

## Irishmen and the War

It would seem fairly clear that the recruiting movement is gathering strength amongst Irishmen, both in Ireland and out of it. According to a recent cable, 'Viscount MacDonnell states that 115,000 Irishmen have enlisted in the past few months in the United Kingdom' and the message adds: 'Earl Crewe states that recruiting is proceeding in Ireland to the satisfaction of the War Office.'

The statement is confirmed by the remarks made by the Very Rev. Dean Holley, S.M., at a social tendered to him the other evening on the occasion of his return from Europe. 'You hear all kinds of rumors about treason on the part of Ireland and Irishmen,' says the Press Association report of Dean Holley's speech. 'But while there are some black sheep and demented individuals in every community—and there are some in Ireland—I can say that an overwhelming majority of the people in Ireland are cordially in sympathy with the Allies, and are giving practical expression to that sympathy.' The Dean further remarked that although during the last century Ireland's population has been reduced by one-half—from 8,000,000 to 4,000,000—it had sent a larger number of soldiers, in proportion, than any other part of the Empire. Referring to the Irish-American hostility to Great Britain, he said that a few misled people who, before they left Ireland, belonged to the 'physical force men,' were preaching an alliance with Germany. Their meetings were sparsely attended and largely reported. Speaking of America's attitude, he said that the tone of all the newspapers he had read were—with a few exceptions—in accord with the aspirations of the allies.

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The retreat of the clergy of the diocese, which was held at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, was brought to a close on Friday morning.

Rev. Dr. Kavanagh, who had been for some years professor at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, has returned to his own diocese of Maitland, and is at present stationed in Newcastle.

His Lordship the Bishop entertained the children of the St. Vincent de Paul Orphanage, South Dunedin, to the number of about 80, at a picnic at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, on Tuesday.

Arrangements have been made for a collection throughout the diocese for the relief of the distressed Belgians. The collection will be taken up at St. Joseph's Cathedral on next Sunday.

The A.M.D.G. Guild held a very successful exhibition and sale of Church work at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, last week. The guild was represented by Mesdames Kennedy, Herbert, Callan, and Cornish, and Miss Emery.

The Right Rev. Dr. Carroll, Bishop of Lismore, New South Wales, arrived in Dunedin on Thursday of last week, and left the same afternoon for Queenstown. His Lordship is expected back in Dunedin in about a fortnight.

The annual picnic of the pupils of the Catholic schools in Dunedin and suburbs, which had been arranged for February 3, has, on account of that being the date of the Parliamentary election in Dunedin Central, been postponed to Tuesday, February 9, and will be held, as originally arranged, at Evansdale.

The retreat of the Dominican Nuns, which was conducted by the Rev. Father Tighe, S.J., Sydney, concluded on Wednesday. Father Tighe preached a masterly discourse at Vespers in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, taking as his subject 'The war, and lessons to be learned from it.' The discourse was followed with rapt attention throughout.

The following changes have been made in the diocesan clergy:—Rev. Father D. O'Neill has been transferred from South Dunedin to Invercargill, Rev. Father

E. Lynch from Oamaru to Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, Rev. Father D. O'Connell takes Father Lynch's place in Oamaru, Rev. Father Falconer, recently ordained, has been appointed curate in South Dunedin, and Rev. Father J. P. Tobin has been transferred from Invercargill to South Dunedin.

Inspector O'Donovan, before leaving Napier for Dunedin, was presented with an illuminated address from the citizens of Napier, while Mrs. O'Donovan was the recipient of a purse of sovereigns from the citizens and a pearl and diamond pendant and chain from members of the Hawke's Bay Police Force. The reporters of the local newspapers also presented Inspector O'Donovan with a fountain pen as a token of their esteem.

At last week's meeting of the Dunedin City Council ex-Councillor Sullivan was presented with a beautifully-framed and engrossed copy of the resolution passed by the council expressing its appreciation of the work performed by him during the time he held office in the council as a representative of South Ward. The Mayor (Mr. J. B. Shacklock), in making the presentation, said Mr. Sullivan's late colleagues could not allow him to leave without giving him a reminder of the happy times he had spent at the council table. It was a busy time, as well as a happy time, and those councillors who served on the Water Committee knew the amount of time Mr. Sullivan had devoted to the interests of that department in the capacity of chairman of the committee. They trusted Mr. Sullivan would live long to look on this memento of the time he had spent in the council. His Worship's remarks were supported by Crs. Clark, Marlow, Green, and Wilson. Mr. Sullivan, in reply, expressed his gratitude to the council for the handsome address presented to him, and said he appreciated very sincerely the kindly sentiments that accompanied it.

## HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, MOSGIEL.

The following students of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, were successful in the University December examinations:—

Michael J. Daly passed Matriculation, Solicitors' General Knowledge, and Medical Preliminary.

Stanislaus C. G. Marlow passed Matriculation and Medical Preliminary.

Alfred Neill and Francis J. Skinner passed Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge.

Hugh J. O'Neill gained a partial pass.

## ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE, DUNEDIN.

The following are the results obtained by students of St. Dominic's College at the public examinations held in November and December of last year:—

University Entrance Examinations.—Matriculation, Solicitors' General Knowledge, and Medical Preliminary—Margaret M. Dennehy.

Matriculation—Kathleen Todd.

Public Service.—Senior Free Places and Intermediate (non-competitive)—Elizabeth Bunbury, Mary Dunne, Molly Gallagher, Bessie Miller, Rosella Quinn, Anna Thomas, Moyra Todd.

Studies will be resumed at St. Dominic's College on Monday, February 8. Boarders are requested to be in residence on Saturday, February 6.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

January 23.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea returned from the West Coast on Wednesday evening.

The retreat of the clergy of the archdiocese commences at St. Patrick's College on Monday.

The many friends of Mr. J. J. L. Burke will regret to hear of the death of his mother, which occurred at Greymouth.—R.I.P.

The Ven. Archdeacon Devoy is organising a bazaar