MARRIAGE

MUIRHEAD—MONAGHAN.—On August 3, 1914, at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, William George, second son of John and Ellen Muirhead, Ravensbourne, to Catherine, second daughter of John Monaghan, South Dunedin.

DEATHS

BOYLE.—At his residence, Mayfield, Heddon Bush, on July 30, 1914, John, beloved husband of Ann Boyle; aged 79 years.—R.I.P.

KELLY.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Ellen Kelly (relict of the late Benjamin Kelly), who died at Timaru on July 9, 1914.—R.I.P.

McLEAN.—On August 8, 1914, at Waipatiki, Hawke's Bay, the beloved wife of Donald McLean; aged 66 years.—R.I.P.

WARD.—On July 31, 1914, at his residence, Sea View Hill, Hokitika, James Ward, in his 80th year.—R.I.P.

WARD.—On August 7, 1914, at her residence, Sea View Hill, Hokitika, Mary Ward, relict of James Ward, in her 80th year.—R.I.P.

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A JUST WAR



HE members of the first expeditionary force—some 1200 officers and men—which is being raised by New Zealand to aid the Mother Land and her Allies in the present struggle, have left our shores, carrying with them the earnest prayers and fervent good wishes of the whole community. The force is, as everybody knows, to be supplemented by further despatches, which will

bring the total up to 7000 or 8000 men; and, judging by the prompt and spontaneous response already made no difficulty will be experienced in reaching the numerical strength desired by the Home authorities. The spirit so far shown by the young manhood of the Dominion is, indeed, altogether admirable. There has been no foolish jingoism, no hare-brained levity, no light-hearted notion that the affair will be little more than a six-months' picnic. We have come in close contact with many of the volunteers, and we have invariably found that the prevailing spirit was one of quiet, serious, earnest purpose. The feeling alike of those who go and of those who remain is that an hour of real need has struck, and that the call to action is a call of clear duty. It is the spirit of that nobler, saner type of imperialism which found expression in Tennyson's lines:

'Shall we not, thro' good and ill, Cleave to one another still? Britain's myriad voices call "Sons, be welded each and all Into one imperial whole, One with Britain heart and soul! One life, one flag, one fleet, one Throne, Britons, hold your own!"

So far as the British Empire is concerned the present war is unique in one respect: never before has there been such complete and perfect unity and unanimity of feeling and sentiment throughout every portion of the Empire in regard to the Mother Country's action and attitude. And the reason for this phenomenon is not far to seek. It is summed up in a single sentence of Sir Joseph Ward's address to the departing troops: 'The war you are about to engage in is a just war.' Therein the Leader of the Opposition sounded the true note, and spoke the simple truth. According to Catholic theology there are three primary grounds or causes which may be taken as entitling a State to go to war: first, the fact that the State's rights (either directly or indirectly through those of its citizens) are menaced by foreign aggression not otherwise to be prevented than by war; secondly, the fact of actual violation of right not otherwise reparable; thirdly, the need of punishing the threatening or infringing Power for the security of the future. Two, at least, of these three causes are conspicuously and compellingly present in the present case. So far as Britain is concerned the war is, in fact, in its last analysis, a matter of selfpreservation; it is quite literally a case of 'Britons, hold your own.' War, as we have been told on the authority of a great Catholic general, is hell; and it is

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