

Dan Fitzgerald; second prize won by Willie Casey.
 Singing.—Mollie Moroney and Jas. Lyons.
 Sewing.—Nellie Fogarty.
 Good conduct (pupil selected by votes of companions).—Chas. Whittington.
 Amiability.—Norma Lirbrick.
 Arithmetic.—Charles Whittington and Louisa Cosgrove.
 Drawing (Standard V.).—Ben Cosgrove.
 Standard prizes.—Standard VI.: Douglas O'Halloran and Mollie Moroney. Standard V.: John Cosgrove. Standard IV.: Eileen Whittington. Standard III.: Annie Holder, Norah Holder, and Gordon Limbrick. Standard II.: Annie Murray and Ivy O'Halloran. Standard I.: Patrick Cosgrove and Cecil O'Halloran.

OTAKI CONVENT SCHOOL

Every year (says the local 'Mail') the Otaki public look forward to the school concert with eager expectancy, and this year special interest has been taken in the affair. For weeks past the pupils have been practising assiduously, and the result was that this year's entertainment was a veritable triumph—a concert that would have reflected credit on any school in the Dominion. Every item showed unmistakable signs of careful preparation, the general management was excellent, while the deportment of the children, the beautiful dresses, and attention to matters of detail, elicited the admiration of all. The Town Hall was packed to its utmost capacity—in fact, the building was uncomfortably full—and the large audience appeared to be thoroughly delighted with the splendid programme provided.

The opening item was a song, 'The triangle,' by the infants, this being followed by a recitation by Masters E. Batten and W. Bennett, capitably given. A humorous vocal duet, 'The upper ten and the lower five,' by Masters A. Hombersley and L. Thorner, was decidedly mirth provoking. Miss Ida Buck's pianoforte solo, entitled 'March militaire,' was brilliantly rendered, while the 'Village holiday,' a chorus by the school girls, was very pleasingly sung. Next came one of the most delightful items of the evening, a fairy dance. The performance of the numerous children, representing fairies, showed that an enormous amount of time and trouble must have been spent in preparation. Misses B. O'Rourke and O. Kilsby contributed a pianoforte solo, followed by a highly amusing song by the boys, entitled 'Village minstrel.' Master A. McDonald gave a recitation, in which he acquitted himself admirably, and Master A. Hombersley sang 'The perfect cure with such success that he was encored, Miss Marion Levett following with a recitation. 'The Rhine maidens,' sung by the senior girls, was a very good item. A diminutive maiden, Miss Doris Pepper, recited nicely, followed by Miss Ivy Rollo, who played a pianoforte solo, 'Frühlingsslied,' in excellent style, after which came an item of exceptional merit, a vocal duet (encored) by Misses Irene Austin and Elva Wallace. 'I know a happy man' was well sung by the infants, Misses E. Bell and Winnie Quill contributed a pianoforte duet, and Master A. Hombersley scored another success in a humorous song. One of the most prominent features of a highly successful concert was the charming operetta 'Cinderella.' During the intervals between the performances of the operetta, recitations were nicely rendered by Misses B. O'Rourke, and Lily Williams, and Master A. McDonald and Misses I. Austin and Elva Wallace gave another very pretty vocal duet, 'Ring on sweet bells.' The programme was concluded with the chorus, 'Good-night.'

The accompaniments were played by Misses Enid Wallace, Ivy Rollo, Lily Williams, and Eileen Tompsitt. The performance on the whole was one that reflected the highest credit on the teachers, and the Sisters are to be congratulated on the highly gratifying result of their arduous labors in this respect.

At the conclusion of the concert, the prizes for the Convent scholars were distributed by Mr. William Tompsitt, who, prior to handing out the awards, stated how pleased he had been with the concert just given by the children. Following is the full list of the awards:—

- Christian Doctrine (prizes presented by Father Melu).—Class 1, Eileen Tompsitt 1, Lily Williams 2; class

2, Brida O'Rourke 1, Leslie McDonald 2; class 3, Kathleen Levett 1, Cyril Batten 2; class 4, Rewa Fisher 1, Humphrey O'Rourke 2; class 5, George Fisher 1, Bruce Knox 2.

Good Conduct (medal presented by Mrs. O'Rourke).—Girls: Eileen Tompsitt 1, Olive Kilsby 2; next in merit, Eva Landall. Boys (medal presented by Mrs. Williams): Athol Bennett 1, George Landall 2.

