

if introduced through the hammer-wound, was the true cause of death. But the Court held, all the same, that the case was covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation for Accidents Act and granted the widow and child compensation to the amount of £244. A word to the wise is—or ought to be—sufficient. And those employers are wise in their generation who protect their interests by a modest 'gamble' in accident insurance policies for their employes.

### Missionary Massacre

There is nothing like a great grief to soften some of the worst asperities of the world's divided religious life. 'Pity and need,' says Edwin Arnold, 'make all men kin; there is no caste in blood.' And the messages of condolence, in connection with the New Britain massacre, sent to the Catholic authorities by non-Catholic prelates and others in these colonies bear eloquent testimony to the bond of true brotherhood that will, no doubt, work wondrous good in God's good time. The Press Association supplied to Tuesday's daily papers the latest expression of kindly thought and feeling: 'The Evangelical Council sent a message of condolence to Cardinal Moran on the massacre of the missionaries in New Britain.' We do not know who the Evangelical Council are; but they are evidently possessed of kindly hearts, which (as Tennyson sang) are more than coronets.

One, and only one, raucous note of discord was raised over the graves where the mangled remains of the martyred missionaries await the Second Coming. It was given to the world by the General Secretary of the Methodist Mission in Sydney, and stated that the massacre was brought about because the leader of the murderers 'wanted to marry a station girl and the members of the mission refused to allow him. This lad,' says the General Secretary's informant, 'then organised the affair, and shot Father Rasher with his own gun.' The following day there appeared in our daily papers an authoritative statement which ate the other up. It ran as follows: 'A German military officer from New Guinea states that the authorities in New Britain do not think that the recent massacre portends a rising against the whites. He regards it merely as the work of Tomari to revenge himself for being punished by the Government for interfering with the wife of another native.'

### DIocese of Dunedin

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration will begin in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Friday morning.

The Dallodil fair, which was held in St. Joseph's Hall in connection with the feast day of the Rev. Mother Prioress, was brought to a conclusion on Thursday evening of last week with the handsome net result of £108.

On Monday evening Rev. Bro. Brady delivered a lecture on physiology to the members of St. Patrick's Literary and Social Club, South Dunedin. There was a very large attendance. The subject was treated in a most interesting and instructive manner and was greatly enjoyed.

On Friday evening a drawing-room entertainment, in aid of the hall debt, will be held in St. Joseph's Hall. The organising committee have spared no pains in providing a varied and attractive programme of orchestral, chorus, and solo work. A new departure from the ordinary concert programme has been taken, and it is hoped that their efforts will be rewarded by a crowded house.

A pleasant gathering took place at St. Mary's Schoolroom, Milton, last week, when some twenty members of the South Dunedin Catholic Club journeyed out to Tokomairiro to try conclusions at euchre with the members of St. Mary's Club. Very Rev. Father O'Neill and Rev. Father Coffey were present and there was a large

attendance of members of the local Club. After an animated contest South Dunedin proved victorious by 33 points to 14. An enjoyable musical programme followed, to which the following contributed: Misses Scanlan and Coleman, Mesdames Keogh, and Nolan, and Messrs. E. Mee and H. Mee. After full justice had been done to the refreshments provided, Mr. Saunders, on behalf of the visitors, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Milton Club for their hospitality, the compliment being suitably acknowledged by Mr. Scott.

On Friday evening a debate was held in St. Joseph's Hall between representatives of St. Joseph's Men's Club and St. Patrick's Club (South Dunedin). The Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., presided, and there was a good attendance. The subject of the debate was entitled 'Whether the British Empire would be benefited more by Japan or Russia being the victor in the present war?' The side for Japan was taken by the South Dunedin Club and the Russian side by St. Joseph's Club, the respective leaders being Messrs. J. Marlow and T. Hussey, followed by Messrs. Fitzgerald, Hoare, and Carr (South Dunedin) and Messrs. Miles, Adams, and Deehan (St. Joseph's). After arguments were heard from speakers on both sides the Rev. Brother Brady, who kindly officiated as judge, gave an able decision in favor of St. Patrick's Club, and took occasion to compliment the speakers on both sides for the excellence of their arguments, expressing the opinion that the debate was a credit to all engaged in it.

### OBITUARY

#### SISTER MARY ST. IRENE, PERTH.

The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (writes our Christchurch correspondent) have received the sad intelligence by cable of the death, which occurred on Friday last at the Convent of their Order in Perth, Westralia, of Sister Mary St. Irene. The deceased Sister was one of the original party who left the Monastery of the Sacred Heart in this city about five years ago to found a Community at the invitation of the Right Rev. Bishop Gibney in his diocese of Perth. The deceased Sister was a native of New Zealand, and had greatly assisted in establishing and conducting the educational institution of the Community in Perth, which has already accomplished a great amount of enduring work.—R.I.P.

#### MOTHER MARY ST. ANASTASE.

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

The Community of Our Lady of the Missions has suffered a loss by the death on last Sunday night week at Leeston Convent of the Rev. Mother Mary St. Anastase, after a protracted illness. The deceased religious came from the Nelson Convent of the Order principally for health purposes, but unfortunately without beneficial results. She was a native of New Zealand. During her stay at Leeston she was attended by the Rev. Father Goggan, from whom she received all the consolations of our holy Faith, and died in the presence of her devoted Sisters in religion at the early age of thirty-one years. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at Leeston on Wednesday by the Rev. Father Richards (Lincoln). The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., V.G., addressed the assembled mourners (among whom were the Rev. Mother Provincial and Rev. Mother Prioress from the city), and officiated at the interment. Of the clergy there were also present the Very Rev. Father Ginaty (Mount Magdala), Rev. Fathers Marnane (St. Mary's), Hyland (Rangiora), Ahern (Darfield), and Goggan (Leeston). The funeral cortege was a very large one.—R.I.P.

#### MR. P. FLANAGAN, JUN., GORE.

It is with sincere regret we have to record the death of Mr. P. Flanagan, eldest son of Mr. P. Flanagan, Gore, which occurred on Tuesday morning at Queens-town. The deceased was well known in many parts of the Colony as travelling representative of the 'N.Z. Tablet.' About the end of last year he had a serious illness, which led him to temporarily resign work in connection with this office. He spent some months in the early part of this year in the bracing district of Naseby, and it was expected the change had completely restored his health. Only a few weeks ago he visited Dunedin, when he seemed completely recovered, and was hopeful of soon again resuming work for this office. Under the circumstances, the unexpected news of his death came as a great shock to his friends in this city. The deceased was a very industrious, intelligent, and painstaking young man, a good Catholic, and highly popular