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UNIVERSITY PASS-LIST.

Senior Exam.—Miss Mary Ann Agnew, handsome set of books (presented by "A Friend"); a gold bangle (presented by Arthur Fox, Esq.), for general proficiency; special prize for French, a desk (presented by the Rev. F. Cosgrave).

Junior Exam.—Miss Rose Maroney, silver watch (presented by Dr. O'Connell); special prize for literature (presented by St. Francis Xavier's Literary Society). Miss Isabel White, gold watch (presented by Mrs. Barr Smith); special prize for fancy darning, silver serviette ring (presented by Mrs. O'Connell); special prize for elocution (presented by Mrs. T. R. Scarfe). Prize for music, Miss Kate Rooney, £1 1s. (presented by Harry Ayers, Esq.); special prize for mathematics (presented by the Rev. F. Cosgrave); special prize for music, silver bangle; second prize for literature (presented by Mrs. T. R. Scarfe). Miss May Slattery, gold bangle (presented by Dr. Gunson); special prize for Christian doctrine (presented by Messrs. Gill & Co., a handsomely framed picture); silver medal for music.

Preliminary Exams. and Practice of Music (Junior Grade).—Miss Florence Clare Toleman, £1 1s. (presented by Mr. J. Ryder); album (presented by Mr. Slattery), prize for music.

Preliminary Pass.—Miss Nellie Reilly, £1 1s. (presented by W. X. Y. Z.); special prize for arithmetic (presented by V. N. Smith, Esq.).

Junior Practice and Theory of Music.—Miss Ethel Clarke, £1 1s. (presented by J. J. Leahy, Esq.); three books of classical music (presented by Albert Conrad Esq.) and special prize for music.

Junior Practice of Music.—Miss Alice Connell, a handsome volume of Moore's Irish melodies (presented by Mr. Dohoney) and book for music. Miss Nellie Dunlevie, scholarship £10 10s. (presented by Stephen S. Ralli, Esq.). Miss Millicent Richardson, scholarship £6 6s. (presented by a lady friend). Miss Elsie Dunn, special prize for grammar (presented by Mrs. P. Cullen). Miss Maria Lowther, special prize for plain sewing (presented by Mrs. Baker). Miss Mary Ryder, special prize for painting (presented by Mr. Rigby), an album presented by a friend. Miss Gertrude Toleman, special prize for music, gold brooch (presented by Mr. Wendt). Miss Maggie O'Connell, special prize for music, silver brooch; special prize for reading (presented by Mrs. Hawker). Miss Kate Leahy, special prize for music, silver cross (presented by Mr. Hoan). Miss Edith Kennedy, special prize for music, silver bangle. Miss Lena Leahy, special prize for music; special prize for fancy work (presented by Mrs. Ryder). Miss Violet Cummins, special prize for music, silver brooch. Miss Esther Sullivan, special prize for music, silver bangle. Miss Meta Stephens, Dux of fifth class, gold brooch (presented by a friend). Miss Ethel Byrne, first prize for geography (presented by P. McMahon Glynn, Esq.).

ST. ANGELA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Stella Simmons, special prize for music (presented by Mr. Brunhorst). Miss Myrtle Shepherd, first prize for scientific dressmaking (presented by Mrs. McBeath). Miss Margaret Malone, prize for good conduct, gold bangle (presented by a friend); special prize for arithmetic (gift of Mrs. Griffin). Miss Alice Cronk, silver brooch, special prize for work (presented by Mrs. Briggs). Miss Kate Griffin, prize for plain sewing (presented by Mrs. Ryder). Miss Annie Roughan, prize workbox (gift Mrs. Malone). Master Philip O'Connell, special prize for arithmetic (presented by Stevenson Brothers), silver medal. Master John Dolan, silver medal, good conduct (presented by a friend).

The Sisters of Mercy return most grateful thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who have so graciously and generously patronised their schools, and to Mr. Woodman for his kindness in giving the use of two pianos gratis for their concert and display. They are also pleased to acknowledge the following special prizes:—Gold brooch, presented by Mrs. Pearson; for "kindness," by Messrs. Wigg & Son; and for music, Messrs. Marshall & Son.

The CHAIRMAN, in thanking those present on behalf of the Sisters of Mercy for their attendance, referred to the advances which were being made in educating the children, and the large number of Catholic schools now in existence in this colony. It was very gratifying to the parents to see the excellent work which the children were taught to do, and the exhibits around the hall were very good specimens of their handiwork.

After the prizes had been presented the public were invited to inspect the specimens of needlework, drawings, paintings, and various other work tastefully arranged at the sides of the hall.

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SCHOOL OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES.

It was a happy thought in such sweltering weather to do away with a formal speech evening in connection with the distribution of diplomas of the School of Mines, and to throw open all the classrooms for inspection. The very large crowd of people who accepted the invitation of the Council on Friday evening duly appreciated this, and they spent a couple of hours very pleasantly and profitably in witnessing the majority of the classes at work. There was something more than an ordinary school display; the celebration partook more of the nature of an exhibition of arts and sciences, and the visitors were surprised at the display. A string band discoursed sweet music, and despite the heat a most enjoyable time was spent, the visitors being well looked after by the Registrar, Mr. S. Hughes. The past year was one of remarkable activity, and the number of students was the largest on record; 957 were on the roll during the term, and a noticeable feature was that all the classes were well attended. In the second-year associateship course the work done by the students was considered to be excellent, and it is hoped that by the end of next year this section will provide an excellent lot of diploma-holders. The increase in the large number of students necessitated the enlargement of several of the classrooms and the splitting up of several of the classes.

