

Last Tuesday evening Father Doyle, who recently returned from active service with the New Zealand Division in France, addressed the men's Confraternity of the Holy Family on prayer and trust in God. The discourse was entitled "The Three Great Men of the War," having reference to the King of the Belgians, Marshal Foch, and Cardinal Mercier.

In connection with St. Patrick's Cathedral bazaar, to be held in the near future, the Children of Mary of that parish held what proved to be a highly successful euchre social in St. Benedict's Hall on Wednesday evening, June 4. The prizes for the euchre were won by Mrs. Hooker and Mr. E. C. O'Brien. Father Forde, Adm., presented the prizes, and in a short address thanked all who had helped to make the evening such a social and financial success.

Playing on Saturday, May 31, in the Rugby football contest senior grade, Marist Old Boys defeated Ponsonby by 11 points to 5. In the junior contest, second grade, Marists (6) defeated Grammar School Old Boys (5), after a fast and interesting game. Tries were scored for the Marists by Watson and McNamara. The Marist third grade team won from Grafton by default. Fourth grade: Ponsonby (9) beat Marists (3). Fifth grade: Marists (9) beat Grafton (5). This was one of the best junior matches played on Eden Park for some years, and marked the end of the first round, the competing teams being thus placed: Marists, 1 point; Grafton, 2 points; Ponsonby, no score. In the primary schools' competition, Marist Brothers' (Vermont Street) A team (40) beat Richmond Road A (nil) in the first round, and Marists B (9) beat Newmarket B (nil). In the second round Marists A (32) beat Newmarket (nil), and Marists B (52) beat Napier Street B (nil).

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 9.

A Novena, preparatory to the Feast of the Sacred Heart, will be conducted by two Redemptorist Fathers, beginning on the eve of Corpus Christi. On the following Sunday the diocese will be consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

On Sunday, June 1, his Lordship the Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 231 children and adults at St. Mary's Church, Manchester Street. The Bishop gave an instructive sermon appropriate to the occasion, after which he officiated at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. There was a crowded congregation.

The recent garden fete, held in the presbytery grounds at St. Mary's, in aid of the Papanui church building fund, resulted in £662 being added to the fund. Very Rev. Dean Regnault expresses his gratitude and that of his assistant priests to all who assisted in making the fete such a financial success. The amounts from the various stalls were: Produce (Mesdames Heapy and Boloski and Miss O'Connor), £274 8s; fancy (Misses Rooney and Sisson), £141 12s 9d; refreshment (Mrs. Prendergast), £129 1s 2d; St. Mary's (Mesdames Evans and Smith), £74 17s 6d; Children of Mary (Misses Kelly and Riordan), £50 9s 2d; the side-shows were productive of £12 19s 6d.

Mdlle. Antonia Dolores, the world-famed French soprano, honored the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, of St. Mary's, Manchester Street, at the devotions on Sunday afternoon, June 1, when she attended the church and sang Mr. R. H. Rossiter's local composition, "O Salutaris Hostia," to a crowded congregation. Mdlle. Dolores some time ago had this song dedicated to her by Mr. Rossiter, a native of Christchurch, and she was so charmed with it that she promised she would sing it in Christchurch at the first opportunity. This she did with all the impressiveness that such an artist could infuse into the words. This is the only occasion during the present Australasian tour that Mdlle. Do-

lores has sung in a church, and Christchurch is thus particularly honored.

The accidental death of Clarence James Patrick (Pat) Gregory, which occurred on the night of Wednesday, May 28, occasioned widespread sorrow. Deceased was a very fine young fellow, and exceedingly popular among his comrades and acquaintances. An ardent footballer since his schooldays at the Marist Brothers' School, he was captain of the M.B.O.B. second grade team, and was actually on his way to attend a practice preparatory to the following Saturday's match when the lamentable accident happened. The deceased was the son of Mr. J. A. Gregory, of Barbadoes Street, Sydenham, and was 19 years of age. After leaving school he entered the Railway Department as a cadet. Although under age, he spent some time in camp with the Signalling Corps of the Expeditionary Force. Returning to Christchurch, he joined the office staff of the N.Z. Farmers' Co-operative Association. Deceased was an expert swimmer, was treasurer of the Waltham Swimming Club, and had won many trophies in swimming tournaments. Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of deceased was offered at the High Altar in the Cathedral on Saturday by Father Murphy, assisted by Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm. There was a crowded congregation. The Marist Brothers' School Choir, under Brother Emilian, sang appropriate hymns during Mass, and at the graveside. The "Dead March" from "Saul" was played by Miss K. O'Connor as the funeral procession left the Cathedral. Representatives of the various football and swimming clubs, Canterbury Rugby Union, and N.Z. Farmers' Co-operative Association were present. Father Murphy officiated at the interment in Linwood Cemetery, Very Rev. Dean Regnault being also present at the graveside. The deceased was for nine years among the most diligent sanctuary boys of the Cathedral. He was a brother of Mr. Arthur Gregory, an ecclesiastical student at Holy Cross College, Moggie. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents and relatives in their sad loss. R.I.P.

JEW'S REMARKABLE CONVERSION.

Following upon the remarkable conversion of a young Jew named Jacques Walsh, of Lyons, a league of devout Israelites, composed of French, English, and American Jewish converts, and indeed of converts of the entire world, is to be formed, which will unite in prayer, charity, and every holy cause touching the glory of God and the salvation of souls (says the *London Catholic Times*). The pioneers of this league are no other than Jacques Walsh himself, his mother (a converted Jewess), his sisters, and others who have expressed a wish to join. The movement is in reality an act of gratitude for the conversion of Jacques Walsh, the story of which is related by his own mother.

Briefly told, he was lying at the point of death in a military hospital at Dijon, when he asked to be allowed to drink some Lourdes water and have some rubbed on his forehead. Contrary to the expectation of all, even of the doctor, he changed the next day for the better and asked for the grace of Baptism, at the hands of the Dominican Father in attendance. The consent of the young man's father had to be obtained, and he flew into a violent rage, refusing to allow the Baptism of his son. At length, persuaded by the mother and son, the father turned to leave the room, weeping like a child, and said:—"I shall leave you for a quarter of an hour; do what you like in my absence." No time was lost. The Dominican Father hastily asked the dying soldier a few questions concerning the doctrines of the Church. Four nuns, two priests, and his mother were at the foot of the bed while he was being baptised. Forty other cases in the same ward were witnesses of the event. An operation then became necessary, which the converted Jew passed safely through. On seeing what had taken place, his father remarked:—"It is a miracle such as God worked for our ancestors in Palestine."