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Marist Brothers' School, Auckland

(From our own correspondent.)

There was a large attendance at the Marist Brothers' School, Pitt street, on the occasion of the annual concert and distribution of prizes. The Rev. Father Holbrook, Adm., presided. The annual report was read by Bro. George. It was stated that the year had been a very successful one, necessitating an increased staff. The roll number had been well maintained, and a large number of boys were ready to join the school after the vacation. Prizes were distributed as follow by the Rev. Father Holbrook:—

Special Prizes.—Campbell gold medal for good conduct, W. Whiteman; gold medal for Christian doctrine, A. Lees; gold medal for regular attendance, R. Ward; gold medal for best pass in standard VI, C. Williams; gold medal for dux of school, F. Bacon; prize for general proficiency in Standard V, W. Taylor.

Prizes for Arithmetic.—Standard VI, D. Russell; Standard V, J. Gosling; Standard IV, C. Slade; Standard III, F. Sayegh.

Standard VI.—General proficiency—A. Lees 1, C. Molloy 2, J. Molloy 3; geography, O. Robertson; English, F. Bacon; writing, C. McCarthy.

Standard V.—Good conduct, W. Taylor; regular attendance, J. O'Loughlin; Christian doctrine, Joseph Martin; general proficiency—W. Taylor 1, C. Cusack 2, A. Smith 3; English, J. Wickstead; writing, W. Dwyer.

Standard IV.—Christian doctrine, Francis Mangan; good conduct, Claud Bacon; general proficiency—Gregory Slade 1, Edward Carver 2, Sidney Dunn 3; English, Michael Mahoney and Francis Foreman; arithmetic, Gregory Slade; writing, Alfred Sims.

Standard III.—Good conduct, Alfred Whiteman; English, Michael Ferris; writing, George Morris; arithmetic, Frederick Sayegh; regular attendance, Edward Early; general proficiency—Alfred Whiteman 1, Harold O. Taylor 2, Gordon Bryant 3.

Class I.—Christian doctrine, Gordon Clarke; arithmetic—Joseph Hayes 1, W. Corbett 2; drawing, John Hayes; writing, Salvatore Trapani; spelling, Salvatore Trapani; reading—Salvatore Trapani 1, J. Molloy 2.

Class II.—Regular attendance, W. Lussich; Christian doctrine, E. Begueley; reading—M. Hendron; writing, W. Kieley; spelling, M. Sayegh; drawing, E. Penwarden; arithmetic, W. King.

The Rev. Father Holbrook, at the conclusion of the presentation, eulogised the Brothers for the admirable work done in the past year. He would like to see our schools supported in such a manner as to make them practically free. Until that were done we were severely handicapped. A scheme with this end in view was practical, and he lived in the hope of seeing it soon in force. He thanked all present on behalf of the Brothers for their attendance and support.

St. Patrick's Convent, Auckland

An enjoyable entertainment was given in the Federal Hall by the pupils and ex-pupils of St. Patrick's Convent Schools. There was a good attendance. An action song, "Scarf Drill," by the young pupils, was nicely represented, and the youthful performers were warmly applauded. The tableau "The Annunciation," in which Miss V. Speight represented the Virgin Mary and Miss M. Metcalfe the Angel Gabriel, and the accompanying chorus, "The Angelus," by ex-pupils, merited the warm approval they received. Miss K. Rogers was applauded for her singing of "Gondola Dreams," and the duet "Nocturne," by this young lady and Miss N. Rist, also proved a very acceptable number. A number of pupils and ex-pupils were very successful in the chorus and dance, "Raise the Tambourine," as were also the pupils of St. Joseph's School in the chorus and skirt drill, "Mullarney." Miss O'Connor gave a recitation, "The Exile's Return," and Miss Foley posed in a tableau as "Erin." Pianoforte duets and trios (two pianos) were played by Misses Silva, Keenan (2), Robinson, O'Connor (2), Molloy, K. Little, A. McDonald, Rogers, and Clayton. The accompaniments were played by Misses J. Rist and Foley.

St. Benedict's School

The annual concert in connection with St. Benedict's Convent School, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph, took

place at St. Benedict's Hall, when there was a large attendance. The programme was an enjoyable one. A number of dances and choruses were given by the pupils, and songs were contributed by Miss Fernandez and Master J. Quinlan. The certificates won at the musical examination during the year were presented to the successful pupils.

The Cathedral Girls' Parish School

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

December 18.

