

On last Sunday morning at the 8 o'clock Mass at the Sacred Heart Basilica, Thorndon, there was general Communion of the men of the parish. It was indeed most edifying to see the fine muster of men, and very consoling to the good Marist missionaries to see such a pleasing result of their labors. After Mass a Communion breakfast was served in the Guildford Terrace schoolroom. His Grace the Archbishop presided, and there were also present Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M. (Superior of the Marist Missioners), Rev. Fathers Hickson, S.M., Adm., and C. J. Venning, S.M. Over 200 men were present, and his Grace the Archbishop, in an address, congratulated the men of Thorndon on the splendid display of faith they had made that morning. A number of toasts were then honored. The first was 'His Grace Archbishop Redwood,' proposed by Colonel Collins and responded to by his Grace. The Hon. R. Loughnan, M.L.C., proposed the toast of 'Parochial Societies' (Hibernian Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Club, and Sacred Heart Confraternity). This was responded to by Messrs. J. W. Callaghan (district deputy H.A.C.B.S.), J. P. McGowan (Catholic Club), Diamond (St. Vincent de Paul Society), and Reeves (Confraternity of the Sacred Heart). Mr. H. O'Leary proposed the toast of 'Marist Missioners,' and Very Rev. Father O'Connell responded. Proposing the toast of 'The Ladies,' Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald remarked on the capable way in which the ladies had looked after the breakfast preparations. Mr. Fred W. Crombie responded. The success of the breakfast was due to the indefatigable efforts of the Rev. Father Hickson, S.M., assisted by the members of the Confraternity of the Children of Mary. The opinion has been expressed by many that these functions should be held more frequently, as it helps to bring together the men of the parish and to unite them. On this occasion it was but a fitting conclusion to the men's mission, which had been a remarkable success in every way.

## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 8.

An Easter Fair is to open in the Catholic schoolroom, Addington, on Easter Monday, and will be continued to the end of the week. The proceeds are intended to free the school buildings from liabilities incurred in improvements to the surroundings, including works rendered necessary for the growing requirements of the district.

The Marist Brothers' Old Boys, playing in football matches on last Saturday, met and defeated two visiting teams. On the Linwood Club's ground, Hagley Park, they won their game against a team representing the Celtic Club, Timaru, by 10 points to 3. For the winners Murfitt and McGillion scored tries, which Mahoney converted. P. Fitzgerald scored for Celtic. Mr. F. T. Evans was referee. A team from the Athletic Club, Temuka, was defeated by the Marist Brothers' Old Boys juniors by 8 to nil. Kouri scored for the winners. Mr. L. Corbett was referee. In the evening the visiting teams were entertained by the Marist Brothers' Old Boys in the new rooms at a smoke concert. They also extended much kindly attention to the southern players during their visit to this city.

An ordinary meeting of the Christchurch Catholic Club was held on Wednesday evening, March 27. The president (Mr. E. T. Harper) occupied the chair, and there was an attendance of thirty members. The president intimated that Mr. E. McKeon had offered to donate a prize of two guineas in value for a billiard tournament. The offer was accepted with thanks and expressions of appreciation. Recitations and readings were provided on the syllabus for the evening, and Messrs. P. J. Augarde, F. Rowe, P. McNamara, C. Fottrell, and J. Wacked contributed. The president, on behalf of the members, took the opportunity of saying farewell to Mr. M. O'Reilly, who is leaving Christchurch. He said that Mr. O'Reilly had been a member from the inception of the club, and had always taken a very active interest in its management and welfare,

and had thus won the respect of all members. On their behalf he asked Mr. O'Reilly to accept a small souvenir of their esteem and good wishes. Its intrinsic value was not great, but it would serve to convey their deep appreciation of his good qualities and be a reminder of his long intercourse with the club. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy (chaplain) and several members spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. O'Reilly, who feelingly replied. He said he was sorry to say good-bye to the members with whom he had worked for so long. He admired the fine feeling existing among members, and the good the club was doing. Although parting from the members, he would never forget their kindness towards him. A 25-up billiard tournament was arranged for April 17, and a musical evening, under the direction of Mr. H. Rossiter, on April 27.

Easter Sunday was observed with the customary solemnity in the Cathedral in the presence of crowded congregations. There were very large numbers of communicants at the early Masses. At 11 o'clock there was Pontifical High Mass. His Lordship Bishop Grimes was celebrant, Rev. Father Tigar, O.P., being assistant priest, the Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., and Rev. Father O'Boyle deacons of honor at the throne, the Rev. Father O'Connor, S.M., and Rev. Father Hanrahan deacon and subdeacon respectively of the Mass, and Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., master of ceremonies. The Bishop briefly preached on the Gospel of the day and imparted the Papal blessing. The music was Gounod's 'Messe Solennelle,' excellently rendered by the choir, Mr. A. W. Bunz being organist. The 'Haec Dies' was sung at the Offertory. The high altar and sanctuary were most tastefully adorned, and in the evening brilliantly illuminated. There were solemn Pontifical Vespers in the evening, at which his Lordship the Bishop presided, the attendant clergy being the same as in the morning. The occasional sermon was preached by his Lordship the Bishop on the 'Resurrection' from the text, 'His sepulchre was glorious,' to a congregation that crowded the Cathedral to its utmost limits. Easter Sunday being the first Sunday of the month, there was the usual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and procession, followed by solemn Pontifical Benediction. Participating in the procession were members of St. Joseph's division (men's section) of the arch-confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. After the evening's celebrations the choir were entertained at the episcopal residence by his Lordship the Bishop and the Very Rev. Administrator.

The Holy Week devotions were commenced in the Cathedral on Wednesday evening. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and twenty-four of the clergy assisted at the Solemn Office of Tenebræ. There was Pontifical High Mass on Holy Thursday morning. His Lordship the Bishop was celebrant, the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., being assistant priest, Very Rev. Deans O'Donnell and Bowers deacons of honor at the throne, Rev. Fathers O'Hare and Daull, S.M.A., deacon and subdeacon respectively of the Mass, and Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., master of ceremonies. At the conclusion of Mass there was the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in the chapel of the Sacred Heart. After Tenebræ in the evening a fine discourse on the Blessed Eucharist was preached by the Rev. Father Taylor, S.M. (Leeston). Throughout the night from 10 o'clock relays, composed of members of the arch-confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, and incidentally of members of the H.A.C.B. Society and other organisations of men, watched before the chapel, the altar of which was continuously illuminated. The devotions on Good Friday morning were commenced at 9 o'clock, at which his Lordship the Bishop presided. Rev. Father Graham, S.M., M.A., was assistant priest, the Rev. Fathers Quinn, S.M., and O'Boyle were assistant deacons, the Rev. Father O'Hare deacon, Rev. Father Hanrahan subdeacon, and Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., master of ceremonies. The 'Passion' was sung by the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., Rev. Father Tigar, O.P., and Rev. Father Richards. Adoration of the Cross (during which offerings were received for the holy places in Palestine) was followed by the Mass of the Pre-