

ROSARY CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, OAMARU

At the break-up, held on December 13, the prizes were awarded as follows:—

Matriculation Course.—Gold Medallist, Aileen O'Donnell. Latin—Cicely Rowland, May Molloy. Application and order, Cicely Rowland.

Civil Service Course.—Class prize, Priscilla Falconer. Second arithmetic, Hannah Cartwright. Physiology, Priscilla Falconer (Mr W. J. Wylie's prize). Second physiology, Hannah Cartwright. General improvement, Aileen Welsh.

Preparatory Civil Service.—Medallist, Cissy Rooney. General improvement, Ellen Pratt.

—Junior School.—

Grade A.—Christian doctrine, Annie Lynch. Bible history, Alis Molloy. English, Molly Dore; second, Grace Molloy. Arithmetic, K. Gallagher; second, E. Cartwright. French, Molly Dore. Writing, Annie Lynch. Application, E. Miller.

Grade B.—English, Irene Madden; second, A. Pringle. Arithmetic, Doris Preston. Writing, Doris Preston. French and arithmetic, Janie Pringle.

Grade C.—English and writing, Dolly Kelly. Arithmetic, Gretta Cooney second, K. Fitzgerald. English, M. Fitzgerald. General improvement, Katie Healy. Application, Una Benson. Attendance, Dolly Kelly. Elocution, Irene Madden. Sewing, Dolly Kelly and Doris Preston (equal).

—General Prizes.—

Junior School.—Conduct, Molly Dore. Politeness, Alis Molloy. Deportment—Julia O'Meara, L. Benson.

Senior School.—Christian doctrine, Molly Dore. Politeness and calisthenics, May Molloy. Outdoor games, Maggie Twomey. Nuns' conduct prize, Veda Slee. The wreath for amiability was awarded by the votes of the pupils to Priscilla Falconer.

Music School.—Trinity College: Senior grade—Amy Gilligan (medal), Veda Slee. Junior grade, Aileen Welsh (medal). Preparatory grade, Janie Pringle (medal). Junior grade (harmony), Cissy Ormiston. Preparatory grade (harmony), Ellen Pratt. Associated Board.—Primary grade, Grace Molloy (medal).

Kindergarten Prizes.—Christian doctrine, James Waters. Reading, Kathleen O'Brien. Counting, May Cooney. Writing, Keith Cassels. Kindergarten work, Dotsy O'Brien. Embroidery, May O'Brien. General improvement, May Hall. Drawing, C. Waters. Politeness, Kathleen Grave. Good conduct, Doris Waters. Singing, Kathleen Grave.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Christian doctrine—M. McMahon 1, Dorothy Sweeney 2. Good conduct, Katie Mansell.

Class Prizes.—Standard VII, Alice Browne. Standard VI, Lucy Magee. Standard V, Katie Counihan. Standard IV, Bella Meehan. Standard III, Kate Connell. Standard I, Maggie Costigan.

Needlework, Maggie Direen (presented by Mrs Cagney). Politeness, Rita Falconer.

The most industrious girl in Standard III, Mary Hogan (presented by Mrs Gamble).

Attendance, Dorothy Sweeney (presented by Mr Cagney). Amiability, Kate Dwyer.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOL, DUNEDIN

The annual entertainment by, and the distribution of prizes to, the pupils of the Christian Brothers' School, Dunedin, took place in St. Joseph's Hall on Wednesday evening. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and there were also present Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and Rev. Fathers Howard, Cléary, O'Reilly, and Corcoran. A varied programme of vocal music, recitations, gymnastic displays, etc., was given before a crowded audience, who thoroughly appreciated the various items. The proceedings opened with the chorus, 'The Merry Mill Wheel,' which was nicely sung by the singing class. This was followed by an excellent recitation, 'The Ancient Race' (Davis), by Master T. P. Laffey. A very interesting item was a display by the junior gymnastic class; then followed a class song, 'The Minstrel Boy.' One of the most taking items of the evening was a recitation, 'The Flowers,' by junior pupils, in which the qualities of the sweet briar were championed by Master Alfred Neill, the lily by Master Linus Ryan, the rose by Master Sylvester Geerin, the poppy by Master M. O'Brien, and the shamrock by Master F. Marlow. 'Cato's Soliloquy' was given with much dramatic power by Mr T. P. Laffey, Master C. Marlow taking the part of Porcius with much success. Master W. O'Connor gave a very pleasing rendering of 'When the Heart is Young,' and Master F. Marlow was very successful in a humorous recitation, for which he was encored. An amusing item was a scene from 'The Heir-at-law,' in which the character of Dr Pangloss was taken by Master W. Coughlan, and that of the heir by Master T. P. Laffey. Then came another song by the singing class, the programme concluding with a very fine display of club swinging by Masters H. Salmon and T. P. Laffey. The accompaniments during the evening were played by Miss Clara Hughes.

At the conclusion of the programme Rev. Brother Brady said that he would dispense with the usual school report on this occasion, and the labours of his Lordship would be lightened as only the principal prizes would be distributed, the

others having been given out at the school that afternoon. His Lordship would also be spared the pinning on of the 37 prizes that had been won by the pupils at the recent Schools' Athletic Championship Meeting.

