

MARIST FATHERS' MISSION

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

The concluding week's mission, conducted in the Cathedral by the Missioners of the Society of Mary, maintained the great success which had characterised it from the beginning. Special solemnities in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and Blessed Virgin, with appropriate discourses upon each subject, were observed on different evenings during the mission, the congregational singing throughout being quite a feature. On last Sunday over a thousand approached the Holy Table at the various Masses. A special Mass for men only was celebrated at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M., when 500 men approached the Communion rails.

At the conclusion of Mass the great majority of those present proceeded to the girls' large schoolroom where breakfast was laid, the tables being attended by a number of young lady friends of members of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association. The breakfast took the place of the similar annual function of the H.A.C.B. Society, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The members of the H.A.C.B. Society marched to the Cathedral in their regalia, and, with those of the other societies in their insignia, returned to the schoolroom in processional order, all being photographed previously in a group.

The Very Rev. Father Price, D.C., Adm., presided at the breakfast, the Very Rev. Fathers O'Connell, S.M., and Graham, S.M., M.A., and Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M., being also present. A lengthy toast list was honored, including 'The Pope and King,' proposed by the Very Rev. chairman; 'The Bishop and clergy,' 'The Marist Missioners,' 'The day we celebrate,' 'Catholic associations,' 'Catholic press,' and others.

Commencing at half-past 6 in the evening, the closing ceremonies of the mission took place in the presence of a congregation that filled every available part of the Cathedral (even the sanctuary) where a chair could be placed. There had been Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the 11 o'clock Mass, and in the evening there was an imposing out-door procession through the illuminated grounds of the Cathedral and episcopal residence. Subsequently in the Cathedral the Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., preached on 'Perseverance,' incidentally delivering what was an eloquent panegyric of St. Patrick. He also imparted the Papal blessing after a general renewal of Baptismal vows and reception of members in the arch-confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.

After Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament the Very Rev. Father O'Connell on his own behalf, and on that of the other Missioners, thanked his Lordship the Bishop for inviting them to conduct missions throughout the diocese, the opening one of which had proved so auspicious. He thanked the Very Rev. Administrator and Cathedral clergy for much kindness, consideration, and helpfulness, and finally all who had in any way given assistance towards the success of the mission. His appreciation of the splendid response on the part of the people generally was also feelingly expressed.

The Very Rev. Father Price, D.C., Adm., speaking on behalf of his Lordship the Bishop, acknowledged in grateful terms the good and earnest endeavours of the Missioners, and his appreciation of the successful results so manifest. The Missioners (he continued) had excellent material to work upon, due in a great measure to the zeal and devotedness of the early and later Marist Fathers, who had for long years labored in the Cathedral parish.

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ITEMS OF SPORT

GENERAL.

The Marist Brothers' School has added yet another athletic championship to their last year's record list (writes our Christchurch correspondent). On Saturday last, Master E. Crooke won the final in the Canterbury schools' swimming championship. There were four distances—25, 50, 75, and 100 yards. Master Crooke won the four distances, but was not allowed the first race, as he did not swim a straight course.

At lawn tennis on Saturday (writes our Christchurch correspondent), Addington, playing two substitutes, met Catholic Cathedral at Addington, the Cathedral club winning by sixteen games. Following are the results:—O'Connell (C.) beat Webster (A.) 9—1; Lagan (C.) beat Dr. Allison (A.) 9—2; Jamieson (A.) beat Hayward (C.) 9—2; Macnamara (C.) beat Steere (A.) 9—5. Webster and Allison (A.) beat O'Connell and Lagan (C.) 9—7; Hayward and Macnamara (C.) beat Jamieson and Steere (A.) 9—3. Totals—Cathedral 45, Addington 29.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's (ladies') Hockey Club, Dunedin, held on Tuesday, March 11, was well attended. The report and balance sheet as read by the secretary were adopted. The office-bearers for the present season are as follow:—President, Miss M. Murray; vice-president, Miss E. Munro; secretary and treasurer, Miss M. Munro; committee—Misses E. Perkins, O. Murray, M. Cheeseman, and M. McKenzie. Practice commences on Saturday, March 29. Several new and promising members have joined the club, and everything points to a successful season.

On Kelburne Park on Saturday (writes our Wellington correspondent), Marist Brothers defeated Donald McLean Street Primitive Methodist by 53 runs on the first innings, thus winning the senior championship with the good lead of 4 points on the other teams. Fitzgerald played a splendid innings, giving only one chance, when his score was 30. Marist compiled 132 and Donald McLean Street 79 and six wickets for 53. Marist scorers were Fitzgerald 43, McLeod 25, Flanagan 15, F. O'Driscoll 14 (not out), O'Callaghan 12, Demuth 6, McCauley 5, Marshment 4, Marshall 1, McCarthy 0, White 0. Bowlers—O'Callaghan nine for 58, McLeod one for 48, Fitzgerald one for 3, and Marshment two for 28. In the junior league Marists, after a good game, defeated St. Peter's by 84 runs. Marist scores were 111 and 25, and St. Peter's 41 and 11. The scorers for the former team were L. Barrett 39, B. Walshe 20, L. Ryan 17, A. Lewis 14, H. Marshall 12, W. Heavey 14, W. Guerin 6, and Boyd 5. Bowlers—Ryan took ten for 15 (an excellent performance) and Barrett six for 36. Junior association match Catholic Club B 177 v. Berhampore 52 and 152 (Phipps 42, Colley 32, McGuire 25). Catholic Club won by ten wickets.

A goodly number of parents and friends of the students attending St. Patrick's College assembled at the Thorndon Baths on Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the annual swimming sports of that institution (writes our Wellington correspondent). Although the water was not conducive to good racing, some fast times were recorded. All the events were keenly contested, and it says much for the handicapping that close finishes were the rule and not the exception. The college championship was won by P. McCarthy (of football fame), who put up the remarkable performance of being placed in each of the six events for which he entered, his record being four firsts and two seconds. The item which attracted most attention was the relay race. At St. Patrick's there are comparatively speaking very few Wellington boys, the greater majority of the students coming from all over the Dominion. In the relay race teams were composed of four boys from each province of New Zealand, hence the interest taken as to which would prove the champion province. Strangely enough the winners turned up in Hawke's Bay, who



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