

Kathleen Floyd; attendance, spelling, and singing, Nora Coughlan; composition, singing, and arithmetic, May Hannigan; reading and catechism, Amelia Hayden; singing, attendance, writing, Maude Friend; arithmetic, reading, writing, and spelling, Florrie Hart; spelling, reading, and tables, Cecilia Davaney; catechism, reading, and spelling, Kathleen Frank; arithmetic, writing, composition, Madge Olden-haw.

Preparatory Class: Sewing and arithmetic, Eileen Arnell; arithmetic and transcription, Dorothy Taylor; spelling, writing, and tables, Ruby Eades; writing and tables, Lizzie Devaney; composition, spelling and tables, Emma Way; singing, composition, Kathleen Floyd; order and amabity, Florrie Saunders; politeness and order, Cecilia Devany; transcription and tables, Ruby Saunders, Doris Way, Reta Floyl, Alice Way, Gladys Way.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOL, DUNEDIN.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Christian Brothers' school, Dunedin, took place in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday afternoon, in the presence of a number of the parents and friends of the children. Prior to the distribution a brief but excellent entertainment was given. The programme opened with a class song, 'Ave Maria,' by the singing class. The next item was a dialogue, 'Cato's Senate' (Addison), in which the part of Cato was taken by Master T. Pound; Sempronius, Master E. C. Thomas; and Lucius, Master James Collins. This item was given with admirable effect, the action and enunciation of the boys being very good. Master Alan Shain played a violin solo, 'The old folks at home,' with a lightness of touch and expression which would do credit to one of maturer years. The youthful violinist had to respond to a well-deserved recall. A very humorous recitation was given by Master F. Bevin with considerable dramatic effect. A chorus, 'Farewell to study,' brought the entertainment to a close.

At this juncture the Rev. Fathers Murphy and O'Malley, the Hon. Hugh Gourley, M.L.C., and Messrs. M. Coughlan, Laffey, and J. Collins took their seats on the platform. Rev. Brother Fogarty read a letter from his Lordship Bishop Verdon, who regretted that he could not be present on account of illness. An apology was also received for absence from Dr. Brown.

The following report was read by Rev. Brother Fogarty:—I need hardly say we all regret the Bishop's absence to-day, and I would ask Father Murphy to assure his Lordship that we miss his cheerful smile and the encouraging words with which he is accustomed to address us on occasions like the present (applause). In closing the school at the end of this first year of the twentieth century, I am glad to be able to report that the efforts of the Brothers have been rewarded with a fair measure of success. The main object of our school is the religious instruction of our pupils, and that object we have tried to keep steadily in view. The conduct of our boys has given us satisfaction, and the attention they give to their religious duties speaks well for the co-operation we have received from the parents. It is a source of pleasure to the Brothers to know that they possess the confidence of the parents. But some few carry this confidence to such an extent that they seem to think that when they have placed their boy under the charge of the Brothers their duty ends. They are very much mistaken. The zealous father will still, as it were, hold his boy by the hand. He may be one of the busiest men, working his 10 or 12 hours a day, but he will always have leisure to attend to his boy. He will know precisely what the child is studying at school, what progress he is making, who his teachers are, with what other children he is intimate, and what his opinion of them is. He and his son are mutual confidants. The child of such a parent passes through the loose-tongued uproar of the street unscathed. His glance is straightforward, his bearing confident, but modest. He is a boy to the tips of his fingers, but you cannot talk with him without feeling that the soul of a gentleman is in him. Such might all our boys be, should all the parents do their part, and such a boy, I am glad to say, is the dux of the school for 1901—Michael Rosbotham—(applause). I heartily congratulate him on winning the coveted dux medal, and I may add that he is *facile princeps*. Four of our pupils were presented for the university entrance examination, and were all successful—viz., John P. Hastings, Cornelius J. Collins, John O'Leary, and R. Cotter. John Scanlan, John O'Leary, Albert Knox, and John J. Delargey were likewise successful at the Civil Service examinations. The school was examined in May by our inspector from Sydney, with satisfactory results. The physical instruction of our boys was in the hands of Messrs. J. C. Smith (gymnastics) and Jas. McCleary (football coach). To both we return thanks for the enthusiasm which they put into their work, and we congratulate them on the success which attended their efforts. To Mr Shain, who has again presented the gold dux medal, and to the other ladies and gentlemen who have helped us to provide the prizes, the Brothers return their warmest thanks.

The Rev. Father Murphy, in the course of a brief address, said that the report just read by Brother Fogarty was complimentary to the pupils, encouraging to the parents and to the teachers, who were aiding those who had the spiritual direction of the Church. In the report he noticed that the pupils had been eminently successful in all their examinations during the year. In the examinations held in the school the results were most satisfactory. The public examinations referred to spoke for themselves. This was no new thing, for they had had always most satisfactory results from the Brothers' schools. Notwithstanding the Superior's presence he had something to say in his praise. Brother Fogarty's success as an educationist had been for a long time recognised by them. The parents who sent their children to the Brothers' School could feel certain that they would be well looked after as long as Brother Fogarty was head of that establishment. And what could be said of Brother Fogarty could also be applied to the Brothers who assisted him. Them also he wished sincerely to thank. He noticed

