

of whom Masters A. Smith and J. Foley were successful. The scholarships entitle the holders to free tuition at the college for a period of years.

On the Feast of the Expectation of the B.V.M., Mr. Owen Doyle received Minor Orders in the domestic chapel attached to the Bishop's House, Ponsonby, from his Lordship Dr. Lenihan. The assisting clergy were the Very Rev. Father Gillan, V.G., and Rev. Father Farthing. On the Feast of St. James the Apostle he had the Order of subdeacon conferred on him, Bishop Lenihan officiating. The assistants at the throne were the Very Rev. Father Gillan, V.G., Rev. Father Holbrook, Adm., Rev. Fathers Tormey, Farthing, Hills, S.M., and O'Donnell, C.S.S.R. The ordination of Rev. O. Doyle to the priesthood will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral on New Year's Day. In the meantime he will receive the diaconate on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

Paeroa

Yesterday at Karangahake (says the 'Ohinemuri Gazette' of December 23) a deputation of miners waited on the Very Rev. Dean Hackett and announced that his many friends in the township desired to present him with a Christmas box in the form of an up-to-date buggy before they left on their annual holiday. In reply, the Dean expressed his gratitude, and requested the spokesman (Mr. M. O'Keefe) to convey his best thanks to the men, to whom he was already indebted for many kindnesses. The buggy is built by a local firm, and will be on the road this week.

MARIST BROTHERS' SCHOOL, AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

On Thursday evening, December 20, in St. James's Hall, Wellington street, his Lordship the Bishop and a number of the clergy were present and a very large and enthusiastic audience, when the Marist Brothers' pupils gave their annual entertainment. The following was the programme:—

Overture, orchestra; chorus, 'Those evening bells,' senior pupils; recitation, Master Wm. Dickson; exhibition of work, pupils of manual training class; physical drill, senior squad; chorus, senior pupils; Irish reel and jig, Masters C. Bacon and T. Clarke; song, junior pupils; physical drill, senior squad; Irish hornpipe, Mr. Whitty; chorus, senior pupils; overture to second part, orchestra. The entertainment concluded with a comedietta, entitled 'Blind Obedience,' in which the parts were sustained by Masters J. O'Loughlin, A. Smith, C. Browne, F. Foreman, E. Carver, W. Fischer, W. Dickson. His Lordship Bishop Lenihan distributed the prizes, prior to which the Rev. Brother George read the annual report of the school, which stated that there were nearly two hundred pupils on the roll. The general health of the boys was good, in point of fact the school had been singularly free from those epidemics which caused such ravages among the children of the Auckland schools during the past year. The examinations conducted in August last by Inspector Crowe were highly successful, and 14 candidates secured certificates of proficiency in standard VI.

Special Prizes.

Campbell gold medal for good conduct, presented by his Lordship the Bishop: Won by F. Mangan.
Gold medal for Christian Doctrine, presented by Rev. Father Holbrook: Won by W. Taylor.
Gold medal for regular attendance, presented by Mr. J. J. O'Brien: Won by Leo Fischer.
Gold medal for best pass in Standard VI., presented by Mr. A. Kohn: Won by A. Smith.
Prize for writing, presented by Rev. Father Farthing: Won by D. Foley.
Standard VI.—General proficiency: E. Carver 1, D. Foley 2, F. Foreman 3. Christian Doctrine: J. Earily. Arithmetic: W. Monaghan. English: C. Browne.
Standard V.—General proficiency: H. Taylor 1, G. Valvoi 2, W. Whiteman 3. Good conduct: H. Taylor. Christian Doctrine: W. Alder. Regular attendance: J. Santo. Arithmetic: W. Dickson. English: G. Bryant. Geography: F. Lennan.
Standard IV.—Catechism: Oliver Mason. Good conduct: Michael Hendron. General proficiency: William King 1, Bernard Mullins 2, Michael Hendron 3. English: Thos. Morris. Arithmetic: William King. Reading: Edward Moore. Good attendance: Michael Sayegh. Writing and good attendance: James Foley.

Standard VII.—Good conduct: John O'Loughlin. General proficiency: Andrew Smith 1, John Foley 2. English: John Hogan. Arithmetic: Wilfred Taylor.

Standard III.—Proficiency: J. Hayes 1, C. Clarke 2, A. Page 3. English: G. Hart. Arithmetic: S. Trapani. Catechism: L. Cullen. Good conduct: G. Clarke. Attendance: John Hayes.

