

Convent of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Timaru

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

Decorations.

The fourth ribbon of merit has been given by the votes of the pupils, ratified by the religious, to Elsa Whittle, Rita Jones.

The sixth ribbon to Mary Kennedy, Annie Crowley; the next in merit to Eileen Quinn, Lucy Nottingham.

Day Scholars—Patricia Mackle, Myra Moore.

The second green ribbon to Maureen Catherwood; the third to Phyllis Nottingham; the fourth to Ethel Mahar; next in merit, Eileen Rose.

The pink ribbon to Madeleine Kennedy, Lucy McQuilkin, Vittoria Colonna, Winifred Malmanche, Bernadette Mangos, Essie Doyle, Mary O'Rourke, Maud Smith, Kathleen McInerney, Frances Heron, Mary Clarke, Mary Hall.

Small pink ribbon to Patricia Smith, E. O'Leary, J. Doyle, A. Gaudin, E. Usher.

General good conduct: Prize, E. Whittle; next in merit, R. Jones.

Christian Doctrine—First division: Prize, J. Loughnan; next in merit, P. Mackle. Second division: Prize, J. Clarkson; next in merit, A. Barrett, M. Kennedy. Third division: Prize, E. Lane; next in merit, M. Matheson, M. McKenzie. Fourth division: Prize, B. Mangos; next in merit, M. Kennedy, P. Lynskey. Elementary division: Prize, M. Hall; next in merit, E. Sullivan.

Diligence—Second class: Prize, A. Crowley. Third class: Prize, R. Jones; next in merit, L. Annett. Fourth class: Prize, M. Mackenzie; next in merit, P. Nottingham.

English Classes—Elements of philosophy: Prize, M. Bown. Essay-writing and literature: Prize, M. Bown. History: Prize, A. Crowley.

Examination Classes.—A—English: Prize, J. Loughnan; next in merit, P. Mackle. Geography: Prize, P. Mackle. Home science and mathematics: Prize, J. Loughnan; next in merit, P. Mackle.

B—English: Prize, A. Barrett. Geography: Prize, M. Kennedy. Mathematics: Prize, A. Barrett; next in merit, R. Jones.

Third Class—English: Prize R. Jones; next in merit, A. Madden. Essay-writing: Prize, A. Madden; next in merit, J. Clarkson. History: Prize, M. Moore; next in merit, J. Clarkson. Home Science: Prize, M. Moore; next in merit, K. O'Brien. Geography: Prize, L. Annett; next in merit, F. McKendry. Mathematics: Prize, K. O'Brien; next in merit, L. Nottingham. Revision: Prize, J. Clarkson; next in merit, Lucy Nottingham.

Fourth Class—English: Prize, M. Mackenzie; next in merit, P. Nottingham, Joan Redfern. Composition: Prize, E. Lane; next in merit, M. Mackenzie, Mary Mackenzie. History: Prize, J. Mahar; next in merit, A. Farrell. Geography and home science: Prize, P. Nottingham; next in merit, M. Mackenzie. Mathematics: Prize, A. Moore; next in merit, M. Catherwood, M. Mackenzie. Diligence: Prize, M. Mackenzie; next in merit, P. Nottingham. Re-

vision: Prize, P. Nottingham; next in merit, E. Mahar.

Fifth Class—English: Prize, R. Whitehead, Reading: Prize, M. Geissler; next in merit, R. Whitehead. History: Prize, M. Loughnan; next in merit, K. O'Rourke. Geography: Prize, K. O'Rourke; next in merit, M. Geissler. Mathematics: Prize, M. Geissler; next in merit, R. Whitehead. Revision: Prize, R. Malmanche.

Sixth Class—English: Prize, M. O'Rourke; next in merit, L. McQuilkin. Reading: Prize, E. Doyle; next in merit, P. Lynskey. History: Prize, L. McQuilkin; next in merit, M. O'Rourke. Geography: Prize, M. Kennedy; next in merit, V. Colonna. Arithmetic: Prize, B. Mangos; next in merit, V. Colonna.

Seventh Class—English: Prize, F. Heron. Reading: Prize, M. Clarke; next in merit, M. O'Leary. Arithmetic: Prize, F. Heron; next in merit, M. Smith.

