

## SACRED HEART COLLEGE, AUCKLAND

The annual entertainment and distribution of prizes in connection with the Sacred Heart College, conducted by the Marist Brothers, took place in St. Benedict's Hall on December 6. The Superior, Rev. Brother Clement, presented the annual report, in which, after referring to the death of Bishop Lenihan, he went on to say:—

'The continuous progress of the college was echoed in my last report by a tone of pleasure at past successes, and of buoyancy for future prospects. It is pleasing to be able to assure you that the results of the year's work have fully reached the highest expectations, and that the attendance, progress in studies, and college improvements, constitute a new record for the emulation of succeeding years. In the public examinations we had four Matriculation passes, and ten Junior Civil Service passes. In the Junior Civil Service J. Scott secured fifth place for New Zealand. He also gained honorable mention in Junior National Scholarships, entitling him to free University education. These results may appear small in comparison with those of other secondary schools, but, when our numbers and the disabilities under which we labor are considered, I venture to say that the percentage and excellence of the successes will rank with the first. I may here mention that year after year a considerable number of our Catholic boys, having passed the Civil Service examination with credit, find situations in one or other of the Government Departments. While it is very gratifying to know that the pupils of our schools are thus proving the solidity of the instruction they are receiving, it is not without a certain amount of fear that we see young Catholics forced to take situations in a service which experience tells us is little likely to improve them, and in which so few of the highest positions fall to their lot. Every intelligent Catholic boy who goes into the Government service with a view to permanency is a distinct loss to the Catholic body. His talents would find suitable outlet in the professions, where he would be also better able to serve his Church. There are only two cases in which I would recommend a youth to take a position as Government Servant: (a) when he wishes to make this a means for facilitating the pursuit of his higher studies, (b) when there is no other opening for him. The literary side of education has received very careful attention during the present year. Besides holding inter-club contests, the members of our debating class took part with credit in the Auckland Competitions, and I think you will agree with me that the effort they have made to-night is worthy of any college. I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without offering our heartiest congratulations to the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Debating Club on their recent success in the Auckland Competitions. This may seem a digression from the purpose of this report, but I consider their victory as a Catholic achievement, and as a Catholic institution the Sacred Heart College rejoices at it. Moreover as one of our Old Boys had the honor of taking part in the debate, we are happy to be able to place the fact on record. I regret to say that with regard to Government Bursaries, we are no better off now than we were this time last year. It is true that the public sense of fair play is awakening to the fact that a measure of educational justice is due to Catholics, for the Government Inspectors in Conference passed a resolution that children attending Catholic schools should be eligible to compete for State bursaries. But, while expressing our gratitude to those responsible for recording that resolution, we wish to state that it covers but a small portion of the ground that we wish to cover, and that until the holders of the bursaries are allowed to avail of their own secondary schools for the benefit of the bursary, we cannot regard our claims as satisfied. The physical development of the pupils has come in for its full share of care. In neither football nor in cricket have we attained premier honors, but in both we have secured the moral and physical advantages that spring from regular participation in well organised games. The formation of a Cadet Corps, seventy strong, will further help in the physical development of the pupils, besides inspiring them with ideas of patriotism that should characterise the youth of this promising young country. Thanks to the hearty co-operation of the pupils and their parents, we were enabled this year to hold our annual sports on the college grounds. The preparation entailed much labor and expense, but now we feel the sweets of fruition. If I mistake not there is only one other college in Auckland that can hold its sports on its own grounds. As we mourned the loss of our late Bishop in the early part of this report, we have to rejoice in the election of his illustrious successor. A courteous gentleman and a brilliant controversialist, his advent will be hailed with delight by all, but by none more than by those engaged in Catholic education, of which he is the recognised and renowned champion. We have every assurance that his winning ways will gain the respect and affection even of those who may have to feel the force of his close logic when in conflict. It only remains for me now to thank sincerely our patrons for their generous support during the year. The Very Rev. and Rev. clergy have shown at all times the deepest interest in our work—their attitude is very encouraging. The parents and the laity generally have also been very consistent in their support. We need your co-operation; our only desire is to place your college in such

a position that every Catholic may feel proud of the institution as representing what is best in his Church.'

Congratulatory speeches were made by the Rev. Father Edge, Messrs. C. J. Barr (chairman of the Education Board), and W. J. Napier. Rev. Fathers Holbrook and Ormond were also present. An oratorical competition for the Hackett medal was held, and the Rev. Father Edge, who adjudicated, awarded the prize to Master F. Lavin. Following is the prize list:—

Special Prizes.—Good conduct, 'Coolahan' gold medal, presented by the Bishop, M. Spillane. Christian doctrine, gold medal, presented by the Very Rev. Dean Hackett, G. M. Colgan. Dux of the school, gold medal, presented by Mr. A. N. Snedden, D. J. O'Connor. Oratorical competition, gold medal, presented by Mr. W. E. Hackett. Matriculation class aggregate, gold medal, presented by Mr. H. Wright, J. Coleman. Athletic championship, gold medal, presented by Mr. Paul McNamee, P. J. O'Sullivan. Handball, gold medal, presented by Mr. T. B. O'Connor, J. Hands. Invitation race, 120yds hurdles, gold medal, won by J. C. Whitney (King's College). Prize for English essay, presented by Mr. Montague, won by D. O'Connor.

