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good exhibition of plain sewing indicates that the more useful branch of the subject is by no means neglected. The exhibits of handwriting and mapping are also excellent.

Following is the prize list:—

Civil Service Class.—Christian doctrine, history, and geography—M. O'Connell. Shorthand and arithmetic—A. Doherty. English—Ellie Moroney. Algebra—Maude Steedman. E. Composition—Frances Whelan.

Class VI. (Lower)—Catechism, geography, history—B. O'Connell. Arithmetic—Julia Flynn. Exposition—B. O'Connell and J. Flynn. Composition—Jane Wells. Deserving of mention—Julia Barry, T. Links, and May Crowley.

Class V.—Reading, geography, history, and arithmetic—Lily Dalziel. Writing—Nellie Simpson. Grammar, composition, and domestic economy—Sophia Georgetti. Deserving of mention—Gertrude Edwards, K. Oldham, Nellie Crowley, May Cussen, and Vera Cussen.

Class V. (Lower)—Reading, exposition, geography, arithmetic—Emily Gibbons. Christian doctrine, Irish history, and grammar—Beatrice Hunter. Composition—Adelaide Robertson. Domestic economy—Queenie Walker. E. History—Sybil Robertson.

Class IV. (Lower)—Reading and writing—Nellie Dwyer. Spelling—Mary Flynn, 1; Ivy Cribb, 2; next in merit, E. Wortley. Grammar—Maggie Purcell, 1; A. Lloyd, 2. History—Kate Quillane and Mary Lloyd; next in merit, R. Borlase and M. Markham. Composition—Nora Pine. Geography—N. Pine; next in merit, Dora Kelleher. Arithmetic—Nellie Dwyer, 1; M. Lloyd, 2; next in merit, Gertie Boyle.

Class III.—Catechism—Josephine Lloyd. Arithmetic—J. Lloyd. Reading and grammar—Mary Maskell. Writing and history—Ceilia Neill. Geography—Winnie Hatrick.

Class II. (Upper)—Reading and geography—Maggie O'Neill. Spelling—Myrtle Richardson. Writing and arithmetic—Vera Galpin.

Class II. (Lower)—Catechism and spelling—Annie Sullivan. Arithmetic and tables—Winnie Neylon. Reading and writing—Maggie Hatrick. Spelling—Cedric Herman, L. Wixey. Geography—Nellie O'Neill. Grammar—Maude Oliver.

Infants' School.—The following children made a most creditable examination:—Annie Daley, Lily Dwyer, Daisy Carlton, Mary Cullinan, Kathleen Cullinan, Nellie Hall, Mary Neill, Frances McCulloch, Mary Mahoney, Olive Oldburgh, Mary Cross, Maurice Richardson, Ray Kitchen, and Leslie Cribb.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Crown for amiability (pupil chosen by her companions)—Julia Barry. Good Conduct—Mary O'Connell, T. Links. Attendance—Bridget O'Connell.

Music.—Pianoforte—Prize in Senior Division: Adelia Doherty. Intermediate Division: Nora Pine. Honours: Misses Barry and Tymons. Junior Division: Mary Flynn. Preparatory Division: Nellie Dwyer.

Singing.—Prize in Senior Division—Jane Wells. Junior Division—B. Hunter.

Painting.—First prize (silver medal), Ada Dalziel; second prizes, Kate Galpin and Lily Dalziel. Special mention—Misses Whelan and M. Cooper.

Drawing.—Lily Dalziel.

MARIST BROTHERS' COLLEGE, AUCKLAND.

(From a correspondent.)

The students attending the Marist Brothers' College and High School, Auckland, held their annual picnic and sports on December 13. The weather was beautifully fine. Drags were provided to convey the boys to this most beautiful of the Auckland seaside resorts—St. Heliers. Instead of proceeding direct thereto, a detour was made to give the pupils a rural trip which afforded much enjoyment. The course taken was out by Onehunga, the busy little port on the shores of the Manukau Harbour so familiar to the travellers who visit Auckland from the South by the West Coast; then over Mangere Bridge, and across the plain which stretches from there to Otahuhu, and which at this season of the year looks its best. On arrival at Otahuhu a short stay was made, after which the journey was continued to Panmure, a suburb of our northern city, to which the popular, respected, and venerable Monsignor McDonald, more familiarly known by the name of Father Walter, has given 'a local habitation and a name.' The Bay once reached a good luncheon put the juveniles in good humour, if

not in good form, for the sports. The committee, consisting of Masters M. Lavery, J. Mahoney, and W. Dervan, arranged the different events. Brother Jerome acted as starter, and Brother Borgia performed the duties of judge.

