

O'Connor; fifth class: Elsie Perkin, May Gardiner, and Lily Donohue; fourth class: Josephine Geoghegan, Violet Hall, Irene Arenas.

Shorthand—Prizes awarded to May Byrne and Katie Burke.

Book-keeping—Prizes awarded to Jessie Mace, Annie Gordon, Mizie Brick, Madge O'Malley, Mary O'Callaghan, Maggie Coakley and Mary O'Connor.

French—Prizes awarded to Miss Washbourne, Agnes Ryan and Gertrude Adams.

Drawing and oil-painting—Prizes awarded to Misses Washbourne, Hatfield, Bourke and Mace.

Music.—Piano—Special prize awarded to Katie Picken for passing the senior practical Examination conducted by Professor Edwards. First class, Maria Lieske and Lizzie Brick; second class, Mary O'Connor and Nellie Dunn; third class, Irene Arenas and Clara Morkane; fourth class, Gladys Bell and Ouida Worthington; fifth class, Geraldine Rich and Rima Young. Violin—Marion Picken and Madge O'Malley. Harp—Norrie O'Malley.

Sewing—Madge O'Malley, Katie Gill, Clara Morkane, Teresa Fitzgerald, Maggie Tasker.

Fancy work—Misses Washbourne, Coakley, Annie Gordon, Teresa Fitzgerald and Agnes Nelson.

Point Lace—Marion Picken.

Flower making—Ada Hatfield.

Singing.—Katie Picken, Marion Picken, Katie Bourke.

### R O S S.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

December 8.

Our fellow Catholics in Rimu are, I hear, renovating their church.

The local Church Committee are sparing no expense in making St. Patrick's a better structure than ever. Instead of the flimsy scrim and papering, the church is to be boarded and varnished from top to bottom. Our worthy priest, Father Bogue, is indefatigable in his efforts, and the work, which will be finished by Christmas, will be a lasting souvenir to his zeal.

West Coasters are, of course, proud of the Premier, and his visit to Ross on Tuesday last was made the occasion of a more than hearty welcome. He was met at the Half-Way House by the Mayor and councillors, and on his arrival in town was greeted by hearty cheering.

The commencement of the working of the deep leads of the Ross Flat has been for years past the hope of the people here. A new era has apparently set in, as a wealthy and powerful syndicate from your part of the world has taken the matter in hand, and a six months' option having been given we are once more living in hopes of a restoration to that state of prosperity which should have been ours long ago. We are of course, all anticipation, and trust that our hopes will be realised.

### SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL, ASHBURTON.

The distribution of prizes at the Sacred Heart High School, Ashburton (says the *Mail*), took place on Thursday afternoon in the presence of a large number of the parents and friends of the pupils. The room was very prettily decorated for the occasion, and in two adjoining rooms there was a large and most interesting display of paintings in oils and water colors, together with art needlework, which reflected the very highest credit on the pupils and the good Sisters, who evidently take the greatest pains to bring out to the best advantage the talents of the children who are placed under their charge, as much of the work would rank high in any exhibition. The distribution of the prizes was preceded by a most enjoyable concert. The rendering of a number of the items drew forth warm applause. Following is the programme:—

Duet (2 pianos), Misses Lagan, Dowling, Johnston, and Bour-nique; song and chorus, senior pupils; quintet (instrumental), violins Misses J. Brick, W. Brick, McKay, harmonium Miss Bour-nique, pianos Misses Johnston and Lagan; recitation, Miss A. Shrimpton; duet (2 pianos), Misses Johnston, White, McKay, and Paul; song, senior pupils; solo, Miss J. Brick; 'The fairies and the flowers'—fairies, Misses McKay, O. Shrimpton, F. Brophy, and A. Langley; flowers, Misses Devlin, Walsh, Shrimpton, Denshire, Hanmer, and Kathleen Denshire; duet (2 pianos and harmonium), Misses Lagan, McKay, Walsh, and M. Brick; song and chorus, senior pupils; solo (violin), Miss Cullen; recitation, Miss F. Brophy; solo (2 pianos), Misses Johnston and McKay; duet (violin)—1st violins, Misses Brick and Cullen; 2nd violins, Misses McKay and W. Brick.

At the conclusion of the programme the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell addressed a few kindly words to the children, thanking them for the enjoyable entertainment they had so ably given, warmly complimenting them on the excellent work which was displayed in the adjoining rooms, and expressing a hope that they would all enjoy their holidays. He further mentioned that the school had this year been inspected by an outside examiner, and though the result was not yet to hand there were very good indications that the children had not been idle.

The prizes were then distributed as follows:—

Good conduct—(boarders), Teresa Leddy and Maggie Duncan. Both being equal, lots were drawn, when Miss Duncan drew the prize. Day pupils, Mildred Brook and Ila Paul; regular attendance, Ila Paul; Christian doctrine: first prize—Lena Lagan, second—Winifred Brick.

Seventh class—Reading and recitation, Violet Johnston; writing, Teresa Leddy; arithmetic, Annie Dowling; Algebra, Annie Dowling; geography, Margaret Duncan; history, Violet Johnston; grammar, Hilda Friedlander; composition, Teresa Leddy; drawing, Teresa Leddy.

Sixth class—Reading and recitation, May McKay; writing, Ila Paul; arithmetic, May McKay; algebra, May McKay; geography, May Delvin; history, May Delvin; grammar, May Delvin; composition, Lena Lagan; drawing, Ethel Walsh.

Fifth class—Reading and recitation—Augusta Stephenson; writing, Evelyn Hanmer; arithmetic, Augusta Stephenson; algebra, Augusta Stephenson; geography, Eva Anderson; history, Minnie Coetello; grammar, Winifred Brick; composition, Kathleen Denshire; drawing, Evelyn Hanmer.

