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MARIST MISSION AT THORNDON, WELLINGTON

A most successful and enthusiastic mission preached by the Marist Fathers has just been concluded in the Thorndon parish. The preachers were the Rev. Father Ainsworth, who is well known as a preacher of missions, and the Rev. Father O'Leary, who is just beginning his missionary career. The mission opened on March 10, and the attendance from the very beginning surpassed all expectations. Every evening the Basilica was thronged, chairs having to be placed in all the aisles for the accommodation of the congregation. Three priests were kept busy hearing confessions every evening, and about 1400 were heard. Over 9000 people received Holy Communion during the fortnight. On Palm Sunday morning between 800 and 900 people knelt at the Holy Table; and in the evening, at the closing ceremonies of the mission, every available space in the Basilica was packed, the number present being estimated at 1300, and many were unable to obtain admission. The Rev. Father Ainsworth preached a discourse on the subject of "The Two Standards." At the close of the sermon the whole congregation stood and holding lighted candles, renewed their baptismal promises, and made their profession of faith by singing "Faith of Our Fathers." The Papal Blessing was then given, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, which brought to a close a mission which will long be remembered in Wellington North. On the following Monday morning Masses were offered up for the deceased priests, religious, and members of the congregation of Thorndon parish, and on that occasion nearly 1000 people approached the Holy Table.

If you think twice before your speak, you will be sure to speak twice as well. It is told of one of the Roman emperors that whenever he had anything of great importance to say, or any important command to give, he would repeat the alphabet before uttering a word. He weighed his words, as the saying is, in order to give them more weight.

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