

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

The annual distribution of prizes, exhibition of work, and entertainment, in connection with the Sacred Heart High School, conducted by the Religious of Notre Dame des Missions, prior to the Christmas vacation are being carried out to-day (Thursday), and presided over by his Lordship the Bishop.

The annual report is as follows.—The Boarding School has been full, and a very successful year's work has been accomplished. The Christian Doctrine classes have had the privilege of being under the direction of Rev. Father McDonnell and Rev. Father Hanrahan, who have spared no efforts in making this important part of the children's education a success, and who have very generously awarded prizes during the course of the year. This year the Gospel of St. Matthew has been made a special study. The secondary department of the high school was again examined in the early part of the year by Mr. T. H. Gill, the substance of whose report was much the same as on former occasions, with the addition of the following:—'Very satisfactory methods of instruction were in use and were applied with much earnestness and a reasonable amount of skill. A good programme of practical work in botany is being followed. The value of the concrete in the teaching of mathematics is recognised, and a suitable course of practical geometry has been drawn up. The girls were thoroughly interested in their work, and seemed most anxious not only to comply with the wishes of their teachers but even to anticipate them. The diligence and conduct of the girls were in every way commendable. Satisfactory provision is made for the physical education of the pupils.' The primary department was examined by Mr. C. Hardie, North Canterbury Board's

Inspector, in June, and his general report was as follows:—'Excellent work is being done in a number of the subjects of the curriculum, notably reading, recitation, writing, drawing, singing, history, and composition. A fine spirit of earnest effort prevails among both teachers and taught. The pupils are under good control, their manners and general behaviour being excellent. Bright, alert, and responsive, they acquit themselves well under oral examination. The primer classes are under efficient instruction. Sound methods are employed, and the little ones appear bright, happy, and interested, the prevailing atmosphere being such as to ensure good progress being made under excellent conditions.' Term competitive examinations have been held during the year, and the following prizes were gained by the high school:—Matriculation Class, Kassie Turner; Civil Service Class, Lizzie Gill; Standard VI., Susie Dromgool; Standard V., Eileen Murphy; Standard IV., Doreen Pengelly; Standard III., Claudia Slattery; Primer III., Lulu Haydon. In connection with the same examinations, certificates of honor pass were gained by Kassie Turner, Monica Page, Edith McDonald, Maria Banfield, Amy Erck, Teresa Mannion, Verda Wilson, Doreen Pengelly, and Phyllis Turner. Certificates of credit pass were gained by Kassie Turner, Julia Steinmetz, Nellie Martin, Lizzie Gill, Una Comesky, Monica Page, Mary Mills, Susie Dromgool, Mary Strouts, Vera Erck, Cissie McElroy, Mollie O'Malley, Kathleen Haydon, Joan Poff, Eileen Murphy, and V. Emerson. The following are the results of the other examinations:—Teachers' C. Examination—Two candidates were successful. Teachers' D. Examination—Five candidates were successful. Matriculation and Solicitor's Knowledge—Lucy Toner. Matriculation Examination—Katie Kerr and Ellen O'Donnell. Civil Service Examination—Kassie Turner and Amy Payne. Senior Free Places—Mary Mills and

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