

Fathers O'Connor, Gondringer, Devoy, Outtrim, and Cullen. Father Dignan also officiated at the interment, which took place at Karori. The chief mourners were the deceased's three sons (Messrs. Bert Kelly, P. Kelly, and L. Kelly). The pall-bearers were members of the clerical department of the locomotive branch of the Railway, of which the late Mr. Kelly was formerly chief clerk. There were present the Hon. T. M. Wilford, Major A. A. Corrigan, Major James O'Sullivan, and the following officers of the Railway Department:—Messrs. R. M. McVilly (assistant general manager), A. W. Mouat (chief clerk), H. Buxton (chief traffic manager), F. W. McLean (chief engineer), H. H. Jackson (chief mechanical engineer), J. Macdonald (chief accountant), H. Baxter (controller of stores), H. J. Wynne (signal engineer), W. Ridler (chief record clerk), and C. A. Piper (assistant traffic manager). The borough of Eastbourne was represented by Messrs. P. Levi (Mayor), J. S. Day (town clerk), S. Ross, and Marquis. Others present included Messrs. J. E. Fitzgerald, W. J. Butler (chief clerk, Defence Department), Troup, and T. Bourke, and Captain G. T. Hull, R.I.P.

Following are the results of the football matches in which the various Marist Brothers' teams were engaged on Saturday, August 3: Senior division: Marist defeated Thistle by 1 to nil. Marshall scored about seven minutes before end of time. Marist and Porirua are leading for championship. Third division: Marist easily defeated Trinity by 8 to nil. Marist are runners-up in the competition. Fourth division: Marist, with nine men in first half and ten in the second, drew with Thorndon - 3 all. Marist and Institute are leading for first place, with Thorndon runners-up. Scorers for Marist were Gamble, Gavin, and Griffen.

Napier

(From our own correspondent.)

August 8.

The school football competition for the Ross Shield, which is open to all the schools in Hawke's Bay, was concluded, as far as Napier is concerned, on Saturday last, when the Marist Brothers' School team met and defeated a team picked from the Napier Main School A and B teams. The game was somewhat marred by a gale of wind, nevertheless a fine exhibition of Rugby was given by both teams. Playing with the wind in the first half, the Main School team scored a try, which was converted, and half-time was called with the score 5 to nil against Marists. This score was remarkable for being the first and only score registered against the Greens throughout the season. On changing ends the Marist team scored two tries, neither of which was converted, the game ending in favor of Marists by 6 points to 5. Great interest was taken in the match, as the Napier Main School had held the shield for several years, and had been training hard to avoid defeat by the "little" school under the hill. Though the rivalry was so keen the match was played in the best spirit by the boys, and the master who had charge of the defeated team was amongst the first to congratulate Brother Walter on the success of his team. Prior to this match, which was a special challenge for the right to represent Napier against other districts in Hawke's Bay for the shield, the Marist team had defeated all the schools in Napier, their record being as follows:—Matches played 7, won 7, lost nil, points for 180, points against nil.

DIocese OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

August 9.

Sunday last was observed in all churches in this diocese as a day of special intercession for those at the war and for an honorable and lasting peace. At St. Patrick's Cathedral large congregations attended, and those present joined in united prayer for the objects

named and for the repose of the souls of those killed in the war. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament lasted throughout the day. On Thursday morning Solemn Requiem Masses were celebrated at all the churches in the city and suburbs. At the Cathedral Mass was celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop, assisted by Fathers Hunt and O'Doherty, with Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook as master of ceremonies.

Catholic education in Auckland and the indigent children of Catholics in Auckland have benefited within the last few days by a handsome bequest of approximately £13,000, made by the late Miss Mary Waters, formerly of Garfield Street, Parnell. The money is the residue of the estate, a number of private bequests having been provided for in the will. Messrs. P. B. Darby, E. W. Coleman, and James Tapper, of Auckland, have been deputed as trustees to realise it and to pay the proceeds to the Catholic Bishop for the time being of the Diocese of Auckland, to be used and applied by him for any one or more of the following purposes:—(a) For the establishment or erection of any Catholic school for the education, maintenance, or upbringing of children from deserted or neglected homes and orphan children of the Catholic faith; (b) in the construction of any additions or making of any alterations in any such school; (c) in the maintenance or upkeep of any such school. The will also provides that such schools shall remain under the supervision, management, and control of the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, and that they shall be constructed of brick, stone, concrete, or other suitable permanent materials.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 12.

The ordinary meeting of the Celtic Club was held on Tuesday evening, August 6, Mr. J. Curry presiding. The attendance was exceptionally good, the seating accommodation being fully taxed. Two new members were admitted, and five nominations recorded. The energetic secretary Mr. A. F. Jannan intimated that "prepared speeches" would form the programme for the evening of August 20. After the business of the meeting had been concluded a mock trial provided excellent entertainment. On Wednesday evening the comedy "Uncle Pat" was repeated, preceded by a concert in the Hibernal Hall. Miss E. Rodgers, Messrs. C. Fectrell, P. Smith, B. Rennell, and Phil Jones contributed to the concert programme, also the Marist Brothers' Choir, under the leadership of Brother Emilian, and an orchestra consisting of Misses Foley and Lawlor and E. Sykes, Master Bamfield, and Mr. C. Geoghegan. Miss Sykes and Mr. Kirk played the various accompaniments efficiently. The comedy was well played and proved interesting and amusing.

The Corporal Smyth who was recently mentioned in despatches in connection with the Passchendaele battle, is Frank Smyth, of the M.B.O.B. Association, who was captain of the senior football team before going to the front, and is a son of Mrs. Smyth, of Durham Street, St. Albans.

Bro. J. Ormandy, B.P., presided at the meeting of St. Mary's branch H.A.C.B. Society held on August 5 at Ozanam Lodge. All officers, including Father Roche, S.M. (chaplain), were present, also a large number of members. Sick allowances (£4) and accounts amounting to £11 were passed for payment. A committee was appointed to promote literary and debating programmes which it is intended to introduce at the general meetings. Impromptu speeches will form the subject on the syllabus at the conclusion of the business at the next meeting, at which the president wishes to see a full attendance. It was decided to hold a social in the Art Gallery on September 1, in aid of St. Mary's stall at the projected garden fete at Mount Magdala.

Father Kelly (Gisborne) has during his stay in Christchurch doing temporary duty at the Cathedral.