

SERGEANT PETER PRENDERGAST, M.M.

Sergeant Peter Prendergast, M.M., news of whose death has been received, was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. James Prendergast, of Eifelton, Canterbury. He was born at Longbeach 26 years ago, and received part of his education at the Convent School, Ashburton. He was a very popular young fellow, and took a prominent part in athletics, notably in football, wrestling,



and boxing. He won the heavy-weight championship of the 11th Reinforcements, of which he was a member, being awarded a gold medal. He was wounded on four occasions, and early in his career was awarded the Military Medal. Just previous to his being killed in action he received a bar in addition to the medal. Before entering the army Sergeant Prendergast was engaged in farming pursuits in the Eifelton district, and was for some time at Bracepeth Station, in the Wairarapa. A younger brother of the late Sergeant Prendergast enlisted with the 30th Reinforcements, was recently wounded, and is now in the Military Hospital at Hornchurch. —R.I.P.

PRIVATE DANIEL HIGGINS.

Private Daniel Higgins, killed in action in France, was born at Roslyn, Dunedin, in 1894. He was educated at the Marist Brothers' School, Christchurch, and after serving his time as a plumber worked at his trade until joining the Expeditionary Forces. He was of a quiet, unassuming nature, and much respected by all who knew him. —R.I.P.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

The following are the results of the music examinations in connection with Trinity College, London, held recently at the Convent of Mercy, Lyttelton, by Mr. Charles Schilsky: Licentiate Piano—One. Intermediate One. Junior Violin—Two. Preparatory—Three. The following pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, Akaroa, were also successful: Intermediate Piano—Two. Junior Piano—Two. Preparatory Piano—One; do. Violin, one.

At the examinations held in Methven and Rakaia the following pupils were successful:—Methven: Associate Piano—One. Junior Piano (honors)—One; do pass, one; do. singing one. Preparatory (honors)—One. First Steps—Two. Rakaia: Junior Violin—One; do. piano, three. Preparatory Piano (honors)—One; do pass, three.

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Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

November 29.

Rev. Dr. Geaney, professor of theology at Greenmeadows Seminary, Hawke's Bay, who went to Featherston Camp as a chaplain, has now contracted influenza, and Father Outtrim, of St. Patrick's College, is relieving him. Father Daly, chaplain at Trentham, has also been laid up, and his place has been taken by Father O'Leary, of the Marist Missions staff.

At the last meeting of the Hibernian Society (St. Patrick's branch) a motion of sympathy and condolence with the priests and the people of the Dunedin diocese in the great loss they had suffered through the death of his Lordship Bishop Verdon, was carried in respectful silence.

Father Kimbell, S.M., of St. Anne's, Newtown, who has been suffering with influenza, has reached the convalescent stage. The condition of Father Mark Devoy, S.M., who is also prostrated with the same malady, is improving, but it will be some time before he will be able to resume his duties.

The Sisters of Mercy, Newtown, desire to thank the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., and other generous donors of gifts to St. Anne's Convalescent Hospital.

Mrs. P. McNamara, of St. Anne's congregation, Newtown, has suffered a double bereavement in the deaths of her son and daughter (Mr. P. L. and Miss C. McNamara), both victims to the present epidemic. In her affliction she has the deepest sympathy of a large circle of friends.—R.I.P.

The epidemic is now well in hand, so much so that one temporary hospital has been closed and the number of vacant beds at those remaining open are increasing. The St. Patrick's College temporary hospital is still being used, and has proved a great boon to the community. Father Gilbert, S.M., M.A. (Rector), and the Sisters of Compassion have had a strenuous time in coping with the demands made upon them.

St. Anne's Hall is still being used as a convalescent hospital, and the Sisters of Mercy, who are in charge, have done excellent work which is much appreciated by the Health authorities. Although the Sacred Heart Convent, Island Bay, has been offered to the authorities as a convalescent home, there has been no need so far to make use of it. The Sisters of Compassion have also been engaged in nursing the sick in their own homes, and have performed a service to the community that will not be soon forgotten.

The Marist Brothers stationed here have not escaped the epidemic, but all have recovered. The only case that caused alarm was that of the Rev. Brother Eusebius, of Thorndon, who developed pneumonia, with a slight touch of pleurisy. He is at present an inmate of St. Patrick's College Hospital, where his condition is improving.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. L. Loftus, of the Mail Branch G.P.O. and a parishioner of the Brooklyn portion of St. Mary of the Angels' parish, in the loss he has sustained through the death of his wife, who was a daughter of Mr. D. R. Lawlor, of Cuba Street. She contracted influenza and developed complications which resulted in her death.—R.I.P.

The many friends of Mrs. Norman A. Beagley (nee Mary M. Dillon) will learn with regret that she passed away, a victim to pneumonia, after a brief illness, which was contracted through volunteering for service during the present epidemic in Wellington, where she was attached to the voluntary nursing staff. The late Mrs. Beagley for three years prior to her marriage seven months ago was on the staff of the Wairau Hospital, Blenheim. When the call came she could not refrain from the work she loved so well.—R.I.P.

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