

# Town and Country News

## BLenheim NOTES

(From our own Correspondent.)

December 29.

Masters J. Keating, L. O'Leary, and R. Reid, students of St. Clement's Redemptorist College, Galong, N.S.W., are spending their Christmas vacation with their parents in Blenheim. Another Marlborough boy, Master J. Buist, who is studying for the priesthood at the Redemptorist College, remained in Australia holidaying with friends.

## ADDINGTON NOTES

(From our own Correspondent.)

December 27.

On Sunday, December 21, his Lordship the Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 66 candidates. The Bishop examined the children in all the important questions relating to the Sacrament, and complimented them, also the Sisters who had trained and prepared them in such an excellent way. Confirmation was followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A very large congregation attended.

## WANGANUI NOTES

(From our own Correspondent.)

December 31.

One of the most delightful entertainments of the season was given in the Opera House on December 10 by the pupils of the Sacred Heart Convent. There was a very large attendance and the performers, who displayed exceptional talent, received a most liberal share of well-deserved applause. The rendering of the instrumental and vocal items was a treat to listen to and demonstrated clearly the careful training the pupils receive from the Sisters. A big feature of the concert was the elaborate costuming, which was done with an eye for massed effect. At the conclusion of the concert the special medals won during the year were presented by the Mayoress, Mrs Hope Gibbons. The Rev. Father Mahony, on behalf of the Sisters, returned thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress, and all who had assisted with the concert.

A pretty ceremony took place at St. Joseph's Church, Aramoho, on a recent Sunday, when twenty-two tiny tots received their First Holy Communion. The Act of Consecration to Our Lady was read by Mollie Henderson and that to St. Joseph by Bernard Locke. Both altars were fittingly decorated for the occasion. After Mass the children adjourned to the school, where a dainty repast awaited them. The room reminded one of the festive season, as a large Christmas tree occupied the place of honor upon the table. Gaily colored streamers depended from the ceiling, and ferns and greenery were much in evidence. The pretty altar of Our Lady at one end of the room was also resplendent with lights and flowers. After breakfast each child received a present from the Christmas tree. No doubt this happy day will be remembered by the little ones for many years to come.

Rev. Father Outtrim, who was transferred to St. Bede's College a few months' ago, re-

turned on a short visit to Wanganui recently. The occasion was not allowed to pass unnoticed by the Aramoho parishioners, for they, together with the local clergy, gathered in large numbers at the Aramoho Convent on Thursday evening, December 18, to make a presentation to him, as a mark of appreciation for the good work he had done in that part of the parish. Prior to making the presentation, Mr. M. J. Dowling, on behalf of the Aramoho parishioners, referred in eulogistic terms to the good work done by Father Outtrim in Wanganui, but especially in the Aramoho portion of the parish. Mr. Dowling then presented Father Outtrim with a wallet of notes, the recipient suitably responding.

The Christmas observances at St. Mary's Church, commenced with Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. The sanctuary of the church was beautifully decorated, the work having been done by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Beautiful wreaths of evergreens were wound in graceful spirals around the pillars, whilst the High Altar was a blaze of light, being illuminated by numerous candles. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Mahony. St. Mary's Choir, under the baton of Mrs. T. Lloyd, with Miss N. Dowling as organist, rendered the music which consisted principally of "Farmer's Mass in B flat," Novello's "Adeste Fideles," was sung at the Offertory. The members of the choir acquitted themselves well, and the rendition of the music was impressive and devotional. Rev. Father Mahony preached, and concluded by wishing the large congregation a holy and a happy Christmas. A second Mass was celebrated at 7.30 and a third at 10.30. In the evening the usual devotions were held.

## INGLEWOOD NOTES

(From our own Correspondent.)

December 30.

Although the weather in this locality has been unusually rough for the time of the year, with two heavy falls of snow on the mountains the week before Christmas, we were consoled by the fact that Christmas Eve and the morning of the great festival were fine. Hence there was a crowded congregation for Midnight Mass, and practically every one present approached the Holy Table.

