

they would have peace to-morrow. . . . He had been called a traitor for saying that even before men were asked to go to the front voluntarily they should know what they were fighting for. . . . He loved Ireland before the Empire, as he loved Australia before the Empire: not that he loved the Empire less. (Laughter.) Could they be fighting for the small nations when Ireland lay enslaved at the feet of England?" (Prolonged cheering.)

To intelligent people such a speech—particularly since it is made at a time when Germany's behaviour in Eastern Europe resolves all doubts about the origin and purpose of the war—appears as the veriest nonsense. Yet it is accepted by a large section of the population here as truth and wisdom. Dr. Mannix's followers comprise, in about equal proportions, the least intelligent members of his Church, and the Bolshevik element of the labor organisation. He is the most dangerous influence in Australia to-day.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

March 23.

Mr. F. W. Swift, of Parliament Street, has received advice that his son, Private W. Swift, has been transferred from the firing line in France to the Pay Office at Torquay. Private Swift, who left with the 24th Reinforcements, is an old boy of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, and the Sacred Heart College, Auckland, and previous to enlisting was on the staff of the Union Bank of Australia at Wellington.

The funeral of the late Mr. David Sullivan, licensee of the Pier Hotel, who died rather suddenly on Saturday, March 16, took place last Monday morning, and was very largely attended. Amongst those who were present were licensed victualliers and members of sporting bodies in various parts of Wellington, Taranaki, and Hawke's Bay provincial districts. Mr. P. J. Griffin (president) and Mr. R. Dwyer (secretary), and all the members of the executive of the Wellington Licensed Victuallers' Association, attended. There were no fewer than forty conveyances. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Mary of the Angels' Church, Boulcott Street, by the Rev. Father Mahony, and a service at the graveside at Karori was conducted by the Rev. Father Hoare, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Schaefer and O'Connor. Many beautiful wreaths were sent. The Rev. Father Hoare attended the deceased in his last illness.—R.I.P.

The Very Rev. Dean Holley, S.M. (Provincial), and Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M., have returned from Australia.

The many friends of Major Halpin, treasurer of the Wellington Diocesan Council of the Catholic Federation, and Mr. P. J. Kelleher, Chief Clerk Internal Affairs Dept., will be pleased to learn that they are recovering from serious illness.

Quite a gloom was cast over the boys of the Marist Brothers' School, Newtown, on Wednesday morning, when the sad news of the sudden death of Albert Burton, one of their schoolmates, was announced. The deceased lad, who was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton, of Constable Street, was a bright boy of fourteen years, and apparently very robust. He took part as one of the players of the Drum and Fife Band that played in the procession on St. Patrick's Day to Newtown Park, and also at the drill display. He also competed in the wrestling events and won the boys' championship. He attended school as usual on Tuesday, and to all appearances was in his usual health, but at night was stricken with a sudden illness. Medical aid being summoned next morning, the case was pronounced

hopeless, and death supervened immediately after the last Sacraments were administered. The interment took place at Karori on Friday, prior to which the Rev. Father Mark Devoy (who also attended the deceased in his last moments and officiated at the graveside) offered a Requiem Mass, which was attended by the Marist Brothers and deceased's class-fellows of the Sixth Standard, who followed on foot the remains of their departed schoolmate to his last resting place. The executive of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations carried a motion of condolence with the school and with the parents of the deceased in their very sad bereavement.—R.I.P.

On Monday, March 11, a Solemn Requiem Mass was offered by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle Street, for the happy repose of the soul of the late Very Rev. Dean Carew, S.M. The Rev. Father Mangan, C.S.S.R., was deacon and the Rev. Father McDonnell, S.M., subdeacon, the Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., Adm., being master of ceremonies. The St. Patrick's College Choir, under the Rev. Father Schaefer, S.M., rendered the music.

The Rev. Father Barra, S.M., chaplain to the N.Z. Expeditionary Forces, is now stationed at the Walton-on-Thames General Hospital.

Lieut. John Duggan, well known in Catholic Federation circles, is at present confined to No. 1 General Hospital, London.

News has been received that Lieut. Wm. Berry is on furlough, which he is spending in Ireland with the Rev. Father Bartley, S.M.

Private Jeremiah O'Brien, of the 28th Reinforcements, and president of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society when he was called to the colors, is at present in the trenches on the Western Front. He concludes a most interesting letter recently received by exhorting all of the members who remain to join heartily in the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

A most successful mission is being conducted by the Marist Missionaries—Fathers Ainsworth and O'Leary—at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon, the spacious basilica being altogether inadequate to accommodate the large congregations which attend all of the exercises of the mission. Oldest parishioners of the parish consider that the present mission has been the most successful yet held. The great number who approach the Holy Table morning after morning is a truly edifying sight. The mission closes to-morrow, and another will commence at St. Vincent de Paul's Church in the suburban area of the parish.

The gross proceeds of the St. Patrick's Day celebration is estimated to exceed £500, and that well over £300 of this amount will be available for the Catholic Education Fund.

DIocese of Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

March 25.

The panegyric of St. Patrick was preached in the evening of Sunday, March 17, at the Cathedral by Rev. Father O'Boyle, who referred to the day as the Feast of the Irish Race as well as the Festival of a Saint. St. Patrick found Ireland a pagan nation, and left it wholly Christian. Father O'Boyle referred in an able manner to England's unjust and tyrannical laws, all directed to the stamping out of the faith, but were in reality, however, the cause of spreading it throughout the world. He trusted that the sorrow and suffering of the Irish race would soon be at an end, and that they would be a united nation again under the banner of the Cross in the faith of St. Patrick.

The M.B.O.B. Association begin training on next week. Mr. P. Burns, of All-Black fame, has consented to coach the teams, and this season the wearers of the green jersey, if they attend to practice, should give a good account of themselves.