

DOMINICAN CONVENT, OAMARU

The following is a list of the successful candidates at the recent music examinations, conducted by the examiners of Trinity College and Associated Board:—
Trinity College.

Higher Examinations: Associates—Amy Gilligan, 94; Ruth Wakelin, 85.

Senior Division.—Dolly Kelly, 85 (honors).

Intermediate Division.—May Hille (singing), 69.

Junior Division.—Martha Hille (singing), 68.

Associated Board.

Advanced Grade.—Isabelle Farrant, 124; Ruth Wakelin, 116.

Higher Division.—Maude McCone, 126.

Lower Division.—May Cooney, 130 (distinction).

Elementary Division.—Elsie Mansell, 131 (distinction); Daisy Hoskin, 130 (distinction); Winnie Boland, 124; Hazel Jardine (singing), 102.

Primary Division.—Olive Cooney, 135 (distinction); Kathleen Pritchard, 132 (distinction); Fay McKinnon, 124.

Rudiments of Music.—Isabelle Farrant, 92; Dolly Kelly, 82.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

November 24.

On Sunday took place the blessing of the eight handsome stained-glass windows behind and over the high altar, and the unveiling of the memorial window in the baptistry to the memory of Sergeant W. Byrne, the first South Canterbury volunteer to the Boer War, and the first man from the district to fall in action. The eight windows were presented by Mr. M. O'Meehan (1), Mrs. McCarthy, Wellington (2), Mrs. Ward (1), Mrs. Mullin (1), Rev. Father Venning memorial by the parishioners (1), one by a private donor, and one in memory of the late Thomas Herton, subscribed for by the public of Timaru. The windows are fine specimens of the art which has done so much in the beautifying of churches and cathedrals. The pictures are individually very clear, and their coloring extremely rich. The circular form of the wall aids not a little in giving that value. The windows appear to be so many rich gems in an appropriate setting.

The Very Rev. Dean Tubman celebrated the Solemn High Mass at 11 o'clock, being assisted by the Rev. Fathers McCarthy and Murphy. Special music was rendered by the choir, and Miss E. Dennehy presided at the organ. The Rev. Father McCarthy preached an eloquent dedicatory sermon. Commencing with a reference to the Church as the patron and cultivator of the fine arts, he said that it had always recognised this, and had consecrated to the worship of God whatever was most beautiful in nature and in art, thus attuning the soul to worship the Creator in spirit and in truth. Architecture, sculpture, painting, decoration in all its forms, music, song, and oratory; all these had been used in the hands of the Church to produce uplifting, soul-stirring effects. Art was divine, because it produced joy and peace in the soul, comforted and soothed, therefore the Church delighted to employ its various forms in her service. Indeed the Church had been the mother of the arts, and the inspiration of them all; the results of her care and nurture in this regard were to be seen all over the world. In the chaste windows dedicated that day they had another proof of the undiminished power of the Catholic Church to inspire in her worthy sons a sense of what was most fitting to the God of her altars. The rev. preacher made a few fitting remarks upon the window erected to the memory of the Rev. Father Venning, the saintly priest who hailed from Timaru, and whose work had been greatly blessed in the Dominion's capital.

MEMORIAL WINDOW TO SERGEANT BYRNE.

The unveiling of the memorial window to Sergeant W. Byrne took place in the afternoon. The Very Rev.

Dean Tubman presided, and his Worship the Mayor officiated at the unveiling. There was a large attendance of the general public. A military parade was held in honor of the deceased trooper, and, after assembling opposite the Troopers' Memorial, marched to the church, and took up their position round the entrance steps, from which the addresses were given. Representatives of the Hibernian Society and two sisters of the deceased—the Misses R. and C. Byrne—were present.

The Very Rev. Dean Tubman, who was the first speaker, said they had assembled to do honor to a fellow-townsmen, one who had fought for his Empire and laid down his young life for law, liberty, and his sovereign. Many of those present knew the late Sergeant Byrne, and they could not but admire his virtues and his manly qualities. It was not for them to say whether the South African war was justifiable or avoidable. Young Byrne, like others whom he was proud to see in front of him that day to do honor to their departed comrade, did not pause to reflect whether the war was a just one or not. They only considered that the Empire was placed under stringent difficulties, and that it required great fortitude and perseverance to help their country out of these difficulties. Young Byrne realised this and he died for his beloved Empire and Sovereign. It was indeed a sad thing for him to say good-bye to his parents, family friends, his town and country. He set forth on his hazardous mission, facing the dangers of a soldier's life. But his heart was young, his courage brave, and he did not hesitate at the perils before him. Immediately on reaching South Africa the regiment received orders to march forth. It was the last march for young Byrne, and the enemy's cannon set forth its fatal messenger, which laid him low on the arid South African soil. The sad news of the calamity flashed across the telegraph wires, and those volunteers, who had admired and felt proud of young Byrne, sympathised with his sorrow-stricken parents and relatives. Continuing, the Dean related his sorrowful mission in carrying the painful news to the late soldier's parents. His mother was alone in the house, and although he broached the subject casually, she, with a mother's instinct, suspected bad news, and asked 'Is Willie dead?' He had witnessed nothing more painful during his long experience. In conclusion, Dean Tubman expressed his gratitude at seeing such a large and representative attendance, and also at having with them from Christchurch, two sisters of the departed soldier. Unfortunately, his aged father and mother, through infirmity, were unable to be present, but he was sure they would rejoice to know that so many people of South Canterbury and Timaru had turned out to honor their lost son's name.

His Worship the Mayor prefaced his remarks by recalling the initial movements of the South African war. The officers and men who volunteered from New Zealand all acquitted themselves in an able and competent manner, and had brought honor to this fair country. He was more than pleased to see such a large gathering of people there that afternoon, on account of those contingenters who had bravely fought for their country in South Africa and returned here, and also as a mark of esteem for those who had sacrificed their lives for the sake of the Empire. The citizens, by subscribing to the memorial which would be unveiled that afternoon, had shown in a practical manner their appreciation of the late Sergeant Byrne, and had assisted in keeping his memory green.

Major Bowie and Major Gabites also gave appropriate addresses.

In June, 1900, £48 was subscribed by the South Canterbury public for the memorial window. With interest, this has now reached the handsome total of £72, and Messrs. M. Mullin and J. G. Venning, the trustees, are handing it over forthwith to the Very Rev. Dean Tubman.

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