

## THE WANGANUI CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

During the past year the Wanganui Catholic schools have continued to carry on with success the great work of Catholic education, and their pupils, as in former years, have won distinction at the various public examinations.

## SACRED HEART CONVENT SCHOOL.

The following are the names of the successful candidates for the year:—New Zealand University: First section B.A., E. Mahony (only one presented). Solicitor's general knowledge and matriculation, M. Mahony. Junior civil service (credit list)—M. Mahony, M. Loftus, M. Keane, M. Kerrigan, and M. Malone. Shorthand certificates (Pitman)—H. Wood, L. Clark, and E. Sullivan.

Musical Examinations.—Trinity College, London, practical examination: Senior honors (pianoforte), M. King 81; singing, M. King 81; pass (pianoforte), M. Mullins 72, Vida Cooper 68; intermediate pass, H. Wood 73, Agneta Hilles 71, M. O'Sullivan 68; junior honors (singing), Vida Cooper 85; pianoforte, K. Neylon 88, R. Curran 85, Jean McArtney 81; junior pass (singing), M. Mullins 74; piano, Ivy Knucky 66; preparatory (violin), Mary Mahony 75, N. Atkinson (piano) 79, U. Mahony 76, M. Fitzwalter 74, Thomas Keane 74. The Associated Board of the R.A.M. and the R.C.M.—Practical advanced grade (piano), J. Lloyd 111; intermediate grade, Q. Williams 122; higher school (violin), M. Power 115; lower school (honors), N. McKirdy 130; pass, I. Ellingham 128, K. Holmes 122, Etne Swan 114, E. Carvel 114; elementary (piano), M. Swan 127; singing, A. Hilles 122; violin, L. Swan 122, E. Stuart 116, A. Bowling 115; primary (piano), E. Wakeman 126, M. Stuart 117, T. Wakeman 116.

The annual prize distribution in connection with the Sacred Heart Convent School was held in the Opera House on December 17, when there was present a very large audience composed of parents of the children and of the general public. The programme presented was an attractive one, and the various items were rendered in capital style by the young performers. The Wanganui Nuns have been very successful with their music pupils, and their ability as teachers of this branch was clearly manifested in the excellent rendition of the vocal and instrumental pieces. The evolutions in the various dances and drills were well and gracefully performed. As a second part the fairy play, 'Cinderella' was enacted, and the beauty of the various scenes was enhanced by brilliant limelight effects. The following was the programme:—Overture, orchestra (under Mr. O'Hara); chorus, 'Indian drum,' senior pupils; pianoforte solo, 'Grand study,' Miss Mamie Mullins; vocal solo, 'The Better Land,' Miss J. Lloyd; chorus, 'Erin, the tear,' St. Joseph's pupils; Dutch drill, junior pupils; vocal solo, 'Bianco,' Miss M. King; violin selection, Misses Jones, Power, Quinlivan, Ellingham, Mahony, and Swan; chorus, 'Dream of paradise,' senior pupils; pianoforte solo, 'Novellette,' J. Lloyd; recitation, 'King Henry II. at the Tomb of King Arthur,' Miss E. Swan; vocal solo, 'Home song,' Miss A. Hilles; drill, 'Indian huntresses,' senior pupils; pianoforte duet, 'Polish dance,' Misses Fowkes and King; chorus, 'To Sylvia,' senior pupils; pianoforte solo, 'Polka de la Reine,' Miss R. Andrews; vocal solo, 'Slave song,' Miss A. Sullivan; flag drill, senior pupils; vocal duet, 'In the dusk of the twilight,' Misses Cooper and McGuire; vocal solo, 'Il Bacio,' Miss K. Wood. The following was the cast of characters in 'Cinderella':—Prince, Miss K. Dunne; Adian, Miss G. Hearn; trumpeters and dancers, junior pupils; Lucretia Tinkleton, Miss J. Lloyd; Arabella Tinkleton, Miss M. Malone; Cinderella, Miss E. Swan; fairy godmother, Miss H. Wood; fairies, etc., junior pupils. At the conclusion of the entertainment the Mayoress (Mrs. C. E. Mackay) presented the principal prizes. The remaining prizes were distributed on the following morning at the Convent. The following are the prize lists:—

## SACRED HEART SELECT HIGH SCHOOL.

Special Prizes.—Amiability crown (chosen by vote of companions), medal presented by Rev. Father Mahoney, R. Cameron; Christian doctrine (gold medal, gift of the Sisters), E. Tompsitt, M. Fowkes, N. Limbrick.

Junior Division.—Good conduct (gold medal), H. Wood. General deportment (medal, gift of Very Rev. Dean Regnault), M. Loftus; dux (gold medal), M. Keane; general excellence (gift of the old girls), N. Limbrick; physical culture (gift of Rev. Father O'Sullivan), E. Sullivan, (2) E. McKenna; house prize (gift of Mrs. Gellatly), E. Sullivan; art needlework, G. Hearn; drawn thread and shadow work, E. Sullivan; plain sewing, M. Mahoney 1, E. Swan 2; typewriting, H. Wood 1, E. Sullivan 2, M. Malone 3; shorthand (speed), H. Wood 1, E. Sullivan 2.

