

He suffered, but could not shed a tear. They came, though—fast, warm tears—when he read the pencilled words that Father Connelly gave him.

PAPA DEAREST,—Don't grieve, please, when you find me gone. I never could have done anything but sit in a wheel-chair all my life and be "just a trouble." Now I am so happy! Our Blessed Lord Himself came to me this morning, and He's going to take me back to heaven with him. Then, it's such a sweet thought what Harold said just now—that he'd been a better boy since he knew me; and what Ernest says—that because of me he and Elsa found each other. Papa dear, good-night, good-bye! *Be very good.* I tried hard to wait till you came—I will wait till you do come to your

MARGARET.

"O, my friends, my friends!" cried Mr. Marvin at last, "I'll try to lean on the Cross for strength, and take up faith and hope again, as you ask me. But now it seems so hard, so hard, to lose her, my little saint! She might have lived a long while yet; she would only be 11 years old in June."

The priest laid his hand in silent sympathy upon the father's heaving shoulder, and a consoling thought suggested itself from the writing on the back of little Margaret's letter—an exercise on *Liebe*, traced in large, childish characters.

"My dear son," he said, softly, "we can not *understand* all our lessons. Enough if, for love of the Master, we try patiently to *learn* them. Because when we have loved God and one another, as our little Margaret did, we have accomplished all that is given us to do in the longest or the shortest life."

THE END.

SCHOOL VACATIONS,

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOL.

ON Friday morning the pupils of the Christian Brothers assembled in the main hall of the building to assist at the closing ceremony of the scholastic year. The room was tastefully decorated with flowers and bannerettes. The Bishop being unwell, the Rev. Father Murphy presided. The Revs. J. Delaney and N. Moloney were also present.

The Brother Superior read the following report:—

Rev. Father,—I will read for you the report of our school for the year now about to terminate. We have now 190 boys on our school roll. During the year the boys have given us great satisfaction by their general good conduct, their diligence at their studies, and the regularity with which they attend to their religious duties. I am glad to be able to state that the great majority of the older pupils are monthly communicants. Early in the year a class of 24 boys was prepared for their first holy communion, and later on a similar number was got ready for first confession. Though some of the boys are very irregular in attendance, still I can say that the great body of them are remarkable for their regularity—a large number not having missed a single day from school during the year. To Master John Hungerford, who has been present every day for three years, and Master N. Ryan, who has been present every day for two years, we have awarded the prizes of six months' free tuition, offered by Mr. Rosbotham in his school of shorthand and typewriting. The dux of the school this year is Master J. B. Callan, to whom is awarded the dux medal. At the close of last year we sent up four boys for the university matriculation examination and all of them were successful. All, moreover, passed the solicitors' general knowledge examination. For the civil service examination we presented seven boys, all of whom passed. The gymnastic classes, under Mr. J. C. Smith, made excellent progress during the year, though heavily handicapped by the want of a suitable gymnasium. We entertain a hope that the want will be supplied before the close of the coming year. We offer Mr. Smith our best thanks for his untiring attention to the classes and for the two silver medals which he has given. We return our thanks to the following for their kind donations to the school prize fund:—Rev. Father Murphy, H.A.C.B. Society, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Keligher, Mr. Gourley, Mr. J. B. Callan, Messrs. Kempthorne, Prosser and Co., W. Scoular and Co., Nimmo and Blair, P. Hayman, P. Cotter, M. Coughlan, F. Lawrence, Neill and Co., F. Meenan, T. Heffernan (South Dunedin), John Carroll, D. Beard, Briscoe and Co., Hutton, Miss Murphy, and to Mrs. Jackson for a large quantity of sweets. In conclusion, we desire to thank his Lordship the Bishop for the kind interest he has taken in the school, and the clergy for the unremitting attention they give to the spiritual wants of our pupils.

PRIZE AND HONOUR LIST.