Third class—Reading and recitation, Florence Brophy; geo-graphy, Madeline Brick.

Second class—reading and recitation, Alberta Shrimpton; geo-graphy and arithmetic, Hannah Langley.

Extras—Music (piano), first prize, Mary McKay; second, Lena Lagan; (violin) first, Julia Brick, second, Winifred Brick; singing, Julia Brick and Henrietta Denshire. Painting (oils), Annie Davis; (water colors), Ila Paul, Needlework, Ila Paul and Hilda Fried-lander equal. Lots were drawn, when the prize fell to Hilda Fried-lander.

### CONVENT SCHOOL, TEMUKA.

The annual concert, which winds up the year's work at the Convent School, Temuka (says the *Leader*), was held on Thursday evening in the Volunteer Hall, which was crowded. The programme began with a duet (four pianos and a harmonium), played by Misses Connolly, Gaffaney, Blyth, Roulston, Earl, Beri, Prattley, Barrett, and Scannell. A number of pupils sang a chorus with spirit, after which a dialogue was given by Misses Carr, Sughrue, Dunn (2), Tozer, Williams, Scannell, Tarrant, and Masters Spillane and Twomey. Masters Bourke, Knight, Rooney, Tangney, O'Loughlin, Wareing, Lawlor, Twomey, Clarke, Flynn, and O'Shea sang an amusing action song. Misses Dwyer (2), Taehan, Daly, Simpson (2), Broonan, Flynn, Collins, and Perry, little girls, prettily attired and carrying brooms, sang 'Buy a broom' very tunefully. An enjoyable item was a piano trio (four pianos and harmonium) of Scotch airs by Misses Comer, Harrison, Story, O'Donohue (2), Twomey, Beri, Blyth, Prattley, Gaffaney, Earl, and Masters Gapper and Austin. Master G. Twomey scored a decided hit with his song 'Barney O'Brien.' In the second part he was equally successful with a comic song. A charming item was a French minuet performed by Misses O'Donohue, Gillespie, Connolly, Harrison, and Twomey (2). Misses Connolly, Coughlan, and Earl contributed a vocal trio, and the two former young ladies sang the duet 'Floating away.' An action song was capably sung by Misses Cunnard (3), Sughrue (2), Donn (2), Tozer, Williams, Scannell, and Tarrant. Misses Connolly, Gaffaney, Gillespie, Scannell, O'Donohue and Beri took part in a dialogue. A very pleasing item was the maypole dance by Misses Harrison, Story, Scannell (3), Twomey (2), O'Donohue, Connolly, Beri, Leary, Demuth, Z. Gillespie, Sughrue, Dunn, and Carr. In the second part the first item was 'Mirror Drill,' by Misses Twomey (2), Leary, O'Donohue, Scannell (2), Gillespie, Harrison, and Story. Following this was 'Star Drill,' by Misses Gaffaney, Scannell (2), Story, Beri (2), O'Donohue, O'Brien, and Ardagh. Another clever pianoforte trio was given by Misses Beri, Gaffaney, Prattley, Gaze, Gillespie, O'Donohue, Harrison, Scannell, Comer, Farnie, Earl, and Masters Austin and Gapper. Masters Twomey and Beri and Misses Gillespie, Demuth, Beri, and Twomey recited 'Little helpers' capiti-tally. A change in the programme was a drama, 'Whittington and his Cat.' In this the characters were taken by Masters Twomey, Bourke, Clarke, Knight, Rooney, Lawlor, and Wareing, and Misses Twomey (2), Connell, Scannell, Beri (2), E. O'Donohue, Leary, and Gillespie. A piano duet (four pianos and harmonium) was brightly played by Misses Roulston, Gillespie, Connolly, Prattley, Barrett, Earl, Beri, Blyth, and Gaze. An action song by Masters Fitzgerald, Clarke, Geany, Hogan, Rooney, Wareing, Carr, Spillane (2), Sharp, and Twomey was perhaps the best effort the boys made. The programme concluded with a charming drill, song, and tableau 'Kil-larney.' The performers were Misses Earl, Ardagh, O'Donohue, Beri, Gaffaney, O'Brien, Gillespie, and Connell. Miss Quinn, as usual, kindly acted as accompanist throughout the evening.

Messrs Arthur Briscoe and Co., of Dunedin, are sole agents in this Colony for Wunderlich's celebrated patent metal ceilings, which are very artistic, besides being durable and fireproof. They are also the agents for Marseilles roofing tiles, which are in general use in the Australian colonies, where their durability and other good qualities are fully recognised.—\*.\*

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Dunedin, notifies that small grazing runs in the Waihemo, Naseby, Sutton, Nenthorn, and Strath-Taieri, Maruvenua, and Mount Hyde districts will be open for lease on application at the Dunedin office on and after January 16. Further particulars will be found in our advertising columns.—\*.\*

Housewives will consult their interests by asking their grocers for Honda-Lanka tea, which is grown in one of the finest tea-producing districts in the sunny isle of Ceylon. It is packed in that colony, and therefore practically comes direct from the grower to the consumer, a fact which is a guarantee of its purity and excel-lence.—\*.\*

The railway authorities notify that holiday excursion tickets will be issued in connection with the Christmas and New Year holi-days from December 18 to January 2, which will be available for return up to and including February 19.—\*.\*

Pastoral runs in the Tuapeka, Clutha, Bruce, and Lake Counties will be submitted to public auction for lease at the Crown Lands Office, Dunedin, on Wednesday, January 16. Sale plans and full particulars can be obtained at the Crown Lands Office, Dun-edin.—\*.\*