

in seeing that their children attended regularly throughout the year. Despite the disabilities under which our Catholic people labor in the matter of having to support their own schools, and at a time when 'free schools and free books' are the order of the day, it is a significant fact that the attendance roll shows a decided increase on last year's, the number of pupils whose names were entered on the roll for the current year being 310. This steady increase shows how much our people have at heart the true Christian education of their children, and what a value they set on the moral training of the young. The Brothers make the moral education of their pupils the foundation of their system, because education without moral training is unworthy of the name; moreover, they realise that success in this important branch of education means success in every other department. In this part of their work they received incalculable assistance from Rev. Father Coffey and the other priests of the Cathedral, who were most zealous in looking after the spiritual wants of the boys. Consequently, the attention of the boys to their religious duties has been very marked throughout the year, and it was a fitting conclusion to the year's work when a large class of over 60 boys made their First Communion.

The application of the boys to their studies on the whole has been satisfactory, and good work has been done in all the classes. Our school was visited this year by Rev. Brother Hennessy, from Dublin, and he was particularly struck with the educational tone which pervaded the whole establishment. In the public examinations the school has been very successful; six students passed the matriculation, four of them qualifying for medical preliminary, the other two for solicitor's general knowledge. In the civil service examinations the results are equally satisfactory. One student sat for senior civil, and passed in Latin, arithmetic, algebra, and commercial geography. Six passed the junior civil, five being placed on the credit list. In this examination Master George Albertson obtained first place among the boys' schools in Dunedin. The dux of the school for 1908 is Master Humphrey Moynihan.

As the physical training of our boys occupies a prominent place in our school curriculum, it is pleasing to note that our efforts in this department have met with much success. And here I may mention that in this part of our work we received much assistance from a series of physiological lectures delivered to the boys by Dr. J. P. Hastings. In the schools athletic championships held in the early part of the year our school carried off nineteen first, fourteen second prizes; in all, thirty-four medals. The school also got fourteen thirds, but no prizes are awarded to this position. These results are truly meritorious when we consider that twenty-four schools were represented and the conditions equal for all competitors. In the football field we had three teams playing. The Fourth Grade team were runners-up for the Association Cup, having lost but two matches during the season. In the Senior School Grade competition our A team showed themselves champions by going through the season without a defeat, winning the championship and five-aside tournament, thus securing the silver cup and sixteen silver medals. In the Junior Grade our B team came third on the list of thirteen, and runners-up in the five-aside tournament. In Senior School Grade cricket the school was likewise successful, our A team having gone through the season without a defeat, thus winning the pennant and the championship for the year. Continued interest has been taken with the Cadet Corps, and in the capable hands of Captain Columb and Lieutenants Callan and Columb the corps has reached a high state of efficiency. The corps won the silver cup presented by the Dresden Company for drill competition among defence cadets.

The devotion of the old boys to the school and their interest in its doings is very gratifying, and the Brothers take this opportunity to thank their many ex-pupils throughout the Dominion for the practical interest taken in their work.

To the generous donors to the prize list, to the many friends of the school, to the parents who entrust their children to our keeping we return our most sincere thanks, and wish them a very happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

The following is the prize list:—

Dux of school: H. D. Moynihan (gold medal presented by Dr. J. P. Hastings).

Matriculation Form.—Class prizes—French and science, E. B. Walmsley; English and algebra, P. J. Collins; Latin and essay writing, G. Wakelin; mathematics, J. Fogarty; Latin and physiology, J. Moroney; geography and arithmetic, J. Monaghan; general knowledge and history, T. Fitzgerald; general improvement, H. McKee-fry.

Civil Service Form.—First aggregate—H. Drury (gold medal presented by Mrs. Miller); French and essay writ-

ing, J. Stapleton; science and arithmetic, P. Spiers; Latin and English, F. Le Breve; general improvement, J. Joyce; mathematics, M. McKee-fry; history, A. Burke.

Standard VII.—First in aggregate, T. Layburn; second in aggregate, C. Dunn; third in aggregate, J. Walsh; fourth in aggregate, F. Cameron; arithmetic, J. Salmon; English and writing, L. Bourke; geometry, E. Salmon; Christian doctrine and geography, R. O'Neill; general improvement, F. Powell; mathematics, P. O'Connor; Christian doctrine prize, A. Burke (gold medal); regular attendance prize, J. Walsh.

