

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Services were held at all the churches in Rockhampton, either on Sunday last or yesterday, to offer intercession for peace. The dedication festival of St. Paul's Cathedral was commemorated on Sunday; but special services were held at the Cathedral yesterday, commencing with special celebrations of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m., followed by special services of intercession from 12.15 p.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. At the conclusion of the eleven o'clock mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday forenoon the blessed sacrament was exposed for veneration by the congregation and parishioners generally for the remainder of the day until the evening service, when the rosary was recited, the service concluding with benediction and procession. The cathedral was crowded. Intercessory services were also held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday. There was a united children's service in the afternoon, at which the scholars and teachers were present. The list of soldiers connected with the church was read at the evening service. Two public intercessory services were held in the School of Arts yesterday—one from 1.10 p.m. to 1.50 p.m. and the other at 8 p.m. They were of a devotional character, well-known hymns being sung. A sacred solo was rendered by Miss G. Davis at the evening service, in which the Rev. Dr. J. G. Hughes and the Rev. Messrs. J. T. J. Whyte, T. Brassington, J. F. T. Short, and A. M. Martin participated. The Rev. J. Walker was unavoidably absent at Westwood, but he held an intercessory service at that place in the evening.

Mr. G. Parker, 178 Alma-lane, has been officially advised that his son, Private Cyril Parker, who was shot in the leg, and had to have the limb amputated below the knee, is progressing favourably.

Mrs. P. Hoare, Edward-street, Mount Morgan, has received a cablegram from Mrs. H. G. Wheeler, stating that her second son, Signaller Frank Hoare, has been slightly wounded and is in hospital.

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Mrs. R. Pile, Prospect-street, has received word from the Base Records Office, Melbourne, that Private Alexander Peter Karelín is reported as having been killed in action in France on the 7th of May last. Private Karelín enlisted at Blackall on the outbreak of the war. He was invalided to Australia, but returned to the front on the 23rd of March, 1916, where he had been fighting ever since. Private Karelín belonged to the original Ninth Battalion.

Last week it was reported from the military authorities that Gunner Kenneth Faunce has been wounded while on active service in France, says the "Brisbane Courier" of Friday last, and yesterday a private cable message was received from him, stating that he was in hospital in England and that his wound was progressing favourably. A cablegram was also received reporting that Gunner T. Faunce, who was suffering from gas fumes, is in hospital at Devonport and is doing well.

Mr. A. E. Hardaker, of the Royal Bank, Warwick, says the "Brisbane Courier" of Friday last, has been notified by the military authorities that his son, Lieutenant G. V. Hardaker, has been admitted to the Eighth General Hospital, Rouen, France, suffering from contusions on the right side.

The many friends of Lieutenant Allan Manning, son of Mr. W. J. Manning, will be pleased to learn that he has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallant conduct in France, says the "Gladstone Observer."

Mr. and Mrs. Chute, of Grafton street, Woodlawn, have received information that their son, Lieutenant Claude Chute, late of Waringle, near Jundah, Queensland, has been killed, says the "Sydney Morning Herald."
