

mitted. The following programme was excellently rendered:—Part I.—Overture, Miss H. Woodward; chorus (3 parts), 'The dear little shamrock,' pupils; recitation, 'Barbara Frietchie,' Master A. McNamara; solo, 'The carnival,' Master R. McLaughlin; statue drill, pupils; semi-chorus, 'In the dusk of the twilight,' pupils; action song, 'Shoo-shoo car,' junior pupils; solo and chorus, 'Children's voices,' soloist, Master J. Young; recitation, 'How Jimmy minded the baby,' Master I. Bradley; chorus, 'My bonnie barque,' pupils. Part II.—Overture, Miss H. Woodward; chorus (3 parts), 'Canadian boat song,' pupils; duet, 'Believe me,' Masters J. Young and R. McLaughlin; plantation song, 'But it is so,' Master W. Harrington and troupe; dumb-bells, junior pupils; coon song, 'Four little curly-headed coons,' Masters I. Bradley, S. Harrington, F. Maine, W. Moloney; farce, 'Second Thoughts are Best,' dramatis personæ—T. Snell, T. Pollard; Robinson, J. Goodman; Crawley, A. Meyer; Purkiss, L. Archer; Scott, L. Ryan; chorus and tableau, 'God defend New Zealand.' Mr. H. Woodward acted as accompanist.

Among those present were his Lordship the Bishop (who had just returned from Timaru that evening), Very Rev. Father Hills, S.M., V.G., Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., and a number of the clergy.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the prizes were distributed by the Very Rev. Vicar-General, who warmly complimented the Brothers on their successful efforts, and congratulated the boys on the reward of their diligence, industry, and perseverance. This, said the Very Rev. Vicar-General, happened to be his first public function since his appointment to the present position, and nothing could have pleased him better, being, as he was, an old pupil of the Marist Brothers in London. His sympathies were naturally with them and he wished them and their schools continued success.

On the following morning at the school the boys assembled in full force to receive the remainder of the prizes left over from the distribution at the Choral Hall on the previous evening. Among those present were his Lordship Bishop Grimes, who gave out the prizes, the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., the local and some visiting Brothers. After the boys had received their varied prizes his Lordship addressed them. He said that although he had been over fatigued from recent labors he made up his mind to be present at their excellent display of the previous evening. He always took great pleasure in hearing of their successes, and he looked forward to greater excellence from them in the future. He also complimented the Brothers on the high quality of their work, and the self-sacrificing spirit which led them to do so much, not for their worldly gain, but for the greater glory of God. Finally, after ringing cheers for his Lordship, for Father Price and the Brothers, the boys departed.

The prize list is as follows:—

Christian Doctrine.—Gold medal presented by Bishop Grimes, and Clifford shield.—Joseph Dowd. Hibernian Society's gold medal for dux of school, Linus Ryan; Catholic Club's gold medal for Standard VI., Mortimer Reddington.

Standard VII.—French, arithmetic, and algebra, J. Dowd; Christian doctrine, L. Ryan; English, geometry, and physiology, L. Ryan. Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association's gold medal for champion athlete, J. Dowd.

Standard VI.—Second aggregate, Roy Dobbs; third aggregate, F. Madden; arithmetic, R. Dobbs, W. Garty; English, M. Reddington; reading, M. Reddington; writing, R. Dobbs; proficiency, M. Cronin, A. Meyer, C. Mills, W. Pope; spelling, A. Gregory, L. Archer; elocution, J. Goodman; diligence, E. Bowler.

Standard V.—Aggregate, O. McAloon, E. McLaren, E. Rodgers; Christian doctrine, O. McAloon; arithmetic, D. McAloon, J. McCormick, D. Nelson; spelling, F. Bennett, F. Jenyns, F. Foster, J. McGrath; comprehension, W. Harrington, J. Flood, K. Bradley; essay, B. Flood, J. Sheehan; drawing, R. Murfitt; writing, B. McCormack, E. McLaren, C. Pope; reading, R. Coates, P. Bennet, E. Jones, L. Quenan; mental, A. Higgins, L. Murphy.

