

(honors) 133, Mildred Carey (honors) 132, Rachel Dey (pass) 122, Iris Reid 119, Jeannie Miller 118, Maria E. Wood, 114. Intermediate Grade—K. Collins (pass) 124, Maud Sandilands (violin) 115, Winifred Martin 104, Agnes Knott 103, Esma. Hevestan (honors) 135, Ethel Clark 121.

School examinations.—Higher Grade—Rita Morrison (honors) 81, Ethel Goldsmith 78, Ivy Bailey 77, Mona Waddell 75, Jane Rothe 72, Winnie Power 71. Lower Grade—Maggie O'Leary (pass) 76, Mary O'Leary 72. Elementary Grade—Beryl Gillies (honors) 99 (maximum awarded), Margaret Burke (violin, honors) 85.

The following candidates were successful in the practical music examinations of Trinity College, London.—Certificated pianists—E. Fitzgerald, M. Paton, M. O'Grady; Senior Grade—V. Fraser (singing; honors) 92, M. Collins (pass) 77, W. McTigue 75, J. Miller 68, L. Leslie 67, M. O'Sullivan (singing) 66; Intermediate Grade—Margaret Gawne (honors) 84, A. Jeffery (pass) 72, N. Angus 71, G. Taylor 70, E. Smith 68; Junior Grade—M. Walls (honors) 91, L. Maloney (honors) 82, B. Dwyer (pass) 70, E. Smyth (pass) 61, M. Flannery (pass) 61, M. Waddell (singing) 63; Preparatory Grade—M. Hopkins 79, M. Leslie 73, D. Hart 67.

Presentation to Miss Woods, Lawrence.

On Wednesday evening of last week (says the 'Tuapeka Times') a complimentary concert was tendered to Miss Woods, A.T.C.B., on the eve of her departure for Europe. There was a large attendance. The feature of the evening was unquestionably the extremely sympathetic rendering of that beautiful song 'Good-bye' by Miss Woods, who was in excellent voice, her enunciation of the words being all that could be desired. Doubtless the excitement of the occasion and the feeling that the words to which she was giving utterance were a reality rather than a mere sentiment were accountable for the keenness of the feeling infused into it. In response to a vociferous encore she graciously sang Knicker's 'Good night' in a similarly appreciative manner. The accompaniments during the evening were played by Mrs. Roscow, Misses Woods, Hay, and Robertson.

At the conclusion of the concert the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Lawrence, presented Miss Woods with a purse of sovereigns as a slight token of their appreciation of the very generous manner in which she had at all times given her services in musical matters for the benefit of the town. In making the presentation, he said he found it very difficult to find words in which to convey to Miss Woods the esteem and goodwill in which she was held by the people of Lawrence; indeed, by the people of the whole district. He had known her parents for the past 30 years. They had at all times during their residence here done an immense amount of good by organising concerts, etc., for charitable purposes and the various institutions in the town, and Miss Woods was proving a worthy daughter of such parents. As they were all aware, Miss Woods had reached the highest rung in the colonial musical ladder and was going to Europe for the purpose of qualifying for still higher honors, and they confidently believed that with the ability she possessed and her indomitable perseverance she would succeed in attaining further laurels, thus reflecting credit on New Zealand and on Lawrence in particular.

Mr. Woods, who returned thanks on behalf of his daughter, said she desired him to return her sincere and hearty thanks to the audience for their attendance that evening, to the committee for the trouble and pains taken by them in organising the entertainment, to the performers for the successful manner in which they had carried out the programme, and to one and all for the very valuable presentation made to her by his Worship the Mayor of Lawrence, her native town. As the first native-born musical delegate, so to speak, from the Tuapeka district, she was prepared to work her hardest to repay their generous send-off, and if successful in gaining distinctions she would accept them as honors for the Tuapeka district rather than herself.

Miss Woods was also presented by the Mayor with a travelling rug from her pupils.

Miss Woods leaves Dunedin on Sunday by the 'Warrimoo' for Melbourne en route for Europe.

