

Class V.—Arithmetic and music, D. Boylan; writing and geography, V. Waller.

Class VI.—Music and singing, E. Sykes; drawing and brushwork, H. Martin; reading and recitation, K. Lott; good conduct, M. Boylan. Class III.—Spelling, A. Cleland; writing, R. Cleland; reading, K. Nicol; arithmetic, D. Amodeo; music, M. Coyne; arithmetic, L. McCallum.

Class III.—Reading, V. Kuhn; writing and neatness, J. Nicol; good conduct, A. Mathias; needlework, K. Hogue.

Class I.—Writing, D. O'Leary; arithmetic, G. Lindsay; singing, R. Wynyard; tables, J. Cooke; arithmetic, C. Grey; spelling, H. Cogan; writing, E. O'Leary.

Kindergarten.—Tables, E. Grey; reading, G. Boyle; paper-folding, J. Nicol; reading, J. Boylan; writing, C. Boyle; writing, G. Croll; singing, F. Kuhn; spelling, K. Beetham; singing, S. McCallum; counting, O. Crooke; counting, P. Whitfield.

ST. PATRICK'S CONVENT, AUCKLAND.

The pupils gave their annual concert in the Hibernian Hall, his Lordship the Bishop presiding. The programme was as follows:—Overture, Ewart's orchestra; action song; recitation and song, junior pupils; duet, Misses Rogers, Clayton, Matthias, and Smith; physical drill, pupils of St. Joseph's School; action song; dialogue, Misses Bryant, McDonald, and Molloy; overture, Ewart's orchestra; chorus; violin solo, Miss Sybil Lewis; duet, Misses Smith, Matthias, Rogers, and Brown; trio, Misses Rodgers, Reardon, and Smith; chorus; National Anthem.

The prize list was as follows:—

Christian doctrine, Jessie Little; good conduct, Flossie Foley; junior honors in musical theory, Bessie McDonnell; maximum marks in examination, Annie Clayton; success in examination, Jessie Little; success in examination, Violet Johnston; good conduct and music, Ethel Keaman; attendance, Annie O'Connor. Special prizes were given by Monsignor O'Reilly, Very Rev. Father Patterson; Rev. Father Holbrook, Mr. Foley, Mr. R. Mackay.

The following certificates for music, awarded by Trinity College, London, were presented.—Intermediate pass theory, I.C.L.—Gladys Foley, Hilda Brown, Eileen Kearney, Emily Clark, Hilda McMahon, Annie Clayton, Kitty Rogers. Junior honors (theory)—Bessie MacDonnell, Keaman. Practical music (pass)—Irene O'Connor.

OTAKI CONVENT SCHOOL.

Notwithstanding very unfavorable weather, there was a very large attendance at the Hall, Otaki, on the occasion of the annual entertainment by the pupils of the convent school. The entertainment (says the 'Mail') was a most enjoyable one, every item showing signs of preparation, and that attention to detail which is so effective and pleasing. Many of the items were of a novel nature, and their preparation must have entailed an enormous amount of work, but the enthusiastic manner in which these items were received well repaid the trouble in production. The instrumental selections were a feature of the evening, quite a number being played.

At the conclusion of the concert the prizes were distributed by the Rev. Father Ainsworth, of Wellington, who complimented the children on their excellent performance, which, he said, was a credit to the splendid work done by the good Sisters.

The following is the prize list:—

Christian doctrine.—Class I.: Gertrude Hurley 1, Lily Williams 2; next in merit, Eileen Tompsitt, Flora McDonald, Eva McLeavey. Class II.: Muriel Bevan 1, John Gordon 2; next in merit, Eily Hurley, Courtney O'Rourke, Kathleen Quill. Class III.: Agatha Hannan 1, Katie Herrigan 2; next in merit, Bride O'Rourke, Ethel Bennett. Class IV.: Elva Wallace 1, Markham Eyre 2; next in merit, Queenie Russo, Joseph Lima.

Good conduct.—Senior girls: Maggie Kerrigan 1, Enid Wallace 2; next in merit, Daisy Milne. Junior girls: Violet Landall 1, Ruby Batten 2. Senior boys: Courtney O'Rourke 1, Joseph Bennett 2; next in merit, Richard Williams.

Politeness.—Girls: Eva McLeavey 1, Eileen Stansell 2. Boys: Richard Williams 1, Reggie Ryder 2.

Amiability.—Kathleen Quill.

Singing.—Girls: Flo Stansell 1, Kathleen Quill 2. Boys: Joseph Bennett 1, Joseph Lima 2.

Music.—Senior division: Flora McDonald 1, Eva McLeavey 2, Regina Bartholomew 3; next in merit, May Petrie. Junior division: Kathleen Quill 1, Ruby Stansell 2; next in merit, Eileen Tompsitt, Lily Williams.

Sewing.—Senior division: Ruby Stansell 1, Daisy Milne 2. Junior division: Katie Kerrigan 1, Mary Gordon 2.

