

ROLL OF HONOR

PRIVATE RICHARD NAUGHTON.

Mr. W. Naughton, of Kerrytown, received word from the Base Records of the death of his son, Private Richard Naughton of the 10th Reinforcements, who died of wounds in England on October 16, 1916. No news of him had been received, though cables of inquiry had been sent. Private Naughton had been



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brought up in the Kerrytown district, and was educated at the Kerrytown School. Since leaving school he had followed farming pursuits. He lived all his life in the district where he was born, and was a universal favorite wherever he went, a most exemplary Catholic, and a good son and brother. The sympathy of the whole district has gone out to his sorrowing parents, brothers, and sisters.

RIFLEMAN JAMES O'DONNELL.

Rifleman James O'Donnell, who died of wounds at the clearing station, France, on January 3, was the eldest son of Mr. H. O'Donnell, Brunner, and was 34 years of age. He was born in Greymouth and was educated at the Convent School, Brunner, and the Marist Brothers' School, Greymouth. He left New Zealand with the 4th Battalion of the N.Z. Rifle Brigade on February 5, 1916, and, with the exception of a very short stay in Egypt, had been engaged in the heavy fighting in France, including the 'Big Push.' Prior to enlisting he was employed at Lake Hochstetter, but some years previously he worked in Reefton and was a dashing forward of the Reefton Football Club.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

January 30.

The Rev. Father Lane, who has been attending the annual retreat of the Auckland clergy, returned home on Sunday. During Father Lane's absence the Rev. Dr. Geaney, of Greenmeadows Seminary, has been in charge. In notifying the arrangements, Father Lane took occasion to thank his Grace Archbishop Redwood for facilitating Dr. Geaney coming here.

St. Mary's Church has been enriched by the gifts of several generous parishioners. A fine set of large candlesticks and cross for the high altar were given by Mrs. H. Martin, and are fine specimens of the brass-

workers' art. A procession canopy of artistic finish and design was presented by Mr. D. J. Barry. On a recent Sunday Father Lane thanked the generous donors for their handsome gifts.

PUBLICATIONS

A Little Book of Prayers for the Dead. Compiled by the Rev. W. H. Kent, O.S.C., 3s net. London: Burns and Oates.

Christ the Consoler. Compiled by Agnes Egerton Castle. 3s net. London: Burns and Oates.

These are days of anxiety and sorrow in almost every Catholic home in New Zealand, grief hardly to be borne except by those who have hope and whose minds are filled with the thought of the rewards granted to the brave soldiers who have done their day's work well. Many thousands of mourners will therefore welcome these two dainty little books of prayers and comforting thoughts. Father Kent goes to the official prayers of the Church and the works of the Fathers. A happy inspiration indeed, for the language of the Church's liturgical prayers for the dead is simple, personal, and moving to a degree. That of course we might expect when we think of the Church's tender care for the immortal souls of the departed. Mrs. Egerton Castle, a mourner herself, presents us with the reading and prayers which have brought comfort to her own heart—the consoling words of Sacred Scripture, and solacing thoughts from writers old and new, such as St. Bernard, St. Gertrude, Dante, and Mon-signor Benson.

We have received from Gordon and Gotch a booklet containing 70 views of Dunedin, including our large public and private buildings, churches, schools, and some pretty bird's-eye views of our city, taken from Heriot row and other suitable points of vantage. The whole publication has been produced in the Dominion, and is a credit to our artists who have been responsible for the work.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARGARET WRIGHT.

The many friends of the Rev. Father Wright, parish priest of Waihi (writes our Auckland correspondent, under date January 26), were deeply grieved when they heard of the death of his mother recently in Victoria. As Father Wright had been stationed at St. Patrick's for several years, it was arranged that a Solemn Requiem Mass should be celebrated in the Cathedral for the repose of her soul. This morning, at the close of the annual retreat for the clergy, the following priests attended at the Cathedral to show their respect for the deceased lady, and for her son in the person of Father Wright, one of their respected and deservedly popular priests:—Right Rev. Mgr. Mahoney, V.G., Diocesan Adm. (who presided in the sanctuary), Right Rev. Mgrs. Gillan, V.G., and Hackett, Rev. Fathers Golden, Furlong, Tormey, Van Westeinde, Kreymborg, Molloy, De Vodler, Dunphy, Brennan, Schoonhof, Dignan, Forde, O'Flynn, Zangerl, Bres-sers, Smiers, Zanna, Farragher, Bleakley, Carran, Bowen, Henry, S.M., Taylor, O'Malley, Duffy, O'Hara, Spiering, O'Callaghan, Lane, Kelly, Langerwerf, and Dr. Ormond. Rev. Father Wright was celebrant, Very Rev. Father Cahill deacon, Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., subdeacon, and Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, D.S., master of ceremonies. The solemn music was sung by a choir of priests. After Mass Rev. Father Wright, assisted by the assembled priests, gave the blessings at the catafalque. A large congregation attended.—R.I.P.

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