

Elliott; shorthand, I. Oldridge; bookkeeping, I. Oldridge; model drawing, E. Speed; freehand drawing, V. Bartlett.

Class II.—English literature, G. Elliott; arithmetic, K. Burke; reading, E. Oldridge; drawing, D. Lynch; French, C. Lusted.

Class III.—Highest marks, T. Stockwell; arithmetic, E. Grant; geography, E. Grant; composition and spelling, T. Stockwell; arithmetic (second division), E. Lewis; reading and recitation, M. Hoben.

Preparatory School.

Good conduct, B. Devine.

Class I.—Arithmetic, M. O'Brien; reading and recitation, M. Townsend; class singing, V. Cimino; spelling (Mr. Park), J. Devine; drawing, J. Devine.

Class II.—Arithmetic, A. Lusted; reading and recitation, R. Hoben; writing, G. Ingram; spelling, B. Devine.

Class III.—Reading, P. Leslie; writing, E. Clark; drill, R. McKewen.

Following the presentation of prizes, his Grace Archbishop Redwood briefly addressed the children. Eulogistic reference was made to the undoubted ability displayed, which reflected so much credit on their teachers. Particularly did this apply to the musical items, which were of a very high order of merit. But what impressed him more than anything was the excellence of the enunciation shown throughout. This was one of the most important branches of teaching, and one that they had been striving for in all their schools. He was pleased to see that so much progress had been made. The articulation in the songs was particularly clear, and every word could be heard distinctly. This was a great thing, for if the words of a song were not clearly articulated, much of its beauty was lost, particularly to those who were not familiar with it. He praised the splendid work that was being done by the Sisters, to whom great praise was due for the splendid results achieved.

Rev. Father Costello, on behalf of the Sisters, thanked those present for their attendance, more especially in view of the inclement state of the weather. To Archbishop Redwood thanks were due for having consented to attend, and to perform the opening ceremony at such a busy time. While on the subject he would like to extend a cordial welcome to the Rev. Mother Bernard, who was present from Wellington. Allusion was made to the splendid work that was being done by the Sisters. They were beloved, not only by the Catholic pupils, but by the non-Catholic pupils who attended the school, and it was with a feeling of great pleasure that he saw the manner in which all worked so harmoniously together.

Afternoon tea was then dispensed, and concluded a very pleasant afternoon.

In addition to the good work that is being done by the Sisters, particular mention should be made of the work done by Mr. Pascal, who teaches French, and Miss Croucher, who teaches German and the violin.

ST. BRIDE'S CONVENT, MASTERTON.

A large audience greeted the production of the dramatised version of *Guy Mannering*, by the pupils of St. Bride's Convent, at the Town Hall, on Thursday, December 10. When the Rev. Mother Superior essayed to place this drama before the public, it was thought that she might have taken in hand something rather beyond the pupils, but the way in which all the parts were carried out quickly dispelled all doubts, and the Sisters and pupils are to be congratulated on the excellence of the entertainment. In the acting, pride of place undoubtedly went to Miss Holloway, who took the part of an old gipsy woman, 'Meg Merrilees,' her delineation of the character being most realistic. Miss J. Milne as 'Dominie Sampson,' Miss Hanify as 'Dandie Dinmont,' Miss Coralie Smythson as 'Lucy Bertram,' Miss Colina McKenzie as 'Colonel Mannering,' and Miss Collerton as 'Mrs. McCandish,' also deserve special mention for the manner in which their roles were portrayed. The cast of other characters was as follows:—'Henry Bertram,' Miss O'Connell; 'Dirk

Hatteraick,' Miss L. McComisky; 'Baillie Muckeithrift,' Miss Catherine McKenzie; 'Gilbert Glossin,' Miss Molly Bunney, Grizzy, Gabriel, Sebastian, and Franco (gipsies), Misses Eileen Bunney, Kitty Hodgins, Muriel Welch, and Galvin; Jock Jabos, Miss Aileen Dennis; Sergeant McCraw, Master J. O'Dowd; Julia Mannering, Miss Nelson; Flora, Miss Symes; gipsies, Misses Dinnis and Reta Page; gipsies, soldiers, smugglers, peasants, Misses Bunney, Hodgins, Page (2), McComisky, Welch, McKenzie, etc., Masters O'Connell, Hodgins (2), Hanley, O'Donnell (2), O'Dowd, Mathieson, Welch, and McEwen. Considerable assistance was rendered in the choruses by Miss Connie McLachlan, Miss Ogilvy, and Messrs. J. J. Kellher, and E. Flavin. The convent orchestra (Misses Hanify, Holloway, Page, Smythson, Holmes, McKenna, and Master De Castro), rendered a number of selections during the intervals, and Miss Hanify, L.T.C.L., L.A.B., played 'Pester Carneval' (Liszt) in capital style.

At the close of the entertainment the Mayoress (Mrs. J. M. Coradine) presented the prizes won during the year by the pupils.

Very Rev. Dean McKenna, on behalf of the Mother Superior, thanked all who assisted in the performance, and also the public who extended their patronage.

The following is the prize-list:—

Junior Class.—M. Cooper, writing; R. Richards, Christian doctrine and arithmetic; T. Taylor, spelling and needlework; M. Eastwood, arithmetic; I. Michell, reading and poetry; K. Bunney, drawing; K. O'Leary, arithmetic; D. Duggan, history and Christian doctrine.

Intermediate Class.—R. Page, intermediate honors T.C.L., junior theory, and arithmetic; D. Page, arithmetic, junior theory, and intermediate practical, T.C.L.

Senior Class.—M. Galvin, geography, needlework, and neatness; M. Bunney, English and drawing; R. Dennis, arithmetic, junior French, and junior practical, T.C.L.; K. Hodgins, history and intermediate practical, T.C.L.

Civil Service Class.—K. Nelson, senior practical, T.C.L., advanced theory, T.C.L., English, and mathematics; W. Symes, physiology and higher intermediate theory, T.C.L.; L. McComisky, arithmetic; P. Hanify, senior violin, T.C.L., and higher local theory, T.C.L.

Music.—D. de Castro, preparatory violin, T.C.L.; H. de Castro, junior practical, T.C.L.; M. Eton, junior practical, T.C.L.; A. Golder, junior practical, T.C.L.; G. Moorhouse, junior practical, T.C.L.; K. Redmond, junior singing, T.C.L., and intermediate honors practical, T.C.L.; J. Milne, senior honors practical, T.C.L.; E. O'Connell, senior practical, T.C.L.; E. Holmes, senior practical, T.C.L.; M. Fowle, intermediate practical pass, T.C.L.; C. Cooper, higher local practical, T.C.L.; B. Grey, higher local practical, T.C.L.; O. Isakson, higher local practical, T.C.L., and lower intermediate theory, T.C.L.; A. Fuller, certificated pianist, T.C.L.

Special Prizes.—C. Smythson, mathematics and French; J. Milne, shorthand; N. Collerton, shorthand and typewriting; P. Hanify, L.T.C.L. and L.A.B., gold bracelet; N. Collerton, first prize Christian doctrine, gold medal; E. Bunney, second prize Christian doctrine, silver medal; good conduct, N. Collerton and M. Galvin tied for the gold medal, which was eventually won by N. Collerton.

There are 102 primary schools in the archdiocese of Melbourne, attended by 23,049 pupils. The teachers number 479—279 religious, 153 secular, and 47 visiting. Statistics with regard to colleges and high schools show that there are 38 of these—2 for training teachers, 8 for boys, and 28 for girls. The students at the colleges and high schools total 4009.

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