Matriculation and Civil Service Class.—Dux of school and gold medalist, John B. Callan, J. W. Wilkins 2. N. R. Ryan 3, John Hungerford 4. Examination honours (first in subject)—Religious knowledge, Daniel O'Neill; physics, J. B. Callan; arithmetic, N. J. Ryan; algebra, N. J. Ryan; Euclid, J. Hungerford; Latin, J. B. Callan; French, J. B. Callan; English (language, literature, and history), J. W. Wilkins; English composition, J. B. Callan; geography, J. W. Wilkins.

Sub-matriculation Class.—Edward Freed 1, George Cotter 2, S. De Beer 3, Daniel O'Connell 4, John O'Leary 5. Examination honours (first in subject)—Religious knowledge, Edward Freed; Latin, G. Cotter; French, D. O'Connell; English (language, literature, and history), E. Freed; arithmetic, S. De Beer; Euclid, E. Freed; algebra, S. De Beer; natural history, A. Miller.

Sixth Class.—All-round scoring: A. Knox dux of class (silver-gold medal) 1, J. Garvey 2, D. Bannatyne 3, A. Davis 4, W. Donnelly 5, G. Poppelwell 6. Christian doctrine M. Salter (silver medal) 1, P. Webb 2, A. Davis 3; arithmetic, W. Donnelly 1, A. Knox 2, J. Garvey 3; French, A. Knox and A. Skinner 1, J. Black 2, J. Garvey 3; reading, D. Bannatyne 1, J. Black 2, J. Gaffey 3; writing, A. Davis 1, L. Stokes 2, F. Woods 3; drawing, W. Donnelly 1, A. Knox 2, A. Davis 3, H. Trinder and J. Ryall 3; grammar, A. Skinner

1, J. Garvey 2, A. Knox 3; geography, A. Knox 1, J. Gaffey 2, J. Garvey 3; history, J. Garvey 1, A. Skinner 2, A. Davis 3; composition, P. Webb 1, A. Davis 2, W. Donnelly 3; home exercise, A. Davis 1, W. Donnelly 2, P. Webb 3; present every school day during year, J. Heffernan.

Fifth Class.—All-round scoring, H. Poppelwell 1, J. Swanson 2, C. Thomas 3, A. Fulton 4, F. Bourke 5, E. Mee 6; Christian doctrine, A. Fulton (silver medal) 1, H. Poppelwell 2, E. Mee and J. Miles 3; arithmetic, H. Poppelwell 1, T. Pound 2, E. Crowe 3; reading, E. Mee 1, T. Pound 2, H. Poppelwell 3; writing, P. Rogan 1, T. Heffernan 2, F. Bourke 3; grammar, T. Pound 1, H. Poppelwell 2, E. Mee 3; geography, J. Bourke 1, E. Mee 2, J. Swanson 3; history, E. Mee 1, C. Thomas 2, H. Bourke 3; drawing, H. Hungerford 1, E. Crowe 2, J. Bourke 3; composition, H. Poppelwell 1, E. Mee 2, E. Crowe 3; home exercise, J. Bourke 1, F. Bourke 2, E. Mee, P. Rogan and T. Heffernan 3; present every school day during the year, James Swanson, J. Bourke, and H. Hungerford.

Fourth Class.—M. Garvey dux of class, S. Ryan 2, Joe Swanson 3, Joe Ryan 4, S. Clancy 5, P. Chapman 6, D. Heffernan 7, Thomas Garvey 8, J. Tobin 9, Charles McGrath 10. Special prize for Christian doctrine (silver medal), Thomas McBride; regular attendance, Charles McGrath; present every day for three years, Joe Swanson; present every day for two years, A. McDonald (every day during year); best exercise, John Hickey.

Third Class.—Charles McCluskey dux of class, John Hart 2, H. Mee 3, F. Kenny 4, F. Freed 5, A. Davis 6, R. Ward 7, A. Carter 8, T. Rogan 9; special prize for Christian doctrine: E. O'Rourke; regular attendance: F. Kenny (present every day during year).

