

R. Dwyer; improvement, P. Blewman, T. O'Brien, V. Blair, L. Cookson; general work, J. Beveridge.

First Class.—Good conduct, P. McParland; general proficiency, J. Doull; arithmetic, W. Corbey, V. Peters, V. Ward; reading, J. Burke, B. Quinnell; recitation, R. Beveridge; spelling, O. Johnson, L. Dwan; writing, P. Coleman, R. Smith, J. Dennis; neatness, L. Gamble; attendance, J. Ward, R. Grant; improvement, W. Bailey, P. Creedon, J. Fitzgerald, B. Knudson, C. Galvin.

MARIST BROTHERS' SCHOOL, THORNDON.

At the annual presentation of prizes in connection with the Thorndon Marist Brothers' School on Wednesday afternoon, December 13, Brother Virgilius traced the movement from Boulcott street to Thorndon, and stated that now they were within full view of the promised land—a new school. Mr. Bakewell, the Education Board's Inspector, had visited the school last May, and in his report had expressed himself as satisfied with the work being done. In November Mr. Bakewell had examined the Sixth Standard, passing eleven out of thirteen. The religious training of the boys had been attended to by the Rev. Father Peoples, the school chaplain, and every boy in the school had made his First Communion. Physical drill had received attention through the medium of the Cadet Corps, which had met with the approval of the drill inspector. The clergy, and in particular Fathers Hickson and Peoples, were thanked for the interest they took in the schools, and a debt of gratitude was expressed to the ladies of the parish, who had placed them in a position to present prizes.

The prize-list is as follows:—

Standard VII.—L. Kelly, first in aggregate merit, arithmetic, English, and geography; T. O'Connor, second in aggregate merit and first in bookkeeping, reading, and writing.

Standard VI.—J. Callaghan, first in aggregate merit, arithmetic, English; — Hanify, second in aggregate merit and first in arithmetic; K. Smith, first in geography; V. Ross, first in reading; J. Coffy, first in spelling; H. Ferris, first in writing; F. Chapman, first in physiology; A. Johnson, first in drawing (frechand); G. Dimond, first in drawing (instrumental).

Standard V.—E. Fitzgerald, first in aggregate merit; P. Brookey, second in aggregate merit; A. McFadden, Christian doctrine; A. Costelloe, first in arithmetic and first in regular attendance; M. Kelly, first in English; R. Ferris, first in geography; T. Lavin, first in reading; M. McEligott, first in drawing; E. Gibbs, first in writing; R. Allan, second in English; A. Whitaker, second in reading.

Standards III. and IV.—J. Thomas (dux), English, arithmetic, drawing; F. Hally, Christian doctrine, English, regular attendance; J. O'Brien, English, regular attendance, and writing; T. Stenbeck, exercise work; T. Henry, exercise work; J. Hawker, exercise work and regular attendance; F. Reeves, recitation, reading, and regular attendance; P. Dennehy, writing, regular attendance; B. Kay, recitation; G. Hill, singing and arithmetic; L. Duffou, arithmetic, regular attendance; J. Scanlan, arithmetic; C. Knight, tables; D. Gibbs, tables; Theo. Sellars, reading; J. Ryan, geography; A. Hagan, geography; M. Keeney, singing; G. Swan, regular attendance.

Standards I. and II.—E. Carey, Christian doctrine, spelling, and arithmetic; C. Rowley, spelling; W. O'Gorman, writing and recitation; W. Kay, writing; J. Ryan, spelling; A. Scanlan, reading.

During the afternoon the scholars provided an acceptable concert programme, and there were lots of good things provided for them.

SACRED HEART CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own correspondent.)

His Lordship the Bishop presided on Thursday afternoon, December 14 at the annual entertainment and prize distribution in connection with the Sacred

Heart Convent High School, Lower High street, conducted by the Sister of Notre Dame des Missions. The large parish schoolroom used for the occasion was greatly crowded. Among those present were the Very Rev. Father Hills, S.M., V.G., the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., the Rev. Father Bartley, S.M., M.A. (St. Patrick's College), the clergy of the Cathedral, and St. Mary's, Manchester street. The programme, as previously published in the *Tablet*, was very artistically rendered and much enjoyed, the characterisation in some of the numbers being exceptionally good, notably that of 'Our News,' wherein the leading papers and periodicals of London were depicted.

After distributing the prizes, his Lordship the Bishop spoke at some length on the excellent rendition of the programme, and in appreciation of the Sisters' efforts and pupils' response as disclosed in the report. Going back (said his Lordship) 24 years ago, when he first addressed the then pupils and teachers of the Convent School, the key-note that most impressed him was 'Duty and Loyalty.' This was still exemplified in the strictest sense of the word in the lives and actions of the devoted Sisters, who from a sense of duty to God, to the children, and to their parents, gave themselves ungrudgingly, year after year. Loyalty on the part of the children to their teachers was to-day as essential a factor in successful studies as ever it was. Loyalty thus inculcated at school, coincident with the moulding of character and the unfolding of the intellect, would be reflected in after life in relation to parents, to the home, and to religion.

As a departure from the usual practice in connection with the exhibition of work, the result of the year's study and industry of the pupils, it was on the present occasion opened several days prior to the annual breaking-up function, so that very many more people had an opportunity of viewing the collection. In the carrying out of this excellent idea one of the large club-rooms was utilised, and the display was certainly a remarkable one. The paintings in oils and water colors covered a wide range of subjects—landscape, floral, animal, and bird life. Prominent, too, were studies in black and white, several equine subjects being of a distinctly high order of merit. Some splendid examples of illuminated work on mirrors, firescreens, and other articles of drawing-room furniture were on view, and attracted much attention. Of the many exhibitors, several deserve special mention, notably Misses Susie Dromgool, Rona Isherwood, Kate Daily, Annie Watson, and Nellie McGurk. A large section of the exhibition was devoted to a display of dressmaking, plain and fancy needlework, comprising a bewildering array of completed garments, lace and embroidery work, ribbon work, Kensington embroidery, etc. The wood-carving sections contained articles exceptionally well executed. These comprised two beautiful hand-carved escritoirs exhibited by Misses Murtroyd and Edie McDonald, and a collection of tea trays, music stools, and other articles of household furniture. Conspicuous, and very creditable too, was the display of articles from the Kindergarten department.

ST. AGNES' SCHOOL, HALSWELL.

On Monday morning, December 11, a pleasing little entertainment was given by the pupils of the Sisters of the Missions attending the above school. Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., presided, and after speaking in complimentary and appreciative terms of the result of the years' work, presented the prizes. There was a large attendance of the parents and friends of the children.

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL, WOOLSTON.

Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., presided at the break-up entertainment and distribution of prizes on Tuesday morning, December 12, in connection with St. Anne's School, Woolston, conducted by the Sisters of the Missions. There was a numerous attendance, and the programme presented was greatly enjoyed.