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SCHOOL SPEECH-DAYS.

SEMAPHORE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

On Friday evening the thirteenth annual demonstration of Messrs. Caterer & Macklin's Semaphore Collegiate School took place at the local Town Hall. There was a large attendance, presided over by the Mayor, Mr. W. F. Deslandes. When the boys filed into the hall they were greeted with cheers, and throughout the evening the heartiest good humour prevailed. The proceedings were opened with a pianoforte selection, "Diabolina," by Mr. A. Bushell, and the CHAIRMAN gave a brief congratulatory address. The year, he said, had been one of unqualified success, and the results were thoroughly characteristic of the good reputation of the institution. When they looked around them and saw the responsible positions to which past scholars had attained, they realized the great educational advantages to be derived from the Semaphore Collegiate School. (Cheers.) The programme included the choruses, "Rat-a-tat-too," with a solo by Henry Blair, "Row, boatmen, row," and the trio "The two roses," sung by nine of the boys. Each was capitally rendered. The Christmas carols "Hail, Christmas!" and "Awake! Awake!" were likewise, commendably given. Harold Rose, Spencer Freer, and Charles Henderson sang the trio "The sailor lad's farewell." The best appreciated item was the recitation "Home for the holidays," by Howard Boord, whose success demanded an encore. Recitations were also given by Harold Rose and Cecil Deslandes. Sydney Brown sang "Whisper, and I shall hear," and was accompanied on the violin by Charles Dewhirst. Piano solos were given by Percy Hines and S. C. Williams. Mr. A. Bushell accompanied, and Mr. H. P. Macklin conducted. A special feature of the entertainment was the display of the gymnastic classes. The club-swinging, and particularly that of the senior division, was creditable to the instructor, Mr. Hugo Leschen. Some of the performers on the parallel bars were good, and the pyramids excited general admiration. During the evening the scholars presented the principals, Messrs. Caterer and Macklin, and Mr. Leschen with appropriate tokens of the good feeling existing between them. The gifts were gratefully acknowledged by the recipients. Medals and prizes won during the year were presented by the Chairman, and the proceedings were terminated by the singing of the National Anthem.

The following is the report of the Principals:—

We present our annual report for 1897 with more than usual pleasure, as it represents progress all along the lines. Our school-roll to-day contains a larger number of names of pupils than on any previous demonstration day, and what is of far greater consequence never have we had so great a percentage of scholars throwing heart and soul into their studies.

In previous years we may have had more brilliant results in individual cases, but this year has been characterized by a wider-spread desire and more earnest effort for intellectual growth.

Our successes in examinations outside the school embrace rather a wide field for a non-metropolitan institution, as we have secured "passes" in the "University Junior," Civil Service, pharmaceutical, and preliminary examinations.

We owe much of our success to the assiduity and talent of the various assistant teachers, who have supported the Principals loyally and conscientiously. To the following friends who have so generously contributed towards the no slight expenditure of our Demonstration Day we tender our very grateful thanks:—His Worship the Mayor, W. F. Deslandes, Esq., who presented the gold dux medal, Sir E. T. Smith, Messrs. Malin, Wald, C. Neil, Russell, Hughes, Todd, Waterman, Barrett, Williams, Wigg & Son, and last but not least to that constant friend of the school, Mr. C. Smedley.

The prize-list was as follows:—

SENIOR DEPARTMENT.

Mathematics, Science, Literature, Latin, Artistic Work, &c., Highest Form.—G. D. Moore Dux, Wood 2. Second Form—Hines Dux, Shepherd 2, Dewhirst 3, Fisher 4. Third Form—Hughes Dux, Thomson 2, Hancock 3, Lundberg 4, Jones 5. Fourth Form—Cook Dux, Rose 2, Henderson 3.

Special.—G. D. Moore, University Juniors, Dux gold medal; Wood, Mathematics and Literature.

Passing Preliminary.—Medals—Hines, Hixon, Dewhirst, Hu ley, Fry.

Artistic Work, &c.—Hines, Shepherd, Dempster, Wallow, Hancock.

