

to our priest and to the members of the family, especially Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell, the father and mother of the deceased soldier, who were hoping that their boy would last till the Maheno, due in a couple of days now, would arrive.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

April 18.

Sapper W. F. Hynes, brother of Mr. A. R. Hynes, and eldest son of the late Mrs. E. Hynes, of Napier, was recently reported to have died from sickness in France. The deceased soldier left New Zealand with the 6th Tunnelling Corps, and had come through the campaign without a wound. Another brother was killed in action earlier in the war. Deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. A. Hynes and the Misses Hynes in their sad loss.—R.I.P.

Father M. O'Leary, who assisted in giving the mission at Port Ahuriri Church (St. Mary's), left last week for Taupo, en route to Auckland.

Father Ainsworth, who has been conducting the mission at Napier, left on Tuesday last for Wellington. He gives a mission at Wellington after Easter.

Miss Alice M. Morton, who for the past seven years has been a member of the H.B. Hospital and Charitable Aid Board staff at Napier, firstly at the town office, and latterly at the hospital administration office, was met by members of both the town and hospital staffs and made the recipient of two handsome presentations, on the occasion of her departure for Christchurch, where she joins the Sisters of the Notre Dame des Missions. In the unavoidable absence of the secretary (Mr. J. Schoole) the presentation was made by Mr. P. R. Smyrk, who made feeling reference to the splendid spirit and goodwill that had always existed between Miss Morton and the staff members during her long period of valuable service. After eulogising her sterling qualities and capabilities, Mr. Smyrk, on behalf of all present, wished the recipient every prosperity in her new calling, and presented her with a handsome leather travelling toilet companion, suitably inscribed, and a travelling rug. Miss Morton made suitable response. On Sunday afternoon Miss Morton was met at the convent by members of the Children of Mary Sodality, and presented with a handsomely bound book as a small token of their love and esteem. She had been a member of this sodality for many years. Miss Morton was also the recipient of several other private presentations. She left for Wellington on Monday last, en route to Christchurch.

The mission which was given at St. Mary's Church, Port Ahuriri, last week, was a pronounced success. No doubt a mission was needed in that district, but the parishioners made ready response, and they are to be congratulated on the manner in which they attended both the morning and evening services. Though a small parish, the numbers approaching the Holy Table each day were close on 200. Each night very impressive sermons were delivered by the missionaries, Fathers Ainsworth and O'Leary, and no doubt much lasting good will be the result of this mission. On the closing day of the mission (Palm Sunday), a general Communion was made as a thanksgiving for those saved from the epidemic. On Sunday night the mission was brought to a close with the solemn service of the profession of faith and renewal of the Baptismal vows. On Monday morning Requiem Masses were offered up for those who died in the war, those who died in the epidemic, and other deceased parishioners.

While in Hawke's Bay Father Ainsworth also gave a short but successful mission at Pahi Pahi.

When it was intended to have the mission at St. Mary's Church, Port Ahuriri, in November, 1918, it was considered unwise to hold it while the armistice celebrations were on. For that reason it was postponed, only to be followed by the dread epidemic, which necessitated its postponement till this month. Even this time it was interrupted by the liquor referen-

dum poll excitement, but this did not have the slightest effect on the congregation, who attended in even larger numbers on that night.

Wairoa (Hawke's Bay)

A very pleasant gathering was held at St. Joseph's Convent School, Queen Street, Wairoa, on Thursday, April 10, to do honor to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Corkill, who for the past 25 years without a break have provided the music at the annual Catholic social on St. Patrick's Night (writes a correspondent). After several vocal and instrumental items, Mr. F. J. Foot apologised for the absence of Father Lepretre, who was unavoidably absent on duty in Napier. Mr. Foot then spoke of the wonderful work of the early pioneers of the Church, with special mention of the missionaries and early priests of New Zealand, and of the Rev. pastor, Father Lepretre, who originally officiated at Wairoa as a Maori Missionary, and finally as pakeha parish priest, and of those who had helped him to erect church and schools and convent, and instanced the guests of the evening as high types of earnest workers. Concluding, amidst the applause of all present, he handed Mr. Corkill a purse of sovereigns as a mark of recognition by the congregation of St. Peter's of the excellent and sympathetic help given by Mr. and Mrs. Corkill and their gifted children to the good work of the faith. Mr. Corkill, who was received with cheers, spoke of the piety, goodness, and kindness of Father Lepretre, whose temporary absence he much regretted, who had arrived at Wairoa a robust young priest and now was a venerable white headed pastor. He (the speaker) insisted that Mrs. Corkill and himself were not more entitled to praise than many who were present, and many others who had departed or passed away, and with much feeling thanked the congregation for their kindly present with which he intended to purchase a memento of the occasion. Supper was served, and the social was continued for several hours. Special praise is due to Mr. John Dinnan, the organiser and master of ceremonies, and to Mesdames Dinnan, Buchanan, Renouf, Allan, and Pothan, who provided the supper. The gathering terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 21.

The ceremonies incidental to Holy Week—commencing with the office of Tenebrae on Wednesday evening—were observed with great solemnity in the Cathedral. After Tenebrae the Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., gave an instructive discourse on the ceremonies of Holy Week. The Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell (Ashburton) preached on Thursday evening on the institution of the Blessed Eucharist. On Friday evening Father Cooney (Lyttelton) preached on the "Passion of our Divine Lord." On Thursday morning there was Solemn Pontifical Mass and the Blessing of the Holy Oils, his Lordship Bishop Brodie being celebrant, assisted by a large number of the diocesan clergy. After Mass the Blessed Sacrament was carried in procession to the Altar of Repose, which had been suitably prepared by the members of the Altar Society, and throughout the remainder of the day large numbers of worshippers attended in adoration, the watches throughout the night being sustained by the male members of the Archconfraternity of the Blessed Sacrament and the Hibernian Society.

On Good Friday morning Mass of the Pre-sanctified commenced at nine o'clock, the Cathedral being packed with a devout congregation. The Bishop was celebrant, and the Passion was sung by the Rev. P. Cooney (Lyttelton), Rev. J. Hanrahan (Darfield), and Rev. J. Long, while the choir sang the other sacred music of the solemnity. At three o'clock in the afternoon his Lordship the Bishop conducted the devotions

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