

school for their cordial support during my stay in Dunedin.

The Dux of the School for the current year is Master Athol Clements.

I take this opportunity of wishing the parents and friends of the school a merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

The school re-opens February 6th, 1912.

Prize List.

Athol Clements, dux of school, most popular boy, English history; F. De Largey, Latin, mathematics, senior English; M. Lawless, Latin, mathematics, French; E. Fitzgibbon, French, arithmetic, drawing; S. Geerin, geography, elocution, Latin; L. Walsh, second Civil Service Class and English; H. Carter, mathematics, French, Irish history essay; V. Sheehy, essay and French; I. O'Connor, essay and special improvement; M. Rings, English, and penmanship; L. Shiel, magnetism, electricity, and geography; C. Hastings, French, geography, essay, elocution, first in senior Irish history; C. Cromar, geometry and algebra; P. Keligher, elocution and English; J. McCarthy, shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping; W. Heffernan, first in commercial class and typewriting.

Sub-Civil Service.—J. Newman, gold medal; S. Marlow, algebra, second aggregate; H. O'Neill, French and arithmetic; V. Shiel, geography and English history; Arch. McCaughan, English; Alex. McCaughan, French, English; W. Kennedy, English and algebra; J. Dyer, French and arithmetic; T. O'Brien, arithmetic and French; J. O'Brien, general improvement; L. Dillon, algebra and geography; V. Crowther, general improvement; L. Marlow, arithmetic and English.

Junior handball, H. O'Neill; senior club-swinging, J. Newman; senior gymnastics, J. Newman.

Standard VI.—G. Thompson 1, Jas. Fenton 2, Thos. Hally 3, A. Tarleton 4, Eugene Pollock 5, P. Treahy 6, G. Banks 7, A. Carter 8; Chas. Tylee 9, W. Callery 10; Christian doctrine, G. Thompson; Irish history, J. Fenton 1, A. Carter 2; English grammar, F. Brown; reading and geography, C. Dawson; drawing, W. Dawson; English history and geography, J. Walsh.

Standard V.—Chas. Wood 1, Ivor Clements 2, A. Yule 3, W. Carolin 4, E. O'Reilly 5, Jas. Dunne 6, Jas. Lennon 7, W. Gleeson 8; English composition and spelling, Jas. Airy 1, John Horan 2; geography, Jas. McCleary; English history, John Twomey; freehand drawing, M. Kennelly; reading, W. Pimley; general improvement, A. Plunkett.

Standard IV.—S. Spain 1, C. Rogan 2, L. Cantwell 3.

Standard III.—T. O'Meara 1, C. Collins and F. Wilson 2, F. Rodgers 3.

Standard II.—L. Walsh 1, A. Pacey 2, G. Laffey 3.

Standard I.—M. Wakelin 1, J. Thompson 2, J. McLlroy 3.

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Death of a Venerable Convert

Our Home exchanges announce the death of Lady Herbert of Lea, at the venerable age of ninety years. Lady Herbert, or to give her her maiden name, Elizabeth à Court Repington, was born in 1822 (says the *Catholic Weekly*), and was the only daughter of General à Court Repington, a brother of the first Lord Heytesbury. She married in 1846 Sidney Herbert, the well-known statesman—a half-brother of the Earl of Pembroke—who was one of the most prominent members of the 'Peelite' politicians, as they were then called. During the Crimean campaign, Sidney Herbert was Secretary of War, and his wife was one of the foremost workers in the cause which Florence Nightingale made famous. Lady Herbert's husband died the very year he received the title of Lord Herbert of Lea (1861), and it was two years after this that she was received into the Church at Palermo, largely through the influence of her old friend Cardinal—then Archbishop—Manning. Her conversion gave her new aims, and a goal to which she ever remained loyal. She threw herself heart and soul into the Catholic cause, and from that time onwards, by notable financial assistance, and by that active personal influence which she knew so well how to exert successfully, Lady Herbert was in the van of every movement, religious and philanthropic, which the Church in England was engaged in promoting. Her charity was boundless, and there is probably hardly any Catholic charity of note which does not owe some debt, whether greater or smaller, to her moral and practical support. Her name will always be remembered with gratitude by the authorities of the Foreign Mission College, Mill Hill, organised by the late Cardinal Vaughan, one of her most valued friends, and she herself founded a Catholic orphanage for girls at Salisbury. Nor were her interests bounded by such works as these. A voluminous writer, Lady Herbert contributed largely to devotional and travel-literature, and was the translator of several well-known works, including the *Life of Bishop Dupanloup*, by the Abbe Lagrange. She was a familiar figure in Rome, where she had wintered for many years past, and had lived through some of the most stirring episodes of latter-day history. To the present generation she was but a shadowy figure, a reminiscence rather than a reality, though for many months past the pathetic iteration of her name among those prayed for each Sunday reminded worshippers of her need of their prayers.

According to the figures of the Rev. Father Hughes, lecturer for the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, one-third of the 300,000 Indians in the United States are Catholics, one-third Protestants, and the other third pagans. The Catholics have a large number of churches, chapels, and schools devoted to the Indians. In the missionary field are 165 priests, 400 Sisters, 75 Brothers, and about 100 native Indian catechists. The catechists act as prayer leaders in the absence of the priest. Where the Indians are extensively engaged in farming, and are widely separated, boarding schools are conducted for the benefit of their children. The Indians themselves support 12 of these schools, leaving 51 to be kept up by the charity of the white Catholics of the United States.

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