

landed at 10 a.m., and many a chap went over the side jokingly remarking, "Anyhow, we have got a fine day for it." For many of them it was their last fine day. We were to land later, but the programme had to be changed. Among other things, I had to obtain full particulars of each wounded man on board, and so had to deal with every one of them. They are a game lot. New Zealand need not have any fear, as to the grit of the boys.

Writing under date May 6 to his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, the Rev. Father Dore (formerly of Foxton), chaplain to the Mounted Contingent of the Expeditionary Force, says: "The Mounted Brigade leaves here (Zeitoun) to-morrow night for the Dardanelles. We are going dismounted, and shall probably join up with our New Zealand Infantry. Our poor boys, particularly Auckland and Wellington, have lost quite a large number of officers and men. So far we have not had any news of Father McMenamin or other Australian priests, which fact is significant that they are all right. Father Finn, of the Dublin Fusiliers, was hit four times in the chest while on the boat from the ship to the beach. As he was taken from the boat, though in great agony, as he saw his dear boys strewn everywhere along the beach, wounded and dying, he attempted to administer the last rites to some who were around him, when, an hour after arriving on land, he was struck by another bullet in the head, after which he died within an hour. The Dublins, a battalion strong, landed under a constant fusillade of rifle and machine-gun fire within a range of thirty yards; they were practically annihilated. Two days after landing, the Dublins and Munsters were only able to muster a company between them. I hope you will send us more priests, for, even exclusive of casualties among us, the work of attending to the wounded is growing exceedingly heavy. Our wounded in Cairo are scattered over five hospitals, fresh cases come in every day, more hospitals are being opened, which makes a lot of work for one priest. Father Richards has been at Alexandria for some days, as the more serious cases are received there. I think Cardinal Bourne will supply priests for Alexandria Hospitals. At least two priests will be needed here from this forward, and as reinforcements go to the front Father Richards will be needed there also."

DIocese of Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

June 21.

The Christchurch Catholic Club's billiard tournament (25 up), in which ten players participated, resulted in a win for Mr. E. L. McKean.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood, Metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of New Zealand, will preside at a meeting of the clergy in the episcopal residence on Wednesday for the election of a successor to the late Bishop Grimes.

It is pleasing to note the prominence attained in musical circles by our young performers. At a 'Kate Greenaway' concert, given on last Saturday evening, and arranged by Miss Milicent Jennings in aid of a local fund, Miss M. G. O'Connor was a selected vocalist, and Miss Katie O'Connor the accompanist.

The estate of the late Bishop Grimes is valued at about £5000. Pecuniary legacies amount to £1600, of which the principals are—Mount Magdala, £400; Nazareth House, £400; Nursing Sisters, Lewisham Hospital, £400; Sisters of the Missions, £150; Sisters of St. Joseph, £100. The residue is divided equally be-

tween his successor in the bishopric and the Superior-General of the Marist Order.

On last Wednesday evening a concert party, organised by Mr. P. C. Augarde, gave an enjoyable, and much appreciated entertainment at the Catholic Girls' Club, Cranmer square, before a considerable gathering. Songs were given by Miss E. Cotter and Mr. B. Renall, musical monologue and recitations by Miss Rene Mahon, violin solos by Mr. R. Clark, piano solos by Mr. Augarde (who also accompanied), and recitations by Miss Donnell and Mr. F. Cordery.

Addressing the Cathedral congregation at the half-past nine o'clock Mass on Sunday last, the Rev. Father Long pointed out how applicable were the words of St. Paul to the Romans, contained in the Epistle of the day—"Brethren, the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared to the glory to come, that shall be revealed in us"—to the universal upheaval, and the consolation afforded the countless hearts, now wrung with anguish and suspense, in the hope of a happy and peaceful hereafter for those near and dear to them who sacrificed their lives in a noble cause.

Christchurch North

June 15.

The usual monthly meeting of the St. Mary's parish committee was held last Sunday afternoon in Ozanam Lodge, when Very Rev. Dean Hills presided over a good attendance. Five new members were added to the committee. The treasurer reported that the penny collections for the month ended June 13, amounted to £14 10s. The following were appointed an executive: Very Rev. Dean Hills, Messrs. C. E. Courtney, G. Hayward, E. Daly, B. Riordan, and W. Murphy.

Papanui

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

Reference has been made by the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., at St. Mary's Church, Christchurch North, on recent Sundays to the absolute need of replacing St. Joseph's (School) Church at Papanui by a structure more in keeping with the times. Papanui is one of the most closely settled of the city's suburbs, and settlement in the vicinity still goes on apace. Years ago the building was too small for requirements, and of course every week intensifies the inconvenience. It is probably half a century since the present school-church was erected by the late Rev. Father (afterwards Dean) Ginaty, S.M., when parish priest of Christchurch. It forms one of the few remaining landmarks of the strenuous pioneering days, and has long since passed its period of usefulness. The Very Rev. Dean's appeal for funds to erect a new and larger church should meet with a generous response from those of the present generation, who owe so much to the strong faith of their predecessors. No more fitting memorial could be conceived, and no work could be so effective in perpetuating the services and sacrifices of those who have gone before, than the speedy erection of a new, up-to-date building. No doubt the Very Rev. Dean's object will be soon attained, and prompt contributions to the fund will be doubly welcomed owing to the urgency of the position. It is intended to erect the new church in brick and stone, and already about half the anticipated cost has been subscribed.

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