Boarders prize, Grant and Knapmann; science, Fisher, Hines, Thompson, Hancock.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION.

Highest Form—Dux, Deslandes; 2, Freer; 3, Le Messurier; 4, B. Freer. Second Form—Dux, Davies; 2, Keast; 3, R. Hall. Third Form—Dux, C. Conlon; 2, J. McRoberts.

Special Dux Medal, C. Deslandes.

Artistic, Hollingworth, B. Freer, Pickhaver, Le Messurier.

Science, Marshall, S. Freer, Deslandes, Parker.

JUNIOR ROOM

Highest Form—Dux, Board; 2, Day.

Second Form—Dux, Graham; 2, W. Old.

Third Form—Dux, Simmonds; 2, Germein.

MALVERN SCHOOL.

The seating capacity of the Unley Town Hall was severely taxed on Friday evening at the annual entertainment of the school conducted by Mrs. W. Cornock. The chair was taken by Mr. Hamilton Royce, who also distributed the prizes. The instrumental and vocal music was of the first order. The programme included a pianoforte trio by Misses Florey, Lawrie, and Torr; choruses, "Santa Claus" and "Sunshine;" solo, "Cherry ripe," Miss Eva Thompson; an excellent display of clubswinging; and a pleasing song and chorus, "Dolly's song," Misses H. and L. Florey and M. Raven. An exceedingly charming cantata, "The fairies of the seasons," captivated the audience. The principal characters were sustained by Misses Morgan, G. Marshall, M. Dollman, and O. Strange. A pleasing ceremony was performed by two young lady students, who on behalf of the school presented Mrs. W. Cornock, the Principal, with a handsome tea service. On behalf of the recipient Mr. W. Dollman replied. The pianoforte accompaniments were in the hands of Mr. Gordon Cornock. The annual school reports showed that great strides had been made since the school was opened in 1885, and that during the past year Miss Florence Torr had distinguished herself in University examinations and in three entries for the music examinations. Master Gordon Cornock had secured two passes, and Miss Torr one. A competition in agronomy was also included in the school routine.

SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL. PARKSIDE.

On Thursday evening the pupils of Southfield School gave a very attractive concert, at which Professor Mitchell presided. Although the weather was warm the interest of the audience was well kept up to the end through the prompt manner in which each item followed on the one before it, and seemed even more appreciated than its predecessor. The kindergarten amused the audience with their lively recitations and action songs, and Mr. Leschen's calisthenic class performed some intricate clubswinging and other exercises with an ease and accuracy which elicited well-earned applause. Miss Ida Smith reflected great credit on her teacher, Mr. E. E. Mitchell, in her rendering of a pretty pianoforte solo by Durand. Recitations from Tennyson's "Harold" and Shakspeare's "King John" were given with great spirit. The prize-winner was Miss Hammond, who personated Prince Arthur with much feeling and expression. Before distributing the prizes to the successful students the Chairman congratulated the teachers on the many evidences of good work done, and spoke a few suitable words to the girls. The evening's entertainment was then brought to a close with the singing of the national anthem.

SUCCESSSES IN EXAMINATIONS FOR 1897.—University.—Junior Public—Ida Viner Smith, second class. Music.—Junior Practice—Ida Viner Smith, second class; Primary Practice—Sarah Simpson, second class; Primary Theory—Jessie Murray, Harriet Simpson, second class. School of Design.—Second-grade Freehand—Marion Gardiner; Intermediate Geometry—Ida Viner Smith "Excellent," Marion Gardiner "Good," Maggie Fleming; First-grade Model Drawing—Ida Viner Smith, Jessie Murray; First-grade Geometry—Jessie Murray "Good," First-grade Freehand—Lois Bowen "Good," Olive Cavenagh, Lizzie Miller. xzv

MEDINDIE SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN.

