

3. WORK DONE IN THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST FORMS.

Highest.—English—Abbott's How to Write Clearly; Longmans' Handbook of English Literature, Part II.; Milton's Paradise Lost, Book I.; Shakespeare's Henry IV., Part I.; Macaulay's Essays on Pitt and the Earl of Chatham; Morris's Historical English Grammar. Latin—Horace, Odes, Book III.; Cicero, Select Letters; Livy, Book XXI.; Smith's Smaller History of Rome; Bradley's Arnold; Bradley's Aids to Latin Prose; Simpson's Cæsarian Latin Prose; Kennedy's Revised Latin Primer. French—Molière, Le Médecin Malgré Lui; About, Le Roi des Montagnes; Third French Reader and Writer; Moriarty's French Grammar. Mathematics—Work up to Junior Scholarship standard. Science—Jago's Inorganic Chemistry; Wright's Heat.

Lowest.—English—Longmans' Reader, No. 4; Children's Treasury of English Songs, II.; Brief History; Longmans' Junior School Grammar; Spelling; reading; composition; dictation; parsing; transcription. Latin—Macmillan's Shorter Latin Course. Mathematics—Nelson's Royal Arithmetic, No. 4 B. Geography—Hill's First Lessons.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

The school gave free education to thirty-one scholars. Eighteen scholarships of the Education Board were held at the school.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH.

1. REPORT FOR 1896.

DURING the year one of the senior teachers of the school, Miss Margaret Lorimer, was promoted to the headship of the Mount Cook Girls' School, Wellington. The work done formerly by Miss Lorimer has been distributed among the remaining members of the staff, and the school will be conducted during the coming year on the new basis. The appointment of a janitress at the beginning of the year has proved most successful. The effect on the discipline of the school has been altogether a beneficial one. A set of apparatus for the practical teaching of physics has been obtained from England at some considerable cost, which has made the teaching of science much more interesting as well as more real than heretofore.

The school has been very successful in winning scholarships and other honours of the kind. Two of the pupils, Ethel Gibson and Ethel Jacobson, won Junior University Scholarships, and a third, Elsie Sinclair, took a very good place on the credit list, coming within a few marks of the winners. Nine girls passed the University Matriculation Examination, one the Medical Preliminary, and one the Senior Civil Service Examination; and two of the five senior scholarships given by the North Canterbury Board of Education were won by pupils of the school.

The buildings and grounds of the school are well adapted in every way to their purposes; the class-rooms are lofty, well ventilated, and thoroughly warmed by hot-air pipes in winter. The playground is pleasant, well shaded by lofty trees, and quite secluded from public view. There is also a comfortable well warmed luncheon-room for the girls who remain at school during the mid-day interval.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ending 31st December, 1896.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance	1,167	14 11	By Office salary	60	0 0
Current income from reserves	304	13 4	Teachers' salaries and allowances	1,546	9 4
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	269	16 5	Examinations—		
School-fees	1,517	5 0	Examiners' fees	51	16 0
Interest on current account and investment	86	7 2	Other expenses	8	17 11
Proceeds from cooking class	32	17 0	Scholarships	240	0 0
Sale of pianette	16	0 0	Prizes	26	6 0
Refund of examination-fee	0	15 0	Printing, stationery, advertising, stamps, and telegrams	92	17 8
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	28	4 5
			Sites and buildings—		
			Purchases and new works	12	9 6
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	24	11 6
			Rent and insurance	55	2 0
			Physical apparatus	17	15 11
			Music	1	19 9
			Inspecting reserves	10	9 2
			Expenses of cooking class	54	5 4
			Sundries	9	8 9
			Balance	1,154	15 7
	<u>£3,395</u>	<u>8 10</u>		<u>£3,395</u>	<u>8 10</u>

H. R. WEBB, Chairman.

A. CRACROFT WILSON, Registrar.

Audited and found correct—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.