Ninth Class—Reading: Prize, R. Gaudin. Diligence: Prize, E. Usher. Writing: Prize, E. O'Leary. Encouragement: Prize, P. Smith, A. Gaudin. Needlework, first division: Prize, M. Moore, E. Rose; next in merit, P. Palmer. Second division. 1st prize, E. Quinn, 2nd K. McQuilkin; next in merit, E. Lane, P. Nottingham. Third division: Prize, M. Catherwood; next in merit, R. Malmanche. Fourth division: Prize, M. O'Leary; next in merit, K. McInerney. Elementary division: Prize, J. Doyle.

French—Second division: Prize, Patricia Mackle. Fourth division: Prize, A. Crowley; next in merit, R. Jones. Fifth division: Prize, K. O'Brien; next in merit, A. Madden. Supplementary: Prize, M. Catherwood; next in merit, J. Redfern. Sixth division: Prize, B. Mangos; next in merit, L. McQuilkin. Elementary division: Prize, E. Usher.

Order—First division: Prize, R. Jones; next in merit, A. Madden, E. Quinn. Second division: Prize, R. Malmanche; next in merit, P. Nottingham, M. Mackenzie. Prize for five accessits, Marjorie Mackenzie.

Writing—First division: Prize, L. Nottingham. Second division: Prize, E. Lane.

Cooking—Prize, K. O'Brien; next in merit, L. Nottingham.

Regular attendance—Prize, P. Mackle; next in merit, M. Moore.

Music.

Prizes—Elsa Whittle, Marie Bown, Alice Madden, Frances McKendry, Lucie Annett, Madge McInerney, Eileen Lane, Agnes Farrell, Maureen Catherwood, E. Sullivan.

Theory of Music—Prize, Marjorie Mackenzie; juniors, Maude Smith; next in merit, Patricia Lynskey, Vittoria Colonna.

Singing—Prize, Marie Bown.

The following programme was presented at a charming entertainment in connection with the prize-giving, prior to the Christmas vacation:—Entrée (duet), "Spanish Dance" (Moskowski); action songs, "The Little Snowdrops," etc., juniors. "St. Brendan's

Quest." Argument—St. Brendan and his monks go forth to seek the Isle of the Blessed. After a long and weary journey, during which they touch at the Isles of Fair Seeming and Sweet Singing, they reach their goal. There it is made known to them that the Isle of the Blessed is in the heart of man. Scene I.—Chorus, "Night Hymn at Sea" (G. Thomas). Scene II.—Action songs, juniors. Scene III.—Chorus, "Blessed are the Pure of Heart" (Hodges); piano solo, "Ext. Sonata op. 10" (Beethoven); action song, "The Golden Boat," juniors.

Anti-Clericalism in France

PRIEST FINED FOR TEACHING LATIN.

The extent to which the anti-clerical aims of the Government are likely to go is to be seen in the case of the Abbé Chaignon, of Change les Laval, who has been haled before the correctional court of Laval, and fined sixteen francs for opening a primary school without legal authorisation (says *Catholic News Service*, London, for December 22).

Abbé Chaignon is an ex-soldier. He was called up for service in the war; was mentioned three times in dispatches for gallantry and devotion to duty; was thrice wounded, and was awarded the Croix de Guerre and the Cross of the Legion of Honor. But here is the after-the-war story.

Two little boys in his parish, one ten years old the other eleven, have been going more or less regularly to the vicarage, where the priest gave them private lessons in the rudiments of elementary Latin. The local authority heard of this with horror. A clandestine school! Thereupon the civil authority descended at once on the hold abbé, and haled him before the court, where he was tried and sentenced and fined the sixteen francs.

The abbé paid the fine; but apart from that he is not of the meek order. He put his case very treachantly before the court. It was no more than my duty (he said) to encourage a desire for the ministry amongst my parishioners. I did no more than give these two little boys lessons which will make it possible for them to enter one of the secondary schools.

But the court maintained its point of view that this was a bad case, a clandestine school; and the fine had to be paid.

It is old news now, that the Bishop of Montauban was fined in the local court because he wished to say prayers for the dead in his cemetery on All Souls Day. But there has been a sequel to that deplorable incident.

The police took the names and addresses of all those who showed any kind of inclination to join in with the Bishop in going to the cemetery. They have all been had up at the court on a charge of disorderly conduct. They have been condemned and fined for—for shouting out *Vive la Liberté!* The treatment meted out to them, it is observed, is precisely that inflicted upon persons charged with keeping illegal night clubs or other disorderly premises in Paris.

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