

And call them blessed;  
 But I will speak their names to my own heart  
 In the long nights;  
 The little names that were familiar once  
 Round my dead hearth.  
 Lord, thou art hard on mothers:  
 We suffer in their coming and their going:  
 And tho' I grudge them not, I weary, weary  
 Of the long sorrow—And yet I have my joy:  
 My sons were faithful, and they fought.

## THE WAYFARER.

The beauty of the world hath made me sad,  
 This beauty that will pass;  
 Sometimes my heart hath shaken with great joy  
 To see a leaping squirrel in a tree,  
 Or a red lady-bird upon a stalk,  
 Or little rabbits in a field at evening,  
 Lit by a slanting sun;  
 Or some green hill where shadows drifted by,  
 Some quiet hill where a mountainy man hath sown  
 And soon would reap: near to the gate of Heaven:  
 Or children with bare feet upon the sands  
 Of some ebb'd sea, or playing on the streets  
 Of little towns in Connacht,  
 Things young and happy.  
 And then my heart hath told me  
 These will pass,  
 Will pass and change, will die and be no more,  
 Things bright and green, things young and happy:  
 And I have gone upon my way  
 Sorrowful.

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O King that was born  
 To set bondsmen free,  
 In the coming battle  
 Help the Gael!

## THE FOOL.

O wise men, riddle me this: what if the dream come true?  
 What if the dream come true? and if millions unborn  
 shall dwell  
 In the house that I shaped in my heart, the noble  
 house of my thought?  
 Lord, I have staked my soul, I have staked the lives  
 of my kin  
 On the truth of Thy dreadful word. Do not remember  
 my failures,  
 But remember this my faith.

## ILLNESS OF HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP CLEARY

A telegraphic message from our Auckland correspondent states that his Lordship Bishop Cleary is suffering from a return of the serious illness from which he was recently prostrated. Bishop Cleary was on a visit to Hamilton, where he arrived on last Thursday, and was suddenly seized with illness on the following morning. He is at present a patient in a private hospital there, and his condition, although now improved, does not, we regret to learn, by any means place him out of danger.

Man's greatest enemy is himself. If everyone should be as careful of deserving an honest opinion of himself as he is of securing the good opinion of others there would be a vast difference in the standing of the majority of mankind. Look carefully into yourself and discover your own flaws.

The Irish question did not arise out of the war. Neither will a true Pole admit that the justification and the claim of Poland's liberty arose out of the war. Both questions were living, vital, world-wide questions before the war began, but the war, in its larger purpose, will have been fought in vain unless to both it gives the just answer.—*Truth*.

## DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Another of those successful socials promoted by St. Joseph's Men's Club, and which have proved such a feature of the club's activities during the present season, was held in the Victoria Hall on last Monday evening, when a very enjoyable few hours was spent by the large gathering of members and their friends.

The many friends of Mr. H. Poppelwell, who, prior to leaving for the Front, was tenor soloist and also secretary of St. Joseph's Cathedral choir, were pleased to welcome him back on last Friday, after upwards of two years' active service with the N.Z. Expeditionary Force. It is gratifying to know that Mr. Poppelwell has rejoined the choir, and that his services generally in musical circles will again be available.

The appeals in aid of the Maori Missions which have been made throughout the diocese of Dunedin by the Fathers of St. Joseph's Missionary Society, who control the missions among the Maoris in the Auckland diocese, will conclude on Sunday next, when the Very Rev. Dean Van Dyk (Superior) will address the parishioners of Port Chalmers, and Father Bowen those of Mosgiel.

Very Rev. Father Coffey writes:—This week the Sacred Heart Home (Little Sisters of the Poor), Anderson's Bay, was enriched by the presentation by the Bristol Piano and Organ Company of a handsome American organ. The inmates of the home are deeply grateful to the company for their beautiful gift, and fully appreciate the kindly sentiments which occasioned it. They wish to make this acknowledgment of the company's generous action.

## FAREWELL TO MR. AND MRS.

J. H. WAIGHT, SEN., ROXBURGH.

The appointment of Mr. J. H. Waigh, Sen., to the management of the Otago Fruitgrowers' Co-op. Association, Dunedin, has deprived the Catholic Church at Roxburgh of one of its oldest and for many years most active members. To mark their appreciation of Mr. Waigh's work during the past 40 years in Church affairs, the Catholics of the district entertained Mr. and Mrs. Waigh at a social evening on Wednesday last, the 13th. In making the guests of the evening a presentation of a 300-day clock on behalf of the congregation, Father O'Neill contrasted the length of years Mr. Waigh had been prominent in Church affairs with the short time that he (Father O'Neill) had been in Roxburgh. This fact (continued the speaker) did not prevent him knowing something of the worth of Mr. Waigh to the Church in Roxburgh for the past 40 years, for he knew that the late Monsignor O'Leary held him in the highest esteem. Other speakers would speak in detail of his services to the Church, but even he (Father O'Neill) during his short time amongst them, had evidence of what they owed to Mr. Waigh. If the Church here regrets his loss, still he had left it children who, true to the example of their father and their deceased mother, are ever true to the principle "Deo et ecclesiae," for God and the Church.

Messrs. Morrin, Laloli, and Woodhouse made speeches referring to the particular activities of Mr. Waigh as founder of the choir, first church secretary, and a prominent mover in the one-time parish picnic that was held annually on Easter Monday for some 20 years or so. Hearing these speeches recalled to mind the memory of pioneer Catholics like the Honnors, Rickards, Ward, Woodhouse, and Malone.

Mr. Waigh in reply thanked the congregation for its handsome gift and the various speakers for their kind remarks. He had been associated with the congregation for 41 years, and he had at all times endeavored to do his duty in accordance with the directions of the various priests who had ministered in the district. He briefly traced the history of the Church in the early days, first under Father Crowley and later under the late Monsignor O'Leary. He had acted as secretary to the congregation, and it was probably due