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SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

[Masters' and Examiners' Reports, Prize-lists, and other formal matter included in the subjoined notices are charged for as advertisements.]

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE SPEECH-DAY.

"Speech-day" saw a large attendance at St. Peter's College on Friday morning. Bishop Kennion, the School Visitor, presided, and there were also on the platform Archdeacons Farr and Marryat, Sir R. D. Ross, the College Masters, and other gentlemen. The Chairman apologised for the absence of His Excellency the Governor and the Premier. An excellent programme of musical and elocutionary efforts was carried out, those taking part comprising Masters Clark, Sangster, Lloyd, Corbin, Hayward, Blue, Church, Hargrave, Bickford, Severn, Ingleby, Beeton, Moule, and Cavenagh, and the members of the singing class.

The CHAIRMAN, in calling on the Acting-Head Master to read the report, said while they regretted the enforced absence of Mr. Williams, they welcomed Mr. Lindon, who was acting on his behalf.

The Acting-Head Master then read the following report:—

My Lord Bishop, Ladies and Gentlemen—I will first read to you the list of the distinctions gained by scholars, past and present of this school since last Christmas:—

UNIVERSITY DISTINCTIONS, 1886.

Inns of Court Scholarship, (£100)—G. J. R. Murray, B.A.

Craven Scholarship (Oxford)—G. J. R. Murray, B.A.

B.A. (Adelaide) second year—R. B. Andrews.

B.A. (Adelaide) first year—E. N. Marryat, W. J. Bonnin.

LL.B. (Adelaide) second year—A. J. Hall, W. Isbister.

LL.B. (Adelaide) first year—E. Giles, W. J. Magarey.

M.B. (Adelaide) second year—F. Goldsmith.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

First Class.—Ingleby, Gillman

Second Class.—Paltridge.

Third Class.—Cleave, Cox 1, Lawrance 1, Wyatt 1, Gwynne, Howell, Severn.

JUNIOR EXAMINATION.

Second Class.—Evans, Laycock, Eimer.

Third Class.—Bickford 1, Reyher, Campbell 3, Sangster, Scarfe, Cole, Poole.

LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED, 1886.

Farrell Open Scholarship—Evans, Eimer.

Young Scholarship (£40)—Cavenagh 1.

Christchurch Scholarship (£10 for two years) for Classics—Cavenagh 1.

Allen Scholarship (£10 for two years) for Classics—Ingleby.

Short Scholarship (£10 for two years)—Weinrich.

May Scholarship (£10) for Natural Science—Gillman.

Prankerd Scholarship (£10) for Modern Languages—Ingleby.

McCulloch Scholarship (£10) for Mathematics—Gillman.

Free Scholarship—Arthur Boord.

It will be for the public to decide whether, in their opinion, this is a satisfactory and creditable list of distinctions. I feel that I may be met at the outset with the familiar French proverb, "*Qui s'excuse s'accuse*," if I venture to bring forward any apologies or extenuating circumstances why this list is not longer, and why the classes gained are not higher. But at the risk of exciting a certain amount of adverse criticism, I must beg to call to your recollection the very embarrassing and exceptional circumstances under which the work of the past year has been carried on. In the first place for quite three months (for nearly a third of the whole working year) we have been without a Master, and that Master was the Head Master. How great a loss that was I need not stop to explain. Then for four weeks the school was dismissed, owing to the

typhoid scare and the subsequent improvements in the drainage of the buildings. For a fortnight we met in the St. Peters Town Hall with some semblance of work; but those of you who have had the pleasure of speaking or singing in that spacious room are well aware that its acoustic properties leave much to be desired, and can understand that to impart and receive oral instruction in it is no easy task. I think, then, that when all these difficulties that have beset us since the beginning of April are duly weighed and considered, you will agree with me that our list of honours is distinctly satisfactory and creditable to the school.

