

chorus, 'All merry hearts are we,' singing class; solo, 'Love's old sweet song,' J. Gamble (school medallist); recitation, 'Digger's tale,' M. Burke; song, 'King's own,' junior pupils; chorus, 'Oft in the stilly night,' singing class; piano solo, L. Andrews; tableau, 'Adeste Fideles,' soloist, Miss Gamble; dialogue, 'The boarding-house lodger,' F. Corry and G. Davis; overture, 'Father Tom's march,' St. Anne's Drum and Fife Band; chorus, 'Those distant chimes,' singing class; drill, dumbbells, junior pupils; solo, 'The gift,' F. Griffin; chorus, 'Soldiers chorus' (Faust), St. Mary of the Angels' Choir; instrumental quartette, 'La Serenata,' (violins), B. O'Brien and O. Kovaleoski, (piccolo), L. Carroll, (cornet), G. Davis, (piano), J. Burke, recitation, F. Reeves; part song, 'Ring out, wild bells,' W. Brady, J. Burke, R. O'Brien, W. Kelly, P. Kelly and C. Quinnell; farce, 'The Midnight Intruder,' in which the characters were taken by F. Corry, B. Hart, L. Ryan, D. Haggerty, D. Hart, L. Andrews. The overtures by St. Anne's Drum and Fife Band, under Mr. Dean, were well played, and the choruses of the singing class in three parts, under their capable conductor and instructor, Brother Ferdinand, were excellently sung, and drew forth from the large audience well merited applause. The rendition of that difficult piece, 'Oft in the stilly night,' was splendid. The school is noted for the excellent chorus work, and last night's performance proved that the school is still keeping up, if not excelling its past standard of excellence. The recitation by Mr. Burke was well done, and the audience were not satisfied until he re-appeared and gave Bracken's well known poem, 'Not understood.' Perhaps the most enjoyable items were those of the junior pupils. These small boys were excellent, their singing and drill being all that could be desired, reflecting great credit on their instructor (Brother Frederick). Amongst the pupils are also some very good instrumentalists (Masters Andrews, O'Brien, Carroll, Davis, Burke, and Kovaleoski), whose enjoyable items were well received. Masters J. Gamble's and F. Griffin's songs were well rendered, both boys possessing very sweet voices. The tableau, 'Adeste Fideles,' was well arranged. The comic recitation of Fergus Reeves was very good, and the audience refused to allow the programme to proceed until he re-appeared. The dialogue and farce were well acted. The St. Mary's Choir, under Mr. E. J. Healy, gave an admirable interpretation of the 'Soldiers' Chorus,' and had to reappear. The accompaniments were played by Miss M. Duggan.

Owing to the lateness of the hour at the completion of the programme, the distribution of the prizes had to be postponed until next morning, when the Rev. Father Barra, S.M., presented the prizes to the boys at the school in Tasman street.

Rev. Brother Justin, headmaster, referred to the work done during the year. The new school in Tasman street proved to be eminently suitable for its purpose; in fact, competent judges well qualified to give an opinion about its merits, had pronounced it to be one of the best primary school buildings in the Dominion. The Catholics of Te Aro parish had thus every reason to be proud of their work in the cause of education. The religious education of the children had been kept well in view. In compliance with the wishes of the Bishops of New Zealand the study of the Gospels would be entered upon after the vacations. Judging from results obtained, the school was doing its share in secular instruction. On the sports field the boys had distinguished themselves perhaps more than in any previous year. The school opened in January with 170 pupils, but within a few weeks this number was increased to 220. The total number admitted during the year was 65, of whom 50 belonged to the Newtown parish. At the Government Inspector's examinations, 30 were presented in Standard VI., and of these 27 succeeded in passing, 20 of them gaining proficiency and the other seven competency certificates. One boy was successful in gaining a Junior National Scholarship, while two gained Education Board Scholarships. Recently a beginning was made with a school library. On the sports field the boys also distinguished themselves. Playing Association football, A team won the challenge

cup and a set of medals, and the B team were runners-up in their grade. In the schools competition, A team secured first place, the Thistle Cup, and a set of medals, while B team got into second place and earned another set of medals.

The prize-list is as follows:—

Special prizes.—Vocal solo (two medals presented by Mr. F. J. Oakes), J. Gamble 1, B. O'Brien 2; attendance (gold medal presented by Mr. T. O'Brien), N. Schrader; three years' full attendance (medal presented by Miss Coleman), D. McCarthy.

