

1. Walter Brophy 2. English: Douglas J. Ferguson 1, Joseph P. Darby 2. Reading: Douglas J. Ferguson 1, George E. Tole 2. Writing: Ernest J. Penwarden 1, Walter Brophy 2. Orthography: Joseph P. Darby 1, Douglas J. Ferguson 2. Recitation: George E. Tole 1, Joseph P. Darby 2. Home exercise: George E. Tole 1, Douglas J. Ferguson 2. Geography: Geoffrey Coupland 1, Joseph P. Darby 2.

MONASTERY OF THE SACRED HEART

(From our Christchurch correspondent.)

On the afternoon of December 14 a numerous gathering of friends, relatives, and others interested were present at the prize distribution to the pupils of the Sisters of the Mission High School, and at the following excellent musical programme submitted:—Duet, 'The Village King,' Misses L. Green; K. Hayden, K. and M. O'Malley, I. Grange, A. Coakley, U. Williams, G. Baker, E. Poff (organ), S. Anson and K. O'Halloran (harp); instrumental selection, 'Advance Guard' (Ellis); Misses W. Brick, V. Barker (violins), C. Coakley (banjo), R. Young (harp), L. Dwyer (piano), N. Coakley (organ); action song, 'Polite Little Maids,' junior pupils; cantata, 'The Children's Queen' (Stratton), the pupils; trio, 'Ave Maria' (Schubert), Misses L. Barker (first harp), R. Young (second harp), and D. Amys (organ); instrumental selection, 'Remembrance' (Telma), Misses W. Brick, C. Coakley (violins), A. Riordan (organ), M. O'Connor (piano), L. Barker (harp); duet (Weber), Misses D. Amys, N. Coakley, L. Barker, E. Murphy (first piano), F. Lyford, V. Barker, M. O'Connor, A. Riordan (second piano); chorus, 'Holiday Duet,' pupils.

An inspection of the display of work revealed a wealth and variety of the useful and ornamental in a bewildering array. Taking the exhibits in the aggregate, rather than to individualise, one is at once struck with the advancement in many subjects and the uniformly high order of merit shown, which reflect the greatest credit on the teaching ability of the Sisters and diligence and talent of the pupils. To summarise, there were to be seen paintings in oils and water colours, drawings in black-and-white, etc. Modelling and wood-carving still maintain prominence; the articles shown included tables, music cabinets, sideboards, and photo frames. In fancy work were shown cushions, fire screens, mantel drapes, lace, and embroidery. In plain sewing and articles of artistic finish there were shown handkerchief sachets, table centres, bed spreads, specimens of Mountmellick work, lace, drawn thread, and Tenerife work. Specimens of dressmaking by advanced pupils, a work recently introduced, held a foremost place. In the kindergarten section was shown quite a creditable array of pretty things. The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chénais, V.G., presided at the distribution of prizes, a number of visiting and resident clergy being also present. After addressing those present and congratulating the Sisters and pupils on their successes during the year, he read the following results of examinations held during 1905:—

School Examinations.—Civil Service: Irene O'Connor (dist.), A. De Garney.

Associated Board of R.C. and R.A.—Higher Division: (Singing) M. O'Connor (pass); (pianoforte) A. Riordan (pass). Lower Division: N. Coakley (dist.); E. Murphy, R. Buchanan (pass). Elementary: M. Ryan (pass).

Trinity College (Musical Knowledge).—Senior Division: A. Riordan (honours); M. Wildey, M. Yemm, K. O'Halloran, E. Murphy (pass). Intermediate Division: I. Sheppard, N. Coakley (honours); V. Barker (pass). Junior Division: N. Cronin, G. Barker, E. Moyna, Flo. Lyford (honours); D. Randall, E. Cronin (pass). Preparatory Division: M. Mullane (dist.); M. Rodgers, M. Cummings (pass).

