

The special prizes in connection with athletics were awarded to the following, the presentations being made by Mrs. and Miss Henrys, on December 12:—

Marathon race, W. Cole (gold medal); champion shot, E. King (gold medal); best handball player, C. Parsons (gold medal); best tennis player, P. Blake (travelling bag).

Boxing.—Featherweight, Bowden (Gladstone bag); bantam, Brownlee (Gladstone bag); heavy-weight, Hodgins (gold medal).

Grand Handicap, T. Cullen (oak and silver tray).

Swimming.—Senior, P. McCarthy (gold medal); junior, E. Clark (gold medal).

ST. BEDE'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

The first distribution of prizes at St. Bede's Collegiate School took place on the afternoon of Friday, December 15. His Lordship Bishop Grimes presided. In addition to the parents and friends of the pupils the following clergy were present:—Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Rev. Fathers Schaefer, S.M., and Bartley, S.M., M.A. (St. Patrick's College, Wellington), Rev. Fathers Fanning, M.S.H., Daull, S.M.A., Hoare, S.M., Dignan, S.M., and Hanrahan.

Before his Lordship presented the prizes the Rector (Rev. Father Graham, S.M., M.A.) read a report of the first year's work. He said that on the opening day fourteen pupils were present, but during the next week the numbers increased to twenty. The school roll showed the names of 23 pupils for the first year. On account of the fewness of numbers the work of the school could not be extended much beyond the classroom, but the rector expressed a hope that during the coming year an increase in attendance would enable St. Bede's to establish what is so necessary a part of schoolboy life—games and athletic clubs. During the year the discipline and conduct of the boys had been excellent. On the scholastic side also excellent work had been done, and great improvement had been shown in all branches. The work of the year had been only of a fundamental nature, as no boys were ready yet to be presented for any of the public examinations. The Rector then urged upon parents the necessity of leaving their boys at school until their secondary course was completed. He emphasised the necessity of higher education for Catholics, seeing that the State now made it so easy for non-Catholics to obtain the benefits of higher education by the system of scholarships which had lately been introduced, and at the same time he entered a strong and vigorous protest against the injustice that is being done to Catholics, inasmuch as Catholic children are debarred from holding these scholarships because they are not allowed to take them out in Catholic colleges and high schools, and cannot conscientiously take them out in the State schools. He expressed the hope that our legislators would soon grant at least this act of justice to Catholics. Before reading out the prize-list the Rector, on behalf of Father Quinn and himself, thanked his Lordship the Bishop for many acts of kindness that they had experienced at his hands. He also expressed his thanks to the many generous contributors to the prize fund.

After distributing the prizes his Lordship Bishop Grimes addressed the boys, and urged them to be faithful to the principles taught at St. Bede's, to be loyal and true Catholics, and hence to be loyal and true citizens.

A vote of thanks to his Lordship the Bishop for presiding at the function was proposed by the Rector and carried by acclamation. As his Lordship left the hall he was accorded three hearty cheers by the boys. The parents and friends of the boys were afterwards entertained at afternoon tea by the college staff.

The following is the prize-list:—

Special Prizes.—Good conduct, L. Donohue; next in merit, S. Elliott, Leo Donohue; diligence and regular attendance, B. Kiely; next in merit, B. Beswick, C. O'Malley.

Class Subjects.—Form II.—Christian doctrine, Lawrence Donohue; next in merit, L. Gray, Leo Donohue; general excellence, S. Elliott; next in merit, Lawrence Donohue, Leo Donohue; English composition, S. Elliott; next in merit, L. Gray, A. Khouri; English, Leo Donohue; next in merit, S. Elliott, A. Khouri; history and geography, S. Elliott; next in merit, A. Khouri, Lawrence Donohue; recitation, B. Beswick; next in merit, S. Elliott, Lawrence Donohue; spelling and dictation, A. Khouri; next in merit, B. Kiely, L. Gray; reading, A. Khouri; next in merit, B. Kiely, S. Elliott; writing, C. Dunn; next in merit, B. Beswick, S. Elliott; arithmetic, A. Khouri; next in merit, S. Elliott, Leo Donohue; algebra, B. Beswick; next in merit, A. Khouri, Leo Donohue; geometry, Lawrence Donohue; next in merit, Leo Donohue, S. Elliott; French, B. Beswick; next in merit, Lawrence Donohue, Leo Donohue; bookkeeping and shorthand, S. Elliott; next in merit, Lawrence Donohue, Leo Donohue, Carl Dunn; Latin, A. Khouri; next in merit, L. Gray, B. Kiely.

Junior Form.—Christian doctrine, F. Kraetzer; next in merit, W. Sunley, C. O'Malley; general excellence, F. Kraetzer; next in merit, C. O'Malley, W. Sunley; English composition, F. Kraetzer; next in merit, C. O'Malley, W. Sunley; English, W. Sunley; next in merit, N. Dunn, F. Kraetzer; geography, F. Kraetzer, next in merit, C. O'Malley, H. Bush; recitation, W. Sunley; next in merit, N. Dunn, C. O'Malley; spelling and dictation, F. Kraetzer; next in merit, C. O'Malley, N. Dunn; reading, C. O'Malley; next in merit, W. Sunley, H. Bush; writing, H. Bush; next in merit, F. Kraetzer, C. O'Malley; arithmetic, N. Dunn; next in merit, F. Kraetzer, C. O'Malley; French, F. Kraetzer; next in merit, N. Dunn; W. Sunley; bookkeeping, C. O'Malley; next in merit, F. Kraetzer, N. Dunn; shorthand, N. Dunn.

Preparatory division.—General excellence, F. Brown; reading and recitation, F. Brown; prize for four mentions, Leo Gray.

ST. CATHERINE'S DOMINICAN COLLEGE, INVERCARGILL.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with St. Catherine's College, Invercargill, took place on December 13. The Very Rev. Dean Burke presided, and Rev. Father Kavanagh was also present. The pupils gave a short programme, consisting of songs, pianoforte solos, English and French recitations, and the 'Christmas Story,' in which the children, by a series of recitations and suitable songs, presented in an interesting manner the great Christmas mystery.

The following prizes and medals were presented to the pupils. Kindergarten.—Christian doctrine and general knowledge, E. Lynch; good conduct and politeness, E. Maher.

Grade IV.—Christian doctrine and arithmetic, A. Nisbet; spelling, music, and drill, M. Flanagan; writing and sewing, M. Dickens; reading and homework, M. Mather; tables and embroidery, M. Dickens; recitation and politeness, M. Hewitt; spelling and mental work, A. Pascoe; music and general improvement, M. Pascoe; arithmetic, D. Flanagan; drawing, nature study and reading, I. Millar.

Grade III.—Singing and writing, M. Matheson; arithmetic and spelling, I. Collins; number and word-building, — Waby; arithmetic and mat-weaving, D. Printz; reading and embroidery, N. Mulvey; spelling and mat-weaving, Joe Norton; improvement, Jack Murray; arithmetic and writing, Anthony Loughnan.

Grade II.—Word-building, G. Shirley; general improvement and neatness, P. Mannix; spelling and embroidery cards, M. Kavanagh; number, word-building, and mat-weaving, I. Printz; reading and spelling, O. Seaman; mat-weaving, Paul Dickens; counting, M. Mahoney.

Grade I.—Stick-laying and writing, G. Wills; spelling and numbers, R. Tanner; reading and embroidery, E. Tanner; word-building and number, T. Harvey; Kindergarten work, M. Haig; counting and tables, M. Flanagan; improvement, N. Burns; paper-