

WANGANUI

(From our own correspondent.)

January 25.

At St. Mary's Church on last Sunday the Rev. Father McCarthy, of St. Patrick's College, celebrated the 10.30 o'clock mass, and the Rev. Father Quinn, of Hastings, preached in the evening the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., who has been conducting the annual retreat of the Nuns, preached. At St. Joseph's Church, Aramoho, Rev. Father McCarthy preached at Vespers.

The sculling match for the championship of the world between Webb and Tresidder will be rowed on Tuesday, February 25, and will start about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The course is on the Wanganui River ending about seven and a half miles above Wanganui. Speaking of the course Tresidder says that it is far superior to that on the Parramatta River, Sydney.

The producing capabilities of the Wanganui district are shown by the export trade for the past twelve months. Notwithstanding the fact that the butter and cheese produced in this district go to New Plymouth, Patea, or Wellington for cool storage and grading, and are, consequently, not included in the returns, the value of the exports from Wanganui for the year was assessed £468,307. The wool output was valued at £335,194, and the frozen meat at £77,048. The tallow export was £23,224, and sheepskins £22,782. The timber export was valued at £1645. These figures show a marked expansion.

Last evening in St. Mary's Church two of the Sisters of St. Joseph made their profession. They were Sister Felix (Miss M. Skinner) and Sister Cecilia (Miss L. Shanly). The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Father Creagh, who delivered a most impressive discourse appropriate to the occasion. Taking for his text those words of St. Matthew's gospel, xix, 21: 'If thou wilt be perfect, go, sell what thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come follow Me,' he pointed out how the world was unable to understand why women devoted themselves to a religious life, how the world would say that these women were throwing their lives away. Without the light of faith it was impossible to understand the life of the religious, but their life was like the life of Christ. Without faith men could not understand why our Lord should have spent the greater part of his life in obscurity. His life was in the eyes of the world a failure, to the Jews it was a stumbling block and to the Gentiles it was folly. As our Lord won His victory over sin and death by the cross, by poverty and sufferings, so were the Sisters of St. Joseph called upon to conquer by practising in their lives poverty, chastity and obedience and by embracing crosses and sufferings for His sake. They were also called upon to do another great work for Christ's sake. Nowadays all over the world wicked men had banded together to banish God from the schools. These men were taking the crucifix from before the eyes of the little children in order that the children, by not seeing the image of Christ, might forget His name. The Sisters of St. Joseph would be called upon to devote themselves to the work of teaching in

order that the little children might learn to know and to love our Lord. And after they had spent themselves in leading lives like that of Christ, and in instructing children in His doctrine and in His love, these Sisters would receive their everlasting reward. The music appropriate to the occasion was rendered by the Nuns' Choir.

January 27.

Sister M. Columba has been appointed Rev. Mother of the Sacred Heart Convent. Sister Columba has been for the past eight years Superioress of the Hastings convent.

I have to express my sincere sympathy with Mr. F. D. Gaffaney, the secretary of St. Mary's Club, in the sad bereavement which he has just sustained by the death of his sister.

On Thursday week the dramatic branch of St. Mary's Catholic Club gave an entertainment at Turakina. The house was crowded. The first part of the performance consisted of vocal items, whilst in the second the three-act comedy, 'Jane,' was staged. All the parts were capably taken, and frequent bursts of applause greeted the efforts of the players. All were loud in their praises of the kindness and hospitality of the ladies of Turakina, who provided the supper.

Yesterday a mission was commenced at St. Joseph's Church, Aramoho. A Missa Cantata was celebrated at 9 o'clock by the Very Rev. Dean Grogan, S.M., and the opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R. There was a good congregation. The music of the Mass was devotionally rendered by the choir under the baton of Mrs. Luxford, and both the missionary and Dean Grogan complimented the members upon the excellent manner in which they had acquitted themselves. In the evening Rev. Father Creagh preached again. The mission will be continued for a week by Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., who will arrive to-day.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

January 26.

The parish schools will reopen to-morrow (Monday).

A specially summoned meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society to elect a trustee in place of Bro. J. J. Hickey, who has resigned, will be held on Tuesday.

The funeral of Sergeant J. Twomey, recently in charge of the police station at Onghunga, took place at Puking on last Thursday. The Rev. Father O'Meara officiated. A posse of police, under Inspector Wilson, of Wanganui, were in attendance to show their respect for their deceased comrade.—R.I.P.

The St. Patrick's Day Sports' Committee met again last Thursday evening and transacted a quantity of routine business in connection with the coming event. Mr. Frank Heil was appointed as handicapper. The concert programme will be entirely in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rodgers, so that a musical treat is assured.

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