With regard to the late Junior and Matriculation Examinations, it may be worth while to notice that this is the only school that sent up any candidates in Greek. At all events, it is the only school that passed any. This may be taken by some as a sign that the curriculum of St. Peter's Collegiate School is obsolete, old-fashioned, and behind the times. Certainly the study of Greek is not a popular study. There may be some good and sufficient reason for this. Though as a means of culture, to refine the mind and to educate the reason, Greek has no rival, and can have no rival; yet for purposes of money-making, it is practically useless.

It was the Head Master's wish that I should explain to you the alterations that have been made in the Young Exhibition. Formerly it was awarded to the best mathematician; this year, and for the future, it will be awarded to "the best scholar of the year," i.e., to the best all-round scholar; and this is to be decided partly by the marks gained during the year and partly by the annual examinations. But scholarship alone is not sufficient to entitle any boy to the Young Exhibition. A special clause is inserted in the regulations to the effect that "no boy is eligible who is unable to forward to the Council a testamur of his good conduct, signed by the Head Master." The exhibition is of the value of £40. It also carries with it a medal, worth about £5. But not the least valuable and certainly not the least perishable part of this exhibition, as well as of other exhibitions and scholarships offered at this school, is the right it gives the winner to have his name inscribed on the school boards that recall the successes of former prizewinners. (Applause.)

It was inevitable that the season of depression through which the colony has been passing—I hope I may say has past—should make itself felt upon our numbers. It is true that our numbers have fallen off to a certain extent, but not more than might fairly have been expected; whilst the boardinghouse, to which we must ever look as the backbone of the school, at present has 37 as compared with 40 boys this time last year.

One word about our athletics. On the river, on the football ground, and on the cricket field, we have held our own. Of the three intercollegiate contests that annually excite so much interest and friendly rivalry, we have won two and lost the third; and even in the last contest our defeat is robbed of all bitterness by the special excellence displayed by two or three of our champions, and by the game uphill fight that was fought by all.

Before sitting down I must say a few words about one who for the last twenty-five years has been a familiar and prominent figure upon this platform. I can only say that it will be our chief aim and endeavour (and here I speak for my fellow masters as well as for myself) so to carry on the work of the school that it may not suffer, or at least may suffer as little as possible from the temporary absence of its head.

I have every confidence, relying upon the support of the Council, on the assistance of my colleagues, on the help and sympathy of the parents and friends of the boys, that when Mr. Williams returns, as I hope he will in a few months, in renewed health and strength, he will find the school in as efficient and satisfactory a state as when he was compelled to leave it.

The CHAIRMAN congratulated the Master on the report furnished. They all felt sympathy with Mr. Williams and Mrs. Williams on the necessary absence of the Head Master, but would observe on behalf of the Governors that they had the utmost confidence in seeing Mr. Liadon take the place at the helm. It rested with the boys in the future to prove the value of his work, and it rested with the masters to do as he was sure they would do their utmost to

make up for the absence of Mr. Williams. He had little doubt that Mr. Williams on his return would find the school in the condition he would like to see it.

The prizes were then distributed.

Sir R. D. Ross moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman. He congratulated the acting Head Master on the excellent and satisfactory report presented. He was sure that the boys who had the pleasure of receiving prizes would value them the more for the kindly manner in which they had been presented.

Mr. G. W. HAWKES seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, said that the Governors of the College had received notice that certain trustees had money in hand for a Gething Memorial Scholarship to be competed for by scholars from the district of Port Adelaide. Unfortunately they did not yet know the rules to govern the scholarship and could not present it. In the course of a day or two the successful boy would find his name published in the newspapers. He had to thank them heartily for the kind vote of thanks to him, and would ask them to join in giving three cheers to their Acting Head Master and the absent Head Master. The cheers were given, and the proceeding closed with singing the National Anthem.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE.

