

Diligence.—Inez Karsten 1, Gertrude Hall 2, Pearly Noble, Hilma Noble, Harold Batten.

Highest Marks in Class Work.—Standard VII—Maggie Kerrigan 1, John Gordon 2; Standard VI—Eileen Tompsitt 1, Courtney O'Rourke 2, Mabel Karsten 3; Standard V—Winnie Hall 1, Katie Kerrigan 2, Mary Ahern 3; Standard IV—Florence M'Clelland 1, Agatha Hannan 2, Hanna Cootes 3; Standard III—Brida O'Rourke 1, Athol Bennett 2, Darcy Ryder 3; Standard II—Ruby Batten 1, Melville Ryder 2, Leslie McDonald 3, Harriet Gordon; Standard I—Kathleen Lima 1, Cyril Batten 2, Lawrence McDonald 3.

Special prize for competition (prize presented by J. T. H. Carter), Mary Griffin; brush work, Florence Hall; science, Lucy Thorner.

General Improvement—John Griffin 1, Esther Berretty 2, Elva Wallace 3, Markham Ayre.

Special Prizes for the Boarders.—Prize for good conduct, Gertrude Hall; generosity, Emma Jensen; the brightest and most cheerful girl of the school, Lily Williams.

St. Mary's Convent High School

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

December 15.

The annual exhibition and distribution of prizes took place at St. Mary's Convent High School, Ponsonby, on Thursday evening. The schoolroom was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and was crowded to the door. Among those present were the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly and Very Rev. Dr Egan. Later on in the evening his Worship the Mayor and Mrs Myers arrived. The musical items were as follow:—"Polonaise," on two pianos, Misses K. Ralph, W. Hipkins, M. Cronin, and A. M'Caig; chorus, juveniles; trio (three pianos), Misses G. Frodsham, Rosie Ralph, Q. Knock, F. Histed, C. Gallagher, H. Dalby, N. M'Garry, S. Fraser, and I. M'Garry; song, "Rosebud," Miss A. Sarah; duo (two pianos), Misses E. Brown and J. Amodeo; song, "Ave Maria," Miss Kelly (violin Miss E. Brown, cello Miss Jones); solo, Miss J. Amodeo; choruses, senior pupils; duet, "Polonaise" (two pianos), Misses M. Kelly and J. Amodeo; duet (three pianos), Misses K. Mahoney, M. Kelly, J. Amodeo, A. Sarah, M. Gibbons, and E. Cullen; chorus, senior pupils. The duets, solos, songs, and choruses were admirably rendered, the song "Ave Maria," by Miss Kelly, being deservedly encored. An address to his Lordship, Dr Lenihan (who was unavoidably absent), was read by Miss Cushla Gallagher, and was responded to by the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly. Miss Flo Histed read an address of welcome to Mr and Mrs A. Myers, in answer to which his Worship spoke in eulogistic terms of the entertainment and of the good works of the Sisters of Mercy and of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The visitors then examined the paintings, carvings (relief and chip), fancy work, plain needlework, and dressmaking, the work of the pupils, all of which was greatly admired by the visitors.

The following is the prize list:—

Matriculation and Civil Service Class.—Aggregate marks, K. Mahoney; music, J. Hutchinson; French and painting, M. Kelly; French and science, M. Gibbons; chip carving, A. Sarah; essay writing, E. Maguire; penmanship, J. Amodeo; mathematics, K. Ralph; English and music, W. Hipkins.

Sub-matriculation Class.—Aggregate marks, A. M'Caig; mathematics, S. M'Ginley; geography, M. Cronin; essay writing, F. M'Lean; mathematics, E. Cullen; English, M. Glenister; general proficiency, G. Frodsham; essay writing, W. Eddowes; general proficiency, K. Finane.

Class VI.—Aggregate marks, D. Webber; arithmetic and French, Flo Histed; application, Lulu Bailey; bookkeeping, Ida Histed; general proficiency, C. Gibbons and D. Johnston; reading, D. M'Garry; general proficiency, Madge Polton and E. Gallagher; science, E. Eddowes; geography, E. O'Brien; general proficiency, Q. Knock.

Class V.—Aggregate marks, Hazel Dalby; arithmetic and reading, Cushla Gallagher; essay writing, V. Bevan; mathematics, Alec Sneddon; general proficiency, A. Gibbons.

Class IV.—Aggregate marks, Edith Dalby; application, Rosie Ralph; history, Madeline Tole; general proficiency, Margaret Ralph; conduct and composition, S. Fraser; penmanship, I. M'Garry; composition, G. Wakefield; general proficiency, G. Tole and E. Thomson.

Class II.—Aggregate marks, Ion Dalby; arithmetic, D. Sneddon; reading, D. Murphy; general proficiency, Patricia Darby; reading and orthography, M. Noton; general proficiency, Rena Ralph; orthography and reading, H. Gallagher; general proficiency, I. Beckett and Joe Darby; recitation and reading, D. Malavey.

Class I.—Arithmetic, Monica M'Veagh; reading, Gertie Darby; general proficiency, Louis Cullen.

Preparatory Class.—Reading, Marie Hahn; writing, Irene Noton; orthography, Rosetta Beckett; general proficiency, Louisa Harris; arithmetic, Evie Lynch; general proficiency, A. Ralph.

