

of the Empire's greatest soldier, Lord Kitchener. To him was allotted the task of organising the Empire's forces for a conflict surpassing in magnitude the struggles of history; to him has been given the well-deserved credit of doing this stupendous work so well that other nations, allied and hostile, are amazed. In him the Empire reposed unbounded confidence. This great man is now gone. He met his death, not on the field of battle, but still doing his duty. Lord Kitchener was not only a great leader and a great soldier, but a great man. We all remember his address to his men when setting out for France, an address worthy of a great man; an address wherein he appealed to his army to remember their manhood and their own personal honor and self-respect, and thus avoid the many dangers incidental to the soldier's life. His words will be ever memorable as an evidence of the great heart of this great man, and the interest he took in the welfare of the Empire's soldiers. In the name of the Catholics of Christchurch his Lordship expressed sorrow for the loss of Lord Kitchener, a soldier-leader and organiser whose life for his country and whose death in the service of his country had established a claim on the Empire's veneration and gratitude.

In the evening there were Solemn Vespers in the presence of his Lordship the Bishop on the throne. An eloquent and impressive discourse was preached by his Lordship the Bishop, appropriate of the day's festival from the text—'Go ye, therefore, teach all nations,' during which in vivid passages he portrayed the trials and triumphs of the Catholic Church from the first Pentecost. Solemn Pontifical Benediction was then given by his Lordship the Bishop.

Greymouth.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Miss Inga Hannam, pupil of the Sisters of Mercy, Greymouth, has received the following letter from Madame Louise Harris, donor of the Victor Harris Medal, which is annually awarded to the candidate who obtains the highest marks in New Zealand in the Local Centre examinations in violin playing:—'Dear Miss Hannam,—It gives me much pleasure to forward to you the "Victor Harris Memorial Gold Medal," which was awarded by the Associated Board of R.A.M. and R.C.M. to you for violin playing at their last examination. Greymouth is to be congratulated on having so much talent. The medal has been won by a Greymouth-Convent candidate, and it must be gratifying to you to think that your work has merited the marks obtained, and encourage you to further efforts in gaining proficiency in your musical career.'

Hokitika

(From our own correspondent.)

June 4.

The Rev. Father Quinn, of St. Bede's College, Christchurch, is at present a visitor to Hokitika.

Last Wednesday a very successful euchre tournament was held in St. Mary's Clubrooms, on behalf of the wounded soldiers' fund.

Mr. John Toker, of Arahura, passed away last Friday at the age of 45 years. He leaves a widow and children to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

June 12.

Rev. Father Herring, S.M., opens a mission under the auspices of the Holy Family Confraternity and for the men of the city, on Tuesday, June 20, at the Cathedral.

Rev. Father Brennan returned to Auckland at the end of last week, and is now enjoying a three

weeks' rest with Very Rev. Father Cahill, Parnell, before resuming his duties.

Very Rev. Dean Van Dyk, Superior of the Maori Missionaries, made appeals at the Masses and Vespers at the Cathedral yesterday on behalf of the Maori mission, with most successful results. A sum of £40 was subscribed, for which the Dean expressed his grateful thanks.

Rev. Father O'Doherty, Cambridge, addressed the Holy Family Confraternity at the last meeting, and gave an interesting description of the composition of an army corps, its component parts, and duties allotted to each—mobilisation, victualling, clothing, and attending sick and wounded. The whole made up a most interesting and instructive lecture.

At St. Columba's School, conducted by the Marist Brothers, a new laboratory has been erected, suitable for chemical, physical, and geographical experiments. The Brothers and pupils return their grateful thanks to Mr. J. J. O'Brien, who supplied timber free, to Mr. Michael Reardon, who erected the building free, to Mr. James Duffin, who supplied the plumbing and water services work free. Mr. Thos. Darby contributed in cash.

The annual meeting of the Newman Society was held last Sunday, at which the Newman Society executive representatives, the Catholic teachers' executive, Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, Rev. Fathers Murphy and Dunphy, representatives of the Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of St. Joseph were present. The scheme for dealing with all Catholic children attending secular schools, proposed by the Newman Society, was approved by all present.

'I have a sad duty to perform,' said Very Rev. Dean Van Dyk at the Solemn High Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday. 'Millions of British subjects profess faith in the Catholic Church, and the Church through her representatives publicly expresses her sorrow at the sudden demise of one who was looked upon by all of us as the one soldier able to defend successfully the interior Empire against the aggressive enemy. To thoughtful Catholics, Earl Kitchener's death emphasises the well-known truths, too often lost sight of—the uncertainty of life and vanity of human greatness. Let us to-day,' concluded the Dean, 'remember not Kitchener the General, but rather Kitchener the man, and pray that he, who was like a brilliant star in the firmament of the British Empire, may continue to shine, although be it in a more modest way in the empire of souls created by God.'

At the conference, held last Sunday on the suggestion of the Newman Society, Rev. Brother Fergus presided, and there were present Miss Jacobson, Dr. O'Shaughnessy, Mr. J. H. O'Connell, representing the Newman Society, and forty others. All those present under seventeen years of age formed themselves into a junior guild of the Newman Society, and decided to meet monthly and study portions of the New Testament each month. At the next meeting, the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel will be discussed. A course of Church history will be undertaken, beginning with the Inquisition. A complete scheme for the year has not yet been defined. The Newman Society proposes to surround these young people with a sound Catholic atmosphere, and give Catholic direction to their reading. The senior society, in addition to the ordinary syllabus, will this year undertake a regular course of social science.

The quarterly Communion of the members of St. Benedict's Club, who were accompanied by the representatives of other clubs and associations, took place at the early Mass on Sunday, and was largely attended. All assembled at the club rooms at 7.15 a.m., and, led by the officers of St. Benedict's Club, made an imposing sight as they marched in a body to seats reserved for them in the church. After Mass, breakfast was provided by the club in their rooms. Amongst those present were Rev. Father Bleakley, Rev. Brothers Calixtus and Fergus, Mr. J. Lees (secretary), and several members of the M.B.O.B. Club, Mr. H. J.