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2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1899.

Receipts.	£	s.	đ.	Expenditure. £ s.	đ.
Balance	 228	19	7	Office salary 60 0	0
Current income from reserves	 288	7	2	Teachers' salaries and allowances 1,515 4	0
Interest	 131	19	7	Examinations—	
School fees	 1,458	19	6	Examiners' fees 53 9	0
Proceeds from cooking-class	 23	2	7	Other expenses 11 8	6
				Scholarships 240 0	0
				Printing, stationery, and advertising 55 0	3
				Cleaning and fuel 20 7	0
				Repairs 9 14	0
				Insurance 10 7	6
				Inspecting reserves 7 15	4
				Expenses of cooking-class 21 19	5
				New ventilators 11 1	0
				Microscope 5 10	0
				Legal expenses 2 12	
				Sundries 26 2	7
				Balance in hand and in bank at end of	_
				year 55 17	7
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	£2,131	8	5	£2,131 8	5

H. R. Webb, Chairman.
A. Cracroft Wilson, Registrar.

3. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—All work up to the standard required for Junior University Scholarship candidates. English—Mason's Grammar; Morris's Historical English Grammar (elementary); Longmans' Literature, Part V.; Chosen English (Ellis); Shakespeare's Hamlet and Julius Cæsar. Mathematics—Arithmetic, without text-book; Hall and Knight's Algebra; Loney's Trigonometry, Part I.; Hall and Stevens's Euclid. Latin—Bradley's Arnold's Prose Composition; Abbott's Latin Prose through English Idiom; Stedman's Examination Papers in Miscellaneous Grammar and Idioms; Simpson's Cæsarian Prose; Horace, Odes, Book IV., and Carmen Sæculare; Cicero, De Lege Manilia; Livy, Hannibalian War; Virgil, Books III. and IX.; Cæsar, Book I. Science—Wright's Heat; Dendy and Lucas's Botany; Furneaux's Physiology. French—Chardenal's Third Course; miscellaneous prose translation; Pour la Couronne (François Coppée); L'homme à l'oreille cassée (Edmond About); L'Avare (Molière).

Lowest.—English—Longmans' Grammar; Blackie's Animal and Plant Life, Part II.; Class-

Lowest.—English—Longmans' Grammar; Blackie's Animal and Plant Life, Part II.; Classbook of English Poetry; Stronach's Literature; Stories for the Schoolroom, Part I. (Blackie). Mathematics—Arithmetic, without text-book; simple and compound rules. French—Chardenal's First Course. History—Ransome's Elementary History. Geography—Longmans' Geography,

Book I. Science—Elementary botany, without text-book.

4. Arrangements for teaching Drawing, Manual, and Technical Education, Gymnastics and Drill, and Swimming.

Drawing is taught in the school by a specially appointed certificated visiting teacher, assisted by one of the teachers on the ordinary staff. All pupils desirous of attending the classes can do so, and during the last quarter 103 out of a roll of 124 learnt drawing. Instruction is given in freehand, model-drawing, original design, elementary light and shade in sepia, drawing from casts and natural objects, and elementary brush-work. Each class has at least one hour and twenty minutes instruction per week, and the work is examined annually by a duly appointed art master, who reports to the Board of Governors. Sewing is taught on two afternoons a week by mistresses on the regular staff. All pupils not specially exempted take this subject. Dress-cutting classes are held on Saturday morning by a specially appointed teacher. Theoretical dress-cutting by means of charts is taught, and practical making up of the garments. The numbers of pupils attending these classes are small. Cooking is taught by a specially appointed certificated teacher. A class-room, with two gas-stoves and a properly equipped scullery, is provided. Two-thirds of the lessons given are practical, the cooking being actually done by the pupils; one-third are demonstration lessons by the teacher. An examination, partly by means of written answers, partly practical, is held annually. Drill is taught by a specially appointed visiting drill instructor. All pupils not specially exempted attend these classes. Instruction is given to each class for two periods of half an hour each per week. Callisthenic exercises with poles are given, but no other form of gymnastics. Pupils desirous of learning swimming receive two lessons of half an hour per week during the summer months from a specially appointed instructor. The lessons are given at the bath at the Boys' High School.

5. Scholarships.

Altogether thirty-five pupils received free education for the year at the school: seventeen holding scholarships or exhibitions from the Board of Governors, sixteen holding scholarships from the North Canterbury Board of Education, and one scholarship from the Christchurch Caledonian Society.