

The boys contributed £8 to the N.Z. Schools Belgian Fund and are sending £15 to the Irish Distress Fund.

Before concluding, I wish to thank his Grace Archbishop O'Shea and the Wellington Catholic Education Board, the Rev. Father Hurley (our parish priest), and the St. Joseph's Parish School Committee, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, and Rev. Father O'Connell, as well as all the priests and people of the three parishes, the donors of prizes, and particularly the members of our Old Boys' Association, to which organisation we hope all our boys will belong. To one and all we wish an abundance of God's heavenly favors at this Christmas time, and many more in the years to come.

In addition to the class prizes, we have given a special prize for conduct and one for Christian doctrine in each class. All other class prizes, except those for attendance are for conduct and diligence, and we have considered more the earnestness a boy has shown than the success he has achieved. The names of donors of prizes appear in parentheses.

The following was the prize list:—

Special Prizes.

Good conduct (Archbishop O'Shea's gold medal)—James Dennis.

Dux of school (Mrs. Macarthy-Reid's gold medal)—Joseph Delaney, who also won the St. Patrick's College Scholarship for Wellington Catholic boys.

Best sport (Dr. Mackin's gold medal)—James Ward.

The names of these three boys will be placed on the school Honors Banner.

School prize for good conduct (Archdeacon Devoy)—R. O'Regan.

Good conduct (Rev. Fathers O'Connell and Hurley and Mr. M. O'Connor)—Standard VII., C. O'Regan; Standard VI., C. McCosker; Standard V., E. Quill; Standard IV., F. Parsonage; Standard III., R. O'Halloran; Standard II., C. Hoare; Standard I., W. McKenna.

Christian doctrine (Mr. F. Burke)—Standard VII. E. Davies; Standard VI., C. Kershaw; Standard V., G. Burton; Standard IV., J. Ainsworth; Standard III., F. Looner; Standard II., J. Sandford; Standard I., J. Bray and M. Carroll.

Mr. J. McGrath's Irish essay prizes (subject, 'What Ireland has done for the Empire, particularly in the present war')—Standard VII., T. Columb; Standard VI., S. Higgins 1, C. White 2; Standard V., P. Clarkson 1, L. O'Brien 2; Standard IV., F. Andrews 1, J. Darroch 2. Each prize-winner received a set of Irish books.

Swimming, M.B.S.V. Challenge Cup (presented by Mr. Henry, and prizes by Mr. McGrath)—T. Columb 1, J. Ryan and J. Ward 2. The winner also has his name recorded on the cup.

Most improved footballer (Mr. B. Guise)—J. Corby.

Cricket—Batting (Mr. B. Guise), O. Johnson; bowling (Mr. B. Doherty), J. Ryan.

Class Prizes.

Standard VII.—Conduct and diligence: C. O'Regan, J. Delaney, T. Columb, J. McLean, H. McKeown, E. Davies, B. Griffin, M. McCarthy.

Standard VI.—The following gained proficiency certificates, and each was awarded a prize—J. Braniff, G. Bezar, J. Barnes, R. Beveridge, W. Becker, W. Columb, W. Corby, J. Corby, P. Chase, A. Campbell, E. Davies, J. Doull, J. Dennis, D. Daly, D. Foley, R. Fitzerald, J. Griffin, J. Griffith, J. Higgins, M. McKeown, O. Johnson, E. Knudson, C. Kershaw, M. Krohn, R. Laffin, C. McCosker, T. McCarthy, J. McAteer, D. McLean, W. Millet, P. McCarthy, C. Nash, R. O'Regan, C. Kirk, V. Reid, J. Sandbrook, C. O'Regan, W. Scott, J. Walker, H. Warcup, E. Wilson, C. White.

Standard V.—Conduct and diligence—G. Burton, W. Parkinson, W. Kiernander, E. Quill, F. Ruscoe, J. Johns, J. Burke, W. Bassenden, W. Peters, E. Warren, L. Carswell, J. O'Brien, E. Barton, M. Gastein; attendance—John Cannon.