The celebration of speech-day in connection with the Christian Brothers' College took place at the Albert Hall on Friday afternoon, December 17. The interest with which the educational establishment is regarded by our Catholic colonists was testified to by the very large attendance, which included the Bishop (Dr. Reynolds), the Vicar-General (Arch-deacon Russell), Father Byrne, D.D., the Bishop's Chaplain (Father O'Sullivan), several other members of the clergy, and some of the principal lay members of the Roman Catholic Church in South Australia. The Inspector-General of State Schools (Mr. Hartley) was also present. An excellent programme, which bore witness to the high standard of the vocal and elocutionary instruction imparted at the College, was presented. Subjoined is programme, many of the items of which were rendered by lads with superior and well-trained voices:—Overture, "Bewitching," J. Fox; part song, "Before all Lands," class; recitation, "Reverence Due to a Mother," P. Walsh; solo and chorus, "Australia," F. Coffey; recitation, "The Three Graves," B. Hancock; recitation, "The Mother Who Has a Child at Sea," G. Bridgewood; solo, "I've Heard the Mavis Singing," E. Bermingham; recitation, "Baron's Last Banquet," P. McNamara; pianoforte solo, "The harp that once," P. Shanahan; part song, "The Echo," class; recitation, "Taxes," N. McLean; dialogue, "The King and the Miller," E. Murphy and E. Field; solo and chorus, "Come to Me, Angel of Sleep," W. Denny; recitation, "Tell's Address to the Alps," T. D'Arcy Burke; quartet, "Stars of the Summer Night," E. Bermingham, F. Knowles, A. Conrad, and J. O'Sullivan; recitation, "The Law," P. Lester; part song, "Homeward Bound," class. After the entertainment the Bishop presided, and the reports were read and the prizes distributed.

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Principal of the College (the Rev. F. T. O'Brien) presented his annual report as follows:—

It is gratifying to us to report, and I sure also to you to hear, that notwithstanding the depression of the past year the attendance at our schools has been quite up to the usual standard. We have had about 200 day pupils and over 30 boarders; in fact, we have not room for many more. Of the conduct also of our boys we can speak in the highest terms; it could scarcely have been better. I do not mean to say that we have no irregular lads or no idle ones, for unfortunately these are unavoidable evils in every large school. All I wish to convey is that the idle and irregular form but a very small proportion of our boys, and that the vast majority are remarkable for their love of study, good conduct, and amenity to discipline. With regard to our success this year, we cannot of course boast of the large numbers that the other Colleges send up for examination, and the causes are not hard to be discovered. We have little or no inducement to offer to talented lads to continue their studies up to the standard necessary for a University pass, and as the number of students whose parents can afford to leave them is not large our range of material on which to work is small indeed. Nor will this defect be remedied until scholarships are established in connection with our College which shall be open to the talented and industrious, and which shall relieve their parents of the cost of their education, and thereby induce them to leave their sons in school long enough to be prepared for some University examination. Our revered Bishop, Ven. Archdeacon Russell, and Dr. Byrne, of Kapunda, recognising this great want, have come forward, and notwithstanding the many calls upon their purses have generously given an annual scholarship each of £10. This is a very great assistance, and if those who could afford it would follow such good example we might hope to see in the not distant future our Catholic College able to hold up its head amongst the proudest establishments in the land. Even as it is we have no cause, thank God, to be ashamed of our results. This year we sent up four for matriculation; the four passed—one in first class, John Gunson; one at the head of the second class, Louis Allwarden; and two in third class, Thomas Rolison and John Leighton—that is 100 per cent. The last-named, Leighton, is not more than 14. In the junior we sent up eight; out of those six passed—William Carroll in second class with a credit in Greek, the others Richard Hourigan, William Gunson, Jeremiah Cassey, James McNamara, and Joseph Moroney in third class. Of these Carroll is not 14, and Moroney and McNamara are not 15, and R. Hourigan got credit in Latin. With these results we are perfectly satisfied, and I feel certain our friends are so too; as to those who do not agree with our denominational system, for which we Catholics make such great sacrifices, these results should at all events convince them that it is quite possible to combine religious instruction with a thorough secular education. Of the success of some of our old scholars in our national University I am glad to be able to speak with pride. Mr. A. Lynch has passed his second year's examination for the medical profession with great credit, and Mr. R. Dempsey his first year's examination in law. As South Australians I think we should feel proud of our University, for it is astonishing to think that in this the fiftieth year of our existence as a nation—for we are a nation, having our own Sovereign and Parliament—we should already have established a University such as ours, in which the youth of the colony can obtain their degrees in science, art, law, and medicine, degrees which when our University is better known will rank, and deservedly rank, as high as the degrees granted by the oldest in the world. Another matter of congratulation has been the establishment of an Old Collegians' Association. The credit of this belongs not in any way to the Brothers, for to be candid I at first thought it was premature, but the old boys did not think so, and taking the matter into their own hands, and with the approval of our Bishop, they established and have since carried on the Association. The inaugural banquet was held last August, and I think those who were present will admit