from the report that the Brothers were following in the footsteps of their founder, Mr. Rice, of Waterford. He it was who established the Christian Brothers 99 years ago. What led to it was that this pious and holy man saw the destruction of his people during the penal days, and he said to himself cannot something be done to help the people. He set about his task, and a hard one it was. He drew up the constitutions for the Order. These constitutions were based on those of the Order founded many years before by the saintly De la Salle. In less than 20 years he submitted these constitutions to the Holy See, and Pius VII. raised this body of holy men to the dignity of an Order. From that time to this great has been the work which has been accomplished by the sons of the saintly Mr. Rice, so that to-day, wherever they looked around the English-speaking world, they would see houses of the Order doing great and noble work for Christian education. Brother Fogarty had faithfully followed in the footsteps of the founder of the Order in his training of the youth entrusted to him. Was not Brother Fogarty right in giving prominence in his report to the work of Christian education? If they looked around the diocese they would see among the priests some who had received the rudiments of their education at the Brothers' school, also members of the medical and other professions who, although yet young, will later on make their mark in the world. From this they could see that the secular part was well attended to and looked after. The fruits of the Brothers' teaching could be seen here amongst them. It was the duty of parents to give a religious education to their children. Religion was the foundation of all education, for St. Augustine says that 'knowledge without God cannot be regarded as knowledge at all.' They were placed in the world to know and love God. They knew how the Church worked in the early days for civilisation. They could call to mind the services of the various orders in ages past. Father Murphy here referred to labors of St. Augustine, St. Bernard, St. Dominic, St. Ignatius, and later on St. Vincent de Paul. The Christian Brothers, he continued, were walking in the footsteps of these. In conclusion, he had a word to say to the pupils. He exhorted the children to persevere in their studies. To do this their parents worked hard, and it was to be hoped that when they left school they would act as good and worthy Catholics. They owed no man anything except their parents. When they went into the world they should remember they were citizen of this new colony, and they should work hard and claim their rights as citizens. They would, perhaps, have to undergo great trials, and probably be persecuted as their fathers were before them. By being united they could do a great deal; they could sympathise with one another. They should be as brothers and sisters of the same family, and when the occasion arose they should be ready to stand by each other and fight for their rights.

On the motion of Mr M. Coughlan a vote of thanks was passed to Father Murphy for presiding.

The prizes were distributed by the Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., the following being the list:—

SENIORS.

Matriculation Class.—M. Rosbotham, dux; J. Hannan 2, R. S. Rosbotham 3, J. P. Hastings 4, E. C. Thomas 5, F. Bourke 6. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, R. S. Rosbotham; church history, J. Hannan; Latin, J. P. Hastings; French, M. Rosbotham; English, M. Rosbotham; geography, M. Rosbotham; arithmetic, J. Hannan; algebra, T. Pound; Euclid, E. C. Thomas; chemistry, J. P. Hastings; elocation, T. Pound; gymnastics, M. Rosbotham.

Civil Service Class.—J. Brennan 1 (W. Scoular and Co.'s prize), C. G. Maher 2, W. Shain 3. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, J. Brennan; church history, E. Campbell; English, J. Brennan; geography, C. G. Maher; arithmetic, C. G. Maher; algebra, W. Shain; Euclid, J. Brennan; shorthand, E. W. Spain; bookkeeping, E. W. Spain; handwriting, W. Shain; gymnastics, W. Shain.

Sub-matriculation Class.—F. W. Bevin 1, James Collins 2. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, James Collins; church history, J. W. Wilkinson; Latin, F. W. Bevin; geography, G. Miller; French, F. W. Bevin; English, F. W. Bevin; arithmetic, James Collins; algebra, James Collins; Euclid, James Collins; typewriting, J. W. Wilkinson; gymnastics, James Collins.

Intermediate Class.—J. Matheson 1, F. M'Bride 2, W. Kiely 3. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, A. McDonald; Bible history, J. Matheson; reading, F. Freed; spelling and dictation, F. Freed; recitation, G. Byrne; arithmetic, J. Matheson and W. Kiely (equal); grammar, J. Matheson; composition, J. Matheson; geography, F. M'Bride; Euclid, J. Matheson; algebra, J. Matheson; French, J. Matheson; Latin, J. Matheson; book-keeping, J. Matheson; writing, F. Freed; mapping, W. Kiely; home exercise, J. Matheson.

Junior Class.—W. Higgins 1, C. Hannigan 2, H. M'Hugh 3, A. Byrne 4, W. Ferguson 5, T. Meyer 6. Examination honors (first in subject): Christian doctrine, T. Meyer and W. Layburn (equal); Bible history, W. Higgins; reading, W. Layburn; spelling and dictation, W. Higgins; recitation, W. Higgins; arithmetic, C. Hannigan and F. Told (equal); grammar, C. Hannigan; geography, R. Miller; mapping, R. Miller; Euclid, W. Higgins; algebra, W. Higgins; French, C. Hannigan; Latin, W. Higgins; bookkeeping, L. Casey; writing, W. Higgins; home exercise, W. Higgins; typewriting, C. Hannigan.

Special Prize.—Gymnastics: Seniors, W. Shain (silver medal); juniors, E. Spain (silver medal). Football trophies: Best back, W. Shain; best forward, J. P. Hastings. Regular attendance (W. Scoular and Co.'s prizes): Absent no day, W. Shain, F. Bourke.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Fifth Class.—James O'Sullivan 1, James Walsh 2, Albert Wood 3, Frank Wood 4, Edward O'Connor 5, M. Maloney 6, Frank Fogarty