

Standard V.—Peter Shea (general excellence, dictation); George Clarkson (English, essay, and reading); Peter Loughnan (history); Desmond O'Brien (arithmetic); Harold Armstrong (writing).

Standard IV.—Hugh Kennedy (essay, dictation and writing).

Standard III.—Spellman Treston.

The following received mentions:—

Form V.—John Connolly (Latin, French); Henry Robinson (essay); James Tansey (history, geography, geometry); Stan. Murphy (arithmetic); Stephen Barrett (algebra); Vincent Meates (geometry); Ronald O'Gorman (geometry).

Form IV.—Francis McLaughlin (Christian doctrine, Latin); Iwi Te Aika (essay); Desmond O'Regan (essay); Thomas Tymons (arithmetic).

Form IIIA.—Ronald Johnson (history, geography); Kevin McMenamin (Christian doc-

trine, history); Cecil Lawson (Christian doctrine, geometry); Arthur Cotter (English); William Quirk (history).

Form IIIB.—Maurice O'Reilly (Latin); Percy Adamson (essay); James Baxter (arithmetic, geometry); John O'Malley (arithmetic).

Music (special prizes donated by Misses Ward and Mrs. Cherry)—Senior piano, Cornelius Shiel and Alphonsus Feeney; junior piano, Harry Mitchell; violin, Eric Larsen.

Book-keeping (special prizes donated by Mrs. P. Harle)—Senior: Boyd Catherwood; mention, Harrington; junior: Patrick Murphy; mention, James Ainger.

Wool-classing—Senior, Boyd Catherwood (certificate); junior, Gerard McQuilkin.

Special diligence prizes (for boys who did not secure form prizes), donated by Mr. R. Hayward—Alan Kennedy, Frank McLaughlin, Tofe Anisy.

## St. Bride's Convent, Masterton

### ANNUAL BALL.

In the year 1899 the first of the annual series of concerts given by the pupils of the convent was held in St. Patrick's School, which was then about one-third of its present size. Ever since it has been the custom to close the academic year by a concert. This year, however, St. Bride's is beginning a new cycle in its existence, and to mark that event held its first ball. The evening of December 9 had come. Who can describe the anxious thoughts concerning it that filled the minds of those interested in the great event which it was to witness?

The evening was ideal, the large assemblage most select and orderly—from the beginning success was assured.

Visitors from Martinborough, Featherston, Dalefield, Carterton, and Pahiataua honored the function by their presence. The study hall was most artistically decorated in white and blue (the convent colors), caught up with pink roses. Blue and white bells, kept in place by streamers, marked three divisions in the room. New Zealand's flag, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Drummond, had the place of honor, and near it were the green, white and yellow of the Isle of Shamrocks.

The supper room, which accommodated 60 guests at a sitting, looked its best, decked out in pink flowers and asparagus. The lounge and card rooms, arranged to receive lovers of "a quiet time," were left almost severely alone, the attractions of the ball-room holding the huge crowd entranced. Punctually at 7.45 Mr. McKenzie's orchestra appeared, and preparations were made by the capable and genial M.C., Mr. Bradbury, to get the "Grand March" going. This was a most beautiful sight. Over one hundred children took part, and went through the evolutions in a most dignified manner, the deportment of some eliciting most complimentary remarks from the audience. By special request the march was gone through four times before supper, which was served at 10 o'clock. It would be impossible to describe the beautiful dresses, fancy and plain, which were worn. The task of deciding the

prize winners was a very difficult one for Mesdames W. H. Jackson and Bunny (fancy dresses), Eastwood and Michell (neatest plain dress). Miss Erma Renall, Te Whiti, as autumn, and Miss Standen, Dalefield, neatest plain dress (both boarders at the convent) were finally selected, and conducted to Monsignor McKenna, who presented each with a valuable prize.

Dancing was now resumed and continued till midnight, when the very happy and select crowd reluctantly dispersed.

Mr. McKenzie's orchestra gave entire satisfaction and considerably helped to make the success of the evening. Special thanks are due to the ladies who sent contributions to the excellent supper, and who waited on the guests, also to Messrs. J. Bradbury, A. E. O'Leary, M. G. McArley, A. L. Curry, and B. Curry, for their invaluable assistance during the evening.

It is hoped to make the ball an annual one.

### Display of Plain and Art Needlework.

The ladies who witnessed this display at the convent on the evening of the 9th inst. were loud in their admiration of the various pieces and the beautiful way in which the work was executed and arranged. From children's socks to men's shirts and ladies' frocks and knitted jumpers, every article of attire was exhibited. Supper cloths, tray cloths, runners, table centres, d'oyleys, cosy covers, magnificent cushions in the latest designs and worked in beautifully blended colors, were displayed. To these were added cushions and table covers in stencilling, the whole making up one of the most beautiful and artistic collections exhibited at the convent for the past 26 years.

### Annual Report.

The year which is about to close has been a most successful one for St. Bride's Convent. School duties were resumed on February 11 instead of the 2nd, which is the

usual date, the extra days having been given in honor of the silver jubilee of the establishment of the convent by Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna, on December 16, 1893. The first break in the work of the school was for St. Patrick's Day picnic, which was held on the Solway Showgrounds on March 17. This outing has always been most popular, and one to which the pupils look forward with great interest. The usual ten days' holiday at Easter was not given this year—a month's leave was allowed at midwinter instead. This is to be the arrangement in future. The schools were visited by the Government Inspectors, Messrs. Bird (senior inspector), Cowles, and McKenzie. Most gratifying reports followed their examination. Again, in the early part of December Mr. Bird conducted the examination for proficiency in which our pupils were very successful. In music, practical and theoretical, 44 pupils passed in all grades, from first steps to teachers' diploma, including seven honors. The commercial department had 43 successes, including five diploma passes. Ena O'Connor brought great glory to her *Alma Mater* by taking off the prize from all the Wairarapa schools for her essay on "The League of Nations." In sports our secondary basketball champion team succumbed to unexpected circumstances and were beaten in the return match by the Wairarapa High School. Our juniors, sturdy little players, went right through the fixtures without a hitch, and carried the championship once more to the old school. To the parents and supporters of our school we tender our heartfelt thanks and good wishes, as well as the assurance of a continuation of our best efforts for the advancement of the children.

School duties will be resumed on Monday, February 2, 1925.

### Successes in Classroom.

Public examination passes, January, 1924.—Matriculation passes: Maureen Mahoney, Jean Arcus; Civil Service pass: Ena O'Connor; Intermediate passes: Frances McDonald, Frances Kerins.

Secondary Classes: Third Term Results.

Matriculation Class.—English literature and composition, mathematics, French, natural science, history and geography: Ena O'Connor 1.

Intermediate Class.—Arithmetic, English literature and composition, French, history, geography, hygiene, and physiology: Molly Nee 1, Kathleen Thomson 2.

Lower Intermediate.—Best examination: Isla McKenzie 1, Molly Fitzsimmons 2, Molly McGinnity 3.

Arithmetic: Isla McKenzie 1, Erma Renall and Molly Fitzsimmons 2.

English literature and composition.—Molly McGinnity 1, Isla McKenzie 2.

Hygiene and Physiology.—Isla McKenzie 1, Molly McGinnity 2.

Geography.—Molly McGinnity 1, Isla McKenzie 2.

History.—Molly Fitzsimmons 1, Isla McKenzie 2.

French.—Katie Collins 1, Isla McKenzie 2.

Matriculation passes (1924).—Maureen Mahoney, Jean Arcus.

Public Service Entrance.—Ena O'Connor.

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