In the chemical laboratory the pupils under the instruction of Mr. A. J. Higgins entertained and instructed the visitors by performing numerous elementary chemical experiments. The furnace-room was a warm spot, but the few who ventured there saw the students conducting assays of different ores, and an opportunity was afforded of demonstrating all the various stages in gold and silver assays. The dressmaking class under Mrs. Ainley attracted a great share of attention. The bookbinding class under Mr. C. Webb also exhibited their work. Crowds of visitors assembled in the workshops, where the classes in wood and iron work were at work and the machines in active operation. The pupils engaged in turning trunks of trees into useful articles were showing their handicraft in making furniture, desks, boxes, cabinets of various kinds, and other household requisites. Some gates which were done for the examination were displayed, while on every hand could be seen various articles in course of construction. In the metal classes the pupils were engaged in turning, boring, slotting, planing, screw-cutting, the turning being done by hand lathes, self-acting lathes, and also by hand. The milling-machine was in active operation cutting toothed wheels. The work in these classes during the year has been in improving and fitting the shops and in making tools for the school, and the manufactures are said to be of high class. The attendance has been good, and the work done, both theoretical and practical, very satisfactory. Mr. T. Forsaith, assisted by Mr. W. F. Basford, has had charge of those sections. In the mechanical drawing classes, also under the care of Mr. Forsaith, assisted by Mr. W. Stevens, of the Engineer-in-Chief's department, the exhibits were highly creditable to the lads. The engine-drivers' class had been a great success, for all the students instructed by Mr. Forsaith obtained either first or second certificates. Mr. G. Morton superintends the plumbing class, and he reported that the pupils in that section had done remarkably well. So great was the increase in the number of attendants that the class had to be separated into two—preliminary and advanced. The Master Plumbers' Association have been so satisfied with the work done there that they are giving annually a gold medal for the advanced section, and a book prize for the preliminary class. The pupils in this room were also at their tasks, and they were closely scrutinised. An innovation this year was the wool-sorting, under the charge of Mr. G.

Jefferrey, and there were twenty pupils, who learnt during the first session the skirting, rolling, classing, and sorting of the fleeces. They also gained an insight into the yielding and spinning capacity of the wool besides attending with the instructor the wool sales. Next session they will be taken further into the mysteries of yielding and spinning capacity, and instructed in factory wool-sorting. Naturally the ladies took keen interest in the cookery classes under Mrs. Allen.

During the evening His Excellency the Governor, attended by Captain Wallington, visited the Exhibition, and was received by the President and members of the Council. After inspecting the classes the party adjourned to the Boardroom, where the diplomas were distributed. Among those present were the Treasurer, Hon. F. W. Holder; the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Hon. L. O'Loughlin; the Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Cockburn; Mr. J. L. Bonython, President; and the Hons. J. G. Bice, M.L.C., and D. M. Charleston, M.L.C., Messrs. J. T. Scherk, M.P., L. Grayson, and R. E. E. Rogers, members of the Council, Dr. Jefferis, Hon. J. H. Gordon, M.L.C., Messrs. F. Chapple, J. J. East, C. T. Hargrave, and R. A. Tarlton.

The PRESIDENT said—In asking His Excellency to present the diplomas to the students who had won the associateship of the School of Mines and Industries it was his duty, on behalf of the members of the Council and the students of the school, most warmly to thank His Excellency for his great kindness in coming there that evening. He took the opportunity to say that the past year had been a record year, both as to the number of students and the results of the teaching. The total number of individual students was 967, as against 805 last year, and 670 in 1895. Without entering into many details, and without referring at all to the industrial side of the school, he mentioned that 117 students had taken assaying and metallurgy, 269 chemistry, 98 mathematics, 31 engineering and machine design, 31 mining, mineralogy, and geology, and 55 physics. Increased numbers had necessitated the rearrangement of class rooms and the appointment of additional instructors. New classes had been formed in the chemistry of tanning and in wool-sorting; and with the new year classes would be opened in navigation and viticulture. The Council were not disappointed with the past—it had been a period of development—but they looked to the future for the full realization of their hopes in regard to the School. Six students would present themselves for diplomas. Two took diplomas both for mining and metallurgy, and to Mr. Alexander Maxwell Howe belonged the unique honour of having secured both diplomas in the shortest possible time, namely, three years. In granting these diplomas the Council had the satisfaction of knowing that if history repeated itself the new associates go forth to assured positions. Their old students were doing well, and only that week a case had been brought under his notice where a former student, now in Western Australia, had the offer of a position in Victoria worth £500 per annum. The fear was the salary would not be sufficiently tempting. Whatever the school might have done in the past, the Council intend that greater things should be done in the future, that its present good name should be more than maintained, and that old students should have reason to be proud of their connection with the school. (Applause).

His Excellency then handed the diplomas to the successful students.

The MINISTER of EDUCATION (Hon. Dr. Cockburn) moved a vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor for his presence. Of all public institutions, and there were many in which Sir Fowell had shown a living interest, there was no institution which more closely concerned the progress of the colony and had a larger hold upon the heart of the people than the School of Mines and Industries. Not only did the Council undertake to provide excellent technical training in mining and all branches of industries and metallurgy, but nothing like it could be done elsewhere, and it was a proud distinction that it had been taken as a model when similar institutions