Standard II.—Proficiency: W. Page 1, J. Smyth 2, A. Woods 3. Christian Doctrine: M. Rogers. Good conduct: E. Moran. Attendance: T. Anderson. English: W. Paris. Arithmetic: A. Hart. Writing: A. Keenan. Arithmetic: M. Rogers. Drawing: F. Anderson.

Standard I.—Proficiency: G. Anderson 1, L. Lynch 2, B. Monaghan 3. Christian Doctrine: G. Anderson. Good conduct: T. Neville. Attendance: T. Neville. English: J. Moodabe. Arithmetic: L. Lynch. Writing: E. Sayegh.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL, PAEROA

On Friday evening, December 20, the pupils of St. Joseph's Convent School (says the 'Ohinemuri Gazette'), held their annual concert in the Choral Hall, when there was a very large attendance. The programme consisted of musical items (instrumental and vocal) entirely by the pupils, who acquitted themselves admirably and reflected great credit on their teachers. The most pleasing feature of the evening was undoubtedly a song, 'The Japanese fan,' sung by the girls of the school, they being dressed in Japanese costume. All the items were well received, though to enumerate them would be far too great a tax on our space, which is limited. A humorous dialogue entitled 'When women have their rights' caused shrieks of laughter. During the evening the Very Rev. Dean Hackett presented the following special prizes, which were won by the respective pupils during the past year:—Good conduct, Rita Crosby (gold cross presented by Mrs. Moriarty); prize for composition, Jack Carthy (cheque presented by Mr. C. Gibson); attendance, 398 half-days (equal), Horace Martin (gold cross presented by Mrs. Moriarty) and Rita Crosby (gold chain presented by Very Rev. Dean Hackett); attendance (infant school), Frank Gordon 1, Glendon Hagan 2; penny collection church door, Mona Gordon ('Life of St. Patrick,' presented by Dean Hackett); 'Catholic Press' runner, Willie Pennell (watch and chain, presented by Dean Hackett); prize for sale of tickets, John Clarkin (framed picture of 'Ecce Homo,' presented by the Sisters).

HASTINGS

The annual concert given by the pupils of the Catholic schools, Hastings, took place on the evening of December 18, the Very Rev. Dean Smyth presiding. Although rather lengthy, the programme was excellent, the pupils acquitting themselves well and reflecting the highest credit on the nuns in charge of the entertainment. The acting of the children taking part in the comedy 'The House on the Avenue' was particularly good, and the interpretations of the different characters were natural and devoid of that striving after effect which mars so many juvenile performances. The following programme was submitted:—Pianoforte duet, 'Marche aux flambeaux,' Misses Watt (2), Coles and Heaney; song, 'Welcome,' girls; pianoforte duet, 'Immer wieder,' Misses Coghlan, Blake, Masters King and Clark; action songs, infants; pianoforte duet, 'Prince Imperial,' Misses Stevens, Maggin, Donnelly, and Pimley; club swinging, junior pupils; song, 'Indian drum,' boys and girls; pianoforte duet, 'Il bacio,' Misses Portas, Wall, Upchurch, and Hayes; vocal duet, 'Awake,' Misses Vickers and Blake; drill, 'Queen Mab and the fairies,' junior pupils; song, 'Doctors three,' boys; pianoforte solo, 'Irish diamonds,' Miss Shattky; vocal duet, 'In the dusk of the twilight,' Misses Hickey and Vickers; pianoforte duet, 'Les Vendangeurs,' Misses Hickey, McMillan, Coles, and Wall; drill, 'Tea tray,' senior girls; pianoforte duet, 'Flick and flock,' Misses D. Shattky, Melvor, McCarthy, and Pothan; song, 'Let the hills resound,' Misses Blake, Vickers, Hickey, Poppelwell, Moore, and Stack. The comedy depicted the efforts of a bourgeois family to assume a position above their station. The following girls sustained the various roles: Misses N. Maggin, Shattky, Farrelly, A. Hickey, M. McCarthy, R. Kirby, W. Casey, G. Stack, L. Portas, D. Shattky, A. Conway, and L. Simmons.

His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Thompson) presided at the distribution of prizes to the children, and Sir William Russell delivered addresses to the children. The following is the prize list:—

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