

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

AUCKLAND.

(From our own correspondent.)

At the practical examination held by Mr. Henry St. George at the Convent centre, Surrey Hills, Auckland, 63 candidates were presented, all gaining certificates as follow:—

Higher Examination.—Certificated pianist, Irene McLaren (Surrey Hills Convent).

Higher Local.—George Smithies (St. Benedict's), 74; Hazel Lucas (St. Benedict's), 69.

Senior Division.—Honors: Gertrude Gardner (Surrey Hills Convent), 90; Josephine McGettigan (Surrey Hills Convent), 89; Gabriel Martin (Surrey Hills Convent), 87; Roderick Potter (St. Benedict's Convent), 84; Kathleen Niccol (Surrey Hills Convent), 81; Constance Cosgrove (St. Benedict's Convent), 80. Pass: Hilary Baker (Newmarket Convent), 74; Jennie Adams (Surrey Hills Convent), 70; Rosalie Wither (Surrey Hills Convent), 65; Margaret Colville (Surrey Hills Convent), 65.

Intermediate Division.—Honors: Rita Cornaga (Surrey Hills Convent), 80. Pass: Kathleen Caldwell (St. Benedict's Convent), 78; Elva La Dette (Surrey Hills Convent), 73; Linda Simpson (Surrey Hills Convent), 66; Myrtle Young (Surrey Hills Convent), 65.

Junior Grade.—Honors: Madge Verral (St. Benedict's Convent), 81. Pass: Alexandra Ryan (St. Benedict's Convent), 75; Pearl Whitefield (Surrey Hills Convent), 74; Eileen Oliver (St. Benedict's Convent), 73; Kathleen Bonner (Surrey Hills Convent), 71; Edna McMillan (St. Benedict's Convent), 70; Dolores Farrell (Surrey Hills Convent), 69; Thelma Mattison (St. Benedict's Convent), 69; Sylvia Ewen (Surrey Hills Convent), 68; Sheila Kayes (Surrey Hills Convent), 68; Mabel La Dette (Surrey Hills Convent), violin, 67; Ethel Alexander (Surrey Hills Convent), 67; Ada Woods (Surrey Hills Convent), 66; Zeland Beuth (Surrey Hills Convent), 66; Doris O'Brien (Surrey Hills Convent), 66; Isabelle Manning (Surrey Hills Convent), 66; Mary Rowland (Surrey Hills Convent), 66; Olga Jackson (Surrey Hills Convent), 65; Frederick Wood (St. Benedict's Convent), 65; Ella Nicholson (Surrey Hills Convent), 64; Effie Zaney (Newmarket Convent), 64.

Preparatory Grade.—Honors: Greta Tonks (St. Benedict's Convent), 85; Elvira Early (St. Benedict's Convent), 84; Stanley Bond (St. Benedict's Convent), 84; Mary Watkins (St. Benedict's Convent), 81. Pass: Lucy O'Shea (Surrey Hills Convent), 78; Florence Schollum (Newmarket Convent), 77; Eileen Benn (St. Benedict's Convent), 77; Kathleen Ellison (St. Benedict's Convent), 76; Eva Strongman (Surrey Hills Convent), violin, 72; Eileen Kyle (St. Benedict's, 72; Phyllis Jackson (Surrey Hills Convent), 68; Ellen Clarke (St. Benedict's Convent), 64; Charles McCarthy (St. Benedict's Convent), 64; Reaby Silvius (Surrey Hills Convent), 63; Miriam Emmanuel (Surrey Hills Convent), 62.

First Steps Division.—Honors: Edna Fenton (Surrey Hills Convent), 81; Hazlet Whyte (St. Benedict's Convent), 81. Pass: Vera Emmanuel (Surrey Hills Convent), 78; Elsie Silvius (Surrey Hills Convent), 77; Gertrude Watkins (St. Benedict's Convent), 70; Dominic Buffett (Surrey Hills Convent), 69; Mary Brodie (Surrey Hills Convent), 68.

GREYMOUTH.

The practical musical examinations in connection with Trinity College, London, were conducted here by Mr. Henry St. George, on October 16 and 17 (says the *Grey River Argus*). On this occasion the diploma of Associate in Singing has been gained for the first time at this centre. All the candidates sent up at the convent centre passed, most of them with honors. Three members of the convent teaching staff sat for the

diploma of music and obtained honors, two for piano-forte playing, and one has the distinction of being the first candidate in this centre to obtain her diploma in singing.

The results are as follow:—

Professional Examinations.—Licentiate: Eileen Green, L.T.C.L., 90; Mary Joan O'Reilly, L.T.C.L., 82. Associate: Vera Michel, A.T.C.L., 91; Mary Baptiste Clunan, A.T.C.L., 81.

Senior Honors.—Vera Robinson (singing), 85; Winifred O'Neill, 83; Inga Hannam, 83; Eileen Bennett, 81.

Intermediate Honors.—Winifred O'Neill (violin), 88.

Junior Honors.—Violet Larcombe, 86; Mary Phelan, 85; Katie Egan, 81; Josephine Kennedy, 80.

Preparatory.—Honors: Francis Braidwood, 84; Dorothy Brooks, 81. Pass: Annie Kelley, 78; Rita Moss, 78; Maggie Fisher, 76.

Miss Veda Michel, who obtained the remarkably high percentage of 91 marks in the examination for Associate Pianist, T.C.L., has had a wonderfully good record in pianoforte playing. In 1906 she obtained the maximum marks (100) in the preparatory grade, Trinity College, London; in 1907, junior honors, T.C.L., and elementary distinction, R.A.M.; in 1908, lower division distinction, R.A.M.; in 1909, intermediate honors, T.C.L.; in 1910, senior honors in theoretical and practical examinations and £5 national prize; in 1911, higher local honors, T.C.L.; and in 1913, associate pianist, T.C.L. From the foregoing it will be seen that Miss Michel obtained honors in pianoforte playing in every examination for which she presented herself—a result which must be gratifying to the young lady herself, to her parents, and also to Miss Michel's teachers, the Sisters of Mercy of the local convent. Out of 18 who passed from the convent, 15 secured honors.

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