

and every one was delighted. The proceeds were for the Sunday School.

THE DAY SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH.

"Notes from the Teacher's Desk."

These Schools, which are maintained by voluntary contributions and receive no aid from the local "School Board Rate," as has been erroneously supposed by many; were re-opened after Christmas Holidays on Monday, Jan 16th. During the holidays the schools have undergone extensive alterations to improve them for educational purposes and to make further accommodation for an increased number of scholars, this being the second time the schools have had to be enlarged during the last nine years.

The subjects of instruction are Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Spelling, Composition, English Grammar, Latin Prefixes and Word Building, Geography and Map Drawing, Music and Drill, Drawing including Freehand, Model and Geometry. Religious instruction is also given in the Old and New Testaments, Church Catechism, Prayer Book and Church History.

As will be seen from the above it is very necessary that parents should send their children regularly and punctually to school otherwise they will impede their progress and make the task of keeping the schools in the present state of efficiency more difficult.

The scholars have no fee to pay, no books or other school materials to buy so that the schools are entirely free. Prizes are also awarded every year for regularity and punctuality, a fund for this purpose is annually raised at our "Children's Concert," which will be postponed this year until Thursday in Easter Week.

Very satisfactory reports are to hand for 1898, from which I give extracts as follows:—

DIOCESAN INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1898.

Out of 24 Marks obtainable 22 were of the highest quality, viz., V.G.

"This school acquitted itself very creditably, the work has been well prepared and there was

an evenness of tone throughout. The written work was in many cases excellently done especially the explanation of the Lord's Prayer and the 5th, 6th and 7th Commandments by their parallel passages in the Desire and Duty."

Drawing Report: Mark earned "Excellent."

Government Report: "Excellent."

"Highest Grants earned in all subjects"

"The instruction is proceeding satisfactorily as in past years"

NEWTON DAY SCHOOL.

As at Oystermouth, this school is also free, and good work is being done by Miss Howard the Head Mistress. It is also under the same management as our larger schools. I give extracts from reports for 1898.

Drawing Report: Mark earned "Excellent."

Government Report:

"The instruction is satisfactory in most respects, the reading and recitation being particularly good."

Last year an expensive addition was made to this school to increase the accommodation.

OYSTERMOUTH CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Oddfellows Hall, Mumbles, was crowded to its utmost capacity when the Oystermouth Choral Society, on Thursday Evening, Jan. 5th, gave their First Invitation Concert. Mr. H. Morton Hedley made a capable Chairman, and in a racy speech, told the audience, what they subsequently realised for themselves, that the Mumbles possessed abundance of Musical talent and that it was the function of such a Society to work upon this material, and reproduce it in the most refined form through the medium of the best musical composition. He paid a high tribute to Mr. G. H. Crews, the Society's newly appointed Conductor, and intimated that it was sincerely to be desired that all having Musical talent should at once join the Society for its next Concert, when it is intended to give Handel's "Acis and Galatea."

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