The principal events, with their winners, were:—

College Championship—W. Dervan 1, J. Mahoney 2.
College Handicap—J. Twohill 1, A. Staunton 2, A. Maynard 3.
High Jump—J. Twohill 1, G. Casey 2.
Civil Service Handicap—W. Dervan 1, W. Woodlock 2.
High School Handicap (Senior)—J. Twohill 1, P. Hynes 2.
High School Handicap (Junior)—J. Burke 1, E. Malone 2.
Walking Match—J. Burke 1, C. Dunn 2.

On the following day the Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly presided at the distribution of prizes, previous to the departure of the boys for their holidays.

The Director, Brother Basil, spoke in high terms of the boys. He felt great pleasure in informing the Very Rev. Dean that their conduct had been invariably satisfactory and edifying, their spirit of study ardent and sustained. A good moral tone prevailed, the religious studies were closely attended to, and the Sacraments regularly frequented. There was a marked increase in the number in attendance, and the results of the Diocesan inspection, though not yet known, would not fall short of 100 per cent. Eight candidates had been entered for Matriculation and Civil Service, from whom good results were confidently expected.

The Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly expressed himself as pleased with the report which the Brother Director had given of the conduct of the boys. From personal observation he could bear testimony to the truth of the statement made. In the matter of education he was always an ardent supporter of Catholic schools. He pointed out the great advantages boys reaped in being taught in educational establishments, where a healthy religious atmosphere prevailed, where boys not only learned but practised their religious duties, and where they were fitted to be good citizens and good colonists, because they were trained to be good Catholics. He was delighted to see that they took a lively interest in athletics, as the body required development as well as the mind. He expressed a hope that ere long the Brothers would have more space for recreation purposes, more accommodation for the boarders, and a wider field for their labours. He paid a high tribute to the devotedness of the Brothers, and expressed his great satisfaction at the good results obtained for the year. These successes were a presage of greater successes yet to come. Success at school was an augury of success in after life, and he instanced this fact by alluding to the career of Mr. Napier, now the senior member for Auckland city, to whom he had the pleasure of presenting prizes when Mr. Napier was not an M.H.R., but a schoolboy like themselves. In conclusion, he exhorted the boys to devote part of their holiday time to study, to be careful about the companions with whom they associated, to attend to their religious duties during the Christmas times, to be always good Catholics—true to the pious practices of piety, and to the moral lessons taught them by their zealous and devoted teachers.

The Brother Director thanked the Very Rev. Dean for his kindness in presiding, for the interest he always took in the work of the Brothers, and for the words full of weight and wisdom he had addressed to the boys. He then called for three cheers for their worthy Administrator, to which all heartily responded, and so the proceedings ended.

The Brothers beg to thank sincerely all those who so generously contributed prizes, particularly Mesdames Brodie, Wright, Campbell, and Sullivan, Messrs. Napier, M.H.R., Regan, Darby, Corley, Mahoney, Sullivan, Treston, Lynch, Walsh, O'Brien, and Dr. Darby.

SACRED HEART CONVENT, TIMARU.

(From a correspondent.)

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Timaru, took place on December 18. Among those present were his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes and several of the clergy. Prior to the distribution an entertainment was given by the pupils, the following being the programme:—Entrée, Spanish dance; the Devotion to the Sacred Heart—Tableau, 'St. Augustine and his Disciples'; chorus, 'The Lord is my Shepherd'; tableau, 'St. Francis of Assisi receiving the Stigmata'; chorus, 'Laudate Fieri'; tableau, 'The Sacred Heart revealed to St. Gertrude'; chorus, 'Ecce Cor'; quartette, Symphony; French recitation, 'Un trait de l'Enfance de Bernardin de St. Pierre'; chorus, 'Sleigh bells.' The tableaux, which were given with the aid of limelight, were very effective.