

### MARIST BROTHERS' SCHOOL, HAWKESTONE STREET, WELLINGTON

The annual break-up of the Marist Brothers' School, Hawkestone street, was held on December 15, his Grace Archbishop O'Shea presiding, and the Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., being also present.

In his report, Brother Louis said that the school during the year had maintained its past efficiency. He said that the number of scholars had reached 144, and he was pleased at being able to testify to their thoroughly good dispositions with regard to studies, both religious and secular. The very satisfactory reports from the inspectors during the year, and the results of the sixth standard examination, in which 33 pupils qualified for the proficiency certificate, were proofs of the earnestness they brought to bear in their studies. On the sporting field they had also been prominent. They won the north district schools championship Association football competition, entitling each player to a silver medal. They had been successful also in winning the cup and championship of the 6th Division A of the Association football competition. In conclusion, he heartily thanked his Grace for condescending, at great inconvenience to himself, to come and present the prizes. He thanked also the following donors of prizes—His Grace Archbishop Redwood, Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., Rev. Father O'Leary, Mrs. McCarthy-Reid, Dr. Mackin, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Levin, Mr. McKeowen, James Garret, Percy Gallagher, Mr. Tabor, Mrs. Sommerville, R. Ferris, W. Thomas, C. Sullivan, Mr. Ray, C. Quinlan, Maurice MacElligott.

After the presentation of the prizes the Rev. Father Smyth delivered a short address. He heartily thanked his Grace for attending at their prize-giving, and he said that he felt quite sure that his presence was appreciated by the boys and that his coming to their break-up was no small favor. He informed his Grace that there existed among the boys a fine Catholic spirit, and he said that after leaving school they would be a credit to their school and Church.

His Grace, after stating that he was pleased with the results of the school during the year, said that it was gratifying to have such a fine number of Catholic boys attending the school, and he hoped that the number would still continue to increase and that those who were leaving, would, as Father Smyth said, be a credit to the Church and school. He concluded by wishing the boys a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The following is the prize list:—

Dux Standard VI. (gold medal, presented by his Grace Archbishop Redwood)—John Fitzgerald. Good conduct (gold medal, presented by Rev. Father Smyth)—Charles Rowley. Christian doctrine (gold medal, presented by Rev. Father O'Leary)—John Hawken. General proficiency (gold medal, presented by Mrs. McCarthy-Reid)—William Gamble. Essay on 'Catholic Federation' (gold medal, presented by Mr. McKeowen)—Percy Emerson. Essay on 'What Ireland has Done in the War' (gold medal, presented by Mr. McGrath)—Norman Plimmer. Good attendance (gold medal, presented by Mr. Levin)—John Byrne. Handball championship (gold medal, presented by Dr. Mackin)—W. Gamble. Handball handicap (gold medal, presented by Maurice MacElligott)—Frank Gamble. Arithmetic (gold and silver medal, presented by Percy Gallagher)—Cedric Casey. Best home work in Standard VI. (silver medal, presented by Mr. Tabor)—Lawrence Raxworthy. Best home work in Standard VII. (silver medal, presented by Mr. Ray)—Mortimer Sullivan. Standard VI. spelling (silver medal, presented by R. Ferris)—S. Swan. The MacCarthy-Reid shield for first place in Christian doctrine and English—J. Connor. Map-drawing—W. Lacey. Reading, Standard VI.—R. George 1, H. Wynne 2. General proficiency—Standard VII., N. Grimstone; Standard VIII., J. O'Brien.

Standard V.—Christian doctrine, J. Quirk. Aggregate—Francis Brogan (medal, presented by W. Thomas) 1, L. Day 2, W. Cudby 3. Arithmetic, Keith Ryder. English grammar, B. Rowley.

Standard IV.—Christian doctrine, W. Staff.

Aggregate—Stewart Emerson 1, A. Tancred 2, T. Venn 3. Good attendance, B. Gleeson.

