

# Our Colleges and Schools

## St. Philomena's College, South Dunedin

### CLOSE OF THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR.

Studies at St. Philomena's College were brought to a close on Tuesday, December 16, by a distribution of prizes which was held in St. Patrick's School Hall in the presence of his Lordship the Bishop, Right Rev. Dr. Whyte, Rev. J. P. Delany, Rev. E. H. Rooney, Rev. T. Hally and a large gathering of parents and friends. Prior to the chief interest of the morning a short entertainment was given, the principal items being tuneful choruses sung with nice expression and a tastefully played instrumental trio. The following report was read by Rev. Father Delany:—

"The now completed scholastic year 1924 has been particularly successful. The good results at examinations testify to the diligence with which the students applied themselves to the various branches of study. The sustained interest in all that concerns their advancement was a source of gratification to the Sisters. The conduct of the pupils, their attention to Christian doctrine, and the faithful practice of their religious duties have been all that could be desired. In the Teachers' D Certificate Examinations held in August, four candidates were successful, while three candidates passed the Intermediate Examination. In the Irish History Competitions, the examiners' comments were to the effect that the papers sent in by St. Philomena's pupils were excellent, their high standard being well maintained. Monica Delany secured the first book prize in the senior grade, and Sheila Campbell the much-coveted gold medal in the junior. Leonore Mee and Dorothy MacDowall obtained fifth and seventh places respectively. Having accepted the tuition offered by Mr. O'Sullivan, Shiela Campbell is now pursuing the study of Irish; she is helped by her class teacher, and already gives promise of becoming no mean Gaelic scholar. In the commercial department efficient work was done by the pupils. A number of candidates were presented for the examinations in typewriting, shorthand, and book-keeping held in connection with the National Business College, Sydney, and all gained a very high percentage of marks. Steady progress has been made in home science, and needlework has received due attention. The primary department was visited in June by three of the Otago Education Board's Inspectors, whose report was highly satisfactory. The pupils presented at the end of the year for the proficiency examination gained their certificates. The results of the Trinity College Practical Examinations held at the convent by Dr. Warriner show that the college has maintained its usual high standard of excellence in music; several candidates secured honors. One pupil completed her Associate, another gained her practical certificate. In the other grades 39 were successful, 22 being pianofortists and 17 elocution candidates. In the theoretical examinations held in June 40 were

successful, many of the names being on the honors list.

"The spacious recreation grounds that were laid out in the course of the year afforded increased facility for out-door games. Since the opening of the tennis season the girls have displayed great enthusiasm in this branch of physical exercise."

His Lordship the Bishop handed the prizes to the pupils, the list being as follows:—  
Matriculation and Public Service Division.

Senior Christian doctrine (gold cross, presented by Rev. J. Delany), M. Carroll; Scripture history (gold medal), E. O'Malley; dux of school (gold medal), Monica Delany; good conduct (boarders—gold medal), Kitty Phelan; good conduct (day pupils—gold medal), Kathleen Howard; advanced mathematics (gold medal), Isobel Skinner; advanced science (gold medal), Annie MacGregor; advanced Latin, K. Phelan; English language and literature, Eileen O'Malley; history and civics, Sarah McErlane; geography and drawing, Thelma Weir; mathematics, Alice Butcher.

Intermediate Division A.—English grammar and composition, Mary Ryall; British history, Margaret Tylee; arithmetic, Gerardine Toomey; home science, Margaret Hanning.

Intermediate Division B.—General excellence in class work, Mary Meade; English grammar and composition, Jule O'Kane; elocution, Maureen Carroll; essay writing, E. Houston; arithmetic, Marie Kelly and Gretta Brown; geometry, Patricia Burke; Latin, M. Ledingham; algebra, Veronica Robinson; British history, Olga Rowland; home science, Rita Egan; junior algebra, Mary Brown; application to studies, Kathleen Howard; dictation and spelling, Mary Smart.

Commercial Class.—General excellence in commercial work (medal), Kathleen Kelly; highest marks in book-keeping and shorthand (medal), Leila Stewart; highest marks in typewriting (medal), Zita Dawson; second in typewriting and shorthand, Ngarita Kennedy; general improvement, Marjorie Peterson; book-keeping, Mary Klimeck, typewriting, Ella Meikle; essay writing, Dorothy Aldous; commercial correspondence, Kathleen Whelan; English, Eileen Strang; arithmetic, Phyllis Bradley.

