

of population. A generous laity are usually able and always willing to aid our missionaries. An unfriendly feeling still exists in some quarters, as a result of long-standing traditions and a biased education. But the mists of prejudice are gradually disappearing before the sunlight of truth.'

The Redemptorist Fathers in the Philippines

Great crowds and much enthusiasm make the Catholic mission an increasing success (says the *Manila Times*, of November 20). Yesterday (Sunday) was a record day at the Cathedral. The large number of communicants at the 6 o'clock Mass showed the downright earnestness of the men and women making the mission and called forth a strong word of congratulation from Father Lynch. At the 10 o'clock Mass Father Gil-martin preached on the Delay of Conversion. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon the Cathedral was so filled with young people that one whole school had to be placed in the sanctuary. All the colleges and schools of Manila seemed to be represented. Members of the various religious Orders of teachers accompanied their pupils. Many parents came with their children and were content to stand and admire the brilliant spectacle. When the electric lights were fully turned on and the children stood to sing their hymns in English the sight was inspiring. The Rosary was recited by Father Gil-martin in English and the girls and boys made the responses also in English in clear and ringing tones. Bishop Foley, from the pulpit, blessed the kneeling congregation.

Archbishop Harty spoke in Spanish and made an important announcement. He stated that the mission in English would be followed by a week's mission in Tagalog, which would be opened next Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. He desired that all Filipinos should participate in the great advantages of a mission.

During Father Lynch's short address in English the Angelus bell rang out. To the surprise of many the prayers were answered perfectly in English by a large number of children. In the evening Father Mitchell gave a discourse on the Sacrifice of the Mass. A feature of the congregational singing was the rendering of Our Father and Hail Mary in the Rosary by a large number of students belonging to the Philippine conferences under the direction of Father Finegan of Ateneo de Manila. Just before the congregation dispersed Father Lynch announced that with the permission of the military authorities a mission would be given to soldiers at Corregidor Island.

WELLINGTON CATHOLIC CLUB NOTES

(From the club correspondent.)

December 19.

The annual oratorical competition in connection with the diploma presented by the Federated Catholic Clubs was held in the club rooms last week. The following competed:—Messrs. W. Thomas ('Christopher Columbus'), J. L. Leydon ('Daniel O'Connell'), P. J. McGovern ('John Ballance'), H. McKeown ('Demosthenes'). Rev. Father Schaefer acted as judge, and awarded the diploma to J. L. Leydon. I have to announce with regret the resignation of Mr. J. V. Smith from the executive of the club owing to pressure of private business. The vacancy has been filled by the election of Mr. T. Tiller.

At the weekly meeting of the executive of the Catholic Club on December 18 correspondence was received from the executive of Federated Catholic Clubs of New Zealand regarding the purchase of a challenge shield for competition amongst affiliated clubs. The idea was favorably commented on, and the sum of one guinea was voted towards that object.

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