that a finer body of young men it would be difficult to meet. The principal ones in establishing this were Messrs. D. Murphy, A. Lynch, J. Fallon, H. Davis, F. and J. Stapleton, W. McNamee, D. Adamson, &c., and to them also in a great measure, especially to the Vice-President, Mr Murphy, is due the credit of keeping it up to its present standard.

Another matter on which I wish to remark is the prize-list. Each class in our establishment consists of about twenty-five or thirty boys. We have drawn up a scale of marks, and each lad knows how many he gets and how many his neighbours win, and for what. At the end of the half-year these marks are counted, and those who take the six highest places in each class are entitled to prizes, and this we consider as more honourable and deserving of greater praise than merely winning an examination in some particular subject. Besides these prizes, we also give others for examinations in the different subjects studied through the year, and we always find that the lad who works well through the year and gains a good place on the mark-list wins the numerous examinations held in his own class. The examination is conducted on paper, and the examiner of the papers does not know frequently to whom they belong. Even if he did it would make no difference, because it is our earnest desire that the best lad should win. Notwithstanding all these precautions, I am certain some of the losers imagine they should get a prize, and I must admit that in some cases they run the winners very closely, but we could not multiply prizes, as unfortunately our Prize Fund is limited. In connection with this matter I would wish to thank very sincerely the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly sent in their unsolicited contributions to our Prize Fund:—Right Rev. Dr. Reynolds, scholarship, £10; Ven. Archdeacon Russell, V.G., do., £10; Very Rev. F. Byrne, D.D., Kapunda, do., £10; Rev. Father Healy, £1 1s.; Mrs. Kennedy, £5; Mrs. Gunson, £2 2s.; Mrs. White, £2 2s.; Mrs. Ryder, £2; Mr. C. James, Mr. P. Healy, Mr. W. C. Rigby, Mr. Elwood, and Mr. O'Sullivan, valuable book prizes.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES.

The following is the list of scholarships and prizes:—

Scholarships awarded by the Right Rev. Dr. Reynolds, Venerable Archdeacon Russell, and the Very Rev. Dr. Byrne:—William Carroll, James McNamara, Patrick Riley.

Sixth Form.—Gold medal for passing matriculation, first-class, John Gunson; silver medal, John Leighton, Thomas Rollison, and Louis Allwarden; latin and mathematics, Patrick Shanahan; Latin and mathematics, Albert Walsh.

Fifth Form.—Silver medals for University Junior Examination, William Carroll, Richard Hourigan, Jeremiah Casey, William Gunson, James McNamara, and Joseph Maroney; Latin, Frank Kennedy and Frank Horgan; arithmetic, John Monaghan and Patrick Riley; geography and history, Charles Field; English, John Fox.

Fourth Form.—Prizes for obtaining the highest number of marks for home and school work during the half-year, in order of merit:—Eddie Field, James McManamny, Bernard Connor, Peter Lester, Thomas Ryder, and Herbert O'Brien; Christian doctrine and Bible history, Peter Lester; Greek, Latin, and French grammars, Eddie Field; Latin and French grammar and geometry, Bernard Connor; arithmetic and algebra, Joseph Mumme; physical and political geography, Thomas Ryder; English grammar, Herbert O'Brien; mapping, John O'Brien; English history, Raymond Egan.

