Lowest.—Arithmetic—Elementary. Latin—Declensions. English—Various, and grammar. French-Macmillan's Course, Book I. History—Gardiner's Outlines. Geography—Nelson's Royal Reader, Book V. Reading; writing; dictation; elementary drawing, &c.

## 3. Scholarships.

The school gave free education to two pupils.

4. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

Receipts.					·s.	đ.	Expenditure. $\pounds$ s. d	ı.
To Balance	`			99	3	6	By Stamps and cheque-book 0 7	6
Current income from reserves				119	0	10		0
School fees			• •	138	6	6	Prizes 2 13	0
Interest on fixed dep	posit			2	3	9	Printing, stationery, and advertising 0 7	0
						Í	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c 9 3	4
							Fencing, repairs, &c 1 2	6
							Rents, insurance, and taxes 35 12	6
						i	Interest 0 2 (	0
							Balance 109 6 9	9
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				£358	14	7	£358 14 °	7
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H. C. Jacobson, Chairman and Secretary.

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

## TIMARU HIGH SCHOOL.

## 1. Report of the Board.

FOUR pupils passed the matriculation examination held in December, 1897, two others passed for matriculation on the University Junior Scholarship examination, and in the latter examination one matriculation on the University Junior Scholarship examination, and in the latter examination one other pupil, Leonard Talbot, gained fourth place on the credit list. One boy passed the Junior Civil Service examination. Several former pupils also distinguished themselves in the College and University examinations: I may mention particularly Miss Maud Lawrell, M.A. degree with honours in Greek and French; Mr. Alexander Bell, M.A. degree, with first-class honours in mathematics; Mr. E. J. Parr, first section B.A. degree, Somes' studentship, Christ's College University department, and exhibition for experimental science, Canterbury College; Mr. J. S. Cooper, first section B.A. degree.

During the year a disastrous fire almost completely destroyed the school buildings and most of During the year a disastrous fire almost completely destroyed the school buildings and most of the furniture and apparatus. The Board has taken advantage of the opportunity thus given to separate the boys and girls. These are now quite distinct, and in the new buildings each sex will have its own staff and its own school premises. The separation of the two schools has rendered necessary a re-organisation of the staff. Mr. George Hogben, M.A., formerly headmaster of the combined school, has been made headmaster of the Boys' High School, with Mr. A. J. Mayne, M.A., and Mr. M. H. Browne (intermediate M.B., London University), as assistant masters. Miss B. Watt, M.A. (formerly of Nelson Girls' College), and Mrs. E. J. Pearson (certificate Victoria) as assistant mistresses. This arrangement has involved the displacement of one master, Mr. E. T. Norris, M.A., whose loss is much regretted, as he was captain of the cadet corps, and took a very Norris, M.A., whose loss is much regretted, as he was captain of the cadet corps, and took a very active interest in all the out-door amusements of the boys. He has been appointed to a post in the Otago Boys' High School.

WM. B. Howell, Chairman.

## 2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

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	Rece	ipts.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure. £ s.	đ.
To Balance		•••		1,220			By Office salary 70 0	0
Current incom				1,438			Other office expenses 10 11	10
Interest on mo	neys invest	ed	• •		15	9	Other expenses of management—	
School fees				556	8	0	Legal 23 9	8
Sale of tauks				5	0	0	Steward 10 10	0
Exchange				0	1	0	Travelling members 18 8	0
Insurance				2,977		0	Teachers' salaries and allowances 1,525 0	0
Interest			• •	37	13	11	Scholarships 34 0	0
						İ	Prizes 18 0	0
							Printing, stationery, and advertising 91 19	5
							Cleaning, fuel, light, &c 101 8	10
						[	Fencing, repairs, &c 51 9	7
							Rents, insurance, and taxes 32 7	0
						i	Endowments, architect's fees, and pro-	
						[	tective works 19 15	6
							Rebuilding and restoration 548 0	5
							Balance 3,755 16	3 -
						[	Market and the Contract of the	
			£	6,310	16	6	£6,310 <b>16</b>	6
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Wm. B. Howell, Chairman. J. H. Bamfield, Secretary.

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