A successful scholastic year was recorded at the local convent. While the examination this month of the pupils generally was favorable, two obtained their proficiency certificates and five competency. During the same week the examination in connection with the Trinity College of Music, London, was held, when all the pupils presented passed, in the following grades:—Licentiate diploma: Miss N. Wilson; senior (singing): Miss M. Leech, 83 (honors); pianoforte: R. M. Lamer, 76; R. Gudgeon, 70. Intermediate: (pianoforte and 'cello): M. Leech, 77; (pianoforte): E. M. Allen, 74; D. Manby, 72. Preparatory (pianoforte): E. Haselden, 84 (honors); M. Dombroski, 82 (honors); B. Dobson, 73; E. Taylor, 73; D. Olson, 68. First steps: R. Kerick, 80; J. Dobson, 74.

The Sisters are to be commended on their year's achievements, especially in view of the fine work they have also carried out in connection with the bazaar and other parish undertakings.

All are pleased know that the health of our worthy pastor, Father Forrestal, is improving after a severe attack of influenza.

## St. Thomas's Academy, Oamaru

### DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The following is the prize list:—

First Class prize, A. Richardson; arithmetic, D. Fletcher; number, D. Bourke; reading, P. Taylor; writing, K. Nolan; progress in studies, D. Doyle; number and spelling, C. Cartwright; reading and writing, P. Murdoch; reading, L. Dunn; number, K. Fletcher; general progress, T. O'Connor; number and reading, W. Maynard; phonics, C. Clarke; handwork, T. Clarke.

Standard I.—First Class prize (silver medal), A. Murdoch; reading and recitation, T. Roach; arithmetic, J. Hudson; progress, R. McLean.

Standard II.—First Class prize (silver medal), J. Ward; second in merit, J. Richardson; spelling, T. Shaw; reading and recitation, P. Dunn; arithmetic, M. Mowat; writing and drawing, D. Kelleher; catechism and music, T. Bourke; progress, R. Taylor.

Standard III.—First Class prize (silver medal), J. Armstrong; second in merit, J. Cull; arithmetic, history, improvement in writing, N. McCarthy; composition and grammar, T. Roach; spelling, J. Venning; catechism, P. McCarthy; drawing and handwork, J. Dunn; general progress, D. Nolan.

Standard IV.—First Class prize (silver medal), D. Kelly; second in merit, A. Hill; reading and spelling, S. Shaw; arithmetic, B. McLaughlin; diligence, L. Archer; progress in studies, L. Nathan; spelling and history, T. McKinnon; drawing, J. Kean.

Standard V.—First Class Prize (silver medal), L. Mangos; second in merit, G. Thomas; spelling and drawing, A. Prendergast; improvement in class subjects, J. Charles; Bible history, F. McCormack; improvement in arithmetic, J. Hodgson; progress, J. McLean.

### —Special Prizes.—

Music prizes.—Piano, first steps (silver medal), J. Dunn, P. McCarthy; violin, first steps (silver medal), T. Roach, P. Dunn; piano, preparatory division (silver medal), A. Hill; violin, preparatory division, D. Kelly; theory of music (preparatory division), 100 marks, A. McKinnon and R. Cuddon-Large; class singing (silver medal), L. Mangos.

### —Christian Doctrine Prizes.—

Junior division (silver medal), W. Hillary, T. Bourke; senior division (first prize gold medal awarded by Mrs O'Farrell, Hinds), R. Cuddon-Large; second prize (silver medal), G. Thomas; Bible history, F. McCormack, J. Armstrong; sports championship (medal), A. McKinnon; most faithful altar boy, R. Cuddon-Large; good conduct and politeness (gold medal donated by Mrs J. J. Bourke, of Wellington), H. Loughnan; good conduct and general excellence, R. Cuddon-Large.

Dux of School (gold medal donated by Mr P. J. McCarthy, of Hawea Flat), R. Cuddon-Large.

Theory of Music certificates.—Preparatory division, A. McKinnon, R. Cuddon-Large, S. Shaw, T. Roach, L. Nathan, L. Mangos, B. McLaughlin, J. Kean, D. Kelly, A. Hill, P. Dunn, J. Dunn, J. Charles.

Proficiency certificates.—R. Cuddon-Large, A. McKinnon, T. Fitzsimmons.

The Dominican Nuns desired to thank all those who so generously donated prizes.

**Alf. Driscoll**

HAIRDRESSER AND TOBACCONIST

DEPT—Sports materials for all summer games. Nice assortment of Birthday Gifts: Pipes, Pouches, Cigar and Cigarette Holders and Cases, etc., etc.

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