

Foster, an invalid, Maggie Dupre.—Interval.—Piano solo, 'Martha, Maggie Dupre; march, violin and piano, M. Byrne, T. Griffin, E. McDonnell, W. Peratti, Julia McGain, A. Dorrian; vocal trio, 'Arrayed in Clouds,' Lizzie Webber, G. Moss, M. Dupre; 'Triumphal March,' J. McGain, L. Webber, L. Peratti; 'Ho! Ho! Song,' troupe.

The list of distribution of prizes is as follows:—

Christian Doctrine, first division, Emily McDonnell; second, Annie McDonnell.

Matriculation Class—Grammar and composition, Emma Dungan; History, Gertrude Moss; Euclid, Emma Dungan; French, Maggie Dupre; Latin, Emily McDonnell; Botany, Maggie Dupre.

Civil Service Class—Composition, Mary Kennedy; geography, Mary Kennedy.

Seventh Class—Arithmetic, 1st prize, Florence Moss; 2nd, Winifred Peratti; Diligence, Florence Moss; Geography, Winifred Peratti; French (presented by Mrs Martin) Florence Moss.

Sixth Class—Diligence, 1st prize, Kate O'Connor; 2nd, Elith McMillan; 3rd, Mary Lee; reading and composition, Maggie McMillan; geography and history, Julia McGain; arithmetic, Violet Foot; algebra, Mary Lee; writing 1st prize, Violet Foot; 2nd, Teresa Griffin; diligence, Lizzie Webber; good conduct, Kate O'Connor; Needlework (presented by Miss Sheedy), Edith McMillan.

Fifth Class—Diligence, 1st prize, Katie Sheedy; 2nd, Maggie O'Connor; 3rd, Rose Richardson; good conduct, Annie McDonnell; grammar, Kate Sheedy; geography, Kate Griffin; reading, Mabel Beresford; arithmetic, 1st prize, Maggie O'Connor; 2nd, Kate Griffin.

Fourth Class—Diligence, Maud Bourke; arithmetic, Bertha Webber.

Third Class—Diligence, 1st Amy Richardson, 2nd Ethel Boyd; history, Marion Petrie; good conduct, Mary Warner; Reading, Sylvia Bowe; arithmetic, Mary Smith; orthography, Ivy Hildebrand; penmanship, Gerald Griffin.

Music—1st prize Sophia Dupre, 2nd Julia McGain, Theory of music, Emily McDonnell, Music (violin), Patrick O'Connor, Vocal music (presented by Miss McDavitt), 1st prize Lizzie Webber, 2nd Gertrude Moss, Amiability, Teresa Griffin, Drawing, Rose Richardson.

Programme of entertainment given by the children of St. Mary's Infant School, Greymouth, with list of prize winners:—

Kindergarten exercise, troupe; piano duet, 'Home to our mountains,' Mabel Beresford, Mary Smith, Sylvia Rowe, Irene Beresford, Mary McArdle, Maggie McArdle; recitation, 'Somebody's mother,' Hilda Beresford; Song, 'The cuckoo,' troupe; piano duet, 'Mermaid's song,' Mabel Beresford, Katie Devery, Bertha Webber, Maggie Devery, Sylvia Rowe, Hilda Beresford; recitation, 'Old Wab,' Mary McArdle, Katie Devery; Kindergarten exercise, troupe; piano solo, 'Happy heart's waltz,' Sylvia Rowe; recitation, 'The angels,' Lizzie McDonnell, Louisa Richardson, Maggie Devery, Mary McArdle, Hetie Keddell, Nellie McDonnell; song, 'Birds' ball,' troupe; recitation, 'Tell the truth,' Clara Webber, John Hannan; piano solo, 'Soldier's return,' Bertha Webber, 'The Gold Thimble'—Characters: Madame Berton (a poor widow), Florence McDonnell; Julia and Ernestine (her daughters) Amy Richardson and Bertha Webber; Countess de Ranz fi, Sylvia Rowe; servant to the Countess, Ivy Hildebrand; Dorot y, Irene Beresford; Consoler, Nellie Griffin. Christmas song, troupe.

