

## CONVENT SCHOOL, PATEA

The following is the prize list:—

Christian Doctrine.—Senior division—First prize, medal (presented by Rev. Father Duffy), J. McKenna; second prize, K. McKenna. Junior division—First prize, F. Keane; second, M. Mangos.

Good Conduct.—Senior girls—First prize, medal (presented by Mrs. Hancock), S. Power. Senior boys—Medal (presented by Mr. B. Clark), J. McKenna. Juniors—K. Connell, C. Gilligan.

Special Mention.—B. Dickson, L. McComisky, E. Williams, E. Cargill, E. Kennedy, F. Power, K. O'Grady, F. Hunger, T. Keane, B. Gilligan, W. Butler, F. McKenna, M. Lawson, G. Mercer.

Standard Prizes.—Standard VII.—First prize, S. Power; second, B. Dickson. Standard VI.—First prize, J. McKenna; second, K. McKenna. Standard V.—First prize, medal (presented by Mr. J. A. McKenna for highest marks during the year), F. Hunger; second, Ethel Kennedy. Standard IV.—First prize, M. McKenna; second, M. Gilligan. Standard III.—First prize, F. Keane; second, M. Mitchell. Standard II.—First prize, H. Collopy; second, R. Kennedy. Standard I.—First prize, S. Connell.

Music.—First prize, medal (presented by Mr. Boyle), M. Mitchell; second, T. Keane.

Attendance.—Enid Cargill.

Sewing.—First prize, F. Hunger; second, F. Power; third, R. Jackson.

General Improvement.—B. Gilligan, E. Williams.

At the annual examination by the Government inspector, Mr. G. D. Braik, the pupils acquitted themselves creditably. According to his report, the pupils of the upper classes are making good progress in arithmetic and English, and proved themselves sufficiently responsive in oral answering. The copy-books, exercise-books, and drawing-books of all classes can well bear inspection. The pupils are eager workers, and follow the instructions given them with the utmost care. In the junior department the pupils are able to give a good account of themselves, are eager, responsive, and not at all shy. The inspector's concluding remark is: 'The utmost attention is paid to the manners of the pupils, and general tone is very good.'

## CONVENT SCHOOL, GREYMOUTH

The annual breaking-up concert given by the children of the Convent school (says the Greymouth *Evening Star*) goes far to show the outside public the excellent code of instruction in music and general knowledge that is imparted to them by those devoted ladies, the Sisters of Mercy. Indeed, it may safely be said that they receive a much more advanced system of training than that afforded in the secular schools, as they are not only thoroughly grounded in the ordinary curriculum, but are taught deportment as well as music and singing, which fits them in after life to take their part in society. The Town Hall was packed long before the opening item was given, but the singing of the chorus 'The Band' by a number of the pupils showed how well they had been schooled and how evenly their voices were trained. A two-piano quartet then followed. The instrumentalists were the Misses R. Hannan, E. O'Reilly, G. Mallison, and K. Martin. The execution was brilliant and the time perfect. The part song 'Speranza' followed, the parts being well sustained by Misses E. Hannan, A. Moss, G. Hannan, I. Armstrong, and V. Robinson. Another instrumental selection, 'Lizette,' was played excellently by Misses G. Hannan (piano), I. Armstrong (banjo), E. Nazer (mandolin), Buttola (2) and V. Hannan (violins). The song and dance 'The Bells' was a very attractive item. Miss E. Hannan sang 'Time was I roved the mountains' in a most charming manner, and she was compelled to reply to a vigorous encore. Misses M. Egan, M. Johnston, C. Baybutt, and V. Michel played 'Sleighbells' on two pianos. The vocal quartet 'The Lord is my shepherd' was very prettily sung by Misses E. Hannan, A. Moss, G. Hannan, and V. Robinson, and brought the first part of a very high class concert to a close.

The second part opened with the drama 'The pupil's study hour,' in which the part of governess was taken by Miss M. Vealie, and the pupils were represented by Miss V. Hannan and D. Heaphy, who enacted their parts very ably and gave proof of their training in elocution. A pianoforte trio followed, the instrumentalists being Misses L. Disciacati, M. Sampson, M. Robertson, L. Greaney, N. Okeby, and N. O'Leary, which was greatly appreciated. Miss G. Hannan sang very sweetly 'In the land of the daffodils,' and received a well-merited recall. Miss V. Hannan showed good execution in her violin solo. The following item was a recitation by Miss Nellie Kilgour, a little girl of eight years, who did remarkably well, and had to respond to an encore. The duet by Misses C. Baybutt, V. Michel, M. Egan, and M. Johnston was very charming. Miss Kathleen Hannan brought down the house with her humorous song, for which she was encored. An action song followed, and then came a trio on two pianos by Misses D. Heaphy, E. Whittaker, W. O'Neill, I. Hannan, L. Sampson, and N. Hudd. The finale, 'Merry,

merry Christmas,' closed a remarkably successful children's concert, which all present thoroughly enjoyed.