Trinity College (London) Theoretical Examination.—Senior pass—Eileen Cronin and Jenny Hutchinson; intermediate pass—Winnie M'Ginley, Katie Mahoney, and Nora Webbe. Trinity College Practical Examination.—Senior pass—Jenny Hutchinson, M. Kelly, and Katie Mahoney; junior pass—Winnie Hipkins and Cushla Gallagher; preparatory—Hazel Dalby, Gladys Frodsham, and Stella Frazer. Royal Academy.—Advanced section, J. Amodeo; intermediate grade, Miss M. Bedford.

Gold medals were awarded to Katie Mahoney, for good conduct; Ellen Brown, matriculation pass; and Janie Amodeo, music. Advanced Grade, Royal Academy.—Special prize was given to Holly Badger for obtaining a junior civil service pass with credit. Special prizes for Christian doctrine (given by his Lordship Dr Lenihan) were awarded to — Kelly, M. Bolton, — M'Veagh, and A. Gibbons. Extra prizes were given to Ellen Brown for relief carving and pyrography; — Kelly, music and singing; Katie Mahoney, French; A. Sarah, music and singing; — Hutchinson, chip carving; Katie Mahoney, M. Gibbons, E. Cullen, A. M'Caig, Lulu Bailey, G. Frodsham, Margaret Ralph, Flo Histed, C. Gallagher, Stella Fraser, and H. Dalby, music; Sadie M'Ginley, painting and drawing; Katie Ralph, E. Maguire, A. M'Caig, K. Finnie, E. Dalbey, G. Wakefield, needlework; certificates for music to M. Cronin, H. Ralph, S. M'Ginley, Rosie Ralph, Q. Knock, Patricia Darby, Ion Dalbey, Edith Dalbey, H. Gallagher, M. M'Veagh, Evie Lynch; certificates for painting to M. Cronin, G. Frodsham, and E. Gallagher; certificates for chip carving to S. M'Ginley and A. M'Caig; certificates for French to D. Johnston, D. Webber, M. Bolton, E. O'Brien, M. Tole, D. Sneddon, and Rena Ralph; certificates for needlework to D. Johnston, H. Dalbey, Monica M'Veagh, and Evie Lynch; certificate for kindergarten to Marie Hagar; certificates of proficiency to Leillie M'Ginley, F. M'Lean, and G. Frodsham; certificates of competency to M. Cronin, E. Cullen, and W. Eddowes.

Sacred Heart College, Auckland

The following is the report, read at the recent annual entertainment by the students of the Sacred Heart College, Auckland:—"Before the prizes are distributed it may not be uninteresting to you to hear a summary of the work of the college during the past year. And from the outset I may say that all, both the members of the staff and the boys themselves, have been working hard to make our college a model Catholic College. We have fully realised that the future of the Sacred Heart College, and therefore the future of Catholic secondary education in Auckland, depends to a very large extent on our initial efforts. We have therefore used our best endeavours to make the college, as constituted by the boys and teachers, as solid and efficient as the material edifice itself. The main object of a Catholic educational institution such as ours is, and ever must be, to turn out men of strong practical faith—men who will take their places in the very forefront of every Catholic movement, and whom the Church will ever find among her staunchest and most loyal children; but while this is the main object, it is by no means the only one. And we shall not be satisfied until we see students going forth from us, not only fully equipped for the struggle they must engage in if they wish to attain to prominence in the eyes of their fellow-countrymen, but fired with a lofty ambition to persist in that struggle with indomitable perseverance, until they reach the highest positions in the land. Perhaps one of the things that conduces most towards this object is a sound training in debate, and consequently a few months ago a Debating Class was established in the college. You can judge for yourselves by the performance of the members to-night whether that class has been successful or not. But if a man wishes to push his way to the front in this progressive age, the most essential asset is not necessarily debating powers, but rather a good, modern up-to-date education. That the students of the Sacred Heart College are receiving such is evidenced by their success in the public examinations, for in 1904 Master E. Mahoney secured a matriculation and solicitors' general knowledge pass, while Masters E. Mahoney, A. Tobin, C. Cosgrove, and V. Blake secured passes in the civil service. Master E. Mahoney continued his studies with us this year; Masters A. Tobin, C. Cosgrove, and V. Blake accepted Government appointments in Wellington. In the athletic field the boys have entered into the inter-college competitions with their usual zest. They got good places both in the football and cricket competitions. The good old Celtic game of handball has become very popular with the boys, and a tournament recently held resulted in some most exciting contests. A gold medal was awarded by Mr F. B. O'Connor to the successful competitor. To promote the spiritual welfare of the boys, a short retreat was preached early in the year by the Rev. Father Brodie, himself an ex-student of our college in Sydney. The retreat was very successful, and proved a valuable stimulus to the boys in their attention to their spiritual duties during the rest of the year. The Sodality of the Children of Mary was formally established on August 15 of this year. Master H. Kearin was the first president of this Sodality. We are proud to be able to state that he is now prosecuting his studies for the priesthood at the seminary in Thurles, Ireland. In order to give more Catholic boys in Auckland an opportunity of receiving a secondary education, two day scholarships have been established, open to the boys attending the Brothers' School in Pitt street, who have passed the Sixth Standard. These scholarships are offered annually, and are tenable for three years. We are able to announce that in future years a boarding scholarship, open to the boys attending the Marist Brothers' schools throughout New Zealand, shall be offered annually. We are pleased to be able to report that the boys have been blessed with excellent health throughout the year, the presence of a doctor being rendered practically unnecessary for the whole of the year. In conclusion, I beg to thank most sincerely those kind friends who have subscribed to the Prize Fund, and to assure them of the deep gratitude of myself and staff for their kindness."