

less intend these consequences. We feel sure, moreover, that once the public realise the true state of the case, the vast majority of our non-Catholic fellow-citizens, who are just and fair-minded, will understand our attitude and sympathise with it. They will surely realise that we are not asking for privileges, but for what is of absolute necessity to us as Catholics. Come what may, as long as the war lasts we are bound in duty to our Catholic boys to keep up our supply of chaplains at the front. We have sent away nineteen priests to act in this capacity, and there are fourteen at present on active service with our soldiers. In addition to this one has laid down his life on the battlefield, and another was so severely wounded at Gallipoli that he may never again resume duty.

While thoroughly at one with the Government in its efforts to give every assistance to the Empire in this unhappy war, and conscious that our Catholic young men are bravely and nobly doing their part in giving this assistance, we feel that we owe another duty to our country—viz., the duty to preserve its religious institutions, and to provide the children now at school with an efficient Christian education. While material injuries inflicted on the nation by war can be afterwards repaired, injuries inflicted upon the rising generation in the matter of education, can never be made good.

In all confidence we therefore appeal to Parliament and to the fair-minded amongst our fellow-citizens, knowing well that their sense of justice and their Christian patriotism will never allow them to be a party to a policy which we regard as religious persecution, and consequently would feel bound to resist to the end by every constitutional means in our power.

Given at Wellington on the 17th day of August, 1917.

* THOMAS O'SHEA, S.M., V.G.,

Archbishop of Gortyna and
Coadjutor of Wellington.

* MICHAEL VERDON,

Bishop of Dunedin.

* MATTHEW J. BRODIE,

Bishop of Christchurch.

WILLIAM H. MAHONEY, V.G.,

Administrator of the Diocese
of Auckland.

DIocese of DUNEDIN

Corporal William Cousins, of Dunedin, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in the advance on Messines. The recipient was formerly a member of the Hibernian Cadets, and was also a member of many teams which this company sent to military competitions.

On Wednesday last (Feast of the Assumption) there was a general Communion of the Children of St. Mary's, Kaikorai, and some little ones also made their First Holy Communion. The Rev. Father C. Collins celebrated Mass and subsequently presided at the Communion breakfast to which the children were entertained by their parents and friends. In this connection special thanks are due to Mesdames Purton, Gebbie, Jackson, and Hill, and Miss J. Hughes.

A three-mile championship race between the harrier clubs of Dunedin was held on Saturday at Forbury Park under ideal weather conditions, although the track was heavy. About 200 people assembled to see the race. St. Joseph's Harriers were represented by Messrs. J. Burk, L. McAllen, W. Lucas, R. McCaughan, and G. Fitzgerald. The race was won by Pacific H. and A.A.C., with St. Joseph's a good second. L. McAllen (St. Joseph's), after a very strenuous run, finished up in fine style, and secured second place. J. Burk and W. Lucas also ran a good race, keeping well up to the leading men all the way. After the race Mr. Rosevear, president of the Otago Centre N.Z.A.A., congratulated Mr. McAllen on his fine performance.

The Christian Brothers' football teams carried all before them on last Saturday, securing four victories. In the A grade the Greens won by default from Technical School. The B grade team easily defeated High School by 4 goals to nil. P. Trail showed great form by kicking 3 goals; F. Cotter also scored. In the C grade No. 1 team defeated Normal School by 2 goals to nil. C. Wynne and M. Wakelin scored, and in the same grade the No. 2 team beat Maori Hill by 3 goals to nil. The scorers were J. Brennan (2) and C. Marshall. The special feature about this team is their dashing play and the manner in which they pick out their men and pass to them.

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COMMERCIAL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ending Tuesday, August 21, 1917, as follows:

Rabbitskins.—Our next sale will be held on Monday, September 10.

Oats.—The market of late has had a firming tendency and fair sales have been made during the week. Quotations: Prime milling, 4s to 4s 1d; good to best feed, 3s 9d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market remains as last quoted.

Potatoes.—The market remains very dull, and choice freshly-picked lines are only in moderate demand. Inferior lines are unsaleable. Quotations: Best tables, to £4; medium, £3 to £3 15s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—The market is barely supplied at present, and all consignments coming to hand can be readily sold at quotations. Best oaten sheaf, £6 to £6 10s; medium, £4 10s to £5 5s per ton (sacks extra).

If we wish to know our age we must endeavor to fathom the social question. The man who understands it knows his age. The man who does not understand it finds the present and the future an enigma.—Bishop Von Ketteler.

FEILDING PARISH COMMITTEE

We respectfully ask all relatives of deceased Catholic New Zealand soldiers to send to the undersigned the names, regiment, date, and, if possible, place of death of such, whether they belonged to the New Zealand, Australian, or Imperial Forces, and irrespective of the parish or diocese to which they or their relations belonged. A New Memorial Church to be erected at Feilding will contain a Roll of Honor, and Holy Mass will be regularly offered for the repose of the souls of those inscribed thereon. Until the church is erected the parish priest undertakes to say Mass weekly for all those whose names for the time being are on the Roll of Honor.

We trust the next of kin of our heroic dead will, in return for the spiritual benefits offered, send in the names at the earliest moment.

(REV.) D. P. CRONIN, Chairman.

J. PAUL KAVANAGH, Hon. Secretary.