The following is the list of distribution of prizes:—

Catechism, Gerald W. O'Kane, Amiability, Maggie Devery, Reading in 2nd class—1st prize, Mary McArdle; 2nd, Hilda Beresford, Spelling—1st prize, Gerald W. O'Kane; 2nd, Lorne Richardson, Arithmetic, Lizzie McDonnell, Writing, Nellie Griffin, Reading in 1st class—1st prize, Maggie McArdle; 2nd, Hetie Keddell, Spelling—1st prize, Grey Barton; 2nd, Katie Devery, Arithmetic, Clara Webber, Application, Nellie McDonnell, 1st prize in Primer class, John Hannan; 2nd, Fred Dupre.

The Catholic inhabitants of Brunerton and surrounding districts have recently erected a neat and substantial building school room, 38ft. by 24 ft., with two rooms attached—sitings to m. 12ft. by 14ft., and bedroom, 10 ft. by 12ft.—for the use of the clergymen when staying in Brunerton on Saturday and Sunday nights. This long-felt want has at last been supplied through the energy of the Rev. Fathers Carew and Briand, and of the comparatively few Catholic inhabitants of Brunerton. The school is still in debt a considerable amount, but it is still to be hoped that, now the labour troubles are over and the miners have settled down once more to steady work the debt will be soon paid off. The school is ably and efficiently conducted by two of the Sisters of Mercy from All Saints' Convent, Greymouth, who came up by train in the morning and returned in the evening. Previous to the erection of this schoolroom the Sisters have been teaching for close on five years in the Brunerton Catholic Church, and though their remuneration has been merely nominal, they never missed a day, whether cold or wet, in coming to impart a sound religious and secular instruction to the children attending the Brunerton Catholic school. Their first annual entertainment was given a year in the new school room, when all those present enjoyed a rare treat. The attendance was not as large as the entertainment deserved, but this may be accounted for by the fact that many were working, and that Saturday evening is not a good night to hold an entertainment in Brunerton. All the pupils were well represented in their parts, the singing was good, and the acting was admirably good, some of the pupils showing rare talent and remarkable histrionic ability.

The following is the programme produced:—Song, 'Merry, Merry Christmas,' singing class; recitation, 'Idle Willie and his Mother,' K. Moore, L. Killeen; piano duet, 'Liquid Gum,' K. O'Loughlin, A. Parsons; song, 'The Tailor,' singing class; piano solo, 'Whispers from Eden,' S. Jones; 'The Dog and the Thief,' R. O'Loughlin, J. McParland; piano duet, 'What are the Wind Waves Saying,' A. McParland, L. Moore; song, 'Old Foks at Home,' singing class, drama in one act, 'Conceit is as bad as Consumption'—characters, Jessie (Mrs. Blackton's companion), L. Lally, Mary and Agnes (Mrs. Blackton's nieces), A. Parsons, K. McParland; Mrs. Blackton, M. Meehan; Dr. Alaim, F. O'Donnell; song, 'God Save Ireland,' singing class; piano duet, 'Palermio,' K. O'Loughlin and S. Jones. A

lawsuit, 'Goodygrim v. Lapstone.—Characters: The Judge, Master F. Heslin; Counsellor Puzzle, Master D. Magee; the Jew Pedlar, Master A. Crawford; Counsellor Botherm, Master P. Lally; Witnesses, Masters J. Kelly, C. Rogers, J. McParland. Piano solo, 'Abyssinian Expedition,' Miss Sarah Jones; song, 'God Defend New Zealand,' singing class.

After the performance the prizes were presented by the Rev. Father Carew, who cordially thanked the Sisters and pupils for the admirable entertainment provided that evening, and said that it compared favourably with entertainments carried out by older actors and amateurs with more pretensions. He was pleased and proud of the beautiful school-room which they had now in Brunerton, and he warmly thanked the Catholics of the district, as also many non-Catholics, who helped to erect such a substantial building. For the information of those present he would tell them that he had completed the examination of all the schools in his parish, and that they all made very good progress during the year and passed a very creditable examination. He would also tell them that the Catholic schools of the parish were now providing instruction for 425 pupils without a cent of Government money being expended either on the building of the schools, or the teaching of the children, thus saving the Government about £1600 annually in this parish for education, exclusive of school building grants. It was a great wrong and injustice on the part of the Government of the country to deprive Catholics of their fair share of the education vote, especially as they were providing as good a secular education as given in any of the State schools. They had been doing this for the last thirteen years and he hoped the Government would very soon see the great injustice they were perpetrating. He then presented the prizes, which were as follows:—Christian Doctrine—1st prize, Agnes Parsons; 2nd, Teresa O'Donnell; 3rd, James McParland.

