

tion he could affirm all that was said. He was pleased to see such a good spirit of comradeship exist among the boys and to hear that their studious habits had gone on increasing. He spoke highly of the devotedness of the Brothers, of the care they bestowed on the training of the children, of the incalculable good they were doing not only in Auckland, but throughout the world, and expressed a hope, that the coming year would find them located in premises more in keeping with the educational wants of such an important city as Auckland, than the present inadequate arrangements afforded.

The school and college resume work on the 4th of February, when a large increase in the school roll is confidently expected.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL.

The Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan presided at the distribution of prizes to the pupils of St. Mary's Convent High School, and there were also present the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., Very Rev. Deans Hackett and Lighthouse, and Rev. Father Purton. The pupils gave a highly enjoyable programme of music and recitations, in which Misses Mahoney, Ralph, Lynch, Amodeo, Lina Hart, R. Sullivan, and Pauline Dempsey took part. They also presented Bishop Lenihan with an address, which was read by Miss Ella Brown.

The following is the prize list:—

Matriculation and Civil Service Class—May McGuire and Ivy Ansley, passing Civil Service examinations; Herlihy, English and science; Meehan, geography and algebra; V. Fitzpatrick, composition and arithmetic; Towers, science and English; Carrington, diligence; H. McCoy, conduct and writing.

Class VII.—Mary Casey, Christian doctrine; Norah Lynch, composition; Corbett, conduct and English; Matilda Brown, arithmetic and geography; Dempsey, elocution; Mary Casey, arithmetic.

Class VI.—Nellie Meehan, Christian doctrine; Nellie Mahoney, composition and writing; Ellen Brown, arithmetic and geography; Ella Brown, composition and reading; Julia Corbett, conduct and geography; Ethel Alison, needlework and French; Maizi Ansley, arithmetic and composition.

Class V.—Dela Lees, Christian doctrine; Hilda Johnston, arithmetic; Marie Ralph, writing and composition; Dela Lees composition; Winnie Cumiskey, reading and general; Alda Ralph, reading and arithmetic.

Class IV.—Monica Gibbons, Christian doctrine; Lenore Johnston, reading; Katie Mahoney, arithmetic; Monica Gibbons, composition; Alice Davison, reading; C. Short, general improvement.

Class III.—Katie Ralph, Christian doctrine; Eileen Cullen, composition and reading; Katie Ralph, arithmetic and spelling; Effie Sheath, writing; Rita Thomson, conduct and writing.

Class II.—Master Sneddon, Christian doctrine; Ida Histed, geography and arithmetic.

Class I.—Cecilia Gibbons, Christian Doctrine; May O'Brien, spelling; Cecilia Gibbons, conduct and reading; Flo. Histed, arithmetic; Nina Johnston, writing; Master Cyril Sneddon, arithmetic.

EXTRA PRIZES.

Matriculation and Civil Service Class: Herlihy and Julia Corbett, painting; Bertling, singing; Towers, French. Certificates for music to Herlihy and V. Fitzpatrick. Certificates for French—M. McGuire, Ivy Ansley, Meehan, V. Fitzpatrick, Carrington. Certificate for mathematics—May McGuire. Certificate for elocution, Ivy Ansley.

Class VII.—Norah Lynch, singing; Corbett, wood carving; Minnie Brown, wood carving; Matilda Brown, music; Certificates for music—Minnie Brown and Laura Cussen. Certificates for painting—Corbett, Brown (3). Certificate for science—Devore. Certificates for general improvement—L. Cussen. Certificates for French—Norah Lynch, Devore, and Matilda Brown.

Class VI.—Ellen Brown, music, singing and French; Eva McDonald, French. Certificates for music—Nellie Mahoney. Certificates for needlework—Mary Ansley and Claire Sheath. Certificate for general improvement—N. Sainsbury.

Class V.—Bita Sullivan, music; Alda Ralph, music; Elsie Bray, music; Gertrude Bray, music; Winnie Cumiskey, French; Alda Ralph, French; Teresa Cullen, French. Certificate for music—Teresa Cullen.

Class 4.—Katie Mahoney, music; Janie Amodeo, music; Monica Gibbons, French; Katie Mahoney, needlework. Certificates for music: Lenore and Eva Johnston, Monica Gibbons. Certificates for French: Katie Mahoney and Eva Johnston. Certificate for general improvement: Norah Quinn.

Class 3.—Eileen Cullen, music. Certificate for music: Katie Ralph. Certificate for needlework: Eileen Cullen.

Class 2.—Certificate for music: Master Sneddon. Certificate for needlework: Miss Ida Histed.

Class 1.—Certificates for music: M. O'Brien and Lena Hunt. Certificate for needlework: G. Carlaw.

Names of those who passed Trinity College examination in theory—Intermediate honors: Cecilia Carrington, Norah Lynch, Matilda Brown, Violet Fitzpatrick, Ellen Brown, Minnie Brown. Intermediate pass: Eileen Herlihy, Maude Towers, Cecilia Carrington, Nellie Mahoney, Minnie Brown. Junior honors: Pauline Dempsey, Mary Corbett. Junior pass: Alda Ralph, Kathleen Meehan, Nellie Meehan, Rita Sullivan.