Standard III.—Christian doctrine—B. Hilton 1, Hamilton Fisher 2. Good conduct, V. Swan (medal). Aggregate—J. Gaynor 1, A. Hally 2, B. Hilton 3. Diligence in work, W. Gardner. Attendance, H. Patton.

Standard II.—Christian doctrine, H. H. White. Aggregate—A. O'Connell 1, F. Englert 2, L. Lewis 3.

Standard I.—General proficiency, J. Emerson. Good attendance certificates—H. Black, J. Byrne, W. Gamble, J. Connor, R. George, C. Rowley, J. Hawken, M. Reeves, S. Swan, L. Raxworthy, G. Douglas, A. McKenzie, B. Rowley, A. Englert, B. Gleeson, A. Murphy, E. Barry, A. Hally, H. Patton, P. McAuley, E. McDonnell, J. Morgan, J. Watters, V. Swan, R. Lang, P. Quirk.

Winners of the North District Schools' Championship (medals presented by the Wellington Football Association)—J. Byrne, L. Lewis, W. Scanlon, F. Gamble, N. Plimmer, W. Gamble, H. Black, J. O'Brien, N. Grimstone, V. Ward, R. George, A. Tancred.

### CONVENT SCHOOL, THAMES

In spite of the inclemency of the weather, a large and very appreciative audience attended the concert given by the pupils of the above school on December 21. The programme was a lengthy one and well diversified. The excellent pianoforte items, the songs, drills, drama, etc., gave evidence of very careful training on the part of the teachers, and the no less careful application and attention of the children. During the second half, the Rev. Father Dignan presented the certificates and prizes to the successful scholars. Before making the presentation, Father Dignan, in a few well-chosen remarks, expressed his thanks to those present for their attendance and interest displayed, to the youthful performers for their pleasing rendering of their various parts, and to the good Sisters of St. Joseph for their devoted work among the children. He congratulated his hearers on having such an excellent staff of teachers in their midst, and gave as instances of the efficiency of the convent school these results: In the National Scholarships of 1915 the only winner in the Thames district was a pupil from this school, John Butler; while this year Thomas Lanigan succeeded in carrying off the scholarship offered by the Sacred Heart College to all Catholic primary schools in the Dominion. After very happily inviting the co-operation and interest of the people in the good work of the school, Father Dignan proceeded to present the certificates for practical pianoforte playing, given by Trinity College, London, and certificates of proficiency granted by the Education Department to the sixth standard pupils.

Following is the prize list:—

Standard VI.—T. Lanigan, mathematics; A. Strange, composition; J. Connolly, good attendance; E. O'Sullivan, wood-work; E. Crean, reading; A. Bright, writing; E. Norton, recitation; L. Dunn, Christian doctrine.

Standard V.—M. Crean, composition; G. Gillard, recitation; G. Boyle, reading; E. Norton, good attendance; W. McConnell, mathematics; E. Swift, writing; B. Connolly, Christian doctrine.

Standard IV.—R. Smith, recitation; D. Angell, drawing; A. Boyle, history; D. Montague, geography; D. Stephens, composition; A. Burra, arithmetic; D. Fitzpatrick, reading; J. Conrick, good attendance; D. McLoughlin, Christian doctrine.

Standard III.—W. Dykes, arithmetic; J. Dykes, recitation; M. Crowley, drawing; L. Williams, composition; N. Strange, good attendance; R. Rice, reading; J. Glover, Christian doctrine.

Standard II.—A. Crowley, arithmetic; T. Flynn, reading; P. Boyle, good attendance; M. Stewart, drawing; C. McLoughlin, composition; E. Nightingale, recitation; M. O'Sullivan, Christian doctrine.

Standard I.—M. Jamieson, drawing; E. Montague, Christian doctrine; Roy Rist, arithmetic; V. Harold, good attendance; R. Mullins, tables; K. McLoughlin, spelling; M. Ellis, reading; A. McConnell, writing; A. Boyle, recitation.