by Holy Church, and their valiant steps are guarded by her sweetest prayers.

May I add one further remark, not bearing directly perhaps upon this point, and give it as my humble opinion, that the Government of this country is doing a disgraceful thing in permitting the charitable offerings of the poor to be taken up for wounded and disabled New Zealanders returning from the war. England's traditional treatment of her incapacitated soldiers brings a blush of shame to every English face, but I am confident that the people of this young, vigorous, and wealthy land will not tolerate that our brave young men who, month after month, are pouring out from us to face the German and the Turk, will, if incapacitated, have to depend on the doles of the charitable as a reward for true heroism. They are their country's benefactors, and their country's rulers must be compelled by a healthy public opinion to take them under their care.'

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