Standard IV.—Conduct—H. Pobar, R. Watson, C. Salven, E. Smith, F. Dunne, R. Dennis, F. Cooch, F. Maloney, W. Cullen, F. Buckley, J. Kershaw, F. Ledger, A. Holland, L. Gamble, F. Bustin, R. Clisby, C. Doherty, H. Headifen, A. Dillon, W. Fouhy; attendance—A. Burton, L. Hoskins, K. Hayward, L. Newton, J. Wallace.

Standard III.—Conduct—G. Jones, W. M. Yeats, E. Bonner, F. Hyland, R. Laffin, F. Delaney, F. Taylor, F. Kelleher, T. Cannon, J. Headifen, R. Wylie, F. Owen, M. Connell, F. O'Shea, B. Fisk, W. Guise; attendance—T. Cannon, W. Holmes, C. Beveridge, J. Headifen, E. Carney.

Standards II. and I.—The 66 boys forming these two standards were awarded a prize each.

Choir prizes—Best vocalists (Master H. McGrath, Napier)—L. O'Brien 1, E. Quill 2.

Alto voices (Ven. Archdeacon Devoy)—J. Reid 1, J. Dennis 2.

Attendance (Mr. T. O'Brien)—J. Ryan, J. Dennis, J. Burke, F. Maloney, R. Dennis, D. Nolan, O. Johnson, F. Buckley, H. Rafferty.

Choir sports.—100yds, under 12: W. O'Keefe; under 13: E. Warren 1, D. Nolan 2; under 14: O. Johnson 1, F. Maloney 2; open: G. Burton 1, D. Foley 2; open race: C. Nash 1, J. Ryan 2; Siamese race: J. Ryan and J. Ward; swimming race: J. Ward; band sports—100yds, under 13: W. Ainsworth; open: J. Lodge 1, R. Watson 2; Siamese race: J. and W. Ainsworth.

Band prizes (Archdeacon Devoy)—Theory and playing: J. Delaney 1, J. McLean 2; most improved player: E. Quill; best all-round bandsman (Ross Challenge Shield): J. McLean; best drummer: W. Meenan.

At the conclusion of the prize distribution Archbishop O'Shea congratulated the boys on their success in studies and sport, and more particularly on the fine Catholic spirit with which he knew them all to be imbued. To the Brothers, who taught the boys so earnestly, the Catholic body owed a debt of gratitude, and he urged the boys to continue loyal to the teachings they had received at school. The life of the Brothers was a very strenuous though happy one, and the boys could make it happier still by leading good Catholic lives that would make them an honor to their faith and their country.

Mr. J. McGrath, LL.B., proposed a vote of thanks to his Grace, and mentioned that it gave him the greatest pleasure to assist the Brothers and boys in their work. He had derived great pleasure from reading the Irish essays submitted to him, and congratulated the boys on being so thoroughly imbued with the 'Spirit of the Nation.' He urged them to be ever faithful to Holy Mass, Confession, and Holy Communion, that they might grow strong in their faith; for they would find as they battled their way through life that their faith, and nothing but their faith, would keep them on the right track; and if ever they were tempted to turn from it, he recommended them to 'remember Limerick.'

Hearty cheers for his Grace and the Brothers concluded a happy evening.

ST. PATRICK'S CONVENT, AUCKLAND

The following was the programme of the concert given by the pupils of St. Patrick's Convent at the Town Hall, on December 20:—

Part I.—Overture, orchestra; chorus, 'Messengers from Fairy Land,' singing class; songs, (a) 'Dancing Spring,' (b) 'Christmas is Coming,' junior pupils; sword dance, Misses Eva and E. Sanford; song and chorus, 'The Song the Kettle is Singing,' boys (solo by Miss Lightfoot); dance, 'Soldier's Dance,' Master N. Grace; song and march, 'Dear Little Cherubs,' junior pupils; song, 'Swiss Toy Girls,' Misses T. Lightfoot and V. Heaps; fairy play, 'Discontented Peggy and How She was Cured,' in which the following took part—Misses Lightfoot, P. Ganley, A. McKie, Ross, B. Draffin, V. Heaps, I. Baird; piano duet, Misses N.