Trinity College (Practical Examination).—Higher Exams.: Lottie Barker (A.T.C.L.); M. O'Connor (C.T.C.L.). Senior Division: A. Riordan (honours); Kura Robinson, L. Dwyer, M. Parsons (pass). Intermediate Division: F. Lyford, E. Murphy, N. Coakley (honours); M. Wildey (pass). Preparatory Division: Isabelle Greene (dist.); Vera Barker (pass) (violin).

Associated Board of R.C. and R.A.—Local Centre (Intermediate and Rudiments): A. Riordan (pass). Higher Division: E. Poff, D. Amys (pass). Lower Division: A. Rainbow (dist.). Elementary: K. O'Malley, P. Scott (pass). Primary: I. Grange, S. Ansen (dist.); A. Coakley (pass).

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, TIMARU

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Timaru, took place on Wednesday afternoon, December 12. The Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chénais, V.G., presided, and there were also present a number of local and visiting clergy. An excellent programme, consisting of a drama, vocal and instrumental music, etc., was submitted. The musical and other items were given between the acts of the play. The characters in the drama—"Christians under Trojan"—were taken by Misses E. Aspinall, G. Vavasour, H. Nottingham, M. Carey, C. Henrys, M. Mackenzie, and B. Vavasour. The balance of the programme consisted of the following items:—Entree, 'Zaragosa March' (Ortega), Misses Mina Ward, N. Loughnan, Lily Watts, and M. Carey; piano duet, 'Valse Carnavalesque' (Chaminade), two pianos, Misses Mina Ward and G. Vavasour; action song, 'The Blacksmith,' junior pupils; chorus, 'O Sing to God' (Gounod), senior pupils; piano duet, 'Belisario' (Goria), two pianos, Misses M. Carey and C.

Henrys; French recitation, 'L'Ostensoir' (Delaorte), Misses M. Ward, K. Twomey, and N. Loughnan; violin solo, 'Mazurka' (Musin), Miss V. Thompson; vocal solo, 'Serenata' (Braga), Miss C. Fernandez, accompanist Miss M. Ward, violin obligato Miss V. Thompson; chorus, 'Quid Retribuam' (Griesbacher), senior pupils.

At the conclusion of the programme the prizes were distributed, the list being as follows:—

Decorations.—The Second Medallion and Ribbon of Merit has been given by the votes of the pupils, ratified by the Religious, to Christina Henrys; the Third Ribbon to Mary Buckley; the Fourth Ribbon to Mina Ward; the Fifth Ribbon to Hilda Nottingham; the Sixth Ribbon to Blanche Vavasour; the Seventh Ribbon to Enid Aspinall; next in merit, Nancy Loughnan, Gwendolen Vavasour; the First Green Ribbon to Evelyn Bailey; the Second Green Ribbon to Mabel Orbell; the Third Green Ribbon to Ethel Rhodes; next in merit, Effie Sheath, Florence Relph; the Pink Ribbon to Dorothy Nottingham, Leila Hamilton, Doris Tate, Ngaio Nixon, Eileen Birdling, Nellie Nottingham, Mary LeCren.

General Good Conduct—Prize, Christina Henrys; next in merit, Mary Buckley.

Christian Doctrine.—First Division: Nancy Loughnan; next in merit, Kathleen Twomey. Second Division: Grace McArdle; next in merit, Gwendolen Vavasour. Third Division: Frances Byrne 1, Mary O'Farrell 2, Mabel Orbell 3; next in merit, Bella Meehan, Evelyn Bailey, Edna Henderson. Elementary Division, Moya Hayward; next in merit, Eileen McArdle.

Diligence.—First Class, Christina Henrys. Second Class, Mary Buckley; next in merit, Nancy Loughnan. Third Class, Blanche Vavasour; next in merit, Frances Byrne, Rita Twomey. Fourth Class, Evelyn Bailey; next in merit, Mabel Orbell, Daphne Nixon. Fifth Class, Florence Relph; next in merit, Mary O'Brien. Sixth Class, Dorothy Nottingham.

First Class.—Elements of Christian Philosophy, Kathleen Twomey. History, Christina Henrys.

