

struggles, his sorrows, triumphs, crimes and glories, the forces which have barred his upward ascent to the mountain-crests of high empire, the evil powers which have cast him down into the glooms of defeat. Historical studies stimulate the love of truth in the highest form. The genuine student of past and present times wants to know them just as they are. As the chemist will not register his final verdict until he can give an account of every atom, acid, or alkali present in his retort, so will the historian refuse to pass judgment until he has all the elements for a just sentence under his control. He is therefore an indefatigable and merciless hunter after evidence. A mental attitude is slowly formed by the student of history which little by little solidifies his judgment, calms his passions, humanizes his views of his fellow-men, broadens his sympathies, clears his mind of the fogs of antagonisms and sympathies born solely of feeling, prejudice and emotion, and utterly unisound. The true historian is like truth itself, no respecter of persons. The truth is genuine clarity and the historian's motto ought to be that of the Carthaginian queen who dealt in even-handed justice with her own Tyrian subjects and their former Trojan foes:

*"Tros Tyriusque mihi nullo discrimine
agebur."*

This, in more popular, if less classic words, is the doctrine of the square deal.

History unites nations. History is man in action. The protagonist of this mighty drama is man himself. Whether history tells of the laws of the Medes and the Persians, of the heroism of the Machabees, or the lengthening windrows of Roman knights slain at Cannae by the Numidian horsemen of Hannibal, or paints Savonarola denouncing the crimes of Florence, or Luther nailing his theses on the church door at Wittenberg, or describes Rome tottering under the blows of the barbarians of the North, or Columbus summoning a continent from the mysterious depths of the western waters, or the day big with destiny when the Signers of the Declaration of Independence created a new nation, it is the story of men like ourselves that is brought before us. We can claim the glories as our own. In some way we must share the responsibilities of the blunders and the crimes. The defects and the vices which caused the downfall of the great and sapped the foundations of thrones and republics are to be found in our own hearts, just as there also may be hidden the seeds of the heroism of a Joan of Arc or the energy and daring of an Apostle. An increased respect for human nature should be the result, as well as a deepened sympathy for its inherent weakness and waywardness.

Our lives are thus closely linked with the lives of others. At the same time, we can easily see that the nations which play their parts in history, have a destiny allotted them. So Greece of old God gave the creative soul, the aesthetic taste, the sentiment and the love of the beautiful, the philosophic mind. To Rome, the sense of power, the executive ability to control the destinies of the civilised world. America is the exponent and champion of liberty guarded by law. Not

vainly does Providence mark out a nation's destinies. Only by remaining faithful to them can it thrive. There is such a thing as a nation's vocation. Under penalty of moral and spiritual barrenness, no nation can dare neglect it. History will teach its children that they must foster their racial traditions, be true to the set course kept in the past, preserve their national identity and yet be ready to answer the reasonable demands of that common humanity found in all.

Anticipates the Judgment of God.

If it teaches anything, history teaches the abuse which man makes of his noblest gift of freedom. On its canvas painted by the hands of truth's impartial artists, may be seen the triumph of injustice, the sufferings of virtue; innocence on the scaffold, tyranny on the throne, Paul in irons, Nero in the pomp and splendors of his Golden House. But the true historian while impartial cannot be impassive. He acquits the innocent victim, he condemns the unjust and cruel tyrant. As God by His solemn verdict at the end of time will re-establish the equilibrium of the outraged and violated moral law, the historian, anticipating that just sentence will calmly and dispassionately without fear or favor, summon victim and tyrant to His bar. The verdict He pronounces foreshadows that of truth and justice. The decisions of this Open Court are of the highest value for the formation of the conscience and the heart.

DEGREE AND MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE, CHRISTCHURCH.

In the recent examinations the Sisters of the Missions, Ferry Road, Christchurch, secured the following successes:—

Doctor of Literature: One candidate—the first woman to secure this, the highest degree conferred by the University. M.A.: two candidates (second class honors). Diploma of Education: Two. B.A. completed: Two. Three other Sisters passed in degree subjects as part of their B.A. course.

