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### CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOL, DUNEDIN.

THE annual entertainment and distribution of prizes in connection with the Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin, took place in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday evening. There was a very large audience present, including the Very Rev. Dean Mackay and the Rev. Fathers Murphy, McMullen, Moloney, Cleary, O'Donnell, and Ryan. A comprehensive programme was submitted, consisting of elocution, solo singing, and gymnastic contests, with choruses by the singing class. The programme was no doubt drawn up with the idea of giving the parents of the children and the Catholics of Dunedin generally an idea of the education imparted to the pupils of the school. The choruses 'Believe me,' 'Wearing of the green,' and 'Love at home' were very nicely rendered by the singing class. In the elocution contest P. Wilson was given first place, the other competitors being H. Hungerford and T. Pound. The three boys acquitted themselves admirably, and their distinct enunciation and appropriate action showed that they had been carefully taught. James Collins secured the prize for the best humorous recitation. F. Bevin and E. Durning running him very closely. Mr. T. W. Whitson acted as judge in the elocutionary competitions, and considering how very well all the pieces were delivered he must have had some difficulty in making his award. The Rev. Father Moloney, of St. Patrick's College, acted as judge in the solo singing contest, and decided in favour of T. Hughes, the piece selected being 'The last rose of summer.' The other competitor was D. Fogarty. The gymnastic contests were watched with very keen interest by the audience, and the general opinion was that the boys acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, and that their instructor, Mr. J. C. Smith, under whose direction the exhibitions were carried out, had brought his classes to a high state of efficiency. The judges were Messrs. James Brown and H. Marshall. In the senior gymnastic contest Sarsfield Clancy secured first place and H. Hungerford second; and in the junior T. Smith was adjudged the winner, with J. Skinner next. The accomplishments during the evening were played by C. Thomas and J. Tobin. The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, who were most liberal in their applause.

At the conclusion of the entertainment Rev. Brother Fogarty thanked the audience for their attendance, and the judges for the trouble they had taken in arriving at their decisions. In reviewing the work of the school during the year just closed he was pleased to say that it was in many respects highly satisfactory. They began well by having a large number of the boys confirmed by their good Bishop before his departure for Europe. When the results of the University junior scholarship examination were published early in February the name of John B. Callan was found amongst those who had 'passed with credit.' John Hungerford passed the matriculation examination, and six of the boys passed the junior civil service. The following was a summary of the report of the Rev. Brother Whitty, of Dublin, who examined the school in July:—

'I examined our Dunedin school in the early part of July, and, considering that it was mid-winter, and the weather cold and rainy, I found a high average present. The school made a very good examination, and afforded ample proof of having been well and efficiently taught. The boys of the various standards answered particularly well in Christian doctrine, Bible and Church history, English composition, English history, grammar, and geography. The students of the Matriculation and Civil Service class answered brilliantly in almost every subject. The conduct of the boys was excellent, and their manner and appearance, as well as the order and discipline of the school, impressed me very favourably.' The English essay prize offered by the *Dominican Star* was carried off by one of the pupils—Master Peter Francis Rogan, a leading member of the Boys' Library and Literary Society. The physical training of the pupils received its due share of attention. Many availed themselves of the gymnastic class, so ably conducted by Instructor J. C. Smith. In August last a very successful entertainment was held which enabled them to make considerable additions to their gymnasium. The prize list had been compiled from the results of the various examinations held during the year. The dux medal is reserved. One pupil has presented himself for the medical preliminary examination. Should he be successful, the dux medal will go to him. Otherwise it will be given to the most successful candidate at the junior civil service examination if he be one of the first 30 on the list. The two gold medals presented by Mr. Maurice Coughlan are awarded to John Hastings for general excellence and Christian doctrine and to William Higgins for general excellence and Irish history. Mr. Shain's two silver medals go to the winners of the elocution contests,

and Instructor Smith's four silver medals are given to the successful competitors in the gymnastic contests. Messrs. W. Scoular and Co.'s special prize falls to the winner of the first place in the sub-matriculation class.

The Very Dean Mackay, before distributing the prizes, congratulated the Brothers on the success which attended their efforts. He also congratulated those who had been successful in the contests they had witnessed that evening, and he trusted that the voices they had heard raised so eloquently in the elocutionary contests would one day be heard raised for greater ends in the Parliament of the country.

The following is the prize list:—

Civil Service Class.—John Hastings 1 (Mr M. Coughlan's gold medal); John O'Leary 2, John Scanlan 3, Peter Skene 4.

