

3. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin—Bradley's Arnold's Latin Prose; Abbott's Via Latina; Livy, Book I. Euclid—Hall and Stevens, Books I. to IV. Algebra—Hall and Knight, to simple equations. English—Longmans' Grammar; Goldsmith's Deserted Village; Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet; Longmans' Composition; Stopford Brooke's Primer of English Literature. Geography—Meiklejohn's New Geography, British Empire, Europe and Asia. History—Meiklejohn's, from William and Mary to Victoria. Arithmetic—Hamblin Smith's, whole subject. French—Henri Bue's First French Book. Art Needlework—Girls' division. Writing—Vere Foster's Civil Service series. Drawing—Blair's drawing books.

Lowest.—Latin—Morris's Elementa Latina. Geography—Zealandia. Grammar—Longmans' Junior. Arithmetic—Southern Cross. History—Royal School series; Brief History of England. English—Reading, Royal series Standard V. Reading Book and Round the Empire. Writing—Vere Foster's Civil Service series. Art Needlework—Girls' division. Drawing—The New Zealand drawing-book and Blair's drawing-book.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

The school gave free education to three pupils.

ASHBURTON HIGH SCHOOL.

1. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Current income from reserves..	512	4 9	By Balance ..	52	13 8
School fees ..	187	5 0	Office salary ..	20	0 0
Books, &c., sold and other refunds ..	1	2 0	Other office expenses..	4	19 6
Balance ..	101	14 3	Other expenses of management ..	11	11 10
			Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	602	12 8
			Prizes ..	9	14 6
			Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	16	18 6
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. ..	31	12 6
			Fencing, repairs, &c. ..	32	3 10
			Rents, insurance, and taxes ..	2	19 0
			Interest ..	5	19 0
			Inspecting properties ..	4	4 0
			Refund fees ..	2	2 0
			Trees ..	4	15 0
	<u>£802</u>	<u>6 0</u>		<u>£802</u>	<u>6 0</u>

ANDREW ORR, Chairman.
CHARLES BRADDELL, Secretary.

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

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin, French, English—Matriculation work. Arithmetic, Euclid, algebra, trigonometry, statics, physics (sound and light)—University Junior Scholarship work. Botany—Huxley's Primer and notes. Roman History—Creighton's Rome and notes.

Lowest.—English—Royal Reader, No. VI.; Southern Cross Grammar, Standard V. History—Ransome's History, 1688 to 1837. Arithmetic—Southern Cross, Standard IV. Latin—Via Latina, to page 39. French—Chardenal's First French Course, to page 78. Algebra—Hall and Knight, to page 96. Euclid—Book I., to prop. 26.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS.

The school gave free education to twelve pupils. Four scholarships of the North Canterbury Education Board were held at the school.

AKAROA HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

SIR,—
The school has progressed most favourably during the year 1897, under the able management of Mr. J. B. Harrison, M.A. The attendance of pupils has exceeded that of former years, and several pupils have matriculated, the school having thus thoroughly fulfilled its mission as a link between the primary school and the University.
The Hon. the Minister for Education.

Akaroa, 1st January, 1898.
I have, &c.,
H. C. JACOBSON, Chairman.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Arithmetic—Algebra (for Matriculation); Euclid, Books I. to III. Latin—Abbott's Via Latina; Bradley's Latin Prose Composition, pp. 1-165; Cæsar. English—Hewitt and Beath's Manual; Longmans' School Composition; Shakespeare, Julius Cæsar. French—Macmillan's Course, Book II., Ex. 1 to 29. History—Ransome's; William III. to William IV. Geography—MacTurk's Physical Geography, and Nelson's, Book V.