

of the Thorndon parish—hopes to join his two elder brothers at the front. The good wishes of a large circle of friends for a safe passage and happy return, together with the prayers of the little inmates at the Orphanage—whom he was always out to assist, and who were his special care,—will assuredly follow him from these shores into the battle zone.

### Upper Hutt

A very successful week's mission conducted by Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., was brought to a close here on Sunday night, July 1 (writes an esteemed correspondent). The attendance at the six o'clock Mass each morning during the week of the mission was splendid. A beautiful feature of this season of grace was the little mission to the children, who attended in large numbers, and their attention to the instructions is full proof of how much they appreciated Father O'Sullivan's interesting instructions.

St. Joseph's Orphanage, under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy, is caring at present for 148 children, 45 of whom are boys and 103 girls; 57 of the children have been committed to the orphanage by the Government. Of the other 91 children some are maintained in the orphanage by their parents or relatives, the others have to be maintained by the charity of the Sisters, or else they would be sent adrift in the world to suffer every privation; and if they survived, to lose that which is of the greatest importance—their faith. In this time of stress and warfare, with the number of orphaned children constantly increasing, the problem of maintenance confronting the devoted Sisters is one in the solution of which assistance is reasonably expected from those—and there are surely many—who can well afford to offer such.

### Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

July 7.

On Federation Sunday (July 1), activity in the interests of Catholic Federation was manifested at the main parish church (St. Mary's), and at St. Joseph's Church, Aramoho. Appropriate addresses were given at the several Masses by the officiating priests. The enrolment of parishioners was energetically pursued, and resulted satisfactorily. In the afternoon the Very Rev. Father O'Connell presided at the annual meeting at St. Joseph's Hall. The report and statement of accounts, read by the secretary (Mr. D. Dwyer), was generally considered satisfactory. The election of a parish committee for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—St. Mary's congregation—Mrs. Roche, Misses Redwood, Cahill, Shanley, Cronin, and Dwyer; Aramoho—Mrs. T. Carlyle and Mr. T. Marshall; St. Vincent de Paul Society (Aramoho)—Messrs. M. J. Dowling and J. Brady; Ladies' Confraternity St. Vincent de Paul Society (Aramoho)—Mrs. Luxford and Mrs. Richardson; Children of Mary—Misses Ball and Roche; St. Vincent de Paul Society (St. Mary's Conference)—Messrs. Lloyd and Donovan; Ladies' Confraternity (St. Vincent de Paul Society)—Mrs. Meehan and Miss Cullinane; Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Particular Council)—Messrs. Luxford and Tymons; H.A.C.B. Society—Messrs. Stratford and Barry.

Mr. Luxford gave an interesting address on the main objects for which the Catholic Federation was organised, and the urgent necessity existing for the enrolment of every member of the Catholic community. Not alone was it essential that we should hold what we have, but also to persistently claim our rights. To do this effectually the Federation must have a strong backing. This could only be supplied by every one realising the personal responsibility to enrol, and thus aid in furnishing a fighting fund.

For washing lace curtains NO RUBBING LAUNDRY HELP is best.

### Hastings

The usual ceremonies in connection with the solemnity of Corpus Christi were observed on the Sunday within the Octave (writes an esteemed correspondent). A Missa Cantata was celebrated by the Rev. Father G. Mahony, S.M., at 10.30. At 2.30 the congregation took part in the annual procession. After the recitation of the Rosary the Rev. Father Fay, S.M., preached an eloquent sermon proving the doctrines of the Church on the Real Presence. The procession was then formed, Rev. Father Mahony being master of ceremonies, and over 1200 of the parishioners participated. Rev. Father Fay, attended by Rev. Fathers Casey, S.M., and Fraher, S.M., carried the Blessed Sacrament. In the school grounds an altar had been erected by Mr. C. Lee and beautifully decorated by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Here the procession halted, and after Benediction was given returned to the church by Eastbourne and Herefanga streets. The ceremony was viewed with the utmost respect throughout—a fact most creditable to the good sense and spirit of citizenship possessed by the people of Hastings.

The parishioners heard with regret the sad news of the death of Rev. Chaplain-Major McMenamin. On Wednesday a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock for the repose of his soul. The music chosen for the occasion was "Avison's Requiem Mass," a beautiful Mass, which was composed by Mr. Avison, the choir-master.

### Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

July 3.

At both Masses on Sunday Rev. Father Lane made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Catholic Federation, urging every man, woman, and child to enrol. Rev. Father Furlong, of Devenport, was celebrant of the early Mass.

The social evening arranged by the Children of Mary, assisted by the Hibernians and others, in aid of the Altar Society, was such a pronounced success that it was decided to secure a larger hall for the next of the series. The Scottish Hall was therefore engaged for the second social, which is to be held this (Tuesday) evening.

The monthly meeting of the Catholic Federation executive committee was held on Sunday last after devotions. The president (Rev. Father Lane) presided, and a fair number of members were present. Correspondence was received from the diocesan secretary re the appointment of a Gisborne delegate to the annual meeting of the diocesan council in Auckland. It was decided to ask the Rev. Father O'Malley to act as delegate for Gisborne. Mr. T. Orr (secretary) reported that as the result of an active canvass of the Gisborne parish over 200 new members had been enrolled since the previous meeting. The rev. president congratulated the lady members on their zeal in this important matter. The treasurer (Mr. Dudson) read the financial statement for the month, and it was announced that the monthly penny collection, totalling £10 16s, had been remitted to the Catholic Field Service Fund of the Federation.

### DIocese of CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

July 9.

A meeting of the executive of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association was held on Sunday morning last. Brother Palladius presided, and there were present Messrs. Rodgers, Dobbs, Kennedy, McCormick, Gregory, and Greenlees (secretary). It was decided to hold a euchre party and social on August 9 in aid of the club funds, and also to forward a letter of thanks to St. Matthew's (Ladies') branch H.A.C.B. Society for valued assistance at the annual breakfast.