

## FANTASY

Sometimes in the still lone hours of night  
When sleep her blest oblivion denies,  
I ope my casement to the starlit skies—  
And view the valley wrapt in soft moonlight,  
Winding afar to where the dim hills rise.

I wander 'mid the shadows in the glades,  
Where mystic shapes in sombrous robes bedight  
Beckon to me, like spectres of the night;  
Faces I knew loom in the misty shades—  
Ah! 'tis the moon that guides my fancy's flight.

Sweet is the music of the distant seas,  
The soothing zephyr through the silence brings  
Voices that pass me as the rush of wings—  
'Tis but the night wind whispering to the trees—  
My thoughts are wafted to imaginings.

How long the dreary night of phantom dreams;  
The still grey world in peace before me lies,  
I view the slumbering scene through sleepless eyes,  
While visions woven in the pale moonbeams,  
Haunt the dread hours till dawn shall wake the skies.

—HAROLD GALLAGHER.

Dunedin.

## KITCHENER SCHOLARSHIPS

### EXPLANATION BY THE MINISTER.

Asked by a *New Zealand Times* reporter yesterday whether any decision had yet been arrived at as to the form of the proposed Kitchener Scholarships, the Minister of Education (Hon. J. A. Hanan) said that he would like first of all to make some remarks on the subject in order to remove some misapprehension which is evidently existing in the minds of some of the public (writes our Wellington correspondent, under date December 22).

'It will be remembered,' said Mr. Hanan, 'that Colonel R. Heaton Rhodes proceeded to Egypt, Malta, and Gallipoli at the request of the Government to inquire into and report upon matters in connection with our troops. The amount to which he was entitled for personal expenses was not claimed by him, and he generously offered the sum (£500) to the Government to form the nucleus of a fund with which to establish scholarships to be called "The Kitchener Memorial Scholarships" for the children of fallen members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces. He also intimated that he would supplement this amount by a further £500 if the Government approved of his proposal. This generous and patriotic offer was accepted, and the question as to what form the scholarships should take was referred, at his request, to the Council of Education, and a special committee was set up by that body to consider the matter. In September last the council recommended the establishment of naval scholarships. Before making any recommendations to the Government with respect to the proposals of the Council of Education (Mr. Hanan said) it was necessary, in his opinion, that certain information should be obtained so that he might form a judgment on the subject. As no Naval College existed in New Zealand the Naval Office at Melbourne was accordingly communicated with in order to obtain information as to whether New Zealanders gaining the form of scholarships suggested by the Council of Education would be admitted in the Royal Australian Naval College, and, if so, what terms and for what period of training, also whether provision could be made after completion of training for their employment as officers in the Australian Navy. So far the particulars asked for have not yet been received. The financial and other aspects of the question are also being inquired into.'

The Minister desired it to be distinctly understood that no decision had yet been arrived at by Cabinet as to the form of the scholarships. Mr. Hanan said that

his own personal desire was to see that the scholarships shall be of such a democratic form as will enable the children of fallen soldiers to compete therefor, and the conditions should be such as to enable the winners to take advantage of same irrespective of the social standing of their parents.

## OBITUARY

### MR. J. McTAMNEY, WAIKOUAITI.

Quite a gloom was cast over Waikouaiti (writes a correspondent), when it became known that Mr. James McTamney had passed away at his residence, at the early age of 49 years. Deceased, who was of a genial disposition, was respected by all who knew him. Born in County Derry, Ireland, he arrived in Dunedin with his parents in 1884. He had just undergone a serious operation, and had arrived home when he took a bad turn, passing away on Sunday, December 24. He died fortified by the rites of the Church. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was followed by a large number of friends and relatives. A large number of wreaths were sent from all over the district. Rev. Father O'Reilly, Port Chalmers, conducted the funeral service at the graveside. Deceased left a widow, four children, and three sisters to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

## Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

January 2.

The festival of Christmas was celebrated in Gisborne in a notable manner. The large number who approached the Holy Table constituted a record according to our worthy parish priest, who felt fully compensated for the arduousness of hearing confessions, practically during the whole of Saturday and Sunday. Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Church at 7 and 10.30, and at Makaraka at 8.30., Rev. Father Lane being celebrant. At 10.30 a Missa Cantata was sung at St. Mary's. The choir, under the baton of Mr. G. Palairat, rendered Mozart's Seventh Mass very creditably.

On Sunday, December 31, Mr. H. L. Maynard, who is leaving with the Gisborne unit of the 24th Reinforcements, was the recipient of a token of the choir members' appreciation, in the shape of a set of military hair brushes (inscribed), and a hand pocket wallet. The presentation was made by the choir master, who referred to the efficient services of the recipient, and genuine regret at his departure. Mr. Maynard responded, thanking the choir for their good wishes and valued souvenirs.

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