

Standard IV.—General proficiency and drawing, F. Neill; reading and arithmetic, T. Mackie; arithmetic, J. Moir; composition, F. Varney; singing and elocution, S. Carey; application, Ludwig Lippart; attendance, W. Scott.

Typewriting and bookkeeping, W. Hart; reading, May O'Hallaren; singing, Hazel Simpson; recitation, Eileen Mackie; drawing, H. Clark; writing, J. Garrett; attendance, H. Flynn; recitation, N. Johnson; punctuality, N. Hardy; singing, V. Birkner; politeness, Ida Johnson; spelling, Eileen Cabrel; tidiness, Lily Percy; Christian doctrine, N. Albertson; sewing, M. Montgomery; good conduct, L. Anderson; reading, Alma Waltredrof; tables, H. Varney. Kindergarten: N. Montgomery, M. Handisides, P. Garrett, B. Albertson, E. Smith, L. Smith. Special prize for attendance at Sunday school, W. Mead; music, N. Varney; attendance medals—W. Hart, L. Osborn, J. Moir; good conduct and shorthand, W. Hart; good conduct and general proficiency, L. Osborn; attendance and good conduct, W. Mead.

PETONE SCHOOL

Good conduct: Senior pupils—James Hickey (silver medal) 1, John Engel 2; Second Division—L. Rouse. Christian doctrine: First Division—Alice Tory (medal) 1, Claude Cox 2, Doris Moore 3; Second Division—C. Levey and H. Galvin (equal in merit) 1; Third Division—S. Scrimshaw 1, W. Coles 2, B. Gough 3. Regular attendance: First Division—Alice Tory, S. Bolton; Second Division—Alfred Frost, C. Tory, Basil Ryder. Drill: Girls—Margaret Martin (medal) 1, Q. McArthur 2; boys—J. Hickey (medal) 1, Willie Hickey 2. Music: Willie Coles.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL, NEWTOWN

Good conduct (silver medal), Elizabeth Kruse; Christian doctrine (silver medal), Josephine Keogh; dux (silver medal), Elizabeth Kruse; music (silver medal), Mabel Fownes; Latin (gold cross), Elizabeth Kruse; painting, Mabel Fownes; music, Annie Flanagan; assiduity and improvement (First Division), Ellen Maher. Music: Second Division—Grace Nelson 1, Teresa Flanagan 2; Third Division—Berenice Eggers 1, Joyce Eggers 2. Clavier, Gladys Foote; wood-carving—Violet Beveridge 1, Jack Heavey 2; needlework—Violet Beveridge 1, Jane Clark 2, Myrtle Wylie 3; school singing, Elsie Strickland; physical drill—Elizabeth Kruse 1, Elsie Strickland 2, Myrtle Wylie and Hilda Laurenson 3.

Standard VII.—Scripture knowledge—Violet Beveridge 1, Frances Delaney 2; literature, composition, arithmetic, and drawing, Elizabeth Kruse; geography and physiology, Violet Beveridge; arithmetic (second prize), literature (second prize), Mary Delaney; brushwork and writing (first prize), composition (second prize), Latin (second prize), Frances Delaney.

Standard VI.—Reading and arithmetic, Josephine Keogh; English and composition, Eileen Lavery; literature, brushwork, and physiology, Elizabeth Jamieson; geography, drawing, writing, Jane Clark; spelling, Elsie Strickland; general improvement, Elizabeth Campbell.

Standard V.—Good conduct, Myrtle Wylie; Christian doctrine, arithmetic, spelling and physiology, Louis Becker; French, recitation, and brushwork, Myrtle Wylie; English, composition, writing, reading, Nature study, Hilda Laurenson; drawing (equal in merit), Hilda Laurenson and Louis Becker.

Second Division.—Composition, arithmetic, drawing, and brushwork, Victor Becker.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL, WELLINGTON

Special Prizes.—Good conduct, senior division, silver medal (gift of Rev. Father O'Shea), Susan Forbes; good conduct, junior division, Beatrice Levy; Christian doctrine (gift of Rev. Father Kimbell), Alice Cashman; highest marks, Kathleen Jansen; regular attendance, senior division, Alice Cashman; regular attendance, junior division, Olive Roseingrave; needlework, senior division, Violet Ruddy; needlework, junior division, Winifred Davis.

Class Prizes.—Standard VII: Christian doctrine, Mary M'Grath; diligence, Kathleen Jansen. Standard VI: Christian doctrine, Mabel Outtrim; diligence, Lena Fraser; composition, Florence Coleman; arithmetic, Kathleen Murphy; reading, Violet Davis; writing, Mary Casey. Standard V: Christian doctrine, Tottie Smith; diligence, Elizabeth Coleman; composition, Eileen Aarnott; arithmetic, Vera Somes; reading, Eileen O'Brien; spelling, Jennie Moffitt; writing, Eileen Clisby; neat work, Violet Clarke; general improvement, Mary Farabochia. Standard IV: Christian doctrine, Katie M'Mahon; highest marks, Nora Devlin; diligence, Doris Shackleford; arithmetic, Wilhomina Kruce; writing, Nellie Smith; general improvement, Beatrice M'Naughton. Standard III: Christian doctrine, Elsie Leary; diligence, May Butler; reading, Irene Jansen; neat work, Eunice Fraser; general improvement, Beatrice Dorgan. Standard II: Christian doctrine, May Moran; diligence, May Patton; regular attendance, Mary Milesi; reading, Marie M'Kenzie; writing, Imelda Fama. Standard I: Christian doctrine, Reta Westwood; diligence, Winnie Chaney; regular attendance, Agnes Ward.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S ACADEMY, WELLINGTON