Matriculation: Marjorie Leach, Nora Mahoney, Lily Lattimore (partial). Class D: Helen Mills; Partial Pass: Catherine Jones, Nora Flynn, Ita Lloyd, Dorothy McGillicuddy, Ema Gillespie. Pass or Partial Pass in one group: Labeby Fardell, Patricia Harrison, Lily Lattimore, Norcen McKendry, Nora Moriarty, Alice Morten, Hilda Young. Public Service Entrance and Intermediate: Lysa Hickey, Grace Green (credit), Iris Coulston, Ina Cullen, Helen Goldstone, Gertrude Lattimore, Julia O'Sullivan, Vera Petrie.

ADDINGTON CONVENT.

In the Theory of Music Examinations held last December, in connection with Trinity College, London, the following pupils of the Sisters of the Missions, Addington, were successful:—

Intermediate Honors: Nellie Harnett, Annie Ross. Pass: Pearl O'Donoghue. Junior Honors: Cecilia Barlass. Pass: Phyllis Cunnene, Eileen Cunnene, Alice Flannery, Brownie Menzies. Preparatory Honors: Caroline Eager, Margo Steele. Pass: Madge Pyke. All the pupils presented were successful.

CONVENT OF MERCY, LYTTLETON.

In the Degree Examinations of the New Zealand University two members of the local teaching staff scored the following successes:

Final Section B.A., Advanced History (1st year) and 1st section B.A., Education and Economics. Teachers' C, complete (1); Teachers' C, 4 subjects (1); Teachers' D (singing class) (4). Intermediate Exam. (Canterbury Education Board). Freda Moir. Pitman's Shorthand Exams: Elementary, Theoretical, and Speed Certificates were gained by Lauris Mason.

Theoretical Music (Trinity College, London), held December, 1924:—

Intermediate Honors: Ivy Day. Junior Honors: Marion Costello, Doris Foster, Willie Norton, Winnie Wales. Preparatory Honors: Peter Mahar, Jack Labudde.

ST. PATRICK'S CONVENT, TESCHEMAKERS.

Teachers' D, two groups: M. Toomey, P.P. Intermediate and Senior Free Place: M. McLoughlin, N. McPhee. Theory of Music, junior grade, Trinity College: M. Hennaghan, 100 marks.

Commercial School, Sydney College examination:—Typewriting: A. Gourley 94, N. Hunt 93, T. Blanchard 92, M. Harnett 90; Shorthand: N. Hunt 91, A. Gourley 89, T. Blanchard 88, M. Harnett 85; Book-keeping: M. Henderson 94, M. Harnett 94, N. Hunt 93, T. Blanchard 91, A. Gourley 90.

CONVENT OF MERCY, METHVEN.

In the Theory of Music Examinations held last December in connection with Trinity College, London, the following pupils of the Sisters of Mercy, Methven-Rakaia were successful:—

Advanced Intermediate Honors: Margaret Henderson. Advanced Junior Honors: Mabel MacDonald. Junior Honors: Birdie McKendry. Preparatory Honors: Bella Beary, Jean MacDonald, Shona Manger, Winnie O'Reilly, Sybil Reid. Preparatory Pass: Monica Hatchard, Kathleen McAnulty, James McIntosh.

Hibernian Society

ST. JOSEPH'S BRANCH, DUNEDIN.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Joseph's branch (No. 73) of the H.A.C.B. Society, was held in St. Joseph's Hall, Rattray Street, on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., the president (Bro. A. Gillick) presiding over a large attendance of members. Sick allowance and other accounts were passed for payment and ordinary business transacted. The president spoke regarding the general Communion of the society which would take place on Sunday, the 15th inst., at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin: all members of the society being requested to meet in St. Patrick's Schoolroom at 8.30 o'clock. His Lordship Bishop Whyte will be installed by Bro. J. J. Marlow (District Deputy), as Grand Chaplain of the society for Otago and Southland on the occasion.

Let us not then be weary in giving aid to the departed, and of offering prayers for them.—St. Chrysostom.