

IN MEMORIAM

SCOTT.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of William Scott, third beloved son of John and Bridget Scott, Lyalldale, who departed this life on December 4, 1914.—On whose soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

FAISANDIER.—Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Claud Felix Faisandier, who died at Clyde on November 24, 1916.—On whose soul, sweet Jesus, have mercy.

GREGAN.—In loving memory of Patrick Gregan, who died at Hamilton (result of accident) on December 8, 1916.—O, Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul.

—Inserted by his loving wife and children.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

MRS. M. A. JACKSON, 57 Leith Street, Dunedin, desires to gratefully acknowledge the numerous messages of sympathy sent by telegraph, letter and other medium in her recent sad bereavement.

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The Catholic Church on earth is continually losing by death Popes, bishops, and laymen. It is a divine institution, founded by Christ, who abides with it forever, and illumined and directed by the Holy Ghost. It needs no man to keep it going. The Lord has promised that it will continue until the end of time. It trusts in its word.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 2.

Mr. James Jacques, Cashel Street, Christchurch, has received news by cable that his son Harold is quite well at Folkestone. He left New Zealand with the 25th Specialist Corps, and prior to enlistment was on the local staff of the Union Bank of Australia. Members of the Hibernian Society and M.B.O.B. Association will be pleased to learn of his expected early return.

Appreciation of the almost superhuman work of the Nursing Sisters and staff of Lewisham Hospital during the unprecedented influenza epidemic is the theme of comment among those whose experience has been centred in that splendid institution during these dreadful weeks of disease and death, whether as patients, helpers, relatives, or of the medical profession. At times the hospital contained just on twice the number of patients for which accommodation had been provided, the Sisters rising to the urgency of the occasion, and until the impossible happened, taking in serious cases without discrimination. They gave up their own sleeping apartments and occupied the balcony, screened from the elements by a tarpaulin only that was hastily hung, and which, on more than one occasion, failed to resist stress of the elements. The Superior (Rev. Mother Pius) and her little company, however, imbued with the one ambition—devotion to duty, labored on cheerfully, without rest and with scarcely time to snatch a hasty meal. At one time eight out of the fourteen Sisters, as well as several of the maids, were down with the malady. By the death of Sister Frederick, who was a general favorite, the community suffered a heavy loss. Her personality exercised a wonderful power over patients who were delirious, and therefore hard to manage. The assistance of several ladies from the Cathedral and St. Mary's parishes, who banded together to aid the Sisters, was an immense boon to the tired community, the members of which are deeply grateful for the services generously rendered. The self-sacrifice of the Little Company of Mary during this epidemic will not readily be forgotten by the people of Christchurch.

St. Mary's parishioners were delighted to see Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M., again on duty on last Sunday morning. His health has improved so much after an attack of the prevailing malady that he was able to celebrate Mass.

Father Seymour, S.M., who has suffered a very severe attack of the epidemic, is now out of danger, and is making good progress towards recovery at Lewisham Hospital.

Father Long, also an inmate of Lewisham Hospital, is looking forward to being able to leave there in the course of a few days.

Death has claimed a very large number of victims during the past week through the epidemic at present prevailing. Among these was Leo Gibbs, an ex-pupil of the Marist Brothers' School and a promising Catholic young man. After leaving school he was employed at the General Post Office, where he gave every satisfaction to his employers, and by his genial disposition endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He was a great football enthusiast, and had the honor of captaining the M.B.O.B. Fourth Grade during the past season. His death came as a sad shock to his friends. The burial took place at the Linwood Cemetery on last Thursday, the remains being followed to the grave by his old classmates and by members of the Post Office staff, four of whom acted as pall-bearers. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., officiated at the graveside, the Marist Brothers being in attendance. His parents, brothers, and sisters (among whom is Brother Eugene, of the Marist Brothers, Auckland) have the heartfelt sympathy of a wide circle of friends.—R.I.P.

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