Sixth Class—Application, 1st prize, Frederick Heslin; 2nd, Daniel Magee; History, Frederick Heslin; Arithmetic, Frederick Heslin.

Fifth Class—Application, prize, Arthur Crawford; History, Agnes McParland; Geography, Kate McParland; Grammar, Agnes Parsons; Arithmetic, Arthur Crawford; Writing, Laura Jones; Reading, Kate McParland; Needlework, Lizzie Moore.

Fourth Class—Application, Margaret Meehan; History, Lizzie Lally; Geography, Hannah Magee; Grammar, Ellen Moore; Arithmetic, Hannah Magee; Writing, Lizzie Killeen; Reading, Louisa McDonnell; Needlework, Teresa O'Donnell.

Third Class—Application, prize, James McParland; History, James Ruau; Geography, John Kelly; Grammar, James Magee; Arithmetic—1st prize, Christopher Rogers; 2nd, Patrick Lally; Writing, 1st prize, Mary Anne Moore; 2nd, Alice Rogers; Reading, 1st prize, Michael O'Loughlin; 2nd, Lucy Parsons; 3rd, Mary Hillier; Spelling, 1st, James O'Donnell; 2nd, Michael Hillman; Needlework, Kate Moore; Music, 1st prize, Sarah Jones; 2nd, Kate O'Loughlin; Singing, Kate O'Loughlin.

Catechism, Mary Kelly; reading in second class, Michael O'Reilly; reading in first class, Mary O'Neill; reading in primer, 1st prize, Philip Rogers; 2nd prize, Augusta Bishop; spelling in second class, Mary Mullins; spelling in first class, 1st prize, Maria Lally; 2nd prize, Maggie Mullins; 3rd prize, John Johnston; arithmetic in second class, Thomas Lally; arithmetic in first class, 1st prize, John Meehan; 2nd prize, Bridget Callinan; writing in second class, Mary Meehan; writing in first class, K. O'Donnell; writing in primer, 2nd prize, K. Moore; application, Lawrence Magee, Mary Seely, Rose McKnight; catechism in primer, 2nd prize, Charles O'Donnell; alphabet, 1st prize, Grey Buckby; 2nd prize, Dorothy Buckby.

I am very much pleased to be able to furnish the readers of the TABLET with the names of seven young ladies from All Saints' Convent, Greymouth, who have passed the London University's musical examination with very high percentages—viz., 100, 98.94, 92.90, 91, and 61. Their names are Misses Emily McDonnell, Mary O'Donnell, Sophia Dupre, Emma Dungan, Kate McDonnell, Nellie Seely, and Winifred Peratti. The following copy of a letter which the Rev. Mother received, previous to the result of the examination being known, explains itself:—

Wellington, November 26, 1890.

"MADAM.—In reply to your note I am afraid I cannot supply you with a list of the Greymouth candidates, but their anxiety will soon be satisfied, as the cards have been sent, and the certificates will be forwarded in a few days. The results are very satisfactory, and the Convent pupils have obtained a higher average than any others in this district.—I am, yours faithfully, ROBERT PARKER."

From this and other such testimony may be seen why Catholics deservedly take a pride in their conventual institutions, where the range of subjects taught are so varied, and where the pupils attain such a high standard of efficiency, coupled with a sound religious and moral training.

At Karlsruhe, Baden, the police fine anyone who plays on the piano with an open window.

Dr V. Osborn, C.B.S. has commenced practice in Dunedin. Dr. Cross comes from Invercargill, where he practised with great success for eight years, having, in fact, the largest practice in the town. He is very much regretted by his late patients.

Mr W. Harris, of the Imperial Boot Depot, Princess street, Dunedin, invites inspection of his splendid stock of boots and shoes. Mr Harris has just received shipments quite unrivalled in quality.

The McCormick reaper and binder is still keeping far ahead of all others. Everywhere a trial is made or a competition takes place to demonstrate its superiority. To record all the contests in which it has proved *facile princeps* would be a work of time. We may, however, mention, in passing, that among its recent victories have been those at Auckland on November 11, at Yarrowonga on November 12, at Tatura on November 18, and at Tamworth on December 6, where the machine won the two prizes offered, and in each instance obtained the full number of points.