

What a day of jubilation was that for Sister Anastasia when she saw the saving water poured on her aunt's head and heard her make the profession of Faith that made her a member of Holy Church for ever.

This was but the beginning of Sister Anastasia's joy, for on the morrow Mrs. Wentworth was to receive her First Communion.

Early the next morning, just as the sun was shedding his bright rays on the little altar, which had been carefully prepared and tastefully decorated by Sister Anastasia, the priest brought the Divine Guest who had come in person to assist the weary traveller on her last journey towards eternity. Kneeling by the bedside, Sister Anastasia beheld her aunt, crushed down to the very dust with the sense of her own unworthiness, receive her Lord with edifying devotion.

'Geraldine!' the patient faintly said at last.

Sister Anastasia arose and bent over the now dying woman, who whispered in her ear:

'Oh, Geraldine, I am so happy! I have wasted all my life seeking for self-gratification and pleasure, but alas! I have sought in vain—till now I never knew what true happiness was.'

Sister Anastasia sank again on her knees and buried her face in her hands. When she raised her head again and looked upon her aunt she saw the features were rigid and cold, but lit up with a heavenly smile—the spirit was gone; it had winged its flight to that land where there is no more grief, nor sorrow, nor tears.

Sister Anastasia arose and gently closed the lids that would never open again till the sound of the Last Trumpet, as she murmured to herself: 'Peace and salvation at last!'—*Catholic Fireside.*

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## SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

### SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL, WANGANUI.

The annual entertainment and distribution of prizes in connection with the Sacred Heart Select School, Wanganui, took place in the presence of a large gathering of the parents of the pupils and friends of the school. The annual concert is always an enjoyable affair, and this year's entertainment proved no exception to the rule. The programme was well arranged, and the performers did full justice to it, the all-round excellence of the different items being of a very high order. The audience (says the *Herald*) were flattering in their appreciation, and encores were freely demanded. The vocal and instrumental items were given in a manner which bore striking testimony to the efficiency of the instruction imparted by the Sisters in charge. The following was the programme:—Chorus, junior pupils of Sacred Heart School; pianoforte solo, Misses Winnie Hatrick and E. Dwyer; chorus, pupils of St. Joseph's School; pianoforte duet, Misses M. Tymons, Julia Barry, A. Doherty, and F. Whelan; fancy exercise dumb-bells, Convent boarders; vocal duet, Misses Moroney and Wells; piano solo, Miss Adelia Doherty; chorus, pupils of Sacred Heart School; piano duet, Misses M. Steadman, Hunter, K. Galpin, and M. O'Connell; vocal solo, Miss J. Wells; exercise, 'Fancy Drill,' pupils of Sacred Heart School; chorus, pupils of Sacred Heart School; piano duet, Misses Wells, Links, Julia Flynn, and M. Flynn; fancy dance, 'Morris Drill,' Convent boarders; vocal duet, Misses Wells and Beasley; piano solo, Miss N. Pine; vocal solo, Miss Moroney; piano solo, Miss M. Cussen. The entertainment concluded with the play, 'My Aunt's Heiress,' in which the following took part:—Misses Wells, F. Whelan, Hunter, Links, Barry, J. Flynn, I. Cribb, Quillinane, Doherty, Moroney, and Maskell.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the prizes were distributed by the Mayoress, previous to which the Very Rev. Dean Kirk returned thanks to those who had contributed to the prize fund.

The local *Herald* said regarding the exhibition of work by the pupils:—The exhibition was indeed a credit to both pupils and teachers alike. This year an unusually large number of paintings are shown, and it is evident that the young ladies have profited by the painstaking tuition of the Sisters. Some very fine specimens, both in oil and colours, are shown, while the range of subjects is very large. In needlework, plain and fancy, there is again a splendid display, the handiwork of some of the seniors being exceptionally striking. Although in the needlework section beautiful examples of art needlework largely predominate, the very

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