

little hill of Calvary and the rising from the dead. The speaker dealt with the subject from the point of view of the rationalists and refuted their assertions. He ended by stating that Christianity in every crisis that had heretofore threatened had been saved by the youth of the flock, and appealed to the students present to defend it in these days with all the valor of their youth.

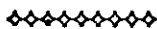
The weekly dances at St. Francis's Hall, commence after Easter. A large attendance is anticipated, for these assemblies have proved very popular.

The Quarterly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was held last week. Satisfactory progress is reported. St. Joseph's had a great report to give. St. Joseph's is becoming noted for sodality work, Father O'Donnell's Sodality for men deserving a special notice. Its numbers are a triumph, and it is good to hear the enthusiastic way in which the members speak of it. St. Patrick's College, too, has a fine Vincent de Paul record.

Father Moloney is at present at St. Mary's of the Angels.

The Musgrove Vaudeville Company gave an entertainment this week for the Homes of the city. Among the Homes represented was the Home of Compassion. The little children enjoyed greatly the entertainment and the sweets donated by the Sunshine League.

The quarterly meeting of St. Aloysius's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held last Monday evening, Bro. H. J. Mulholland presiding over a good attendance of members. On the conclusion of business the branch held a very enjoyable social evening, the object of which was the presentation of a past president's collar to Bro. J. Redican. The president in a few happy words spoke of the good work performed for the branch by the guest of the evening, and was supported in his remarks by the secretary, who recalled that Bro. Redican had filled most of the offices in the branch with credit during the past twelve years. Bro. J. McEnirney P.P., in handing the collar to the recipient added his congratulations. Bro. Redican, in reply, thanked the members for their gift, and assured them that he would do all in his power towards the interests of the branch. Various toasts were honored, and these were proposed and replied to by Bros. Mulholland, McEnirney, Giles, Best, Boake, Duggan, Brown and Sheehan.



Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

April 11.

Mrs. Annie McAvinue, a one-time resident of this parish, died at Napier on March 30. The sympathy of all is offered to the family.—R.I.P.

Very Rev. Archdeacon Smythe and Rev. Father Reidy from the Land of the Wattle spent a brief holiday in Palmerston recently. They are on their way to Ireland, and came across to New Zealand *en route*. The rev. travellers did not actually "Lose their hearts in Maoriland"; but they were very much impressed with all they saw.

The St. Patrick's Day Social Committee paid all the expenses in connection with the euchre and dance, and then sat down to count the change. When the counting was finished, £31 was the answer, which exceeded all expectations. If a concert had been held in the Opera House (impossible, because Long Tack Sam was in possession) we would not have made such a big profit. Congratulations on your success, social committee!

Very soon the Empire Hotel will cease to be "Devine's Hotel"; and in anticipation of Mr. W. Devine's retirement from the management of this popular hotel, the bar-room staff at the Manawatu races made him a small presentation on the last day of the races. Mr. J. Fahey did the speech-making, and presented Mr. Devine with a gold-mounted fountain pen. Mrs. Galpin was not left out either, and pleasing references were made to her. Mr. Devine has taken a keen interest in the Manawatu Caledonian Society, and has shown that interest in a very practical way for the long span of thirty years. In appreciation of his assistance to the society it was decided at the last meeting to elect him a life member.

Motorists have been having a bad time up here of late. One is said to have deliberately driven his car across the lawn on the side of Broad Street. The Borough Council

is going to make things "hot" for him. Another driver—a stranger to the town—turned his car in Broadway one very dark night and crashed into one of the trees on the roadside. The crash made things "hot" there and then; and the unlucky man is now in the hospital. Incident No. 3 was the worst: a car collided with a cow in Scandia Street late one night, this week. The occupants escaped uninjured but the car was badly damaged; a wheel, door and mud-guard were smashed. The vehicle skidded about 56 yards; and had to be abandoned in the centre of the road. What about Mrs. Cow? Well, she coolly sauntered away after the impact; didn't even wait to say: "Beg pardon!" or "'xcuse me." Unmannerly old creature! she deserves to be impounded for the term of her natural life.

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 5.

The re-organisation of the Catholic Club has now taken concrete form. It is most fortunate being able to secure very commodious rooms, consisting of social room, reading room and billiard room, with all conveniences for holding social functions. A general meeting is called for to-night to elect the committee, and it is hoped that the Catholic young men of Christchurch will become members and make the club a power for good in the community.

The Mission at Woolston, conducted by the Rev. Father McManus, C.S.S.R., has been attended by large congregations during the week, and concludes on Sunday night (April 6).

Rev. Father Campbell, C.S.S.R., is at present conducting a mission at Sumner.

The mission for the adults of the Cathedral parish came to a conclusion on Sunday evening, March 30. The Cathedral was crowded to the doors, and the missionary Fathers were highly gratified at the success of the mission which 2000 communicants in the morning testified. His Lordship Bishop Brodie thanked the missionaries and also all those who helped to make the mission a success.

April 12.

On Wednesday morning, April 9, a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church, Addington, for the happy repose of the soul of Father McKeon's mother. His Lordship the Bishop was present in the Sanctuary and gave the absolution after the Mass. Rev. Father McKeon celebrated the Mass, and was assisted by Rev. Father P. Joyce, deacon; Rev. Father J. Quinn, subdeacon; and Rev. Father D. Healey, master of ceremonies. Also present were the Very Rev. Fathers O'Connell, S.M. (St. Mary's); Cooney (Lyttelton); and the Rev. Fathers Kerley, S.M., J. Joyce, S.M. (St. Bede's College), J. Seymour, S.M. (St. Mary's), Creed (Leeston), O'Hare (Lincoln), J. Hanrahan (Darfield), Murphy (Hawarden), Scanlan (Cromwell), Maclean (Chinese Mission), T. Hanrahan, D. Lordan (Cathedral), O'Doherty (Rangiora), Brown (Ashburton), and O'Meeghan (Addington). The music of the Mass was devotionally rendered by a choir of the priests present. His Lordship the Bishop briefly thanked those present for their practical sympathy towards Father McKeon. He pointed out the great sacrifice of the Irish mother in sending her son to such a distant country, and also the heroism of the young priest who left home with the full knowledge that his mother was on her death bed. His Lordship earnestly besought the people to pray for the soul of the departed, that she might soon gain her eternal reward. Father McKeon received numerous messages of sympathy from priests who were unable to attend the requiem.—R.I.P.

As a result of the trouble between the Rugby Union and the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Club, a new interest will be taken in the League Game, competitions of which commence on Saturday. The Marist Club has entered several teams, and all wish them the same success as they had in the Rugby game.

A euchre party and dance was held on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., in aid of the Addington school funds, and was very largely attended.

The opening of the Celtic Club took place in the Hibernian Hall on Tuesday evening. A good musical pro-

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