Politeness.—Girls: Lily Williams; boys: Willie Chaney.

Amiability.—Lucy Thorner.

Singing (medal presented by Mrs. Bevan).—Girls: Irene Austin 1, Elva Wallace 2; boys: Arthur Hombersley 1, Thomas Thorner 2.

Music.—Senior division: Eileen Tompsitt 1, Enid Wallace 2; junior division: Olive Kilsby 1, Winnie Quill 2.

Sewing.—Senior division: Katie Kerrigan 1, Eva Landall 2; junior division: Ruby Batten 1, Essie Tompsitt 2.

Cooking.—Gertrude Dillon.

Gardening.—Boys: Darcy Ryder 1, Richard Winterburn 2. Girls: Hannah Cootes.

Brush Work.—Standards V and VI: Annie Garrett 1, Katie Kerrigan 2; standards IV and III: Emma Bell 1, Lily Pepper 2; standards II and I: Marion Levett 1, Dolly Arekatera 2.

Attendance (medal presented by Mrs. McBeath).—Geo. Landall 1, Essie Tompsitt 2, Enid Wallace 3, Gertrude Dillon 4, Irene Austin 5, Kathleen Levett 6, Marion Levett 7, Eileen Hetekia 8, Mary Bailey 9.

Highest marks in class work.—Standard VII: Mary Ahern 1, Harold Jones 2; standard V: Brida O'Rourke 1, Athol Bennett 2, Linda Griffiths 3; standard IV: Melville Ryder 1, Leslie McDonald 2, Harriet Gordon 3; standard III: Cyril Batten 1, Ella Best 2, Kathleen Lima 3; standard II: Katie Ryder 1, Vera Bennett 2, Lena Gray 3; standard I: Marion Levett 1, Nora Kilsby 2, Isabella Wilson 3.

Composition.—Harold Jones 1, Enid Wallace 2.

Diligence.—Joseph Ahern 1, Clara Nicholson 2.

General Improvement.—Lela Bettelani, Victoria Chorley, Kathleen Grey, Mary Gordon, Lena Arapata, John Jones, Ina Wilson, Henry Arekatera, Mari Taipua, Robert Knox, Denis Landall, George Grey, Malcolm Murray.

PATEA

(From our travelling correspondent.)

The Convent School, Patea, broke-up on December 17 for the annual vacation. At the concert on that date his worship the Mayor presented the prizes to the successful pupils. The following is the list:—

Good Conduct.—1st, Nellie Bennett (girls); Joseph McKenna (boys); Flossie Hunger, Clare Gilligan. Next in merit, Clara Hogan, Lizzie McComisky, Sylvia Power.

Amiability.—Lizzie McComisky.

Christian Doctrine.—1st, Clara Hogan and Josephine McKenna.

Music.—1st, Nellie Bennett; 2nd, Clara Hogan; 3rd, Madge Bremer; 4th, Maud Fitzwater. Next in merit, Nancy McKirdy, Lizzie McComisky, Flossie Hunger.

Singing.—Florrie Power (girls); Frank Williams, Maurice Lawson, Willie Butler, Joseph McKenna (equal).

Attendance.—Enid Cargill.

Algebra and Bookkeeping.—1st, Clara Hogan; 2nd, Frank Williams (book-keeping).

Sewing.—1st, Beatrice Dickson; 2nd, Florrie Power; 3rd, Gladys Mercer. Next in merit, Nellie Bennett, Flossie Hunger and Kathleen McKenna.

Physical Drill.—Sidney Mercer.

General Improvement.—Elsie Williams and Willie Butler.

Standard Prizes.—Standard VII: Clara Hogan. Standard VI: 1st, Nellie Bennett; 2nd, Sylvia Power. Standard V: Kathleen McKenna and Joseph McKenna (equal). Standard IV: 1st, Flossie Hunger; 2nd, Thos. Keane and Fred McKenna (equal). Standard III: 1st, Maggie Gilligan; 2nd, Dorothy Jackson. Standard II: 1st, Frank Keane; 2nd, Florrie Smith; Standard I: 1st, Clara Gilligan.

A Christmas tree, occupied a prominent position throughout the ceremony, and at its conclusion the infant classes all received gifts, from its generous branches.