

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society held their general meeting after the evening devotions to-night, when they reviewed their work for the past year.

The retreat of the Children of Mary, conducted by the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., terminated on Sunday night, when thirteen aspirants were received into the confraternity.

On Sunday last fifty children made their First Communion at the 9 o'clock Mass. After the 11 o'clock Mass there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Vespers, when the usual procession was held, in which all the Sodalites took part, including the First Communicants.

The pupils of the Convent High School broke up for the Christmas vacation on Monday, and in the evening a concert and distribution of prizes took place in the Empire Hall. The following programme, the items of which were excellently rendered, was given:—Piano duo, 'Brahms' dances,' Misses V. Graham, Kendall, Rainbow, and Stansell; choruses, 'The morn is breaking,' 'Slumber sea,' senior pupils; wand drill, junior pupils; piano solo, 'Romance,' Miss E. Grant; songs, junior pupils; violin solo, Raff's 'Cavatina,' Miss Dorothy Bagnall; Irish jig, Misses M. Murray, E. Grant, and Masters O. Galpin and J. Devine; solo and chorus. Part II.—Piano duo, 'Valse des Fleurs,' Misses Rainbow, M. Tucker, K. Carboy, A. Hurley; chorus, 'Christmas bells,' senior pupils; fan dance, Misses E. Grant, M. Murray, C. Lusted, T. Stockwell; piano solo, 'The butterfly,' Miss Ida Oldridge; choruses, 'Hush, my baby,' 'Plantation echo song,' junior pupils; club drill, senior pupils; song (action), preparatory pupils; chorus, 'Angelus,' senior pupils; trio, 'Three green bonnets,' Misses Kilecolly, S. Haben, M. Murray; piano solo, Miss Alice Rainbow; chorus, 'God defend New Zealand.' The accompanists were Misses J. Graham and M. Rainbow.

Dominican Convent High School, Oamaru

The annual distribution of prizes took place yesterday (writes our Oamaru correspondent under date December 10). Monsignor Mackay, who presented the prizes, congratulated the pupils on the result of the year's work, and wished them a very pleasant holiday. The following is the prize list:—

Matriculation Class.—Duces: J. O'Leary and E. O'Meara; geometry, Johanna O'Leary; algebra, Eileen O'Meara; history, J. O'Leary; physiology, Eileen O'Meara and J. O'Leary; Latin prose, E. O'Meara.

Civil Service Class.—English grammar and composition, Rita O'Donnell and J. Maider; arithmetic, Kate Counihan, Madge Gorman; history, K. Counihan, M. Gorman; physiology, K. Counihan, J. Maider; Gospel, R. O'Donnell, J. Maider; geography, R. O'Donnell, M. Gorman.

Junior Oxford Class.—Medallists, D. Sewell and D. Hart; literature, R. Falconer, M. Coughlan; English composition, D. Sewell, M. Coughlan, R. Falconer, J. Robertson; bookkeeping, D. Hart; arithmetic, D. Hart; theory and history of music, D. Sewell, J. Pringle, A. Lynch; physiology, J. Robertson; French, D. Hart, D. Sewell; Gospel, J. Pringle; certificates (Junior Oxford, local), D. Sewell and D. Hart.

Preliminary Oxford Class.—Medallists, E. Kelly, A. Pringle; arithmetic, A. Pringle, M. Smith, M. O'Grady, K. Ardagh, M. Cartwright; French, E. Kelly, M. Cartwright, A. Lynch; English composition, E. Cartwright, G. Atkinson, A. Molloy, E. Kelly, K. Ardagh, M. Cartwright; domestic economy, K. Ardagh, M. Smith, A. Molloy, M. O'Grady; German, Martha Hille; diligence, Eileen Cartwright; certificates (Preliminary Oxford, local), Eileen Kelly, Ailis Molloy, Mabel Smith.

Certificates (Standard VI., proficiency result of inspector's examination held in August)—Maude Cartwright, May O'Grady, Eileen Kelly, Mabel Smith, Annie Lynch, Agnes Pringle, Gwen Atkinson, Eileen Cartwright, Kitty Ardagh.

Preparatory Oxford Class.—Medallists, Marjory Murray (division 1), Kathleen Oakden (division 2); arithmetic, Maude Smith, M. Molloy, K. Grave; composition, Jessie Moir, M. Molloy; reading, Hazel Jardine, E. Coughlan, K. Grave; diligence, Marjory Murray; attention to studies, Marjory Murray; freehand drawing, J. Moir; penmanship, K. Coughlan; good conduct, K. Oakden.

General Prizes.—Christian doctrine, J. O'Leary (senior), A. Pringle (junior); plain needlework, Mabel Smith (medal), M. Hille, A. Pringle, C. Shirres; fancy needlework, A. Pringle, Mabel Smith; point lace, R. Falconer; painting in oils, C. Shirres (medallist), B. Melville, M. Hille; wood-carving, C. Shirres (relief), A. Pringle (chip); club-swinging, R. Falconer, G. Atkinson, H. Jardine.

Musie (Royal Academy).—Lower division, Dolly Kelly; attention to music, K. Ardagh; elementary division, E. Hille.

Musie (Trinity College).—Higher examination, M. Twomey; senior division, Annie Lynch; intermediate division, Isabella Farrant; attention to music, Ailis Molloy; junior division, Gretta Cooney; preparatory division, E. Hille, N. Spiers.

Harmony Prizes.—Senior division, J. Pringle; intermediate division, Rita Falconer; junior division, Burna Melville; preparatory division, F. Ward.

Good Conduct prize (awarded by the Sisters).—Burna Melville.

The Wreath (awarded by the votes of the pupils to the most amiable and unselfish girl in the school).—Burna Melville.

Kindergarten Prizes.—Good conduct, James Cartwright; arithmetic, Katie White; reading and neatness, Eileen de Courey; Christian doctrine, Nancy Spiers; oral composition, Josie Hannigan; writing, Eileen Breen; spelling, Augusta Molloy; politeness, Nan Ardagh; general improvement, Mary Gibson; drawing and fables, Helena Rooney; stick laying, Annie Hauley; reading and word-building, Ezna Cronk.

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