

were being said they heard him murmur: 'Behold I come.' These were his last words. He died on November 3, 1584.

Zeal, zeal for the Church, was the dominant note in his life. There have been few greater churchmen. In his character of a reformer and in his unswerving perseverance and firmness one is prone to look on him as a stern, strong-willed master. But his intercourse with St. Philip and the sunshine that is revealed in their relations with each other show us that Charles was humanly very lovable. And then let us remember how he laid aside his life's work—as well as his scarlet hat and his robes—to labor and watch with the tenderness and love of another Christ by the bedsides of the dying during the plague in Milan.

Beneath the high altar of that beautiful Gothic church, the Duomo of Milan, you may see his body to-day. The features are fairly well preserved still after all the years. And looking on that dead face one feels that he is still with us, with Milan, and with the Church, which had few greater champions in all her history than St. Charles Borromeo.

### Paeroa

(From our own correspondent.)

October 22.

The social which was held in the Central Theatre on Wednesday evening, in aid of the Sisters of St. Joseph, proved a great success, a large number of visitors from Karangahake and Hikutaia being present. Progressive euchre was played during the first part of the evening, the stage being filled with enthusiastic players. As the prizes were exceptionally good, the competition was keen. Mrs. Hill was the lucky winner of the ladies' first prize (a handsome pair of pictures). Miss Goonan carried off the second prize (a silver coffee pot), and Miss Hyde the third (a silver tray). The gentlemen's first prize (a silver tea service) was annexed by Mr. Gurnett, of Hikutaia, Mr. Odgers winning the second (an oak biscuit barrel), and Mr. Eric King the third (a silver tray). Mr. Gurnett presented the silver tea service won by him to the 'Queen of the Valley' fund, Hikutaia. Mr. J. Donnelly's song, 'Mother Macree,' was much appreciated. Ample justice was done to the supper, which reflected great credit on the ladies' committee, who undoubtedly worked hard to make the function the success it was. During the evening the drawing of the art union, over which Messrs Poland, M.P., and A. E. Fielder presided, took place. After the drawing, Mr. Poland announced from the stage that Monsignor Hackett and the ladies of the Art Union committee had decided to hand over to Mr. Evans, treasurer of the 'Queen of the East' fund, the sum of £5 from the proceeds to purchase 400 votes for 'Our Queen.'

Right Rev. Mgr. Hackett has presented to the local committee in charge of the sick and wounded soldiers' fund a valuable horse, which will be put up as first prize in the forthcoming competitions.

### HOW RHEUMO CURED CAPTAIN JOHN GIBBS.

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## SIDELIGHTS ON THE WAR

### GENERAL.

Lieut. Boyd Rochfort, V.C., the latest Irish soldier to win the Victoria Cross, was rejected on account of varicose veins when he first sought a commission in the Army. He underwent an operation and was thereafter accepted.

A well-informed London correspondent says that the two departments of war enterprise in which British efficiency has surprised everybody are aviation and the Secret Service. The superiority of British airmen has long been undisputed. The British Secret Service is credited in its latest coup with capturing most important communications between German agents in America and headquarters in Berlin.

The report circulated in the press that Madame Carton de Wiart, wife of the Belgian Minister of Justice, was released from imprisonment by the Germans in deference to the wishes of the King of Spain needs some explanation. The facts are that Madame Carton de Wiart was not released until she had served the full term of the sentence imposed upon her. She was sentenced on May 21 to three months and five days' imprisonment for writing to her husband. The benevolent intervention of the King of Spain was only responsible for Madame Carton de Wiart not being interned in Germany after being automatically released from the women's prison in Berlin, but even then she was not permitted to return to her home in Brussels to see her six young children, but was compelled to go to the Swiss frontier.

### COMMISSIONS FOR O'LEARY AND DWYER.

Sergeant Michael O'Leary, V.C., and Lance-Corporal Dwyer have each been given a commission in the Northumberland Fusiliers. Dwyer, whose home is at Fulham, is only nineteen years of age. He won the V.C., for holding, single-handed, a trench against the enemy during the fighting around Hill 60. O'Leary received the V.C. for killing eight Germans and capturing two of the enemy's barricades at Cunchy practically by himself.

### IRISH VICTORIA CROSS MEN.

Seventeen Victoria Crosses have been awarded to Irishmen or soldiers of Irish descent during the present war. The following is the list:—Major Massy Wheeler (killed), Captain G. R. O'Sullivan, Lieut. Geo. R. Dallas Moor, Lieut. Boyd Rochfort, Lieut. S. R. P. Roupell, Lieut. M. J. Dease (killed), Sergeant (now Lieut.) Michael O'Leary, Sergeant Hogan, Sergeant J. Somers, Sergeant David Nelson, Lance-Corporal (now Lieut.) Dwyer, Lance-Corporal Holmes, Corporal William Cosgrove, Corporal Robert Morrow (killed), Private William Keneally, Private John Lynn, Drummer William Kenny.

### REV. FATHER DORE'S WORK AT GALLIPOLI.

In the course of a letter to his parents (Mr. and Mrs. J. Curran, Shannon), Private J. Curran, writing from Gallipoli on August 18, says:—'I met Rev. Father Dore just as I got back from the trenches, and I need not say how pleased he was to see me. . . . Father Dore is very knocked up, and to see him now, you would not think he was the same man as left you twelve months ago. Everyone speaks well of him for the wonderful work he is doing. He came right out to where we were under fire in order to give the remains of Colonel Malone proper burial, but he was unable to find the body as matters were terrible there, and it took up all our time to hold the position, which we had taken from the enemy.'

Writing from the Duchess of Connaught's Hospital, Taplow, England, Private Curran says:—'I have just seen by the papers that Father Dore has been

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