

4. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Boys.

Highest.—Latin and Greek: Bradley's Arnold, 1-40; Simpson's Cæsarean Prose; Mayor's Greek Course, all; Virgil, *Æn.* I. to VI. once, Books V. to VI. revised; Cæsar, *De Bell. Gall.*, Books III. to IV.; Selections from Roman Literature. English: Macmillan's Sixth Reader, 600 lines, repetition; Wordsworth's Excursion, Book I.; Much Ado About Nothing. Science: Botany (Thomson's Lect. Book and Practical); Mechanics, Blackie's; Light and Heat, Lectures. Mathematics: Arithmetic, Hamblin Smith; algebra to binomial theorem; Euclid, Books I. to VI.; trigonometry, elementary. Drawing: Freehand and mechanical. French: Macmillan's First and Second Course, no translation.

Lowest.—Latin: Via Latina, 1 to 25; Primer, revised edition. French: Macmillan's First Course. Mathematics: Arithmetic to fractions, algebra to simple factors. Drawing: Hutton's, Books I. to IV. Science: Paul Bert's Introduction. Writing: Geikie's copies. English: Gardiner's History, Petrie's Geography, Nelson's Poetical Reader, Tom Brown's School Days, Washington Irving's Old Christmas.

Girls.

Highest.—English: Paradise Lost, Book I., and Tennyson's Princess, repetition; Mason's Grammar. Latin: Principia, Part I., syntax and irregular verbs; Cæsar, *De Bello Gallico*, I. to IX. French. History: Period, 1688 to Victoria. Geography: British Empire. Science: Home Life. Mathematics: Hamblin Smith's Arithmetic; algebra to simple equations; Euclid, Book II., revise from Book I. Special Work (scholarship candidate): Morris's Grammar, Brooke's Primer of English Literature, Chaucer's Prologue to Canterbury Tales. Latin: Principia, Part IV., Sallust, *Bellum Catilinarium*; Cicero, *De Amicitia*; Virgil, *Æneid* I. Algebra: To permutations and combinations (inclusive). Euclid: Books I. to VI., Book V. (definitions only), Exercises. Trigonometry: Lock's Trigonometry to solution of triangles, inclusive. Mechanics: Blackie's Dynamics, all. Chemistry: Miller's Inorganic Chemistry, all.

Lowest.—English: Blackie's Grammar; Reeve's Reader VI. History: Plantagenet Period. Geography: Europe, Asia. Latin: Principia, Part I., to passive verbs. French: Oxford and Cambridge Grammar, First Part. Mathematics: Arithmetic to simple interest, algebra to factors. Science: Elementary botany.

OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 5th April, 1892.

In conformity with section 8 of "The Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools Act, 1877," and in terms of circular from the Education Department of date 25th November last, I have the honour to forward herewith the report of the Board of Governors of the Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools for the year ending 31st December, 1891.

The attendance in the Boys' School for the first half of the year was 232, and for the second half 221; the average daily attendance being 98·2 per cent., or nearly as high as that of 1890, which was the largest recorded.

In the Girls' School the numbers on the roll for the four quarters of the year were 152, 154, 167, and 164, which shows a slight decline on the attendance during the previous year. The average daily attendance for the last quarter was 153.

I have pleasure in stating that the schools are in a satisfactory condition, and that the discipline and efficiency are being fully maintained. The results of the recent examination are gratifying, and prove that the scholars are doing good work.

During the year the Grey-Russell Scholarship, open only to boys of the Otago High School, was awarded to A. R. Falconer; while the Scott Scholarship, open to all-comers, was awarded to A. H. Adams.

In the course of the year the Board sold five town and seven rural sections at Strath Taieri, the areas being 1¼ acres and 372 acres respectively. The price obtained for the town sections was £7 cash per quarter-acre section, and for the rural sections £2 5s. 4d. per acre, payable by four instalments spread over seven years, with interest at 6 per cent. per annum.

The Board also leased fifty-three rural sections in the Strath Taieri and Mokoreta Districts, containing 2,487 acres, at a yearly rental of £296 3s. 9d., or 2s 4½d. per acre.*

During the year the Board gave effect to the concessions offered to its tenants at Wyndham Valley, referred to in last year's report, and also came to a satisfactory settlement with Messrs. Graham and Bews, who could not formerly see their way to accept the concessions offered.

I take this opportunity of referring to the great loss which the Board has sustained by the lamented death of the late Hon. James Fulton, which took place in November last. Mr. Fulton was a member of the Board of Governors for a period extending over twelve years, during which time he rendered most valuable services, often at great personal sacrifice and inconvenience.

Annexed hereto is the balance-sheet and statement of receipts and expenditure during the year, duly certified by the Controller and Auditor-General.

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The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

D. M. STUART, D.D., Chairman.

* The areas of the fifty-three rural sections range from 2 to 348 acres each, and thirty-four of the number are under 10 acres each.