The prizes were then distributed by His Lordship, the medal for dux of the school going to George Albertson, of Port Chalmers.

At the conclusion of the distribution Rev. Brother Brady thanked his Lordship for presiding, and also the clergy and audience for their attendance. He also thanked the parents for the manner in which they had co-operated with the teachers in seeing that the boys attended regularly, thus showing their appreciation of the good, sound religious and secular education which the pupils were receiving. In conclusion he wished the boys a happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

His Lordship the Bishop congratulated the Brothers and pupils most sincerely on the excellent entertainment provided, and on the successful termination of the year's work. From time to time during the year he had heard most excellent reports on the prosperity of the school from the Superior, and had on various occasions visited the school, when he had an opportunity of observing the close attention paid to their studies by the boys, and their cheerful obedience to the instruction of their teachers. It gave him much pleasure to hear that while the boys were attending to their secular studies they were also attentive to their Christian doctrine and their religious duties. To himself, in the position which he occupied that was a source of great pleasure. He was also pleased to hear of the success of the boys in their sports. It was necessary that the boys should have recreation and athletics, and where these were carried out, as they were at the Brothers' School, so as not to interfere with their studies, they were of great benefit to the pupils physically. He had heard with great pleasure of the success of the pupils at the recent Schools' Athletic Championship Meeting. It was very gratifying that they had such an excellent school in their midst as that presided over by the Christian Brothers, and he would say that no better teachers were to be found in any part of the world. The Brothers laboured with great diligence and ability, and they were very zealous in the work of education. They aimed at giving a good secular education, combined with a good, sound religious education. For this he was deeply grateful, and he could assure the Brothers that their efforts were fully appreciated by him, and he hoped they would long continue to carry on their good work. The aim of their teaching was to direct the pupils to serve God faithfully, to be good citizens, to be useful in the world, and to be good Catholics. (Applause.)

Mr J. B. Callan, jun., in proposing a vote of thanks to his Lordship for presiding, paid a well-deserved meed of praise to the Christian Brothers for their success as teachers. They have had evidence of this in the creditable manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves year after year in the public competitive examinations. There was one thing to be regretted, and that was that so few took advantage of the opportunities which the school offered in the way of secondary education, the reason being that the majority of the pupils left school after passing the Seventh Standard. Their schools had not the advantages of free places at High Schools and scholarships which were available in the State schools, but during the coming year it was intended to put forward an effort to remove this disadvantage to some extent. A movement was on foot among some of the old boys to do something in the way of getting up some scholarships which would be available for deserving and promising boys who, if they had not some assistance, would not be in a position to continue their studies. Many of their old boys who were in good positions in different parts of the colony owed much to the self-sacrifice of the Christian Brothers in assisting them with their secondary studies, and these boys, he felt sure, would be only too willing to assist others.

Mr Hussey seconded the motion, and spoke also in support of Mr. Callan's suggestion regarding the establishment of scholarships.

The following is the prize list:—

Dux of School—G. Albertson (gold medal). Matriculation Form—E. Spain (gold medal), C. Marlow (Mathematics and Latin). Civil Service—H. Salmon (1st), P. J. Collins, H. Moynihan, Thos. Laffey. Sub-matriculation Form—G. Wakelin (1st), J. Fogarty, J. McGettigan, D. Murphy, H. Drury, J. McQuillan.

Standard VII.—W. Ryan (1st), J. Stapleton, J. Salmon, C. Spain, J. McDonald, A. Crawford, J. Lefevre, E. Mullany. Special Prizes.—Irish History, J. McGettigan (gold cross, presented by Mrs Haydon); Christian Doctrine, J. McQuillan; Football, T. P. Laffey; Bowling (Cricket), E. Spain; Captain, H. Salmon. Christian Brothers' School Sports—T. Laffey, P. Heffernan, J. McDonald, D. Burke, A. Cameron, E. Barry (silver medals).

Standard VI.—J. McKay 1, C. Crichton 2, Wm. McAllen 3, D. Mahoney 4, J. Baskeville 5, B. Randall 6. Special Prizes.—Christian Doctrine, J. Baskeville; Book-keeping, W. Monaghan; History, A. Heffernan. Examination Honours.—First in subject: Arithmetic, J. Baskeville; English, C. Crichton; Geography, W. McAllen; Latin, D. Mahoney; French, A. Heffernan; Reading, Denis Mahoney; Dictation, J. Mackay; Drawing, D. Mahoney; Penmanship, W. McAllen; Comprehension, B. Randall.

Standard V.—T. Layburn 1, J. Walsh 2, C. Dunne 3, F. Cameron 4, L. Burke 5, E. Salmon 6, W. Gawne 7. Reading and Geography, P. Newman; Application to Studies, J. McDonald. Examination Honours.—Christian Doctrine, C. Dunne; Arithmetic, C. Dunne; English, F. Cameron; Geography, C. Dunne and T. Layburn; Latin, T. Layburn; French, C. Dunne; Comprehension, J. Walsh; Reading, F. Cameron and C. Dunne;