

THE ROLL OF HONOR

NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES.

The following is a further list of Catholic soldiers, members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces, who have fallen at the front, or have been wounded:—

PRIVATE T. G. HOSKINS, WELLINGTON.

Private T. G. Hoskins, reported as having died of wounds received at the Dardanelles, was a Wellingtonian who enlisted in the now famous 3rd Brigade of the Main Expeditionary Force of Australia, and a brother of Mr. Gil. P. Hoskins, also serving with the same Force. The deceased previously followed the occupation of a gold miner in Auckland, Westland, and New South Wales, and was engaged in this work on the 'other side' when war broke out. Private Hoskins was a man of splendid physique, and was born about 28 years ago. His only sister, Mrs. Charlie Bezar, resides at St. Clair, and the father, Mr. Paul Hoskins, is an old and well-known resident of Wellington.

PRIVATE J. P. NOLAN, HOKITIKA.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Hibernian Society on June 24 (writes our Hokitika correspondent) feeling reference was made by the Rev. Father Clancy to the death of Bro. J. P. Nolan, who died of wounds sustained in action at the Dardanelles on June 7. A motion of condolence with Mrs. Nolan and family in their bereavement was passed. Sympathetic references to the deceased's many good qualities were made by the president (Bro. Pickering) and Bros. Williams and Dwan. The resolution was carried in silence.

PRIVATE HARRY ELLIS BROOME, WANGANUI.

News has just been received by Mrs. Broome, of Castlecliff (writes our Wanganui correspondent), that her eldest son, Harry Ellis, had been killed in action at the Dardanelles. The deceased, who was only 20 years of age, received most of his education from the Sisters of Mercy, Palmerston North. He was of a very bright disposition, and, at the time of his departure for the front, was in the local legal office of Messrs. Bullock, Currie, and Douglas, studying law. As a member of the junior branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society he was very active and zealous. The bereaved parents have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their sad loss.

PRIVATE BERNARD COLLINS, TIMARU.

Mr. Andrew Collins, North street, Timaru, received the sad news on Monday, June 28, that his son, Bernard, was killed at the Dardanelles on April 25. The parents of the deceased (writes a Timaru correspondent) are held in high esteem in the Timaru parish, and much sympathy is felt for them in their bereavement. Bernard Collins was a splendid type of Catholic man, and commanded the respect of all. He was educated at the Marist Brothers' School, whose motto inscribed on the 'Honors Board' is '*Pro Deo et patria*' (For God and country), and well has our young friend lived up to it. Besides being assiduous in his school work, the deceased was proficient in his school games, and was full-back for the football team of 1907, which won the banner, and ten of whose members are now at the war. After leaving school the deceased was apprenticed to Mr. John O'Leary, jeweller, and also joined the Timaru Garrison Band, in both spheres gaining credit for his earnestness and uprightness. Many prayers have been offered for the repose of his soul.

PRIVATE FRED MUHLIESEN, GREEN MEADOWS.

Mr. G. J. Muhliesen, of Greenmeadows, Hawke's Bay, has received an official communication from his Excellency the Governor that his only son, Private Fred Muhliesen, was killed in action at the Dardanelles on April 29. Young Muhliesen, who was only 25 years of age, was educated at the Marist Brothers' School, Napier, and followed a pastoral occupation until he volunteered for active service. He was a good rifle

shot, and was engaged in sniping operations against the Turks. The first announcement Mr. Muhliesen received of his son's death was seeing the name amongst the list of killed appearing in the Napier newspapers.

SAPPER FRANCIS GEORGE PEARSON, DUNEDIN.

Sapper Francis George Pearson, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles, was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pearson, Signal Hill, North-east Valley. He was born at Bullendale, near Queenstown, in 1897, was educated at the Sacred Heart School, North-east Valley, and the Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin. He was a member of the Alhambra Football Club, and was very popular with all who knew him. Sapper Pearson left Dunedin with the Otago Infantry Second Reinforcements, but was transferred to the Engineers Corps whilst in Egypt.

ST. BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CLUB, AUCKLAND.

The annual re-union of St. Benedict's Club was held in the social hall connected with the club building on the last Wednesday of May (writes a correspondent). The president (Mr. Leo O'Malley) occupied the chair. Amongst the guests were the Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., and Rev. Fathers Forde and Kelly. Many of the old members of the club are now away at the front. Feeling reference to these members was made by the proposer of the toast, 'Our defenders.' Messrs. Norman Mahony and Dallas Campbell, who were members of the first Expeditionary Force to Samoa, and who are now on their way to the Dardanelles, replied on behalf of our boys at the front. A lengthy toast list was honored, and the following supplied the musical items: Miss Lillis, Messrs. Ross, O'Connor, E. Owens, A. Toye, J. C. Mason, F. Mays, and L. O'Malley. A very pleasant function was brought to a close by the singing of 'God save Ireland,' and 'God save the King.'

A particularly gratifying feature of the re-union was the large number of junior members who were present. The executive feel that if they can secure all the Catholic young men of the parish after they have left school or college, and keep them in a Catholic atmosphere during a critical period of their life, they will be doing the most useful work a Catholic club can engage in. With this end in view the executive have been doing all that is in their power to make the club attractive. By the courtesy of the Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan and the church committee, a large basement has been placed at the disposal of the club. This has now been converted into a gymnasium and recreation room, and will be ready for the opening ceremony in about a week's time. The library is being brought up-to-date, and, in this connection, the librarian would be glad to receive, on behalf of the club, donations of suitable books. Books of reference on all subjects are most useful, now that the junior debating branch is in full swing. This branch of the club's activities is doing a very useful work. Of late the members have been holding fortnightly debates, and the improvement shown by the young members is, to say the least of it, surprising. On Monday, June 28, the subject for debate was 'Is the modern picture theatre beneficial or harmful to the community?' The teams were as follows:—Beneficial Messrs. P. J. Lillis, and A. W. Temm; harmful Messrs. J. Connell, T. Treacy, and J. Slade. The debate proved most interesting, and resulted in the latter side winning by 5 points. The judge (Mr. Fernandez) congratulated the young speakers on their improvement in debating, and at the same time gave them some good advice and useful hints for their future guidance. The subject for the next debate is, 'Should women vote?' As this will be a public debate, some good speeches are expected. The club is giving yet another of its members to the service of the Empire, in the person of the secretary (Mr. L. Hodgson), who expects to leave for Trentham immediately. General regret at the loss the club will sustain was expressed at the last executive meeting, and Mr. Hodgson was wished every good luck.