

Sacred Heart Select School, Wanganui

For many years past the Convent concert (says the *Wanganui Chronicle* of December 18) has been regarded as one of the principal entertainment events of the Christmas season. This reputation has been well-earned, for the entertainments given by the Convent pupils have invariably been of a most artistic and enjoyable nature: that given on Friday evening was no exception to the rule. As in previous years, the Opera House was packed to overflowing, many having to be content with standing room. The programme was a particularly fine one, the only fault being that too many good things were given to the audience, thus prolonging the concert till about 11 o'clock. The Sisters of the Convent must have been proud of the manner in which their pupils acquitted themselves, especially in the intricate and charming dance evolutions, the delightful operetta and the cantata. We would like to refer in detail to each item, but space will not permit. At the conclusion of the programme, Father Holley, in a brief but happy speech, thanked the audience for their attendance. He then introduced the Mayoress, who distributed the chief prizes, according to the list published below. Owing to the lateness of the hour, it was decided to present the remaining prizes at the respective schools. We have to congratulate the Sisters upon the excellent result of their year's work, and hope that, in their new home, they will have even more success. The following was the programme:—Part 1—Overture; pianoforte solo, 'Polonaise in A' (Chopin), Miss M. Mullins; chorus, 'Sisters, 'tis the wild bird's song,' pupils St. Joseph's School; cantata, 'The Flower Queen, or Coronation of the Rose,' senior girls; pianoforte duet (2 pianos—4 hands), 'Pas des cymbales' (Chamin-

ade), Misses W. Neylon and E. Tompsitt; violin solo, Miss E. Connor; Hungarian dance, junior girls. Part 2—Operetta, 'Laila, the Children's Queen,' junior pupils; pianoforte solo (2 pianos), 'Rustle of spring' (Sinding), Misses C. Hooper and D. Roache; songs—(a) 'The wren' (Liza Lehmann), (b) selected, Miss E. McGuire; military dance, 'Preparatories'; songs—(a) aria, 'Jerusalem' (St. Paul), (b) aria, 'Porgi amor' (Mozart), Miss F. F. Brown, T.C.L.; Austrian Court dance, senior girls; pianoforte quartet (2 pianos—8 hands), 'Valse brillante' (Moskowski), Misses W. Neylon, E. Tompsitt, E. Sullivan, and R. Curran. The orchestra was under Miss Violet Price.

The following was the prize list:—

Amiability crown (chosen by vote of companions), J. Whyte. Christian doctrine (gold medal, gift of Rev. Father Holley, S.M.), T. Herlihy 1, E. O'Brien and S. Power 2, M. Ahern 3. Good conduct (gold medal, gift of Very Rev. Dean Regnault), T. Herlihy. Dux (gold medal gift of Mr. Gaffaney), M. Smith. Proxime accessit to dux, E. O'Brien. General excellence (boarders), T. Herlihy; (day girls), E. O'Leary. Calisthenics (first prize gold medal, gift of Mrs. Gelatly), N. Rains; second prize (gift of Rev. Father O'Sullivan), M. McCarthy. Civil Service (gold medal, gift of Mr. Greenwood), E. Tompsitt. Prize essay (gifts of Very Rev. Dean Regnault), M. Smith 1, T. Herlihy 2. Languages (gifts of Mother Lawrence, Melbourne), M. Smith (senior division); E. O'Leary (junior division).

Instrumental music (higher examinations).—Singing, A.T.C.L. (gold medal, gift of Rev. Father Moloney), W. Neylon, T.C.L., (gold medal, gift of Cosmopolitan Club), F. Franklin-Brown; higher local, E. Tompsitt; senior grade, T.C. (gold medal, gift of Mrs. Pawson), D. Roache; intermediate grade (honors), E.

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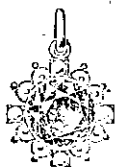


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