Examination Honours (first in subject).—Christian doctrine, J. Hastings; Latin, S. De Beer; French, S. De Beer; English, J. Hastings; geography, J. O'Leary; arithmetic, James Scanlan; algebra, P. Skene; Euclid, S. De Beer; penmanship, Cornelius Collins; shorthand, P. Skene; bookkeeping, James Scanlan; typewriting, F. Woods.

Sub-Matriculation Class.—M. Rossbotham 1 (W. Scoular and Co.'s prize); J. O'Sullivan 2, Claude Thomas 3, F. Bourke 4, J. Burke 5.

Examination Honours (first in subject).—Christian Doctrine, M. Rossbotham; Latin, F. Burke; French, M. Rossbotham; English, M. Rossbotham; geography, C. Thomas; arithmetic, J. O'Sullivan; Euclid, T. Pound; penmanship, J. Heffernan; typewriting, J. Garvey; shorthand, M. Rossbotham; bookkeeping, M. Rossbotham; English composition, P. Rogan; elocution, T. Pound; algebra, J. O'Sullivan.

Sixth Class.—W. Shain 1, J. Wilkinson 2, M. Garvey 3, W. Wedge 4, S. Clancy 5, J. Beard 6, J. Japp 7, J. Todd 8.

Examination Honours (first in subject).—Christian Doctrine, M. Garvey; Bible history, S. Clancy; reading, M. Garvey and S. Clancy equal; recitation, J. Swanson; dictation, S. Clancy and J. Wilkinson equal; handwriting, W. Shain; arithmetic and mensuration, W. Shain and J. Mulholland equal; grammar, J. Todd; composition, E. Campbell; geography, J. Wood; mapping, W. Wedge; English history, J. Swanson; home exercise, M. Garvey; drawing, J. Wood; bookkeeping, James Collins; Euclid, W. Shain and J. Mulholland equal; algebra, J. Todd; French, J. Japp; Latin, W. Shain; typewriting, W. Knott.

Fifth Class.—J. Tobin 1, J. Lynch 2, A. Macdonald 3, F. Bevin 4, G. Metcalfe 5, J. Hart 6. Examination Honours (first in subject).—Christian doctrine, F. Bevin; Bible history, J. Tobin and P. Wilson equal; reading, T. Garvey; recitation, G. Byrne; dictation, F. Bevin and F. Freed equal; handwriting, P. Skene; arithmetic, F. Bevin; grammar, J. Tobin and P. Wilson equal; composition, John Collins; geography, J. Tobin; Australian history, J. Lynch; home exercise, F. Freed; drawing, F. Bevin; bookkeeping, John Collins; Euclid, J. Tobin and J. Mahoney equal; mapping, C. McCluskey and F. Freed equal; English history, J. Tobin.

Fourth Class.—W. Higgin 1, A. Davis 2, R. Ward 3. Examination Honours (first in subject).—Christian doctrine, R. Bourke; reading, T. Meyer; arithmetic, S. Bourke; Grammar, C. Hanagan; geography, H. M'Hugh; Irish history, W. Higgins; writing, A. Davis; home exercise, R. Ward; drawing, T. Rogan; spelling, J. Skinner.

Third Class.—T. Day 1, C. Poppelwell 2, F. Fogarty 3, J. Walsh 4, M. Moloney 5. Examination Honours (first in subject).—Christian doctrine, T. Day; reading, J. O'Sullivan; arithmetic, F. Moloney; grammar, J. Ryan; geography, C. Tothill; writing, J. Fox; home exercise, J. Walsh; drawing, O. Lewis; spelling, G. Bevis.

Second Class.—D. Fogarty 1, E. Poppelwell 2, W. O'Connor 3, W. Fraser 4, Thomas Smith 5, John Fogarty 6, C. Tarleton 7, P. Anderson 8, B. Connor 9, A. Dean 10, D. Murphy 11, David Burke 12, H. Black 13, Alf. Moore 14, A. Adlam 15. Examination Honours (first in subject).—Christian doctrine, W. O'Connor; reading, Alf. Moore; writing, W. O'Connor; arithmetic, Alf. Moore; exercise, W. O'Connor.

First Class.—F. Power 1, T. Laffey 2, C. Keenan 3, M. Coughlan 4, H. Freed 5, Thomas Mee 6, B. Long 7, R. Hungerford 8, J. Tarleton 9, W. Ryan 10, C. Crichton 11. Examination Honours (first in subject).—Christian doctrine, C. Keenan; reading, H. Freed; writing, M. Coughlan; arithmetic, H. Freed.

Four prizes were given for attendance. At the conclusion of the distribution of prizes a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Rev. Father Murphy and seconded by Mr P. Halley, was accorded the Very Rev. Dean Mackay, after which the proceedings terminated.