and Morris's Historical Grammar. Geography: Physical and general. History England, 1688 to 1857. Class-singing and drawing.

Lowest.—Equal to the Third Standard of the elementary code of the Education Department.

Girls

Highest.—Arithmetic: Percentages, stocks, general rules. Algebra: Quadratics, surds, ratio, and proportion. Geometry: Euclid, Books I., II., III. English Grammar: Meiklejohn's and Morris's Historical English Grammar. English Literature: Victorian era; Milton's Comus. English History: 1688 to 1837. Geography: General and physical; Geikie's Lessons, 1 to 25. Modern History: Louis XIV. to French Revolution. French: Macmillan's Third French Course; Molière, Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme; Dumas, Tulipe Noire, 1 to 26. German: Macmillan's First German Course, Otto's Reader. Latin: Principia Latina IV.; Virgil, Æneid I., ll. 1–500; Cæsar I. Chemistry: Non-metallic elements, chemical equations. Physiology: Structure of body, functions of organs, laws of health. Drawing: Freehand, geometrical, and model. Singing: Tonic Sol-fa system. Trigonometry: To solution of triangles.

Lowest.—Arithmetic: Compound rules, reduction, mental. English Grammar: Parts of speech, analysis of simple sentences. History: Richard III. to Charles II. Geography: Countries of Europe, England. Physical Geography: Springs, icebergs, seas, currents. French: Bué's First French Course, Lessons 1 to 26. Object-lesson: Light, heat, colour. Reading: Macmillan,

III. Drawing: Freehand.

4. Scholarships.

The school gave free education to twenty-four holders of scholarships given by the School Commissioners and eight scholars of the Education Board.

GISBORNE HIGH SCHOOL.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1890. Expenditure. s. d. s. d. Receipts. 784 By Teachers' salaries and allowances under To Balance at beginning of year, fixed deposit section 4, "Gisborne High School Act 4 17 6 In bank, current account Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid Amendment Act, 1887" 225 0 purchase-money Paid by School Commissioners .. 0 Balance in hand and in bank at end of year, 50 222 6 10 on fixed deposit 984 0 Interest 38 2 Balance at end of year 109 8 6

> W. L. WILLIAMS, Chairman. C. A. DE LAUTOUR, Secretary.

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Examined and found correct.—James Edward FitzGerald, Controller and Auditor-General.

NELSON COLLEGE.

1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

In their report for the year 1889 the Governors made mention of a subsidy promised by the School

Commissioners to encourage the more efficient teaching of science in both Colleges.

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The Governors have appointed Mr. W. S. Littlejohn, M.A., to the post of Science Master, and have expended a sum of about £250 in building and fitting up a satisfactory laboratory at the Boys' College, and which is available for the pupils of both Colleges. This further demand upon Mr. Littlejohn's time and energies made it necessary to appoint an additional master to relieve him from a part of his previous duties, and Mr. F. G. Gibbs, M.A., at one time pupil at the College, was selected for the purpose.

The resignation of Mrs. Evans, M.A., early in the year necessitated the appointment of a Lady Principal of the Girls' College, and Miss B. S. Gibson, M.A., late of the Canterbury College, was chosen from a large number of candidates. Miss Gibson has also undertaken the superintendence of the boarding establishment, assisted by Miss L. Higgins as housekeeper.

Later in the year Miss Harrison, M.A., resigned, to take the post of Lady Principal of the Wanganui Collegiate School for Girls, and her place has been supplied by the appointment of Miss M. Gribben, B.A., formerly a pupil at the College, and of Miss Mildred Catley as part-time teacher.

The examinations this year were conducted for the most part by outside examiners, of whose ability and impartiality the Governors think no doubt can be entertained, the results of which examinations proved most satisfactory to the Governors and all the teachers.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of boarding-pupils in the Boys' College during the year just ended, and in the first term of 1891 there is a very material further improvement in the number of these boarders, and also of day-scholars in the Girls' College.

The audited accounts of both Colleges for the year 1890, together with a comparative statement of the rolls for 1889 and 1890, and a schedule showing the number, value, and present position of the scholarships connected with both Colleges, are appended to this report.

By order of the Council of Governors.

OSWALD CURTIS, Secretary.