Sixth Class.—Errol Stanaway, 1; Francis Yule, 2; James McKee-fry, 3; Edward Nolan, 4; Leonard Walsh, 5; Francis Marlow, 6; John Hally, 7; Michael Lawless, 8; Philip Callery, 9; John McDonnell, 10. Special prizes—Geography, James Marlow; arithmetic, Joseph Brady; science, Hubert Sweeney; arithmetic, Leonard McKee-fry; oral composition and reading, Patrick Keligher; drawing, Joseph McKenzie; dictation, L. Shiel; industry and reading, J. Thompson; industry and general improvement, James Daly; drawing, W. Mead; arithmetic and reading, S. Geerin.

Fifth Class.—Francis Corcoran, 1; Bert Fogarty, 2; John Berin, 3; John Keenan, 4; Martin Rings, 5; Edward Sandys, 6; John Flannagan, 7; Thomas Muirhead, 8. Special prizes—Comprehension, A. Walsh; Christian doctrine, Cyril Hastings; English, James O'Brien; drawing, D. Keyes; industry and application, Peter Gaffney; reading, John Fenton; reading, M. O'Brien; dictation, Dan Burke; home exercise, R. Simpson; Christian doctrine, drawing, dictation, Bernard Walsh; English, Simeon, McAllen; Christian doctrine and writing, James Moir; writing, A. Burden; English, A. Gastafson; good conduct, H. Mulholland.

Fourth Class.—Vincent Shiel, 1; Patrick Nash, 2; James Fenton, 3; Gerald Thompson, 4; James O'Connor, 5; Thomas Hally, 6; Frank Mullins, 7; Eustace Thompson, 8.

Third Class.—James Dunne, 1; Edgar Turner, 2; Jas. Lennon, 3; William Pimbley, 4; Frank Walsh, 5; John McVeigh, 6; Patrick O'Connor, 7.

Second Class.—Charles Woods, 1; Albert Davidson, 2; Joseph Walsh, 3; Eric Culling, 4; Peter McKee-fry, 5; Edward Collins, 6; Harold Moore, 7; Francis Hally, 8.

First Class.—Noel Mackay, 1; Louis Wakelin, 2; Maurice O'Connor, 3; Alex. Gray, 4; Percy Hesford, 5; Steve Scoles, 6; Francis Rodgers, 7; Mafeking McAllen, 8.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Irish History (Standard VI.)—Celtic cross presented by Mrs. Herbert, E. Stanaway. Irish History (Standard VII.)—T. Layburn. Senior Elocution—T. P. Laffey. Junior Elocution—Sylvester Geerin. Senior Gymnastics (gold medal presented by Messrs. Metcalf and Wilkinson)—J. Salmon. Champion athlete of school (gold medal presented by Mr. J. Collins)—H. D. Moynihan. Batting average—P. Collins. Bowling average, J. Stapleton. Junior Gymnastics—Tasman O'Brien. Hibernian Cadet competition in mathematics, English, and writing (Captain Columb's prize)—M. McKee-fry.

The school re-opens February 1, 1909.

ST. PHILOMENA'S COLLEGE, SOUTH DUNEDIN

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of St. Philomena's College, South Dunedin, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, took place on Wednesday of last week. The Rev. Father Howard presided, and there were also present a numerous gathering of the parents and friends of the children. An interesting programme of vocal and instrumental items was submitted by pupils.

At the conclusion of the programme the Rev. Father Howard congratulated the Sisters and pupils 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 splendid reports as to the prosperity of the school, and he had had the opportunity on various occasions of seeing for himself how punctual and polite the pupils were. It was a source of gratification to him to notice that the children held prominent places on the lists of successful candidates at the musical examinations held in connection with the Trinity College and Associated Board of the Royal College and Royal Academy of Music, London. He felt that the parents must be very proud of having such a splendid school in their midst, where their children received such an excellent secular and, above all, religious education. After wishing the pupils a very happy Christmas and inviting the parents to go to the class room to inspect the display of work, the Rev. Father Howard then distributed the prizes. The list was as follows:—

Senior Division.—Christian doctrine—M. Neylon (gold medal); next in merit, G. Carmody. Dux of college,