Cooking.—Flo Stansell 1, May Petrie 2.

Attendance.—Christie Russo 1, Queenie Russo 2, Mary Ahern 3; next in merit, John Gordon, Joseph Bennett, Courtney O'Rourke. Special to the Maori children, Lena Grey.

Competition medal.—Gertrude Hurley.

Highest marks in each class.—Standard VI., John Gordon 1, Eva McLeavey 2, May Petrie 3. Standard V., Flora McDonald 1, Eileen Tompsitt 2, Lily Williams 3. Standard IV., Muriel Bevan 1, Janet Becker 2, Winnie Hall 3. Standard III., Eileen Hurley 1, Florence McClelland 2, Agatha Hannan 3. Standard II., Ethel Bennett 1, Bride O'Rourke 2, Eileen Stansell 3. Standard I., Ruby Batten 1, Leslie McDonald 2, Harriet Gordon 3.

Diligence.—Hugh Ahern 1, Darcy Ryder 2, Josephine Lelievre 3.

Special prizes presented to the boarders.—Good conduct, Eileen Tompsitt; generosity, Flo Stansell.

General improvement.—Annie Cootes 1, Eva Landall 2, Katie Arekatara 3, Harry Becker 4, Melville Ryder 5, Joseph Ayre 6, Harold Batten, Lucy Lima, George Landall, Joseph Ahern.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL, WAIMATE.

The distribution of prizes of the above school took place on Thursday, December 15. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of Measee, was present with the local clergy. Aften a few musical items by the pupils, the Rev. Father Regnault asked Dr. Kennedy to distribute the prizes. In the course of a few words of congratulation and advice to the children Father Regnault referred to the sacrifices made in their behalf by their parents, who, besides contributing their share to the support of the public schools of the Colony, have for conscience sake to bear the whole burden of the education of their own children in a Catholic school. It is well known that any help or grant they ask for from the Government is not for the purpose of teaching religion, but for secular instruction. Catholics save the State close on £60,000 per year, and only a fraction of this amount is asked for to help them to educate their children. So reasonable is this demand that it was sustained by a commission of statesmen appointed about twelve months ago to inquire into the working of the whole system of education in New South Wales. Should this reasonable demand be granted, it is quite clear that neither priest nor bishop nor Catholic people could object to the introduction of Bible-teaching in public schools. Rev. Father Regnault concluded by wishing the children a happy Christmas and an enjoyable holiday.

The following is the prize list:—

Standard VII.—Shorthand medal, M. Bartos; general proficiency, M. Bartos, W. Fitzgerald; arithmetic and writing, E. O'Brien; composition and spelling, M. Fitzmaurice; English, M. Bartos; neatness and amiability, M. A. O'Brien.

Standard VI.—General proficiency, F. Flynn, F. Cleary, D. Delahunt, M. Cleary. Special prizes—Geography, F. Flynn, M. Cleary, J. Twomey, F. Cleary; spelling, W. Mellon, E. Cornelius, K. Kiely; English, J. Fitzgerald; drawing, J. Twomey, E. Cornelius, J. Flynn; arithmetic, E. Cosgrave, M. Meagher; reading, A. Gorman, K. Kiely, N. Cremin; composition, J. Flynn; politeness, J. Cremin.

Standard V.—General proficiency, W. Mellon, T. Twomey, J. Healy, M. A. O'Brien, K. Gough; writing, M. Pound, E. Frost, J. Pearce; reading, M. Nolan, M. Thyne, J. Fitzmaurice, K. McDonald; geometry, M. Hickey; drawing, J. Pearce; arithmetic, L. Flaherty, L. Vaillant. Special prize—Geography, W. Mellon; punctuality, M. Hogan, J. Fox; spelling, E. Meagher, E. Kennedy.

Standard IV.—General proficiency, A. Delahunt; arithmetic, C. Twomey, J. Keane; reading, M. Bell; geography, M. Cosgrave; history, W. Kelly; neatness, K. Frost; writing, J. McCarthy, A. Packer; drawing, M. Muirhead.

Standard III.—General proficiency, A. Fitzgerald; arithmetic, W. Landon, W. Kennedy; writing, M. Cleary, J. Foley; drawing, C. Landon; reading, A. Costello; spelling, B. Foley.

Standard II.—General proficiency, H. Mellon; arithmetic, N. O'Shea, F. Meagher; spelling, K. Nolan, G. Landon.

Standard I.—General proficiency, T. Cleary, V. Hansen; writing, S. Fox; tables, P. Pearce; reading, M. McCarthy; arithmetic, C. Edwards, C. Fitzmaurice; modelling, M. McCarthy; spelling, R. Frost.

Attendance Prizes.—F. Flynn, M. Cleary, J. Fitzgerald, M. Pound, M. Hickey, W. Mellon, A. Delahunt, C. Twomey, A. Packer, M. Cleary, H. Mellon, T. Cleary, C. Edwards.

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