

serious split. And one who has implicit faith in MacNeill writes to us that De Valera is a wonder among wonders, and in no way likely to countenance dissension among the rank and file of the party. Again we are assured by keen observers that it is most probable that in time those who may now differ will come to form a party inspired by one ideal and one only: The honor of God and the Glory of Ireland. We must admit that Mr. Redmond did great service for the cause of Ireland ever since he was elected for New Ross 36 years ago. But we know now—as some of us believed for a long time—that he made a mistake which could not be undone perhaps for generations: he held the winning cards and threw down his hand. In doing this he acted as a gentleman filled with a beautiful belief in English honor and justice would have acted. He ignored all the stern lessons of Irish history, and all the warnings of Biggar, and Butt, and Parnell. His confidence was a beautiful thing. But the salvation of Ireland was no matter to leave to uncertainties. Then, if ever, the maxim should have been *Salus reipublicae suprema lex esto*. Under a new standard, under new leaders, the old fight is being fought again. Ireland has never lost hope yet; and never on the morrow of an apparent defeat has she looked towards the dawn with eyes in which hope shone brighter than now.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

October 6.

The Board of Management of the Catholic Women's Hostel has renewed the lease of its present premises for a further period. The hostel has supplied a long-felt want, and is a most popular institution for our young women.

The sum of £102 has been forwarded by the Wellington Diocesan Council of the Catholic Federation to the Dominion Executive, being dues on account of membership for September quarter. This constitutes a record for a quarter's dues.

A cable message received this week by Messrs. T. and L. Dwan from their nephew, A. P. Dwan, who was wounded at Messines and has been in Walton-on-Thames Hospital ever since, announces that he is getting better, and is returning to New Zealand shortly.

Private R. V. McKenna, who was killed in the railway accident near Plymouth (England), was a son of Mr. McKenna, of Newman, and a nephew of the

Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna, V.G., of Masterton. He was twenty years of age, and left with the 28th Reinforcements.—R.I.P.

The Catholic Ladies' Knitting Guild will have charge of the Boulcott Street stall on "Our Day," next Thursday, 18th inst., and will be glad to receive any article suitable for their produce stall. St. Patrick's Hall, Boulcott street, will be the receiving depot, and all articles or material should be sent there not later than Wednesday, 17th inst.

The residents of the Catholic Women's Hostel organised a social recently and as a result realised the sum of £14 for the Catholic Knitting Guild's effort for the Red Cross fund. A similar function for the same purpose, and organised by Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Dunne, and Misses Sheridan, McKeowen, and Breen, resulted in the raising of £37. Mrs. (Major) O'Sullivan has a New Zealand flag on which she is obtaining autographs, and at the same time cash donations which will be devoted to the same cause.

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