Senior Class.—Aggregate merit—D. J. O'Connor 1, C. A. Snedden 2, P. J. O'Sullivan 3. English and précis—D. J. O'Connor and C. A. Snedden, equal, 1, E. Kavanagh 2. Latin—D. J. O'Connor 1, C. A. Snedden 2. French—E. Kavanagh 1, D. O'Connor 2, C. Snedden 3. Science—P. O'Sullivan 1, C. Snedden 2, E. Kavanagh 3. Mathematics—C. Snedden 1, D. O'Connor 2, P. O'Sullivan 3. Mechanics—P. O'Sullivan 1, D. O'Connor 2, C. Snedden 3.

Matriculation Class.—Aggregate merit—J. Coleman 1, G. Colgan 2, L. Buxton and R. McVeagh (equal) 3. English—C. McDavitt 1, J. Coleman 2, L. Buxton 3. Arithmetic—J. Coleman 1, R. McVeagh 2, L. Buxton 3. Latin—C. McDavitt 1, J. Coleman 2, G. Colgan 3. French—L. Buxton 1, C. McDavitt 2, J. Coleman 3. Science—R. McVeagh 1, G. Colgan 2, J. Coleman 3. Algebra—G. Colgan 1, J. Coleman 2, W. Sullivan 3. Geometry—J. Coleman 1, G. Colgan 2, L. Buxton 3. History—W. J. Sullivan 1, C. McDavitt 2, A. Power 3. Physiology—A. Power 1.

Civil Service Class.—Aggregate merit—A. Snedden 1, T. Carroll 2, M. Spillane 3. English—A. Snedden 1, T. Carroll 2, J. Foley 3. Arithmetic—A. Snedden 1, T. Carroll 2, M. Spillane 3. Latin—A. Snedden 1, T. Carroll 2, H. Owen 3. French—A. Snedden 1, J. Foley 2, T. Carroll 3. Science—T. Carroll 1, A. Snedden 2, M. Spillane 3. Algebra—T. Carroll 1, A. Snedden 2, J. Foley 3. Geometry—M. Spillane 1, A. Snedden 2, J. Foley 3. Geography—H. Owen 1, A. Snedden 2, M. Spillane 3.

Sub-Civil Service Class.—Christian doctrine—F. Spillane 1, J. Molloy 2, A. Gibbons 3. Special prize for mathematics, gold medal, presented by Mr. J. McKinley—A. Gibbons 1, prox. acc., J. Molloy. Aggregate merit—J. Molloy 1, A. Gibbons 2, F. Spillane 3. English—H. Taylor 1. English essay—J. Molloy 1. Latin—G. Slade 1. French—A. Gibbons 1. Arithmetic—G. Bryant 1. Algebra—J. Molloy 1. Geometry—W. Howe 1. Chemistry—F. Cody 1. Geography—F. Spillane 1. Reading—R. Hanson 1. Writing—H. Taylor 1. Book-keeping—E. Burns 1. Shorthand—W. Howe 1. Application—D. Keane 1. Instrumental music—Violin, F. Spillane; piano, G. Tyrrell.

Standard VI.—M. Flynn, aux., A. Moverley 2, F. Barry 3.

Standard V.—Aggregate—L. Grey, R. Adams, A. Howe.

Fourth Class.—Aggregate merit—F. O'Brien, R. Jenkins, H. Hunt.

Third Class.—Aggregate merit—H. Richards, F. Wilson, L. Hunt.

Music Prizes.—L. Buxton, F. Spillane, B. Cottrell, G. Tyrrell, R. Jenkins, H. Cahill, H. Hunt, V. Hunt, A. Pagni, R. Frodsham, J. Hands.

## Hawera

A new choir has been formed in connection with the church, under the conductorship of Mr. Joseph Higham.

Mr. T. Sexton, who has been ill for the past six months, is now much improved in health, and able to get about.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Connor, of Dunedin, are at present on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Hooker.

Mr. D. Mulvey, who for some time has been on the staff of the New Plymouth Post Office, passed through Hawera on his way to Timaru, to which town he has been transferred.

Some few weeks ago reference was made by a correspondent to the musical talent of members of the Catholic Church. Hawera is fortunately possessed of a superabundance of such talent, and amongst the music teachers are three Catholic ladies, all very worthy representatives of the art. Recently reference was made to Miss Riely, and in this case I wish to refer to Miss Bessie Flynn, who was also a pupil of Sister Mary Agnes, of the Wellington Convent. Miss Flynn has for some years now been one of our most popular artists. Although Miss Flynn has been teaching pianoforte and singing for some time, it was only on last Wednesday that her pupils gave their first concert. It was a musical treat, and proved beyond doubt that this young teacher has received very careful training, and that she is capable of imparting it to the best advantage.