Lower Fourth Form.—Prizes for obtaining the highest number of marks for home and schoolwork during the half-year, in order of merit:—Michael Morrissey, John O'Callaghan, John Harman, John O'Neill, Norman McLean, and Hugh Jones. Christian doctrine and Bible history, Thomas Darcey Burke; arithmetic and English history, John O'Callaghan; Latin grammar, John Harman; English grammar and geography, Michael Morrissey; mapping, Timothy Fanning; Christian doctrine, John Cullen.

Upper Third Form.—Prizes for obtaining the highest number of marks for home and school work during the half-year, in order of merit:—Thomas Clune, George Shanahan, Bertie White, John J. Young, Hampton Gleeson, Patrick O'Neil, and Daniel Moroney; Christian doctrine, Daniel Moroney; Bible history and English history,

Thomas Storen; physical geography and composition, Bertie White; political geography and mapping, Gerald Horgan; arithmetic, John O'Connor; writing, Thomas Clune and Hampton Gleeson.

Third Form.—Prizes for obtaining the highest number of marks for home and school work during the half-year, in order of merit:—Louis Conrad, John Roland, James Walsh, Michael Lynch, Arthur Conrad, and Arthur Griffiths. Christian doctrine, James Walsh; Bible history, Peter Donohoe; geography and mapping, Louis Conrad; English grammar, Michael Lynch; composition and mapping, Arthur Conrad; writing, Patrick Ryan.

Lower Third Form.—Prizes for obtaining the highest number of marks for half-year, in order of merit:—1, Thomas Hart; 2, Fred. Field; 3, James Ward; 4, John Ward; 5, John King; 6, John Smith; 7, William Pritchard; 8, John Hand; 9, Edward Bermingham; 10, Denis Mahony. Joseph Mahony, English grammar; Cornelius Lowther, Christian doctrine and arithmetic; Thomas Hart, English history; Edward Bermingham, mapping.

Second Division.—Prizes for obtaining highest number of marks for home and school work during half-year, in order of merit:—1, William Powditch; 2, Laurence Dogherty; 3, Robert Healy; 4, Francis Conrad; 5, Michael Plunkett; 6, William Fox; 7, Joseph Dittmar; 8, George Gunson.

Second Form—1, Patrick Scanlon; 2, Patrick McNamara; 3, James Fox; 4, Christopher Coffey; 5, Fred. Berk; 6, Patrick McCormack.

The CHAIRMAN, having presented the prizes to the successful scholars, said he almost regretted the comprehensive character of the Superior's report as it prevented him saying anything about the work of the College. He was pleased at the success which had attended the scholars of the institution at the University examinations. The report showed that they had proved to the world at large that religion and education were quite compatible and in the Catholic Church went hand in hand. (Hear, hear.) They had proved to the world that they were acting conscientiously; that they were guided by the best of motives was shown by the fact that they taxed themselves to carry out their principles. (Hear, hear.) In the past their position had not been properly understood, but he was glad to see by the agitation for the Bible in schools that it was beginning to be appreciated, and that the people were awakening to the fact that religion and education should go hand in hand. The work done by the Christian Brothers since their arrival in the colony spoke well for the body, and he took that public opportunity of tendering, as the Bishop of the Diocese, on behalf of his people, his warmest thanks for the services they had rendered the young of the colony. He was inexpressibly pleased at the confidence that was placed in the College, not alone by the Catholics, but by many others who entrusted their children to the Brothers' care, and he wished the institution as much success in the future as it had had in the past. (Cheers.)

Mr. A. A. Fox, M.P., proposed, and Dr. O'CONNELL seconded, a vote of thanks to the Chairman. Carried.

Cheers were then given for the Principal of the College, his *confrères*, and the Bishop.

LADIES' COLLEGE, SOUTH-TERRACE.

