

ments have been made by which Mr. E. Dobson, C.E., will give a course of popular lectures in connection with the Technological Museum on "Building Construction."

Five students from the College entered at the last University examination for M.A. and honours. All obtained the degree. J. P. Grossman obtained first-class honours in two departments, in Political Science and Languages, and second class in Mental Science. L. Cohen obtained second class in two departments, Political Science and Languages, whilst Miss J. G. Grossman and Messrs. R. F. Irvine and H. T. Purchas obtained third-class honours in Languages. Eight students from the College have passed the final section of their examinations, and have had the B.A. degree conferred on them—W. P. Evans, R. M. Laing, A. J. Mayne, J. A. Newell, J. J. Patterson, W. A. Robinson, Miss E. H. Searle, and W. Taylor; whilst ten have passed the first section of their degree examination—Miss C. Alexander, A. Binnie, R. W. Cocks, G. M. Hutton, H. M. Inglis, P. Kime, R. Lamb, H. H. Mathias, T. W. Rowe, and H. von Haast. Of the six senior scholarships offered for competition in last University examinations, four were gained by students of the College—P. Kime, R. Lamb, T. W. Rowe, and H. von Haast. The College Exhibitions given for excellence in honours work at the College annual examination were awarded as follows: For Latin, R. W. Cocks; for English, T. W. Rowe; for mathematics, P. Kime; for natural science, R. M. Laing and T. W. Rowe, who were equal; for experimental science, R. Lamb; for history, political economy, and French, Miss E. H. Searle.

The graduates of the University of New Zealand who have been educated at the College now number thirty-five, eighteen of whom have attained the degree of M.A., and seventeen the degree of B.A. Two of these have also obtained the degree of LL.B. Of the Masters of Arts one gained double first-class honours, one a double first-class and a second, nine first-class honours, one a double second, and five third-class. Thus, out of eighty-eight who have taken degrees in the University of New Zealand, thirty-five belong to Canterbury College; out of the twenty-nine who have taken M.A., eighteen belong to it; out of sixteen who have taken first-class honours, eleven belong to it.

Of the forty-five senior and third-year scholarships awarded by the University of New Zealand during the last five years—the period during which the present scholarship regulations have been in force—twenty-nine have been awarded to students of Canterbury College.

#### Boys' HIGH SCHOOL.

In my statement last year, I mentioned that the Headmaster had sent in his resignation, to take effect on the 31st March, 1884, and that a Commission had been appointed to select a duly-qualified Master in England. The names of the gentlemen appointed were—the Rev. B. Jowett, D.D., Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford; the Rev. J. Wilson, Headmaster of Clifton College; and Mr. A. Sidgwick, Tutor at Corpus Christi College, Oxford; assisted by Mr. W. Kennaway. Sixty-six applications were received for the appointment; and, after careful consideration and a personal interview with some of the applicants, Mr. C. E. Brown, M.A., a late scholar of Lincoln College, graduate in classical honours, was appointed. Mr. Brown had been assistant-master at the Manchester Grammar School (where there were 960 boys and a staff of forty masters) for five years. He arrived by the "Tongariro" in April last, and immediately entered on his duties. By resolution of the Board, I wrote a letter to each of the Commissioners, thanking them for their valuable services, and begging their acceptance of the honorarium voted by the Board.

The number of boys on the roll for the current term is 105. In November last the school was inspected by Mr. J. H. Pope, appointed by the Education Department at Wellington, who stated that the organization of the school was based upon the principle of distinct classification for each subject. A good deal of science work was done. The discipline of the school was good, and a large amount of attention appeared to be paid to English composition, and the teaching in geometry, Latin, and French was clear and vigorous. The junior masters were changed too often, but this was probably owing to their being men of attainments and easily getting better appointments. The school was examined at Christmas by Professors Bickerton, Brown, Cook, and Haslam, and the Rev. C. Turrell. Their reports were laid before the Board, and afterwards read at the annual gathering, when prizes were distributed to pupils who had distinguished themselves.

The teaching staff in the school at present is—Headmaster, C. E. Brown, M.A.; second master, G. Hogben, M.A.; assistant-masters, B. K. S. Lawrence, B.A., F. Fergusson, T. Arnold, B.A., H. Cross; part-time master, H. Watson, B.A.; modern languages, E. de Montalk, B. ès L.; singing-master, H. Wells (Cathedral choir-master); drill-instructor, Captain Fergusson, C.R.V. With a view to inducing the boys to take an interest in drill, a cadet corps was formed, and their services have been accepted by His Excellency the Governor. Three boys passed the matriculation examination, and a Board of Education scholarship in Class D was gained by E. T. Norris.

#### GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

This school has made most satisfactory progress. There has been a large increase in the number of pupils. The average attendance last year was seventy-five; this year the average was eighty-four. The attendance for the first term, 1884, was ninety-seven; and the number attending this current term, 100. The school was inspected by Mr. J. H. Pope, of the Education Department, in November last, who speaks of it as follows: "The discipline is very good; the order is excellent. It would be impossible for any one who had seen the logical and methodical way in which the questions placed before them were attacked by the girls to doubt that the instruction that had produced such results must have been of a very high class indeed." The school was also examined by Professors Brown, Bickerton, Cook, and Haslam, and the Rev. C. Turrell, at the end of the year, and their reports were very satisfactory. The needlework done by the pupils was carefully examined by three ladies who kindly gave their services. Their report was most favourable. These reports were read at the annual gathering, when valuable prizes were given to the pupils who had distinguished themselves. The publication of the reports of the examiners the Board has always considered a matter of great importance, and therefore these reports, with prize-list and