

in the operetta were sustained by Misses Tatton, Kelly, F. Stapp, C. Armstrong, McMahon, E. Wimssett, and the junior pupils. duet, Misses Light, Wimssett, Curran, Mercer, Louisson, C. Armstrong, Thomson, and Crisp.

At the close of the entertainment, Dean Mahoney asked the Mayor to distribute the prizes. He said for over 20 years the Chief Magistrate of the city had been asked and had always kindly performed the task of distributing the prizes for St. Mary's Schools. He was pleased to welcome his old friend, Mr. J. A. Harley, in his official capacity, and he was glad to see present Mr. F. Trask, the ex-Mayor, who for so many years performed the duty that his successor to the mayoralty was about to undertake.

His worship the Mayor said he considered it an honor to be asked to distribute the prizes, and he had great pleasure in being present. The schools had for many years maintained a high standard for music, drawing, and general knowledge. He heartily congratulated the Rev. Mother and her able assistants on the success of their labors, and said he felt sure the entertainment given by the pupils that afternoon could not have been surpassed by any school in any other part of the Colony.

Mr. F. Trask also spoke briefly. He referred to the noble work the Rev. Mother and her assistants were engaged in.

At the convent specimens of the pupils' work were exhibited. They included paintings, drawings, handwriting, and plain and fancy needlework. The whole was a very creditable exhibition, and an evidence of the extensive range of instruction given at the schools, and the thoroughness of the teaching imparted.

The following is the prize list:—

ST. MARY'S SELECT SCHOOL.

Good conduct: C. Gapper, J. Devery, F. Martin, I. Oldershaw, N. Vaughan, Irene Stapp, Isabel Seymour, Cecilia Devanney, Amiability and politeness: — Kelly, I. Martin, M. Oldershaw, L. Mathews. Christian doctrine: — Gapper, A. Mathews, K. Stapp, Minnie Burk, M. O'Brien. Regular attendance: — Emms, F. Stapp, and J. Frank.

Sixth Class—Arithmetic, geography, grammar, science, drawing, and highest number of marks: C. Gapper. Composition, N.Z. geography and arithmetic: E. Kelly. History, writing, neatness, and geography: M. Devery. Reading and general progress: F. Stapp. Diligence: Agnes Day.

Fifth Class—Drawing, writing, and highest number of marks: J. Devery. Arithmetic, reading, and diligence: F. Emms. Neatness, arithmetic, and diligence: T. Martin. Composition, neatness, and mental arithmetic: R. Young. General progress: Misses Louisson, Gardner, Cullinane, Jennings, and Richardson.

Fifth Class (2nd division)—Politeness, diligence, and general improvement: Amy Corbett. Diligence and special prize for mountmellick: F. Martin. Drawing, arithmetic, and geography: M. Mercer. Arithmetic and drawing: E. Wilson. General progress, politeness, and diligence: N. Constable, L. Hickey, F. Frank. B. Thomson, H. Stewart, N. Cullinane.

Fourth Class—Politeness and neatness in school-work: A. Mathews. Drawing, reading, and arithmetic: M. Friend. Singing, regular attendance and plain sewing: K. Stapp. Reading, spelling and writing: I. Waters. Arithmetic, diligence, and highest number of marks: I. Oldershaw. Arithmetic, spelling and drawing: E. Saunders. Geography and mental arithmetic: L. Barry. Reading, arithmetic, and history: R. Sowman. Writing and composition: C. Parminter. Reading and recitation: M. Kelly. Application and general progress: K. Burke. Arithmetic and composition: G. Woodward. General improvement and diligence: — O'Brien, J. Woodward, B. Thomson, M. Hart, D. La Frantz, J. McDonogh.

Third Class—Arithmetic, reading, spelling, and highest marks: G. Wilson. Spelling and geography: I. Martin. Reading, recitation, and arithmetic: A. Mathews. Geography, spelling, and catechism: N. Vaughan. Writing, spelling, and reading: R. Andrews. Composition and reading: C. Stapp. General improvement: G. Mercer.

Second Class—Spelling, composition, and singing: M. Burke. Writing and reading: I. Seymour. General progress and sewing: J. Hannigan. Arithmetic: D. Newport. Politeness and reading: I. Kelly. Transcription and spelling: K. Burke. General progress: J. Frank. Arithmetic: M. O'Donald.

First Class—General progress: C. Devanney. Diligence: F. Hart. General improvement: M. Hannigan. Arithmetic: E. Way. Writing: K. Floyd. Application: G. Downes. Writing: A. Hart.

Preparatory Class—Catechism and regularity: A. Hayden. Writing: Flora Saunders. Mental arithmetic: M. Friend. Copying: K. Frank. Transcription: N. Phelan. Amiability: R. Saunders. Gentleness: D. Seymour and L. Devanney.

Extras—Plain sewing: K. Burke. Fancy work and Mountmellick embroidery: M. Devery. Fancy work and drawn thread: B. Gardner. Singing and drawn thread: F. Stapp. Singing, plain sewing, and Mountmellick embroidery: E. Kelly. Mountmellick embroidery: C. Gapper. Singing: I. Waters. Drawn thread work: E. Frank. Music (violin): M. McMahon. Piano: M. Mercer and N. Vaughan.