On Friday morning the scholars and friends of the school met for the distribution of prizes. Drawings, chiefly from models and maps, were hung in the room, and some pianoforte pieces and recitations were given by the girls, the latter being taken from Milton's "L'Allegro," Goldsmith's "Deserted Village," Longfellow's "Daybreak," Kings-

ley's "Water Babies" "Pinafore Palace," and Tennyson's "Sleeping Beauty" (in four parts). The following is the prize-list:—

Junior Examination—Silver medal, B. Clara Thallon. Fifth Form—B. Clara Thallon, Gertrude Hooper, Annie Brown. Fourth Form—Ethel Jenkins, Winnifred Bagster, Constance Hopkins. Third Form—Constance Port. Second Form—Constance Thallon, Beatrice Port, Maime Rogers. Mapping—G. Hooper, C. Thallon. Composition—G. Hooper. Recitation—B. C. Thallon. English Language (presented by J. H. Bagster, Esq., M.P.)—G. Hooper. Best Letter (presented by W. Hooper, Esq.)—B. C. Thallon. Honour certificates to all prizetakers and to Alice Ramsay, Nellie Murray, and Ida Ralph.

PULTENEY-STREET SCHOOL

The annual Christmas entertainment in connection with the Pulteney-street School was given in the schoolroom on Friday evening, December 17. The room was filled with parents and friends of the scholars. The Anglican Bishop (Dr. Kennion) presided. After a comprehensive programme of music and recitations had been rendered a presentation of several pieces of plate was made to the Head Master (Mr. Howard) by Master Hugh Fraser on behalf of the teachers and scholars. Mr. Howard, in returning thanks for the gift, said that it proved to him that he had the esteem of the boys. So long as he had that he was satisfied. A few words of advice were proffered to the lads present, and the Head Master's report was read as follows:—

This is the third annual report I have read on an occasion like the present, and is by far the most satisfactory. The number on the roll at this time last year was 203; it is now 240. At the recent annual examination 138 of the boys have gained a certificate of merit, a good indication of their industry and perseverance during the year. An effort will be made during the coming year to give the school more of a technical character, and the co-operation of the parents will be invited to give effect to this; to assist also towards this object the different branches of science and drawing will receive more attention than in the past. This makes the third consecutive year in which a pupil of this school has gained the open scholarship at St. Peter's College. The successful competitor this year is Arthur Boord. The dux of the school is David Moar. These two boys, and with them the whole of the sixth form, deserve the highest credit for the good tone they have given the school throughout the year. Any success that we have achieved in the past is entirely owing, I believe, to the exceedingly good feeling that pervades the school, showing itself in willing work. It is expected of the boys of the future that they will do themselves credit by emulating this spirit. In March last we held, at the suggestion of the Bishop, our first swimming demonstration, which was highly successful, and afforded the boys great pleasure. Its greatest good was the impetus it gave to swimming in the school. This year we have four times the number attending the baths, and the boys are already looking eagerly forward to the coming contest in March. The school is indebted to many friends for contributions to the Prize Fund and for helping in our entertainments, and I take this opportunity of thanking them. One word to the parents—Never let your boys miss one half-day, and, more important still, never write them an excuse. To those about to leave us, and to those who will meet here again next year, I would say the same thing—"Make good use of the present and you will have a successful future."

Upper Sixth.—Dux and industry, 1st, David Moar; homework, David Moar; essay, Richard Duncan; spelling, Arthur Boord; collection of shells, Richard Pearce; writing, Archie Wickstead; 2nd industry, Richard Pearce; 3rd industry, Arthur Boord; winner of the open scholarship at St. Peter's College, Arthur Boord.

Lower Sixth.—Goodfellowship, Hugh Fraser;

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Upper Fifth.—Home-lesson book and mapping, William Moyse; industry, 1st Frank Prince, 2nd Charles Nason, 3rd Robert Goldsack.

Lower Fifth.—Collection of materials connected with leather, Clement Scott; industry, 1st Sydney Macdocald, 2nd Ernest Williams, 3rd James Godden, 4th Robert Deans; conework frames, Percy Daws; printing, Peter Kruss.