No more successful gathering could have been desired than that which assembled in the North Adelaide Institute on Friday evening at the annual concert and distribution of prizes in connection with the Misses Brown's Medindie School and Kindergarten. Mr. J. H. Symon, Q.C., presided over a large attendance. An exceedingly interesting musical programme was presented, the cantata "Queen Flora's Garden" and the Maypole country dance by the scholars being particularly well done. Miss H. Bach, as Queen, scored a decided success, whilst the Misses N. Stevens, H. Cox, E. Bruce, M. Drew, and L. Lascock, and Master Willie Kinderman are to be complimented upon their efforts. The Chairman paid a pleasing tribute to the ability of the scholars in presenting the prizes. The prize-list was as follows:—

The number on the school roll is now 75, and throughout the year the attendance has been excellent. Eight girls presented themselves for the Preliminary Examination, and four of these succeeded in passing. We had no candidates for the Senior or Junior Examinations this year, but the Junior class of last year are busily employed in Senior work and are taking the following subjects:—English, French, Latin, mathematics, and science.

The successful candidate from the school in last year's Senior Examination was awarded an Evening Scholarship at the University, and has passed in the two subjects prescribed for the course, viz., biology and chemistry, and in addition has passed in the Higher Public French. We shall be delighted if the girls who pass the Senior with us go on to the University and take their degrees. Many will have the opportunity if only they have the desire to continue their studies. Unfortunately inclination is sometimes wanting, and there is not the spur of necessity to goad their flagging zeal.

Two of the pupils from the drawing class under Miss J. L. Wilson were successful in the Public Examinations—one in second-grade model and the other in second-grade freehand. The music is now in the hands of Miss Elsie Jefferis, A.R.C.M., and two of the pupils passed in the theory exam. of the Royal College of Music.

In outdoor amusements much interest has this year been taken in tennis. Thirteen competed in the tournament in November, and many of the sets were well and closely contested.

We most cordially thank those who have presented prizes and those who have acted as Judges, and we specially thank the teachers for their hearty co-operation.

In conclusion we wish all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

PRIZE-LIST.

Class VI.—Mina Muecke, dux, science, Latin, mathematics; Nellie Fotheringham, French; Josephine Hines, class work; May Drew, mapping.

Class V.—A. Porter, Preliminary Examination, history, and physiology, French; Hilda Back, Preliminary Examination, Scripture; Edith Ewens, Preliminary Examination, yearly marks; Adele Moffia, Preliminary Examination, mapping, tennis; Nellie Stephenson, dux, geography; Adalie Sanders, second mark; Gertie Thomas, weekly arithmetic.

Class VB.—Winnie Stevenson, dux; Pearl Bailey, arithmetic, drawing; Elsie Bruce, music, tennis; Marion Barlow, music; Alice Fitch, music.

Class IV.—Hilda Cox, dux and diligence, sewing; Jessie Thomas, marks; Hilda Thomas, sewing (2nd); Ethel Barlow, weekly arithmetic; Olive Edmunds, improvement; Gertie Hailey, music.

Class IVB.—Alice Williams, dux; Alfred Farrow, yearly marks; Muriel Butterworth, exercise-book; Bessie Fotheringham, weekly arithmetic; Stella Uren, improvement; Connie Chennell, grammar; May Nottage, dolls' sewing; Maggie Porter, dolls' sewing (2nd).

Class III.—Eva Roach, dux; Bessie Sanders, marks; Arthur Cooper, arithmetic.

Class II.—Lonie Williams, geography; Ida Lendeloff, reading; Vera Rickards, arithmetic.

Class I.—Guelda Muecke, improvement; Sylvia Rickards, reading; Leonard Thomas, arithmetic.

Kindergarten—Jack Sanders, geography; Annie Bignell, reading; Kathleen Lawrence, writing; Dora Simpson, kindergarten work.

ST. ALOYSIUS SELECT SCHOOL.

The distribution of prizes in connection with the St. Aloysius Select School took place in the St. Francis Xavier's Hall on Friday morning. The Rev. Dr. Byrne presided over a good attendance. After a short programme, consisting of an exhibition of club-swinging and a few vocal selections, had been carried out by the pupils of the school, the prizes were presented, the list being as under:—

SPECIAL PRIZE-LIST ST. ALOYSIUS SELECT SCHOOL.