Trinity College Practical Examination—Senior honors: Norah Lynch, Ellen Brown. Senior pass: Matilda Brown. Junior honors: Janie Amodeo, Gertrude Bray. Preparatory grade: Katie Mahoney, Eileen Cullen.

Singing—Junior pass: Norah Lynch, Ellen Brown.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL.

IN consequence of the unusual pressure upon our space several reports are unavoidably held over until next issue, and several others appear in condensed form.

MESSRS. MILLS, DICK AND CO., of Dunedin, have just issued their *Otago, Southland, and South Canterbury Almanac and Directory* for 1901. As usual, this publication is up to date in every respect, and the proprietors may well claim that they live up to their motto—*Quod facimus valde facimus*. It meets the requirements of all classes in the community, and is invaluable to the business man and the farmer in those districts that it deals with.

ON December 1 the Convent school at Darfield was examined by Mr. Baldwin (headmaster of the Sydenham State School), who said in his report that the pupils passed a very satisfactory examination in the pass subjects required by the Government syllabus. He congratulated the Sisters on the result of the first examination of this school, which is composed of children from different schools in the district and who probably passed their last examination at different periods of the year.

SPEAKING in one of the Catholic churches in Wellington on Sunday Rev. Father Holly said the whole business of the prosecution of Brothers Kilian and Wybertus was a poor reward for years of devoted labor, in one case extending to 25 years. He acknowledged the impartiality and sense of responsibility shown by the juries who tried the cases. Out of all the jurors who sat in the seven cases only two, he said, were Catholics, and the counsel for the Brothers did not seek to have any.

DR. MACKIN, of Wellington (writes the London correspondent of the *Evening Star*), having just finished a long course of bacteriological work at King's College, is now going to take a couple of months' holiday with his wife. They are going to do a trip round the Mediterranean in the Assyrian Prince, and will be absent about a couple of months, during which time they will visit Tunis, Cairo, Jaffa, Jerusalem, Beyrout, and several other historic places in the Eastern Mediterranean. They will have as a fellow-passenger the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, late Rector of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, who has improved greatly in health during his sojourn on this side.

OUR Greymouth correspondent, in describing the visit of the Right Hon. the Premier and Mrs. and Miss Seddon to the West Coast, says: The Premier paid a high compliment to the generosity of the West Coasters in the matter of providing for the sick and aged poor, and showed from the books of the Greymouth Hospital some startling facts *re* amounts collected and the numbers of patients that passed—7000—through the institution during the time the old doctor (father of the present medical officer, Dr. Charles Morice) had charge.—Great excitement (adds our correspondent) prevails on the Grey River over the return of 161 ounces of gold from the Grey River dredge.

A KUMARA correspondent writes under date December 19:—A few days ago the priests of the West Coast portion of the Christchurch diocese presented Mr. and Mrs. O'Malley, late of the Bealey, but now of the Otira Gorge Hotel, with a beautiful and valuable canopied sideboard with bevelled mirrors and inlaid mottled silver pine, made specially to order and suitably inscribed. The many priests who passed over the ranges while Mr. and Mrs. O'Malley had charge of the Bealey Hotel were always sure of their being well looked after, the worthy recipients considering no trouble too great to insure their comfort. We feel sure this handsome article—which in itself is a work of art—will be treasured by Mr. and Mrs. O'Malley not on account of its intrinsic value, but more for the associations and memories it will often recall. Mrs. and Miss O'Malley will leave for Europe early next year for a twelve months' well-earned holiday, and we wish them a pleasant voyage and a safe return.

'SNIDER,' of the *Cromwell Argus* of December 18 has the following comment upon the Stoke prosecutions: The Stoke case, which was eagerly snatched up by sensation mongers, as affording materials for a fierce campaign, partly religious but mostly hysterical, has quietly fizzled out, and the accused are found 'not guilty' by a jury which did not contain a single Roman Catholic, so that its verdict could not be impugned on the ground of partiality. The cases simply show that the gentle methods that are usually efficacious with the children of decent parents and healthy home surroundings fail when used towards children of hereditary tendencies in the direction of evil. The 'Hooligans' of London are becoming a standing menace to the peace and safety of the metropolis, and the 'cat' is recommended. The boys put in industrial schools contain in their ranks embryo 'Hooligans,' upon whom severity is the only treatment likely to be successful, and supplejack the only signpost to point out the paths of rectitude from those of turpitude. As for the other charges brought, they are of a character that the debased youth gloats over, and is ever ready to manufacture against those he is not friendly with. The complete vindication of the accused does not surprise me in the least, nor should it surprise anyone at all conversant with the kind of thing that would appeal strongly to the depraved imagination and scheming capacity of a real bad boy. The result of the trials has been only what might have been anticipated.

MESSRS. WHITAKER BROS. Wellington and Greymouth, have just received a stock of that very sparkling and clever novel, *My New Curate*, by the Rev. Father Sheehan, the talented parish priest of Doneraile, County Cork. This work has received the highest praise from critics on both sides of the Atlantic, and should find a place on the bookshelf of every Catholic home.—.