Second Class.—Elements of Logic, Nancy Loughnan; next in merit, Grace McArdle. History, Nancy Loughnan; next in merit, Grace McArdle. Geography, Gwendolen Vavasour; next in merit, Mary Buckley. Repetition, Grace McArdle; next in merit, Nancy Loughnan.

Third Class.—Grammar, Eileen Strachey; next in merit, Hilda Nottingham, Enid Aspinall. Composition, Blanche Vavasour; next in merit, Mary Mackenzie, Frances Byrne. History, Hilda Nottingham; next in merit, Enid Aspinall, Frances Byrne. Geography, Hilda Nottingham; next in merit, Edna Henderson, Kathleen McCormack. Repetition, Rita Twomey; next in merit, Frances Byrne, Hilda Nottingham.

Fourth Class.—Grammar, next in merit, Mabel Orbell. Composition, Evelyn Bailey; next in merit, Mary Ward, Freda Goodman. History, Mary O'Farrell; next in merit, Mabel Orbell, Ethel Rhodes. Geography, Margaret King; next in merit, Effie Sheath, Mabel Orbell. Repetition, Mabel Orbell; next in merit, Ethel Rhodes, Mary O'Farrell.

Fifth Class.—Grammar, Rata Nixon; next in merit, Mary O'Brien. History, Josephine Henrys; next in merit, Dorothy Eiby. Geography, Josephine Henrys; next in merit, Mary O'Brien. Reading, Alison Bristol; next in merit, Dorothy Eiby. Repetition, Mary O'Brien; next in merit, Dorothy Eiby.

Sixth Class.—Sacred History, Dorothy Nottingham. Reading, Leila Hamilton.

Seventh Class.—Diligence, Doris Tate. Sacred History, Moya Hayward.

Eighth Class.—Diligence, Ngaio Nixon. Reading, Eileen McArdle.

Ninth Class.—Reading, Nellie Nottingham.

Arithmetic.—First Division, Kathleen Twomey; next in merit, Mary Buckley. Third Division, Hilda Nottingham; next in merit, Grace McArdle. Fourth Division, Ethel Rhodes; next in merit, Dorothy Scott, Mabel Orbell. Fifth Division, Rata Nixon; next in merit, Mary O'Brien. Seventh Division, Doris Tate; next in merit, Eileen Birdling.

Needlework.—First Division, Mina Ward; next in merit, Mary Buckley. Second Division, Ethel Rhodes; next in merit, Dorothy Scott, Enid Aspinall. Third Division, Effie Sheath 1, Daphne Nixon 2; next in merit, Eileen Tate, Florence Relph, Isabel Scott. Fourth Division, Eileen Birdling; next in merit, Doris Tate.

Order.—First Division, Christine Henrys 1, Evelyn Bailey 2; next in merit, Mary Buckley, Hilda Nottingham. Second Division, Mabel Orbell; next in merit, Isabel Scott, Daphne Nixon; prize for five Accessits, Mabel Orbell.

Writing.—First Division, Enid Aspinall; next in merit, Christine Henrys. Second Division, Mary Ward 1, Dorothy Scott 2; next in merit, Evelyn Bailey, Blanche Vavasour, Isabel Scott. Third Division, Freda Goodman; next in merit, Eileen Tate.

French.—Second Division, Mina Ward. Third Division, Nancy Loughnan; next in merit, Mary Buckley; prize for five Accessits, Mary Buckley. Fourth Division, Myrtle Jones; next in merit, Frances Byrne; prize for five Accessits, Frances Byrne. Diligence, Mary Mackenzie; next in merit, Adelene Relph. Fifth Division, Kitty Byrne. Diligence, Mabel Orbell; next in merit, Mary O'Farrell.

Supplementary Division.—Diligence, Effie Sheath, Aileen Strachey; next in merit, Lily Watts, Margaret King. Elementary Division, Eileen McArdle; next in merit, Moya Hayward. German.—Third Division, Mina Ward. Fifth Division, Mildred Carey; next in merit, Grace McArdle; prize for five Accessits, Grace McArdle.

Regular Attendance.—Ethel Rhodes; next in merit, Aileen Strachey.