Music.—Senior division: Royal Academy (gold medal), J. Lloyd; vocal and instrumental (Trinity College, gold medal), M. King. Intermediate grade, M. O'Sullivan 1, H. Wood 2. Junior—Pianoforte, N. McKirdy 1, K. Neylon 2; singing, A. Hilles; theory (Royal Academy), H. Wood 1, J. Lloyd 2. Violin, L. Swann 1, I. Jones 2.

Painting and Drawing.—Drawing, H. Wood 1, E. Sullivan 2. Painting, E. McKenna.

Politeness.—Boarders, W. Neylon 1, E. Sullivan 2. Day pupils, M. Loftus 1, E. Swan 2.

Essay writing, M. Loftus.

Matriculation Class.—(1) Latin, French, English, Algebra, and essay writing—M. Loftus. (1) Geography, zoology, (2) arithmetic, (2) essay writing, (2) Latin and French—M. Keane. (1) Arithmetic, (2) geography, (2) zoology, (3) English, (3) essay writing, (3) Latin and French—M. Kerrigan.

Form I.—(1) English, (1) geography, (2) arithmetic, (1) French—M. Lacy. (1) Drawing, (2) essay writing, (2) French, (3) arithmetic, (2) recitation, (3) reading—K. Mullins. (1) Arithmetic, (2) geography, (2) English, (1) essay writing, (3) French—E. Tompsitt. (1) Reading, (3) geography, (3) essay writing—N. Limbrick. (2) Reading, (1) recitation—E. Swan. (1) Writing, (2) book-keeping—G. Hearn. (1) Book-keeping, E. Sullivan. General satisfaction, K. Dunne, B. Bates, and G. Bretherton.

Form II.—(1) Reading, (1) geography, (2) essay writing, (1) recitation—D. Healey. (1) English, U. Mahoney. (2) English, (2) reading—K. Neylon. (3) Essay writing, (3) English, (3) geography—E. Sullivan. (1) Reading, (2) geography, (2) recitation—I. Ellingham. (1) Arithmetic, E. Quinlivan. (3) Writing, (3) arithmetic—K. Holmes. (1) Essay writing, E. Clemmett. (3) Recitation, A. Bowling. General satisfaction—G. Goldfinch, C. Brownlie, G. Brownlie. Drawing—E. Quinlivan 1, E. Sullivan 2, C. Brownlie 3.

Form III.—(1) English, (1) arithmetic, (2) essay, (1) geography—N. Lee. (2) Arithmetic, (1) reading, (2) recitation—J. Jones. (2) English, (3) geography, (3) drawing—C. Griffin. (3) Reading, B. Stewart. (1) Writing, (1) drawing—I. Esau. (3) Arithmetic, A. Burrett. (1) Recitation, (1) essay writing—C. Gellatly. (2) Writing, T. Wakeman. (2) Reading, (3) writing—E. Stewart. (2) Geography, (3) English—E. Palmer. General satisfaction, N. Marshall.

Form IV.—(1) Arithmetic, (1) essay writing, (1) writing—E. Wakeman. (1) English, (2) arithmetic, (2) essay writing, (2) reading, (3) recitation—V. Neylon. (3) Reading, (3) English—D. Godden. (2) Drawing, (3) essay writing, (2) writing, (2) recitation—A. Wood. (1) Drawing, (2) English—Dolly McFarlane. (1) Reading, (1) recitation—M. Koorey. (3) Drawing, (3) writing—M. Stewart. General satisfaction, L. Stewart.

## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL.

Catechism, V. Madgwick 1, D. Shale 2; good conduct, B. McLean; attendance—K. Boyle, K. O'Connor, T. Holmes, I. Tilley, I. Howell, J. Turner (not missed a day); singing, L. O'Connor; sewing—J. Alderton, A. Roberts.

Lessons.—Standard VI., I. O'Brien 1, N. McKirdy 2, E. Eastbury 3; Standard V., M. Follett 1, J. Alderton 2; Standard IV., M. Stewart 1, N. Callaghan 2, E. Conder 3; Standard III., M. Donald 1, I. Smithies 2. Drawing, M. Grogan (Mr. Lloyd's prize) 1.

## INFANT SCHOOL.

Standard I.—(1) Reading, (1) recitation, (1) writing, (1) spelling, (3) drawing—G. Swan. (1) Arithmetic, (2) spelling, (3) reading, (2) drawing—G. Jefferson. (2) Reading, (3) spelling—G. Cullimane. (2) Recitation, (2) writing—R. Cribb. (3) Writing, (2) arithmetic—N. Cribb. (3) Arithmetic, F. Caplin. (3) Recitation, C. Wakeman. (1) Drawing, W. Hally.

The following pupils of the Primer Classes made a very successful examination:—E. Cooper, Edna Cooper, May Inkpen, Ivy Ruscoe, Bertie Inkpen, Anthony Koorey, Leslie McCarthy, Lella Jefferson, Zita Mahoney, Doris Maher, Doris Pawson, Moira Pawson, Bessie Cooper, Eileen Cronin, Margaret Kemp, Roy Hally.

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