

Miss V. Inder, were well received. A dainty supper, provided by the young ladies, left nothing to be desired. One of the most enjoyable functions of this season terminated with the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne."

## THE LIBERTY LOAN

### STRONG CATHOLIC ADVOCACY.

Generous Catholic participation in the Liberty Loan was strongly advocated at the great gathering on last Sunday evening in St. Joseph's Hall, Rattray street, Dunedin. Most of the speakers referred to the proposals of the Minister of Finance in such a way as to clearly indicate the necessity, and even duty, of Catholics from purely patriotic motives, doing their part in assisting the Government in the existing dire stress, although we, as a community, have our own troubles and anxieties. The chairman (Mr. J. A. Brown), Mr. M. Reddington, and Mr. J. Sweeney spoke upon the subject at some length, Mr. Reddington, especially, directing his remarks to the necessity of helping the Government by helping the loan. The views expressed evidently found acceptance by the large audience, several approving interjections emanating therefrom. The chairman said: "Unfortunately, we had never been instructed in lending money to our Government as the people of France and Germany had been. That was one of the reasons why we were less thrifty. No one could tell how long the war would last or how large might become the sacrifices in men and treasure before we emerged victorious. An investor in the War Loan—and a bond might be purchased from 13s upwards—had the patriotic satisfaction of knowing that he was doing a further bit to help to win the war. This Liberty Loan was a very different investment from the usual run of investments, and if it were largely subscribed to by men and women of small means it would confer a great economic blessing."

## OBITUARY

### SISTER MARIE ST. LUCILLE, NOTRE DAME DES MISSIONS, CHRISTCHURCH.

In the Convent Chapel, Lower High street, last Saturday (August 25), a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Sister Marie St. Lucille, religious of Notre Dame des Missions, was celebrated by his Lordship Bishop Brodie. The Rev. Father O'Hare was assistant priest, Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., deacon, and Rev. Father Long, subdeacon. The deceased Sister had spent the twenty years of her religious life in the various convents of her Order in the North Island, but for some years she suffered from ill-health, and a few months ago was called to the Provincial House, where the ailing Sisters are often brought, either to undergo special medical treatment or to enjoy the benefit of the special religious privileges afforded by the novitiate house. When medical assistance proved unavailing, and the good Sister was told that she had not many months to live, she edified and encouraged all around her by the joyful confidence with which she set herself to prepare for the near approach of her heavenly bridegroom. Throughout her religious life she had distinguished herself by her solid piety and filial obedience, and God in return rewarded her indeed—even in this world, a hundred fold. During the many weeks she was confined to her bed it was her joy and privilege to receive Holy Communion daily. His Lordship the Bishop and Cathedral clergy were most assiduous in giving the suffering Sister the consolations afforded by our Holy Church.—R.I.P.

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## COMMERCIAL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, August 28, 1917, as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—Our next sale will be held on Monday, September 10.

Oats.—The market has improved considerably, and there is a strong inquiry for seed and milling lines. Prime milling, 4s to 4s 2d; good to best feed, 3s 9d to 3s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There is no milling quality offering. Only small parcels of fowl wheat are available, and these can be quoted at from 6s to 6s 3d per bushel (sacks extra) for best quality.

Potatoes.—The market is very dull and sales can only be effected in small lots. Only choice, freshly-picked lines are in demand. Choice tables, to £4; medium to good, £3 to £3 10s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—There is a strong inquiry for good heavy oaten sheaf, and any consignments coming to hand can be readily sold on arrival at quotations. Best oaten sheaf, £6 to £6 10s; medium to good, £5 to £6 per ton (sacks extra).

## Invercargill

On August 8, 9, and 10, a sale of work, under the auspices of St. Mary's Choir, in aid of the school building fund, was held in Victoria Hall (writes a correspondent). The hall was tastefully decorated and the various stalls presented a bright and pleasing appearance. The whole management was in the capable hands of Mr. H. S. Searle, to whom the success of the undertaking is due. An orchestra, under the able direction of Mr. A. R. Wills, gave a series of selections each evening, and Mr. Sutherland's pupils and the Marist Brothers' pupils gave creditable performances. The following amounts were handed in by stall-holders:—No. 1 (Mrs. O'Byrne and Miss Kane), £46; No. 2 (Mesdames Maloney and Sheehan), £79 10s; No. 3 (Mrs Wm. Baird, jun., and Miss Baird), £125; No. 4 (Miss Baldwin), tea rooms, £5; No. 5 (Misses Harrington and Cavanagh), £61; coupons (Misses McCarthy and Kirwan), £24. The sheep-guessing competition in connection with Mrs. William Baird's stall, and so energetically worked by Miss M. Affleck, realised over £20. The band of enthusiastic helpers—too numerous to mention—who assisted the stall-holders to dispose of their goods, deserve every praise. Great credit is due also to Rev. Father Woods, Messrs. Mahoney, Stokes, Wallace, and Kelly for the way they carried out their various duties. All goods remaining on stalls were disposed of by Mr. Jack Macdonald (Wright, Stephenson and Co.) by "Dutch auction," and as a result of the enterprise over £300 will be added to the school building fund. The stall-holders desire to thank, through the columns of the *Tablet*, all kind friends who made generous donations to and otherwise assisted towards the success of the sale of work.

In the inter-college Rugby football contest on last Saturday week, the St. Patrick's College V.I. A team played up to its reputation, defeating Wellington College A's by 14 points to nil. The game was fast and exciting, but from the outset Blues showed their superiority both in back and forward divisions. Tries were scored by Hally (2), White, and Bremer. Denehy converted one try. This team has not had its line crossed this season, and is leading for the competition.

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