

Town and Country News

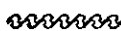
Inglewood Notes

(From our own Correspondent.)

April 18.

The interest of the parishioners is being concentrated in the bazaar and queen carnival to be held at the end of the present month. As a matter of fact we are in about the same position as a certain mayor up north who declared that he had held a thousand meetings during the year in connection with his position. We are holding about six socials a week in connection with our carnival, which goes to show that all are working very hard in order to realise the expectations of our worthy parish priest, who hopes to raise in one attempt sufficient funds to build his school and open it free of debt. The country queen candidate is in the leading position at the moment; but it is generally thought that there will be very little difference between them in the final reckoning.

On Holy Thursday the church was well filled, and all present at Mass approached the Holy Table. There was a large congregation at the ceremonies of Good Friday, also at both Masses on Easter Sunday; the number of communicants being quite edifying.



Reefton Notes

(From our own Correspondent.)

April 20.

Rev. Father Herring has commenced the holding of parish socials and euchre parties, functions which were so successful last winter. The first of the series was held on the 16th inst., when there was a large gathering. The ladies' euchre prizes were won by Miss Cairns and Mrs. P. Walshe, and the gents' by Messrs. Scott and Fowler. After supper there was an enjoyable dance, the music being supplied by Miss Farrel; Mr. R. Roberts carrying out the duties of M.C.

Mr. and Mrs. McCaw and family recently arrived here from Riverton, Mr. McCaw being appointed postmaster at Reefton.



Timaru Notes

(From our own Correspondent.)

April 17.

All the Easter devotions at the Church of the Sacred Heart were largely attended. On Holy Thursday High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Ginisty, S.M., at 6.30, after which a procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place to the Altar of Repose at Our Lady's Chapel. A good number of worshippers visited the church for adoration during the day. In the evening Rev. Father Ginisty preached on the Blessed Sacrament. The night watch was (as usual) kept by members of the Hibernian Society.

On Friday morning at 9 o'clock a reading of the Passion of Christ was followed by the Veneration of the Cross and Mass of the Presanctified by Rev. Father Barra, assisted by Fathers Hurley, Ginisty, and Monaghan. In the afternoon Stations of the Cross took

place, followed by a sermon on the Passion by Rev. Father Barra. On Saturday morning at 6 o'clock Rev. Father Hurley officiated at the blessing of the baptismal font, etc., after which the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered up. On Easter Sunday the church was thronged at the early Masses, when practically every member of the congregation approached the Holy Table. At the High Mass Rev. Father Monaghan, S.M., was celebrant. Rev. Fathers Hurley and Barra addressed the congregations at the respective Masses on the subject of the day's festival, and wished those present all the joys of Easter. At the evening devotions Rev. Father Monaghan preached an impressive sermon on the Resurrection of Christ. The altar and sanctuary were chastely decorated, and reflected great credit on the devoted sacristans. The choir as usual provided music befitting the events of Holy Week.

Rev. Father Monaghan, S.M., M.A., formerly principal of the Marist Fathers' Seminary at Mittagong, has been appointed to St. Bede's College, Christchurch. Father Monaghan visited Timaru during Holy Week and assisted at the various ceremonies.

Under the auspices of St. Anne's Guild, a concert party visited the Old People's Home on the 14th inst., and gave a very enjoyable entertainment which met with evident appreciation. All the items were warmly received, recalls being the order of the evening. The programme was as follows:—Gramophone selections, Rev. Father Hurley, S.M.; pianoforte solos, Mrs. Creasy and Miss Emery, L.A.B.; vocal duets, Mesdames Venning and Creasy; songs, Mesdames Venning and Creasy, Messrs. F. Ryan, G. F. Doyle, W. Durning, and L. Hertnon; national dances, Miss C. Kyle; recitations and stories, Mr. P. J. Smyth. Miss Emery accompanied the singers in her usual efficient manner. On behalf of the inmates Mr. Mulvihill (the master of the Home) heartily thanked the performers for the delightful programme provided, and assured the visitors that such visits were always highly appreciated. After supper was served, provided by the guild members, the enjoyable evening concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

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FEDERATED CATHOLIC CLUBS AND SOCIETIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The annual conference of the Federated Catholic Clubs and Societies of New Zealand, was opened in the M.B.O.B. Club rooms, Wellington on Easter Saturday, and concluded on Easter Monday. In opening the proceedings, Mr. S. Hoskins (president) extended a hearty welcome to the visiting delegates and congratulated the organisations they represented on coming into the Federation. The following delegates were in attendance:—Messrs G. Black and A. Costello (M.B.O.B., Wellington); J. O'Shaughnessy (Catholic Club, Christchurch); A. Scanlon (St. Francis's Club, Island Bay, Wellington); A. L. Curry (Masterton); and C. McKenzie (Hibernian Branch No. 95). The executive was represented by Rev. Father M. Murphy, S.M. (Spiritual Director), Messrs S. Hoskins, Rodgers, M. O'Kane, and J. M. Coleman. Reports were received from the various affiliated clubs several of which furnished very interesting details. The Conference unanimously resolved to place on record its appreciation of the interest taken in club affairs by the Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Rev. Fathers Murphy, Spillane, and M. Devoy. The rules of the Federation were revised and brought up to date; rules being also formulated for governing the annual competitions. The thanks of the conference were accorded to the retiring office-bearers—Mr. S. Hoskins (president), Mr. M. O'Kane (treasurer), and Mr. J. M. Coleman (secretary). The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President-General, Rev. Father Spillane, S.M. Spiritual director, Rev. Father Murphy. President, Mr. G. C. Black, (M.B.O.B.A.). Vice-presidents, Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M.; Rev. M. Devoy, S.M., Sir George Clifford, Messrs J.J. Scott, Rodgers, P. D. Hoskins, M. Kennedy, J. R. Hayward, P. J. O'Regan, and P. J. Amodio; secretary, Mr. J. M. Coleman; treasurer, Mr. M. O'Kane; executive, Messrs S. Hoskins, C. McKenzie, J. Quirk, and A. Scanlon.

The following were the results of the competitions:—Religious competition, Mr. A. Scanlon (St. Francis's Club); elocution and oratory, Mr. J. Quirk (St. Francis's Club); impromptu debate, Mr. J. Quirk (St. Francis's); prepared debate, Messrs G. Black and S. Hoskins (M.B.O.B.A.); billiards, Mr. J. O'Brien (M.B.O.B.A.); tennis, Mr. A. Costello (M.B.O.B.A.). The points scored by the various clubs were: M.B.O.B., Wellington, 31; St. Francis's Club, Island Bay, 27; Christchurch Catholic Club, 11½; Hibernian (No. 95), Wellington, 11½; Masterton Hibernian, 9. The M.B.O.B.A., Wellington thus, for the third year in succession, win the shield, and received accordingly the congratulations of the other contestants. It was decided to hold the next conference at Christchurch during Easter week, 1926.

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