

ROLL OF HONOR

DRIVER J. WALSH.

Mrs. A. Walsh, of Napier, has received the sad advice that her son, Driver J. Walsh, has died from pneumonia at the Tralee Military Hospital, Ireland. The deceased soldier (writes our Napier correspondent) left New Zealand with the 6th Reinforcements and saw service at Gallipoli and in France, remaining till the signing of the Armistice, without receiving a wound. Mrs. Walsh also lost her youngest son (Mr. P. Walsh) in December last, he being a victim to the influenza epidemic. Deepest sympathy is extended to the widowed mother in her sorrow.—R.I.P.

PRIVATE T. T. MOYNAHAN.

With very sincere regret the death is recorded of Private Timothy Thomas Moynahan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Moynahan, Pahiatua. The death of Private Moynihan is particularly distressing, as he was prisoner of war, and had only been repatriated to Holland, when his death occurred on January 15. The deceased soldier was born in Pahiatua, and was in the



26th year of his age. On leaving school he followed farming pursuits on his father's farm, and latterly for two years on his own farm before leaving with the 31st Reinforcements. He was of a bright and kindly nature, and enjoyed wide popularity. The bereaved parents and relatives have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends.—R.I.P.

LIEUTENANT W. M. BIRMINGHAM.

Lieutenant William Martin Bermingham, late of No. 24 Company, Australian Machine-gun Corps, of Nen Street, Oamaru, has been awarded the Military Cross. The circumstances under which he gained this coveted distinction, as officially stated, were "that while in command of machine guns in the front trenches, near Brookseinde, on October 17, 1917, his section was subjected to very violent shell fire. Two of Lieutenant Bermingham's guns were blown out, four of his men killed, and three buried. He assisted in digging his men out, and, despite the heavy shelling, obtained new guns from headquarters and consolidated the position. Again on the 20th, at the same place, the positions occupied by this officer's guns were very heavily shelled. He supervised the withdrawal of his guns to a place of safety, and had his wounded carried to the R.A.P., after personally rendering first aid. He proved quite fearless, and set a fine example of courage to his men under most dangerous conditions." Lieutenant Bermingham lost his life in another action subsequent to the events described. He was at one time in the employ of the late Mr. C. Herbert, as barber, and went to Australia, where he joined the main body of the Australian Forces. He gradually won promotion, until he had gained his commission.—R.I.P.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

March 8.

There are now over one hundred boarding students, in addition to the day students, at St. Patrick's College.

The annual picnic of St. Anne's Choir was held last week at the Upper Hutt, and proved a most enjoyable outing.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., of St. Anne's, celebrated his feast day yesterday, and was the recipient of many congratulatory messages.

The students of St. Patrick's College held a picnic at Day's Bay last Monday. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea and a number of the clergy were present.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood arrived during the week after an extended absence in Australia. His Grace will officiate at the opening ceremony of the new church at Picton on Sunday next.

Good progress is being made with the erection of new Catholic girls' school in Buckle Street, and given fine weather, there is every prospect of the building being ready for opening after Easter.

The Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Auckland, and the Right Rev. Dr. Brodie, Bishop of Christchurch, were in this city on Wednesday, March 5, for the purpose of attending a meeting of the New Zealand Hierarchy.

Father Herbert, S.M., late of Timaru, and formerly of this city, left this week by the Riverina for Sydney for the purpose of joining the N.Z. Marist Missionary Fathers, who are at present conducting missions in Australia.

Last Sunday evening St. Anne's Choir journeyed to the Upper Hutt, and rendered the music for the evening devotions. There was a large congregation, and at the conclusion of his sermon, Father Daly thanked the choir for its kind assistance.

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee met at the Catholic Federation rooms last Thursday evening. Mr. J. P. McGowan presided. Reports from the various sub-committees were received, and disclosed that arrangements were well in hand. It only requires good weather to ensure the success of the celebrations.

At the last meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the Hibernian Society the deaths of two soldier members were reported—Bro. Thos. Graham, a returned soldier (from influenza), and Bro. P. T. Kinsella, in England. Feeling references were made to both members, and a motion of condolence with the relatives was carried in respectful silence.—R.I.P.

The many friends of Mr. W. H. Giles, secretary of St. Aloysius' branch of the Hibernian Society, and of St. Anne's Parish Committee of the Catholic Federation, will be glad to learn that he has recovered sufficiently from his serious illness caused by the after effects of influenza, to resume his ordinary occupation, after being laid aside for three months.

An old resident of Wellington, in the person of Mr. Michael Fitzgerald, passed away at his residence, 30 Murphy Street, on last Wednesday. The interment took place to-day. Three of his sons (Messrs. J. J., M. D., and E. Fitzgerald) are members of the Hibernian Society, and to them and to their mother the deepest sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended.—R.I.P.

Arrangements are well in hand for a bazaar to be held by the parishioners of the combined districts of Karori, Northland, Kelburn, and Wadestown, in the Sydney Street Hall during the last week in April. Father Smyth, S.M., Administrator of Thorndon, is directing operations, and in addition is arranging a tug-of-war on up-to-date lines, to be run in conjunction with the bazaar.

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