Standard IV.—Proficiency, F. O'Brien, T. Pollard, B. Grant; Christian doctrine, J. Young; arithmetic, F. Khouri, T. Stevenson; spelling, J. Bradley, M. Nolan, F. O'Connor, W. Maloney, W. Woods, A. Connery, J. Matthews, J. Stanaway, A. Barker; comprehension, S. Crooke and D. Burns; essay, J. Hurley, J. Ellis; drawing, J. Scarfe, J. Gibbs, J. Main; writing, S. Harrington, F. Heslip; singing, R. McLoughlin.

Standard III.—Christian doctrine, F. Maine; aggregate, S. Biltcliff, F. Maine, A. McNamara; arithmetic, J. Gibson, P. Golding, L. Gibbs, J. Kiely, M. Nelson, C. Price, J. Smith; spelling, M. Handisides, P. Bowden; reading, C. Murfitt, C. Sutherland, K. Jones, H. Tucker, P. McCarthy, R. Cubson, J. Daragh; essay, L. Payne, V. Flood, E. Donohue; writing, H. Batchelor, R. Bennett; diligence, P. Gregory, F. Holmes, G. Elvy.

Standard II.—Aggregate, H. Batchelor, L. Neilson, L. Sweeney; arithmetic, E. Sloan, J. Goodman, D. McLaren, M. Stanly; spelling, V. Kingdon, E. Barrett, J. O'Connor, B. McDonagh, J. Drumm, C. Ashton, C. Blogg, W. Ward, L. McMullen; reading, R. Wilson, W. Sutherland; essay, F. Archer, C. Dudderidge; recitation, F. Banfield, O. Brittenden, B. Rundle, J. McCarthy, H. Moulin; drawing, H. Dacombe; writing, F. Greenless, L. Lafferty.

Standard I.—Christian doctrine, H. Foster; good conduct, G. Dunn; reading, C. Dobbs; arithmetic, C. McInley, H. Shirley; spelling, F. Leonard, A. Powrie; drawing, W. Reddington, C. Garty; poetry, R. McKay. The following received prizes for diligence—W. O'Brien, S. Flood, V. Smith, M. Main, C. Handisides, J. Bowden, J. Ellis, P. Clarkson, E. Morrissey, L. Harrington, J. O'Donnell, M. Morrissey.

Class P.—Catechism, E. Stanley; good conduct, H. Banfield; reading, W. Holland; arithmetic, F. Pender; drawing, W. McArley; spelling, E. Egan. The following received prizes for diligence—J. Bennett, F. Heslip, N. Donaldson, E. Dickson, A. Stanley, W. Nelson, S. Ashton, P. Evans, and T. Donaldson.

The annual report, read by Brother Calixtus (director), expressed the pleasure it gave to be able to chronicle one of the most successful years in the history of the school. The school roll is 210, and the attendance throughout was very good, particularly so in the high classes. The religious welfare of the boys has been carefully looked after by the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, whilst daily religious instruction has been given in the school by the Brothers. The inspector's report was very satisfactory. In Standard VI., of eleven pupils presented nine gained proficiency and one competency certificates. In the athletic field the boys were successful in winning the junior football banner, not losing a game. Our best thanks are due to Mr. W. Garton, secretary of the N.C.P.S.A.A.A., for his unfailing kindness and courtesy towards us during the season. The spirit reigning among the boys is admirable, and there is not one of the staff who is not proud to be working amongst them. He would urge parents to continue sending their children regularly to school, and the Brothers promise to see that they will be all right. He would also urge parents not to take their children away until they have passed the Sixth Standard with proficiency, this being most important, a Sixth Standard certificate being now almost indispensable.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, PONSONBY, AUCKLAND.

On Tuesday, December 12, the annual distribution of prizes took place at St. Mary's Convent High School, Ponsonby. Long before 8 p.m. a large gathering of parents and friends of the pupils assembled in the schoolroom. At 8 p.m. his Lordship Bishop Cleary arrived, accompanied by Rev. Fathers Mahoney, Tormey, Doyle, O'Farrell, O'Doherty, and O'Malley. A varied and interesting programme was submitted including vocal and instrumental items, recitations, and an address to his Lordship the Bishop. The performers acquitted themselves very creditably. Special mention