

Petone

(From our own correspondent.)

December 13.

The annual concert of the Sacred Heart School, Petone, was held in His Majesty's Theatre last Thursday night. There was a large attendance, including visitors from Wellington and the Hutt. The various items were much appreciated, and the excellence of the programme showed the care and trouble the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions had taken with the children. A special word of praise is due to Mrs. Casey for taking charge of the children on the night of the concert, also for assisting the Sisters to teach the children. At the interval Rev. Father McMenamín spoke a few words, and thanked the people for attending in such large numbers. The following programme was rendered:—Overture, two pianos, 'En route,' Misses Ryder, Woodhouse, Bolton, and Valentine; recitation, 'Welcome speech,' Miss K. Casey; song and chorus, 'Life's stream and the river,' senior and junior girls; recitation, 'The new baby,' Miss Irene Ward; action song, 'Christmas Eve,' kindergarten pupils; dance, 'Rose gavotte,' senior girls; pianoforte trio, two pianos, 'Hunting march,' Misses Tancred, A. Tancred, E. Ryder, N. Morris, L. Wright, and O. McCarthy; dialogue, 'Babies' rights,' kindergarten pupils; rainbow drill, by the senior and junior girls; pianoforte duet, two pianos, 'Il bacio,' Misses Woodhouse, Ryder, Bolton, and Valentine; song and chorus, 'The dear little shamrock,' senior boys and girls; song and tableau, 'Out in the snow,' by Miss Ina Walsh; dialogue, 'Chosen flowers,' junior girls; pianoforte solo, two pianos, 'Irish airs,' Misses Ryder and Woodhouse; drama, 'The prize for beauty,' Misses Hill, M. Bolton, Casey, N. Ryder, W. Tancred, E. Warren, D. Okeby, and L. Wright; All Nations march, by the pupils; finale, 'Zealandia,' by the pupils.

At the quarterly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society, held last Wednesday night, it was decided to raise the contributions 1d per week, after the matter had been thoroughly explained by Bro. Callaghan, of Wellington. All the city and suburban branches have now adopted the increased rates.

Mrs. McArthur passed away at her residence, Beach street, last Thursday afternoon after a long illness. The funeral took place on Sunday, Rev. Father McMenamín officiating at the graveside.—R.I.P.

Mr. F. Riddell, a member of the local H.A.C.B. Society, has been appointed to the clerical staff of the Post Office, and leaves shortly to take up his new position in the Taranaki district.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

December 20.

The Marist Brothers left to-day to attend the annual retreat at Auckland, which is to be conducted by Very Rev. Father O'Connell, Marist missionary.

The Marist Old Boys' Senior Cadets have for some time been actively training for the military tournament contests, to be held in Christchurch during the Christmas holidays.

The St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, which for a number of years past has donated a handsome gold medal to be awarded at each successive prize-giving in connection with the Marist Brothers' School, has intimated its intention of also donating one to each of the other Cathedral parish schools, including St. Joseph's (girls), Addington, Halswell, and Woolston.

I feel that I am fulfilling a duty to your numerous readers in Canterbury, and a personally pleasing one, in conveying the oft-repeated sentiments of appreciation of very many regarding the fine work of the editorial staff as reflected week by week in the columns of the *Tablet*. At a period, too, when greetings count for much, we extend our most sincere good wishes to all concerned in the production of our sterling Catholic journal.

The following pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, were successful at the recent Royal Aca-

demy examinations:—Primary division—Dorothy Corrigan, 133 (distinction); Eric Goodsir, 132 (distinction); Arthur O'Brien, 131 (distinction); Mona Neate, 130 (distinction); Kathleen Mullan, 125; Lionel Vincent, 110. Darfield Convent—Corrie Johnston, 106; Una Clinton, 101. Rudiments of music—Phyllis Hollow, 98. Art of teaching—Jane Donnelly.

At the Competitions held in Wellington in November Master Howard Moody, from St. Mary's Convent, Christchurch, obtained second prize for pianoforte solo for competitors under 15 years, and second prize for song for competitors under 15 years. Two of the medals presented by the secretary of Trinity College, London, were awarded to Masters Basil Kingan and Howard Moody, both pupils of St. Mary's Convent, Colombo street, Christchurch.

In giving the occasional address at the prize-giving in connection with the Girls' High School (a branch of Canterbury College), prior to the Christmas holidays, his Lordship Bishop Grimes congratulated those who were successful, and told those who were not successful not to lose heart but take courage and try again next year. Those who had gone through the curriculum of their studies should continue with them, more particularly as regards their own mother tongue. He was very glad to hear that so many had taken French. They should deem it a duty to learn one or more modern languages. Regarding accomplishments, he knew that girls especially were fond of music. The different accomplishments all helped to bring about the happiness and comfort of a home. If they had a hobby they should cultivate it. Amongst the great heroes of modern times the early pioneers of Canterbury should be reckoned. They had much pluck and perseverance. The wives and the daughters also of these great men deserved as much recognition. In many of their homes there were those who deserved the name of heroine. He was glad to hear that night so much about the cookery classes that were conducted by the school. He felt sure that many of them had learnt the art of cooking, but whether it be the using of the needle or the cooking of various dishes, they would derive much satisfaction from their accomplishments.

MARIST BROTHERS' SCHOOL, TASMAN ST., WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

The annual entertainment and distribution of prizes in connection with the Marist Brothers' School, Tasman street, took place at the large Town Hall on Wednesday evening, December 18. The large hall was well filled, and a splendid programme of vocal, instrumental, elocutionary, and physical culture items was placed before the large and appreciative audience. The choruses 'The old school' and 'Come where my love lies dreaming,' were rendered in a splendid manner by the boys, which showed the painstaking care taken by their instructors, Brothers Ferdinand and Irenaus, in their preparation. Masters B. O'Brien, O. Kovaleskie, J. Riddler, and Maurice Telma (violin), G. Davis (cornet), and Lionel Andrews and Joseph Lyons (piano) gave instrumental items, which were exceedingly well played and greatly appreciated. A vocal duet, 'Erin, beautiful Erin,' by Masters B. O'Brien and W. Brady, was nicely sung. Master O'Brien, who is the gold medallist of the school for 1912, has a very sweet voice, and as principal soloist did justice to the song, which was much appreciated by the audience. Master Allan Johnson sang 'A perfect day' and was encored. Master Lionel Andrews recited 'Shiel's defence of the Irish,' which showed that he is an elocutionist of no mean ability. He was also recalled. Perhaps the most popular items rendered were those of Master Fergus Reeves, who recited a humorous piece, 'The kid.' He had to reappear, his encore item being 'How father carved the duck.' This did not satisfy the audience, and he had to respond twice more to repeated calls. The club drill by the senior pupils and the wand drill by the junior pupils were well done, the precision of the movements drawing forth well-merited applause from the audience. From a spectacular point of view

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