Mr. R. S. Raymond, Pharmaceutical Chemist, who has had over 35 years' experience in his profession, has just purchased the business of the Pharmacy, Rattray street, where he hopes to merit a fair share of public patronage, his long experience being a guarantee that the greatest care and accuracy will be observed in the dispensing of physicians' prescriptions.

TIMARU

(From our own correspondent.)

December 12.

The closing services in connection with the jubilee were held last week, commencing on Monday evening. Rev. Father Regnault, of Waimate, preached on three evenings to crowded congregations, and divided with our local clergy the labors of the confessional. On the closing day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the early morning Masses were well attended, and large numbers approached the Holy Table. A Missa Cantata was sung at 9 o'clock, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held for the remainder of the day. The sacred edifice was literally packed for the evening service. After the Rosary some postulants were received into the Confraternity of the Children of Mary. Then a procession of the Blessed Sacrament was held, in which the school children, confraternities, and the congregation generally took part. The procession proceeded down the main aisle, around the priory grounds, and back again to the church. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament brought the jubilee celebrations to a close.

A mission is being given in the Temuka parish by the Redemptorist Fathers this week.

A cricket match played last Saturday on the Athletic Grounds between the Waimate High School seniors and the Marist Brothers' boys resulted in a decided win for the latter. The local team after putting up 81 runs for 5 wickets closed their innings, and the Waimate team were disposed of for less than double figures, the fine bowling of J. O'Dowd, who took five wickets in one over, practically securing this result.

WAIMATE

(From our own correspondent.)

December 12.

The Sisters of St. Joseph are to be congratulated on the success which attended their annual concert, which took place in the Oddfellows' Hall on Thursday evening. The programme was not unduly long, and the items, both vocal and instrumental, were well given. The programme opened with a pianoforte duet (two pianos), given by Misses Cremin, Slee, Flynn, and Bartos, followed by a part song by the girls. Two action songs ('Girls versus boys' and the 'Tall top hat') by the boys and girls were well rendered. A vocal trio by Misses Cremin, Bartos and Wedgell was one of the best items of the evening and received a well-deserved encore. Sword drill and song by the boys followed, and a part song by the girls. The first part of the programme was brought to a close by a song by the boys. During the interval the Mayor (Mr. John Manchester) distributed the medals to the pupils who were successful at the Trinity College musical examinations. The Rev. Father Regnault, in introducing the Mayor, thanked the large audience for the interest they manifested in Catholic schools, and congratulated the teachers on their splendid work. The following were the successful pupils: Practical—Misses E. Slee, N. Laane, N. Meehan, D. Delahant, K. Gough, M. O'Brien, E. Turner, N. Cremin, E. Beaton, Masters T. Twomey and J. Flynn. Theoretical—Misses O. Slee and Flynn.

Father Regnault thanked the Mayor for distributing the prizes, and said he had been a friend of the Catholic schools and his own for the last 12 years.

The Mayor referred to the effective training, and the up-to-date education, which had been manifested that night, and said that while there used to be doubts about the efficiency of education imparted, all those doubts had been set at rest, and the community at large had a good deal of sympathy with Catholics. For his own part he hoped that the day would come when the Catholic schools would be subsidised by the Government in proportion to the money expended by them.

The second part opened with an instrumental item (piano and organ) played by Misses Meehan, Cremin, Flynn and Jones. An action song and dialogue by the boys and girls were well given. A vocal duet by the Misses Cremin and Bartos was well received. The concert was brought to a close with a drama, entitled 'A Runaway Student,' the characters being taken by Masters F. O'Brien, T. Cleary, M. O'Brien, Maurice, P. Hickey, Fitzgerald, Meagher and Mellor.

Pressure on our space compels us to hold over a number of communications.

The train arrangements on the New Zealand Railways for the Christmas holidays are notified elsewhere in this issue.

The annual gathering of the Caledonian Society of Otago takes place at the Society's grounds, Kensington, on January 2 and 3, when £475 will be given in prizes.