Standard VII.—General proficiency and dux of the school (gold medal presented by his Grace the Archbishop), F. O'Driscoll; arithmetic, R. White; Composition, C. Parrant; spelling, P. Lennon; algebra, C. Parrant; geometry, R. White; book-keeping, F. O'Driscoll.

Standard VI.—General proficiency (gold medal presented by Mr. S. Ross), W. Brady 1, R. Hickey 2, J. McCarthy 3; good conduct (medal presented by Mr. G. White), W. Brady 1, G. Davies 2; Christian doctrine (gold medal presented by Wellington Catholic Club), J. McCarthy 1, F. Bell 2; reading, J. Burke 1, W. Guerin 2; writing, J. Curry 1, K. Yates 2; composition, W. Johnson 1, K. De Muth 2; spelling, M. McHugh 1, H. Marshall 2; arithmetic, T. Callaghan 1, W. Brady 2; geography, E. O'Shea 1, W. Hutcherson 2; drawing, W. O'Sullivan 1, S. Campbell 2; history, B. Walsh 1, W. Heavey 2; home work, E. Schrader 1, D. Welsh 2; regular attendance, W. Brady, A. Doherty. Proficiency certificates—F. Bell, W. Brady, T. Callaghan, J. Curry, S. Campbell, K. De Muth, W. Guerin, W. Heavey, R. Hickey, W. Hutcherson, W. Johnson, M. McHugh, D. McCarthy, J. McCarthy, S. Murphy, H. Marshall, W. O'Sullivan, E. Schrader, B. Walsh, D. Welsh. Competency certificates—J. Burke, G. Davies, A. Doherty, E. O'Shea, J. Perry, L. Ryan, K. Yates.

Standard V.—Christian doctrine (medal presented by Mr. C. Smith), M. Burke; good conduct, F. Corry, B. Hart; dux, W. Beveridge; attendance, W. Beveridge; arithmetic, W. Beveridge, M. Robinson; English, F. Corry, J. Lodge; composition, G. Lundon; spelling, W. Fix, L. Andrews, E. Ryan; reading, L. Andrews, G. Davis; geography, N. Weybourne, M. Mahoney; mental arithmetic, J. Black; best exercise, J. Black, D. Ryan; history, B. Hart, W. Burke; singing, W. Kelly; recitation, M. Burke, N. Weybourne; map-drawing, M. Burke, W. Daniel; drawing, L. Schrader; general improvement, J. McGlinchey, P. O'Callaghan, P. Treadgold, O. Kovaleoske; writing, B. McCusker, A. McParland.

Standard IV.—General proficiency, A. Griffin (gold medal), J. Gamble, C. Finucane; good conduct, B. O'Brien, P. Kelly; Christian doctrine, A. Griffin, J. Delaney, C. Bezar; reading, T. Murray, L. Harvey; writing, R. Boyd, T. Bell, D. Murray; composition, C. Quinnell, R. Newton; spelling, A. Griffin, N. Schrader, J. Moran; arithmetic, N. Schrader, C. Finucane, J. Patton; geography, T. Hannan, M. O'Sullivan; drawing, W. Ashbridge, C. Davies; history, J. Barber, J. Columb; home work, C. Finucane, N. Schrader; attendance, N. Schrader (gold medal), A. Cudby, R. Newton.

Standard III.—Christian doctrine, John Gamble 1, W. Gamble 2; good conduct, W. Gamble; general proficiency, W. Gamble; improvement, W. Hannafin 1, S. Hoskins 2; reading, D. Hart 1; writing, D. Andrews 1, A. Kelly 2; arithmetic, D. Hart 1, B. Hyland 2; mental arithmetic, J. Pope 1; spelling, W. Gavin; composition, V. Doull; geography, B. Hyland; singing, F. Gormly 1, Griffen 2; grammar, B. Parsonage; neatness, F. J. Gamble 1, F. B. Gamble 2; drawing, B. Hyland; drill, F. Guinan; attendance, A. Bailey, J. Guinan, J. Pope, B. Parsonage, A. Green, W. Fitzgerald.

Second Class.—Good conduct, D. Boyd; catechism and good conduct, J. McAteer; general knowledge, J. Ridler, V. Schrader, E. Doull; arithmetic, T. Beckman, G. Moynihan; reading, H. Black, R. Murray; spelling, W. Fitzsimmons, B. Sloan; writing, D. Foley; neatness, J. Corby, M. Donnelly; attendance, R. Brockie,