

After the distribution his Lordship Bishop Grimes expressed his pleasure at being again in the midst of the children of the Sacred Heart, a pleasure enhanced by the fact that for two years he had been separated from them. Then taking up the final words of the dialogue, which portrayed a true child of the Sacred Heart, he exhorted the children to try during the holidays to realise in themselves that portrait. As a child loved what her father loved and hated what he hated, so they should love what the Sacred Heart loved and hate what it hated—sin. His Lordship remarked that children of the Sacred Heart are known everywhere, and that he had much to do with them and had met them in every part of the world and always found them the same. He hoped the New Zealand children of the Sacred Heart would not be outdone by their sisters elsewhere. After congratulating the prize winners his Lordship gave his blessing.

The following is the prize list:—Decorations: First medallion and ribbon of merit, given by the votes of the pupils, Pearl Grace; second medallion and ribbon of merit, Maude Blandford; sixth ribbon, Clare Smith, Margaret Venning; accessit to the ribbon of merit, Mechtilde Kennedy; second green ribbon, Mary McShane; third ribbon, Mary Twomey; fourth ribbon, Elizabeth Brosnahan, Bridget Sullivan; next in merit—Gertrude McLean, Patricia Geaney; pink ribbon, Mary Geaney, Marjorie Townend, Nancy Loughnan.

General Good Conduct.—Pearl Grace; next in merit—Maude Blandford.

Christian Doctrine.—First Division—Pearl Grace; next in merit, Dorothea Loughnan. Second Division—Cecily Kennedy; next in merit, Esther Bruce. Third Division—Mary Twomey; next in merit, Eileen Twomey.

Diligence.—First Class—Pearl Grace. Second Class—Mechtilde Kennedy; next in merit, May Johnstone. Fourth Class—Esther Bruce, 1; Patricia Geaney, 2; next in merit, Mary McShane, Mary Twomey. Fifth Class—Beatrice Knight; next in merit, Bridget Sullivan. Seventh Class—Marjorie Townend; next in merit, Mary Geaney.

First Class.—Elements of Christian Philosophy—Pearl Grace. Mathematics—Pearl Grace. Elements of Natural Science—Dorothea Loughnan. Repetition—Dorothea Loughnan.

Second Class.—Elements of Logic and Latin Grammar—Mechtilde Kennedy. Composition—Cecily Kennedy. History—Cecily Kennedy. Repetition—Mechtilde Kennedy.

Fourth Class.—Grammar—Patricia Geaney; next in merit, Monica Wareing. Composition—Mary Twomey; next in merit, Gertrude McLean, Margaret Meehan. History—Patricia Geaney; next in merit, Eileen Twomey, Margaret Meehan. Geography—Esther Bruce, 1; Mary McShane, 2; next in merit, Ellen Wall, Gertrude McLean. Arithmetic—Mary McShane; next in merit, Eileen Twomey, Monica Wareing. Repetition—Mary McShane; next in merit, Patricia Geaney, Eileen Twomey.

Fifth Class.—Grammar—Louie Johnstone. History—Gladys Kennaway; next in merit, Beatrice Knight. Geography—Louie Johnstone; next in merit, Gladys Kennaway. Arithmetic—Gladys Kennaway. Reading—Bridget Sullivan; next in merit, Edith Knight. Repetition—Beatrice Knight; next in merit, Gladys Kennaway.

Seventh Class.—Spelling and Reading—Mary Geaney. Sacred History—Marjorie Townend; next in merit, Madge Pascal. Geography—Madge Pascal; next in merit, Marjorie Townend. Arithmetic—Marjorie Townend.

Eighth Class.—Spelling and Reading—Nancy Loughnan. Sacred History—Nancy Loughnan.

Elementary Class.—Encouragement—Alison Bristol.

Orthography.—First Division—Pearl Grace; next in merit, Dorothea Loughnan. Second Division—Bridget Sullivan; next in merit, Patricia Geaney, Monica Wareing.

Needlework.—Second Division—May Johnstone, 1; Gertrude McLean, 2; next in merit, Beatrice Knight, Cecily Kennedy, Mary Twomey. Third Division—Eileen Twomey; next in merit, Louie Johnstone. Elementary Division—Mary Geaney.

Order.—Esther Bruce; next in merit, Beatrice Knight.

Writing.—Second Division—Esther Bruce, 1; Gertrude McLean, 2; next in merit, Beatrice Knight. Third Division—Mary Geaney, M. Townend

French.—Second Division—Diligence, Pearl Grace. Third Division—Diligence, Dorothea Loughnan. Fourth Division—Mechtilde Kennedy; next in merit, Esther Bruce. Diligence—May Johnstone; next in merit, Cecily Kennedy. Fifth Division—Patricia Geaney; next in merit, Mary Twomey. Diligence—Eileen Twomey; next in merit, Mary McShane. Supplementary Division—Diligence, Margaret Meehan. Elementary Division—Nancy Loughnan.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL, LYTTELTON.

(From a correspondent.)

The annual concert, given on the occasion of the distribution of prizes to the pupils, took place in St. Joseph's Convent School, Lyttelton, on Thursday, December 21. His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes presided, the Very Rev. Dean Foley, and the Rev. Father Salvador being also present. The weather, which in the morning had been delightfully fine, in the afternoon changed suddenly, and prevented the attendance of many of the parents of the pupils. The varied and attractive programme consisted of songs, violin solos and quintets, recitations, etc. The various items were rendered in a highly creditable manner. At the termination of the concert his Lordship distributed the prizes, and then, in a few well chosen words, thanked the children for the treat he had enjoyed, expressing regret that the inclemency of the weather had kept so many away. His Lordship also desired the children to remember that, although during the holidays books were put away, their religious duties should not be neglected, and exhorted them to put into practice those lessons of gentleness, charity, obedience, which had been inculcated by their devoted teachers.

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