Senior Division A.—Christian doctrine (gold cross, presented by Rev. E. Rooney), Cissie Holloway; good conduct, Patricia Toomey; first place in class, Leonore Mee; grammar and reading, Sheila Campbell; arithmetic and elocution, Irene Isaac; history and spelling, Louie Barwick; composition, Patricia Toomey, Eileen Hagan.

Senior Division B.—First place in class, M. Mooney; composition and drawing, Dorothy McDowall; English, Cissie Holloway; history and civics, Doreen O'Sullivan; geography, Margaret Harty; improvement, Patricia Richardson; arithmetic Rowena Dawson; arithmetic, Monica Francis; writing and

spelling, Connie Leonard; reading, Maisie Kirwin; needlework, Eileen Hagan.

Senior Division C.—First place in class, I. Tylee; theory of music, M. Smith; arithmetic, S. Oliver; arithmetic, Phyllis Haig; composition, N. Rodgerson; reading, P. Toms, diligence, M. Allen; mental arithmetic, F. Aldous; grammar, E. Doogue; writing and arithmetic, M. Donnelly; elocution and singing, N. Lawrence; improvement, L. Walsir; spelling, N. Delargy; improvement, M. Rodgers; spelling, E. Williams; history, M. McKewen; amiability, Ursula Docherty.

Junior Division (Grade 3).—Christian doctrine, J. Williams; highest marks (equal in merit), P. Corcoran and K. Todd; composition and general knowledge, A. Lawson; arithmetic, W. Cole; geography, A. Smith; history, E. O'Gorman; recitation, N. Collins; reading and composition, D. Hungerford; spelling, S. Quirk; penmanship, M. Mulholland; politeness, K. Holloway; attendance, A. Rogers; sentence building, M. Deegan; nature study, M. Horan; drawing, M. Malaghan; oral composition, Zita McEvoy; home lessons, M. Fitzpatrick, A. Baker; elocution, M. O'Sullivan; history, N. Healy; Christian doctrine (medal), M. Sherwen; general knowledge, M. Smith; highest marks, S. Moody; excellence in class work, E. Haynard; composition, S. Sherwen; arithmetic, E. Lee; geography, E. Burdean.

Junior Division (Grade 1).—Catechism, Z. Corcoran; Bible stories, D. Mooney; general excellence in class work, F. Hemsley; spelling, D. Allen; spelling, B. Corcoran; sentence building, C. Nikel; reading and recitation, J. Young; tables, E. Gawn; arithmetic, J. O'Connell; arithmetic, W. Ruth; reading, J. Connolly; sentence building, B. Coughlan; writing, S. McAllen; singing, E. O'Kane; neatness, J. Young; plasticine, N. Plank.

Junior Division (Grade 2).—Christian doctrine, M. Wallace; Bible history, N. Sherwill; highest marks, E. Thompson; arithmetic, E. Casey; mental arithmetic, Willie Henaghan; tables, J. Milne; writing, Willie Milne; reading and recitation, R. Thompson; composition, M. Bamford; sentence building, A. O'Connell; spelling, W. Quirk; nature study, M. Arnold; geography, J. Wyness; needlework, I. Gaffaney; drawing, T. O'Sullivan; general improvement, T. Hogan; plasticine modelling, J. Hogan; punctuality, W. Collins.

### Kindergarten.

Division B.—Conduct, I. Macmurray; arithmetic, L. McGolderick; attendance, H. Desmond; picture stories, W. Gilliken; phonics, A. Watts; games, J. Nikel; attention, J. O'Connor; drawing, D. Hills.

Division A.—Catechism, P. Trinder and P. O'Connor; Bible stories, B. O'Leary; highest marks (equal in merit), M. Scurr and K. Gibb; general excellence in class work, P. O'Dea; number and tables, J. Austin; general knowledge, J. Fox; writing and neatness, M. Gaffaney; spelling and plasticine, V. Hordern; recitation, M. Toomey; polite-