Upper Fourth.—Holy Scripture, C. Addison; home lesson book, Henry Williams; specimens, William Murdoch; industry, 1st Jas. Thompson, 2nd Charles Addison, 3rd James Kenworthy; collection of shells, Wm. Forrester.

Lower Fourth.—Home lessons, Thomas Hughes; collection of eggs, Richard Tolmer; collection of raw silk, Henry Evans; industry, 1st Geo. Nicholls, 2nd Herbert Cordt, 3rd Alfred Waters, 4th Henry Evans; regularity, John Forrester; printing, Piercy Cheeseman.

Upper Third.—Homework, Glen Goldsack; collection of shells, Charles Brock; industry, 1st Glen Goldsack, 2nd Geoffrey Owen, 3rd Bertie Harvey.

Lower Third.—Regularity, Stanley James; industry, 1st Rich. Dearden, 2nd Stanley James, 3rd Bertie Tolmer.

Upper Second.—Regularity, Archie Brown; homework, Fred Wood; industry, 1st F. Wood, 2nd R. Wood; 3rd A. Brown.

Lower Second.—Regularity, W. McDougall; homework, Walter Colebatch; industry, 1st Colebatch, 2nd Herbert Potter, 3rd Augustus Lands.

Upper First.—Regularity, Henry Fergusson; industry, 1st Joseph Sare, 2nd Harry Winter, 3rd William Kinnimont.

Lower First.—Regularity, Peter Fraser; industry, 1st Edward Blackmore, 2nd John Pierce, 3rd Walter Kinnimont.

Lower Second.—Regularity, Hampton Elliott.

Bishop KENNION, before presenting the prizes, bore witness to the good work that has been done in the school. The boys had been thoroughly well grounded in all the branches taught. Having had experience, not only here, but in Yorkshire, he was well pleased to give his testimony to that effect. He had had a talk with Mr. Howard about technical education. He had a great desire if it were possible for some technical education to be given in the school, if it were only in its most elementary form, such as outline drawing or the use of a few simple tools. Such a knowledge would prove of the utmost use in this colony, and if trade only revived he would hold a meeting to see what could be done. It might perhaps be unwise when the times were so bad to undertake additional expense, but when an improvement came doubtless some system of technical education would be introduced. (Hear, hear.) After comedietta entitled "An Ugly Customer" had been cleverly rendered by the Misses A. Bancroff and M. Morrissey, Messrs. C. C. Presgrave, M. Morrissey, and F. S. Bleechmore, the usual complimentary votes were accorded, and the proceedings ended.

NORWOOD MODEL SCHOOL.

The annual "speech-day" and breaking up in connection with the Norwood Model School were celebrated at the school on Friday morning, December 17. A large number of the parents of the children were present, also members of the Local Board of Advice, the Mayor and members of the Norwood Corporation, and other influential townsmen. Mr. C. Lyons, Chairman of the Board of Advice, presided. The Misses E. Smyth and T. Wainwright played a duet nicely, and after a chorus by the pupils, "Hearts of Oak," the Head Master, Mr. J. T. Smyth.