The successes achieved this year by candidates from the Convent of Mercy, Greymouth, are as follow: Teachers' Class 'C,' 2; 1st section Class 'C,' 1; Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge, 1; Matriculation, 1; Junior Civil Service, 2; theory of music, 26; practical music, 31. All the candidates presented for examination in the Sixth Standard obtained proficiency certificates.

## ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT, MANAIA

Despite the boisterous weather (says the *Waimate Witness*) there was a large attendance at the Manaia Town Hall on the evening of December 15, the occasion being the annual Christmas entertainment and presentation of prizes in connection with the pupils of St. Joseph's Convent. The convent pupils provided the whole of the entertainment. The items by the elder boys and girls were rendered in such talented style that the entertainment was generally voted first-class. Especially well were the different pianoforte items rendered, which bespoke much untiring and careful tuition on the part of the Sisters in charge of the convent. The following programme was rendered:—Action song, infants; piano duet, Masters W. Bigham, C. Hill, J. Bolger, and E. Wells; song, juniors; piano quartet, Misses M. Ryan, E. Hastie, M. O'Donnell, C. McKenzie; action song, boys; piano quartet, Misses Landers (2), V. Howard, and D. Klingender; part song, pupils; piano duet, Misses Mabel Gilmour and Maggie Campbell; vocal item, senior girls; piano item, Misses Milner, Campbell (2), Butler, Howard, and Gilmour; song, Miss F. Milner; piano solo, Miss Wells. The concert part of the programme concluded with the comedietta, 'Who is to inherit,' by the senior girls, the principal parts being taken by Misses L. Hird, M. Ryan, F. Doyle, B. Howard, M. O'Donnell, M. Milner, M. Francis, and Masters W. Ryan and A. New.

At the conclusion of the concert programme, Mr. J. J. Meldon, after apologising for the unavoidable absence of Father O'Dwyer, complimented the children on the excellence of their entertaining efforts, also the Sisters in charge of the convent for the brilliant results achieved by their pupils for the year. Assisted by Mr. Denis Ryan, Mr. Meldon then presented prizes to the school children as follow:—

Standard VII.—L. Hird. Standard VI.—M. Bourke. Diligence, F. Doyle. Standard V.—J. McCarty 1, F. Landers 2; diligence, B. Howard. Standard IV.—M. Franklin 1, W. Franklin 2, W. Bigham 3; diligence, H. Beck. Standard III.—A. New 1, T. Franklin 2, W. Ryan 3; diligence, J. Franklin; good conduct (medal presented by Hibernians), K. Shanahan; Christian doctrine (presented by Rev. Father O'Dwyer): First division, J. McCarty; second division, M. Ryan; third division, K. Carroll. Singing: Girls, B. Howard; boys, F. Milner. Music: Senior division, L. Hird; junior division, J. Bolger. Regular attendance (presented by Mr. T. McPhillips): V. Howard and J. Franklin. Irish history (gold medal presented by Hibernians): F. Doyle, M. Bourke, and L. Landers (equal); drawn by F. Doyle. Gardening (prizes presented by Mr. M. Franklin): First division, J. McCarty; second division, G. Shanahan; third division, M. Franklin. Needlework: First division, F. Doyle; second division, M. O'Donnell.

Infants' special prizes for singing.—Girls (presented by Mrs. O'Donnell), drawn by A. Franklin; boys (presented by Mrs. Jos. McCarty), A. Beck. Brushwork: First division, L. Hird; second division, M. Franklin; third division, A. Howard. Infants' special prize for sewing, J. O'Donnell.

The following was embodied in the report on the school, as supplied by Inspector Braik:—Standards I. and II.—In every respect the pupils are making good headway in their studies. They are eager to learn and eager to show what they can do. Standards III. and IV.—Good classes, both making very satisfactory progress in all the subjects. Standards VI. and VII.—The pupils tackle their work with zest and success. In no subject is the work below average quality. In all classes drawing is very fine, while singing and needlework also merit special mention. Nature study is successfully carried out in connection with some well-kept garden plots. The general tone is good, the pupils being willing, attentive, and polite.

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