

PRIVATE SINCLAIR.

There passed away this week at Christchurch a young man who was born and educated in Timaru, in the person of Mr Wm. Bruce Sinclair, a son of Mr Peter Sinclair, of Bank Street, Timaru. The deceased was a young man of much promise and died at the early age of 26 years. On leaving school he was apprenticed to Mr Walter Baxter, chemist, and was making good progress in his studies when war was declared. As soon as he could get away he did so, joining the hospital ship Maheno as a private in the Medical Corps, and in this capacity he did much good war service. He served on the Maheno for about three years but the strain told on his health and when finally discharged he was far from well. For a long time he received medical treatment and appeared to be making a good recovery, but this proved to be only temporary, and he passed away, as stated, last week. After the war he was trained at the Avonhead poultry farm (Christchurch) and later was appointed instructor to the returned soldiers at Tauherenikau.

The deceased was married four months ago, and is survived by Mrs Sinclair. He was a young man of cheerful disposition and very popular, and news of his untimely death will be learned with great regret.

The body was brought from Christchurch to Timaru and the funeral took place on Tuesday last. The burial service, which was an impressive one, was conducted by the Rev. Adam Begg. The pall-bearers were Messrs R. and L. Sinclair, S. Knowles and J. Priest. The R.S.A. was represented at the funeral by Major Inglis (President), Mr M. T. Reese (secretary), and several other members. A number of beautiful floral tributes were sent.