B.A., C.E., presented his report, which mentioned that at the annual examination 80 per cent. of passes were obtained in the boys department, 75 per cent. by the girls, and 68 per cent. by the infant school. He thanked the assistants and pupil teachers for the zeal they had displayed in the conduct of the school, and mentioned that in addition to military drill and calisthenics the curriculum included Latin, German, Euclid, algebra, and English literature. Up to the present no less than ten of the school pupils had passed the University Primary or Junior Examination. In addition on the University list of the year three girls and one boy, old pupils of the school, were in the first class. The opening of the public school at East Adelaide had decreased the overcrowding of some classes, but the average attendance was—Boys, 370; girls, 300; infants, 300; the total number on the roll being 1,255. A glee, "Murmur, Gentle Lyre," was creditably rendered by the pupils, and the CHAIRMAN urged the children to take to heart the lessons in morality that were taught them. He advised them also during the vacation that they were just entering on to read some book from which they would derive benefit. Another chorus by the children, "Larboard Watch," was then cleverly sung. Canon ANDREWS expressed his great pleasure at being present, and the satisfaction the success of the school had afforded him. In England at the higher middle-class schools the education imparted to the scholars was not so comprehensive as that given in the public schools of the colony. That reflected credit on us so far, but he deeply regretted that the knowledge that they would gain from the best of books—the Bible—could not be imparted in the school. He was delighted that an old pupil of the school (Miss Agnes Heyne) had taken the first position in the recent University examinations. In conclusion, he wished all the children a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." After a glee, "Take the Harp," by the pupils Mr. STEVENS (the Mayor of Norwood) addressed a few appropriate words to the children, and promised to give Mr. Smyth a prize to bestow as he thought fit next year. A little girl showed good elocutionary abilities by her rendering of "The Beggar Baby," which was followed by the chorus, "See-saw." The Rev. W. F. MAIN, after complimenting the colony on the excellent education imparted in the public schools, regretted that the basis was so narrow in one point as not to allow the reading of the Bible. He urged the children in acting on the Chairman's suggestion to read a book during the holidays to take the Book of Proverbs, which would give them the moral and business teachings that would prove of incalculable benefit through life. A little girl cleverly rendered a recitation, "Santa Claus," and Miss Bennet's fine voice was heard to advantage in "Unfurl the Flag." Other addresses were given by Mr. T. BURGoyNE, M.P., the Revs. J. HASLAM and H. J. LAMBERT. The first mentioned regretted that Canon Andrews had introduced debatable matter into his speech, and asserted that at the present time many beautiful lessons on morality and godliness were contained in the schoolbooks. An apology was received for the absence of Miss Spence and Mr. E. T. Smith, M.P. The Chairman announced that the Mayor of Adelaide

would give a great school festival during the year, to which all the school children would be invited. He provoked loud cheers by the announcement that the school would have a half-holiday that day prior to the ordinary Christmas holidays. Cheers for the Queen, Head Master, and visitors were heartily accorded by the youngsters, who were dismissed for a month after singing the National Anthem. During the morning prizes were presented to the successful pupils, and Mr. Burgoyne and others promised rewards to be given next year.

GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

On Friday evening the first Christmas breaking-up party in connection with M. Aucher's Girls' Grammar School, Hill-street, North Adelaide, was held at the school. A number of parents and friends of the scholars attended. After a scene from "L'Avocat Patelin," in which the characters were well represented by Misses Hargrave, May Richardson, Cunningham, and A. Bagot, a number of tableaux were well presented. After supper dancing was kept up to a late hour, and added greatly to the enjoyment of a pleasant evening.

SEMAPHORE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

The distribution of prizes in connection with this school, together with that of the Commercial College, Norwood, was held at the Semaphore Institute on Friday night. There was a large attendance, the Mayor of the Semaphore (Mr. J. C. Lovely) presiding. The Chairman expressed his pleasure at being present, and said that the specimens of workmanship displayed on the walls were very creditable indeed. He was pleased to learn that the school had increased 50 per cent. during the year. A most pleasing feeling seemed to exist between the master and the scholars. The advance that had been made towards making learning easy and pleasant during late years was marvellous. The Principal (Mr. Thomas Caterer) then read his report, which was of a satisfactory nature. A number of capital recitations followed, the reciters being Masters Osmond Fry, E. G. Wakefield, and J. A. Mellowship. A cantata entitled "The Picnic" was well performed by the scholars under the leadership of Mr. H. P. Macklin. Masters W. Bates, H. Lovely, and E. Stacy gave three recitations, and then the Chairman presented the prizes. The Chairman, on behalf of the school, then presented Mr. Caterer with an ornamental cardtray, and Macklin with a handsome baton. Both gentlemen suitably responded. The programme ended with a representation of the famous trial of Pickwick for breach of promise with the widow Bardell.