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL.

Good conduct: Sara Eden, Mary Condell, and Dorothy Frank. Amiability and politeness: L. Tatton, E. Frank and K. Condell. Diligence: — Arnold, M. Harris, and M. Condell. Catechism: — Waters, T. Curran, and I. Crisp.

Matriculation Class—Mathematics, English French, drawing and writing: — Arnold.

Civil Service Class—Physiology, geography, history, drawing and French: — McCarty; calligraphy, mathematics, English and drawing: — Egan; history, physiology, and mathematics: — Knapp; general proficiency: — Waters.

Sixth Standard—Arithmetic, geography, English and history: M. Seymour; writing and English: — Clark; composition and drawing: — Eden.

Fifth Standard—Arithmetic and writing: — Tomlinson; geography and reading: T. Curran.

Fourth Standard—Reading and recitation, E. Light; composition and reading, E. Wimssett; geography and arithmetic, I. Seymour; writing and arithmetic, S. Eden; reading, history, and geography: — Condell.

Third Standard—Writing, E. Frank; reading and arithmetic, K. Condell, reading and spelling, V. Armstrong; general improvement, E. Andrews.

Second Standard—Reading, arithmetic, and writing: D. Roughton; geography and spelling, G. Frank; writing, G. Boundy; reading, R. Armstrong.

First Standard—Writing, D. Frank; reading, L. Neilson; arithmetic, W. Betts; reading, V. Hobbs.

Fancy work, — Tomlinson and A. Eden; Mountmellick emb., S. Eden and E. Frank; drawn thread, A. Ladley and — Rapley; plain sewing, — Naylor and E. Andrews; crayon drawing, — Gapper and A. Ladley; oil painting, — Hales; water colors, — Eden and — Waters; music (piano), — Eden and I. Crisp; violin, — McCarthy; shorthand, — Egan and — Rapley; type-writing, — Hailes and Egan.

THE BOER WAR.

NOTES AND POINTS OF INTEREST TO CATHOLIC READERS.

HART'S IRISH BRIGADE.

Dr. Conan Doyle, who has just published a book on the Boer War, says of Hart's Irish Brigade that no other section of Buller's army 'held such a record. "Their rushes were the quickest, their rushes were the longest, and they stayed the shortest time under cover," said a shrewd military observer. To Hart and his brigade was given the task of clearing the way to Ladysmith.

VICTORIA CROSS HEROES.

An analysis of the 25 Victoria Crosses which had been awarded up to the end of September as the result of the South African campaign shows that the captains have won the lion's share of the decorations. Eight officers of this grade have been awarded the cross, and they are followed by four corporals and four sergeants. Three lieutenants, including Lord Roberts's son, have also achieved the cross 'for valor,' and so have two majors, one gunner, one driver, one trooper, and one private. The engagement which conferred the greatest number of decorations is Colenso, on December 15th, for which five crosses were awarded.

CHURCH LOSSES IN ORANGE RIVER VICARIATE.

The Right Rev. Bishop Gaughran estimates that the losses to the Catholic missions in his vicariate in consequence of the war will be about £10,000.

THE IRISHMEN OF BLOEMFONTEIN AND LORD ROBERTS.

On hearing of Lord Roberts's intended departure from South Africa the Irishmen of Bloemfontein sent him an address in which they said:—"Your clemency and invariable kindness to the Dutch people have endeared you to the hearts of all South Africans. To your correct and most Christian leniency some cynics and adverse critics have taken exception. Angels in heaven and honest hearts all the world over will, however, praise you, and bless you for this same love-inspiring mercy. If harsher measures—which God forbid—should be deemed necessary in this sorely oppressed country, it is meet and fit that they should be executed by other hands than yours, thou most worthy and illustrious son of St. Patrick's Isle. "God chasteneth those whom He loveth," and your honored head has been sorrowfully bent here in Africa, while your noble heart was being chastened by the cruel blow which deprived you of an only son, and our Empire of a brave soldier. How grandly you have acquitted yourself, how faithfully you have carried out your most onerous duties, how honorably you have endeared yourself to all men of goodwill throughout Christendom will be hereafter recorded in history and is already written in our hearts."

To this Lord Roberts replied as follows:—"It is with feelings of peculiar gratification that I have received from you, my countrymen of Bloemfontein, such a hearty "God speed" for Lady Roberts, my daughters, and myself, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this expression of your goodwill. Truly Irish, as your letter is in its affectionate kindness, it will always be preserved in my family as a treasured possession, and as a proof that Irishmen lose none of their national, generous, and warm-hearted characteristics by being transplanted to a foreign soil, and as a proof also that Irishmen in South Africa are animated by the same devotion to Ireland as their countrymen at home, and by the same loyalty which has been lately so conspicuously displayed in our dear little Emerald Isle on the occasion of our beloved Sovereign's visit. I value especially the appreciative manner in which you have alluded to my services in South Africa during the war, and it will always be a source of pride and pleasure to me that I have earned the approval of my countrymen in Bloemfontein."

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