The annual Christmas vacation entertainment and distribution of prizes in connection with the Christchurch Cathedral Girls' Parish School, conducted by the Sisters of the Missions, took place on last Friday afternoon. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and among those present, including the local clergy, were the Rev. Fathers M'Donnell (Rangiora) and M'Donald (St. Mary's). A very interesting and enjoyable entertainment was provided by the pupils, consisting of a drama ("The Countess of Echenfels"), recitations, and singing. His Lordship the Bishop presented the prizes, and remarked in complimentary terms on the progress attained and the pleasure derived from the young people's efforts at entertaining, the whole reflecting the utmost credit on the devotedness and self-sacrificing labours of the teachers.

Cathedral Boys' School

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

December 18.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Christchurch Cathedral Boys' School, conducted by the Marist Brothers, took place on last Friday morning. His Lordship Bishop Grimes presided and distributed the prizes; there being also present the Very Rev. Vicar-general, the Rev. Fathers Ahearn, Mahony, O'Connell, and Peoples. The Director (the Rev. Bro. Basil), before the prize distribution, said that these were contributed by the friends and parents of the boys, and they were awarded on the results of a written competitive examination. After the prizes were presented, Bishop Grimes congratulated the winners and sympathised with those who had been unsuccessful. He urged all to make renewed efforts in the future. He congratulated the boys on their success at athletics, especially on their having secured the Public Schools' Senior Football Flag, as well as their success so far on the cricket field. The prize list is as follows:—

Civil Service.—Aggregate of Merit—P. Dwyer 1, J. M'Aloun 2, W. Murphy 3.

Christian Doctrine—P. Dwyer 1, E. Cummings 2. English—J. M'Aloun 1, P. Dwyer 2. Reading—J. Mullins 1, J. M'Aloun 2. Writing—Leo Poff 1, L. Edmonds 2. Arithmetic—W. Birmingham 1, L. Edmonds 2. French—J. O'Brien 1, P. Dwyer 2. Physics—J. M'Aloun 1, J. O'Brien 2. Diligence—J. M'Keefry 1, P. Dwyer 2.

Standard VII.—Aggregate of Merit—J. Steinmetz 1, W. Rodgers 2, B. O'Connor 3. Christian Doctrine—W. Rodgers 1, B. O'Connor 2. English—F. Ruck 1, J. Steinmetz 2. Reading—W. Dobbs 1, C. Mahan 2. Writing—G. Gill 1, J. Walsh 2. Arithmetic—B. O'Connor 1, F. Ruck 2. French—F. Ruck 1, W. Rodgers 2. Attendance—E. Moyna 1, J. Steinmetz 2.

Standard VI.—Aggregate of Merit—R. Boswell 1, M. M'Keefry 2, L. Beary 3. Christian Doctrine—R. Boswell 1, M. M'Keefry 2. English—L. Beary 1, R. Boswell 2. Reading—C. Mullaney 1, F. M'Greal 2. Writing—J. Murrane 1, E. Peterson 2. Arithmetic—J. Moran 1, R. Boswell 2.

Standard V.—Aggregate of Merit—E. O'Brien 1, J. M'Keefry 2, T. Dwyer and J. Twomey (equal) 3. Christian Doctrine—J. Riordan 1, E. O'Brien 2. English—R. Lafferty 1, T. Christopher 2. Arithmetic—S. Edmonds 1, J. Twomey 2. Attendance—R. M'Connell 1, R. O'Shea 2.

Standard IV.—Diligence—T. Brosnahan 1, K. Boswell 2. Aggregate of Merit—E. Brosnahan 1, J. M'Aloun 2, M. O'Riordan 3. Christian Doctrine—H. M'Kearney 1, J. Foster 2. English—F. Cronin 1, F. Bennetts 2. Arithmetic—P. Mahan 1, E. M'Quillan 2. Attendance—B. Khouri 1, C. M'Swigan 2.

Standard III.—Aggregate of Merit—R. Grant 1, D. Evans 2, H. Cronin 3, B. Creevey 4. Christian Doctrine—P. D. Sloan. Reading—W. Brosnahan. Attendance—P. Sloan.

Standard II.—Aggregate of Merit—Charles Williams 1, P. Dowd 2, J. Dowd 3, J. Leathwick 4. Christian Doctrine—P. Dowd 1. Attendance—Rufus Courtney.

Standard I.—Aggregate of Merit—P. O'Loughlin 1, L. Brosnahan 2, D. Sloan 3, J. Clark 4.

Special prizes were given by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant, V.G., for written notes on conferences given by him to the boys during the year. The winners of these were P. Dwyer, M. M'Keefry, John M'Keefry, and James M'Keefry, in the order named.

St. Agnes's Day School, Halswell

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with St. Agnes's School, Halswell, conducted by the Sisters of the Missions, took place on last Wednesday, the clergy being represented by the Rev. Father Peoples, who has charge of the district.