The following is the prize list:—

Good Conduct.—Boarders—Stasia Ryan; day scholars—Minnie Duff; first year—M. Lawlor, Conny Thompson. Amiability, Davidina Laing; general satisfaction, Ethel Williams.

Religious Knowledge.—Seniors—S. Ryan, M. Lawlor, Eva Brebner; juniors—Muriel Kent, Zillah Lucas.

Matriculation Class.—General proficiency (gift of Mr C. P. Skerrett), Minnie Duff. Second Class: English grammar and composition—Doris Thompson 1, Stasia Ryan 2 (gifts of Dr Cahill); history and geography—Magdalen Lawlor 1, D. Thompson and S. Ryan 2 (gifts of Dr Cahill). Physiology: First Division—S. Ryan 1, M. Lawlor 2; Second Division—Nelly Thomson 1, E. Williams and D. Marshall 2. Arithmetic and algebra: First Division—Stasia Ryan 1, D. Thomson 2 (gifts of Mr C. P. Skerrett); Second Division—E. Williams 1, D. Laing 2. French language—Doris Thompson and E. Williams 1, Stasia Ryan 2. French conversation—Nelly Thomson.

Class II.—English composition—C. Thompson. English grammar—L. Laing. History and geography—C. Thompson. Good examination work—Alice Ross. Arithmetic: First Division—Ada Grigg; Second Division—C. Thompson. French language—D. Marshall 1, C. Thompson 2.

Music.—Theory (Trinity College): Senior—Minnie Duff; intermediate—Stasia Ryan; junior honours—Magdalen Lawlor; junior pass—Daisy Marshall; elementary—Dorothy Bowie. Practical (Higher Trinity College): N. Thomson and Ruth Howe 1, S. Ryan and E. Williams 2; intermediate (Royal Academy)—M. Lawlor; elementary—D. Bowie.

Oil Painting.—L. Laing (gift of Miss Ahern) 1, Nora Everard 2.

Wood-carving.—Eva Brebner (gift of Miss N. Skerrett) 1, D. Laing 2.

Needlework.—Ethel Williams 1, D. Laing, S. Ryan, and N. Thomson 2. Juniors: Muriel Paul, Winnie Paul.

Preparatory Class "D."—English composition, Dorothy Bowie; English grammar, Nada Burch; good examination marks, Amy Rivers.

Preparatory Class "C."—Reading, Muriel Kent; English grammar, Eva Thomson; spelling, Neville Taine; writing, Trevor Taine; music, Eva Thomson.

Preparatory Class "B."—Writing, Perree Carpenter; reading, Z. Lucas.

Christmas in France

As we moved along the road on Christmas eve, in the fearful silence of night in the country (says a writer in an American magazine), the church bell was sounding, and we stepped rather gingerly passing into the churchyard among the graves, half-expecting wraiths to arise from the sod and join us—a straggling quiet few who were coming, some to worship, others merely curious, to wonder why we worship Christ at the birth of Christmas Day.

Monsieur and Madame X. had bidden almost everybody in attendance upon the midnight Mass to partake of their hospitality. What an 'awakening' it was! Entering the door, we found ourselves in the great room which, combination dining-room and living-room, to-night was occupied from end to end by the long table that was gay with candles and holly and loaded with good things to eat—the most exquisitely browned baked ham, roast chickens—unlike any ever seen in the United States,—crisp salads—as beautiful as toothsome, cake, fruit, bonbons, wine. At each plate was an original menu card and some dainty small gift—nothing of value to make one groan under an obligation, but an offering pure and simple of good-will.

After much gaiety expressed over our gifts and the personal references which each card bore, we were placed at table. At the head sat the host and hostess, side by side, and at the opposite end the two children of the family, a boy aged twelve and a girl ten. The cure was there, beaming with satisfaction. The Mayor was present, wearing the insignia of his office, a red, white and blue sash about his waist, as he does upon all possible occasions, at once to honor the occasion and define the honor due to him. After supper we all went up-stairs to the studio—our host is also an artist-painter—and there we drank coffee about a Christmas tree which, brilliantly lighted, was not to be hung with gifts till a day later in the week. All the days of the time between Christmas and the Feast of the Epiphany are equally days for Christmas trees and gift-giving among the French.

The publication of an advertisement in a Catholic paper shows that the advertiser not only desires the patronage of Catholics, but pays them the compliment of seeking it through the medium of their own religious journal. So says an esteemed and wide-awake American contemporary. A word to the wise is sufficient....