Second Class.—J. O'Sullivan 1, E. Fraser 2, R. Fraser 3, F. Fogarty 4, T. Day 5, D. Collins 6, T. Hughes 7, C. Walsh 8, C. Tohill 9. Christian doctrine: J. O'Sullivan 1, E. Fraser 2, D. Collins 3; reading: J. O'Sullivan and B. Scott (equal) 1, T. Day, F. Fogarty and W. Coughlan (equal) 2; recitation: W. Coughlan and J. McEvoy (equal) 1, C. Walsh 2, J. O'Sullivan 3; arithmetic: J. O'Sullivan and R. Fraser (equal) 1, E. Fraser, F. Fogarty and T. Hughes (equal) 2; grammar: E. Fraser 1, R. Fraser and C. Tohill (equal) 2, T. Day and D. Collins (equal) 3; geography: J. O'Sullivan and B. Scott (equal) 1; T. Day, E. Fraser and C. Walsh (equal) 2; handwriting: T. Hughes 1, R. Fraser 2, C. Walsh and D. Collins (equal) 3; home exercise: R. Fraser 1, T. Day 2, E. Fraser 3. Special prizes—Christian doctrine, J. O'Sullivan; handwriting: T. Hughes; home exercise, R. Fraser.

First Class.—J. Ryan 1, H. Carter 2, W. O'Connor 3, A. Keenan 4, R. Kenny 5, J. Smith 6, J. Fox 7, A. Henry 8, J. Dunne 9, D. Fogarty 10, A. Dean 11, D. Murphy 12.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Gymnastic Competition.—Seniors: J. Hungerford (Mr. J. C. Smith's silver medal) 1, A. Davis and W. Donnelly (equal) 2. Juniors: H. Hungerford (Mr. J. C. Smith's silver medal) 1, S. Clancy 2.

Singing Class.—F. Woods, J. Charles, J. Todd, E. Durning, R. Burke, W. Wilson, J. J. Walsh.

Regular Attendance (Mr. Rosbotham's prize).—Present every day for three years, John Hungerford; present every day for two years, N. J. Ryan.

Public Examinations.—Passed matriculation and solicitors' general knowledge examinations in 1896: D. S. Columb, C. J. Hall, J. B. Callan, J. K. Knott. Passed junior civil service, 1897: J. M. Hassey, J. O'Mahoney, D. S. Columb, J. W. Wilkins, J. S. Columb, W. P. Miller, W. O'Leary.

The Rev. Father Murphy, having distributed the prizes, expressed his regret that the Bishop was not present to listen to the very flattering report that had just been read. It was pleasing to the clergy to know that the senior boys were so attentive to their religious duties and he hoped they would continue so when they left school. The results of the matriculation and civil service examinations referred to in the report were highly creditable, and showed the care the Brothers take of their pupils. He hoped the boys would always co-operate with the Brothers, and retain for them affection and gratitude. If the Bishop were present he would say a great deal more. His frequent visits during working hours had enabled him to see exactly the progress that was being made. He had always expressed himself highly pleased, and he considered the school was advancing rapidly under the present efficient staff.

The holidays having been announced, and cheers having been given for the Bishop, the clergy, the Brothers, and the dux, the proceedings terminated.

ST. DOMINICK'S COLLEGE.

THE annual exhibition of work of the students attending St. Dominick's College was held in St. Joseph's School yesterday afternoon, and attracted a numerous gathering of visitors. The exhibition principally comprised a large collection of paintings executed in the studio of the college, and even the most cursory glance sufficed to convey the fact that the methods adopted to develop the artistic instincts of the students are based upon sound modern principles. The Dominican nuns apparently keep themselves well abreast of the times in the work to which they have devoted their lives—viz., the education of the young. New ideas which have found favour with the scholastic institutions of the old country are adopted, and, moreover, the college is well equipped in all accessories requisite for the carrying out of higher education. Eloquent testimony of the enterprise and enthusiasm of the nuns is afforded in the fact that they were the first to introduce the now widely-popular and justly-esteemed kindergarten system to Dunedin, and this department of their college is fully and most elaborately appointed. Another example of their progressive methods is afforded in the recent addition they have made to their curriculum of wood-carving, to which interesting and useful study a good deal of attention has been paid of late in important educational institutions at Home. The students apparently have taken a keen interest in the work, and have found an outlet for their artistic taste and