

The quarterly general meeting of the Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the circumference of the Particular Council of Christchurch, was held in the episcopal residence on Monday evening, July 23. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and the Rev. Fathers T. Hanrahan and Seymour, S.M., were present. There was a good attendance representative of the Cathedral and St. Mary's Conferences and of the Diocesan Ladies of Charity (Cathedral and St. Mary's Confraternities). Bro. F. C. Delany (secretary of that body). Bro. T. H. Cape-Williamson (president St. Mary's Conference) and Bro. J. P. Noonan (on behalf of the Cathedral Conference) gave satisfactory reports of the work accomplished during the interval since the previous general meeting. Mrs. C. M. Green (Cathedral) and Miss Johnson (St. Mary's) furnished comprehensive reports regarding the activities of the Ladies of Charity. The Rev. Father Seymour said that the work of the society was to him a source of great consolation. He commended the zeal and devotedness of the members of the society, and of the Ladies of Charity in their work in discovering and relieving cases of hardship and poverty. The Rev. Father Hanrahan notified the meeting that he had in view an arrangement by which regular attendance would be secured at the Courts in the interests of unfortunate Catholic children and others. In other cases mentioned he trusted the co-operation of the clergy with the St. Vincent de Paul workers would effect still greater results. His Lordship the Bishop, after expressing his admiration of the good work accomplished, and pledging his support to the members' activities, emphasised the necessity of discretion and judgment as the two essentials in their treatment of cases. The members could rest assured that God would bless them and the work they were engaged in.

### ROLL OF HONOR

#### RIFLEMAN E. L. GRAY.

Mrs. J. Gray, of "Willow Farm," Dallington, Christchurch, has received word that her son, Rifleman E. L. Gray (Leo), was wounded on June 27. Rifleman Gray left with the 18th Reinforcements, and was in his nineteenth year when wounded. He was educated at St. Mary's Convent School, and later at St. Bede's College. He was a member of St. Mary's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, and at the time of enlistment held the gold medal for the light-weight boxing championship of Canterbury. After leaving college he was employed at Adams' Motor Garage, Christchurch. Rifleman Gray has another brother in Egypt, Trooper R. J. Gray, who left with the 23rd Reinforcements.

#### PRIVATE JAMES MCGINLEY.

I regret to have to record (writes our Greymouth correspondent) the death of another promising young man belonging to the parish of Greymouth, word having been received last week that Private James McGinley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McGinley, of Boundary street, had been accidentally killed "somewhere in France." The late Private McGinley was only 22 years of age, and left New Zealand with the 21st Reinforce-

ments. He was educated at the Marist Brothers' School, and was one of the most brilliant scholars who had passed through the local school during recent years. After gaining a scholarship, he completed his studies at St. Patrick's College, where he passed Junior and Senior Civil Service. He then joined the Public Trust Department, and what promised to be a most successful career, has now been cut short. The sorrowing parents have the sincere sympathy of the whole of the parishioners in their great trial. Private McGinley is the fourth pupil of the local Brothers' School to make the supreme sacrifice within the last month.—R.I.P.

#### CORPORAL JOHN CROFSKEY.

Corporal John Crofskey, who was killed in action in France on June 23, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Crofskey, of Pihama, Taranaki, who had three boys at



the war. Of these one is now killed, one wounded, and the third is in the trenches. The deceased infantryman was two years at the front, and prior to enlisting was well known in Taranaki, especially at Lepperton.—R.I.P.

#### TO RELATIVES OF MEN AT THE FRONT

Although we have stated repeatedly that our rule is, and has been, only to reproduce photographs in the *Tablet* Roll of Honor of those of our Catholic men who are KILLED in the discharge of their military duties, many photographs of wounded men are being constantly sent in to this office. This entails a needless expenditure in postage—both upon the senders and ourselves,—which can be avoided if our friends will understand and remember the position. We will at all times find space in our Roll of Honor column for brief biographical notes relating to those wounded.

Sympathise with suffering, and seek to relieve it.

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