

Book I.; sight translation; composition, Bradley's Arnold, Bradley's Aids; grammar, Stedman's Examination Papers; history, Shuckburgh's Roman History. English—Literature, Shakspeare's King Lear, Lamb's Elia, Chaucer's Prologue; grammar, Nesfield's Historical English; composition, Nicol and McCormick's Exercises; essays and paraphrasing. French—Corneille, Le Cid; Sandeau, Sacs et Parchemins; composition, Duhamel's Advanced French Composition; grammar, Eve and de Baudiss (Part I.), Notes on Brachet's Historical French Grammar, Vecqueray's Examination Papers. *Girls' High School*: English—Nesfield's Grammar, Past and Present; Spenser's Faery Queen, Book I.; the Warwick Shakespeare, Tempest; Nichol's English Composition and Exercises; the Essays of Elia; Longmans' Handbook of English Literature, Part IV; Milton's English Sonnets, by Blakeney. French—Wellington College Grammar and Exercises; Sand's La Mare au Diable; Corneille's Cinna; Molière's Le Misanthrope; French Composition, Part II.; Contanseau's or Gasc's French Dictionary. Latin—Tacitus, Agricola; Historical and Political Odes of Horace (Upper VI.); Virgil's Æneid, Book II.; History of the Romans (R. Horton); Bradley's Latin Prose Composition; Bryan's Latin Prose Exercises; Stedman's Latin Examination-papers; Latin Dictionary (Gepp and Haigh); Primer of Roman Antiquities (Wilkins); Rivington's Latin Unseens, Book VIII. Mathematics—Hall and Knight's Algebra; Hall and Stevens's Euclid; Pendlebury's Elementary Trigonometry; Pendlebury's Arithmetic. History—Gardiner's Student's History, Part III. Geography—Longmans' Geographical Series, Book III. Science—Dendy and Lucas's Botany; Furneaux's Physiology; Elementary Text-book of Botany, by Aitken; Draper's Heat; Wright's Physics. Scripture—Smaller Cambridge Bible for Schools; the Acts of the Apostles.

*Lowest—Boys' College*: Arithmetic—Southern Cross, IV. English—Standard V. Imperial Reader, Standard IV. Southern Cross Grammar and Composition, Standard IV. Zealandia Geography, Standard IV. Southern Cross History. Physical Geography—Geikie's. Drawing—Freehand, geometrical, and scale. *Girls' High School*: English—Nesfield's Parts of Speech; Lamb's Adventures of Ulysses; Laureate Poetry, Part IV. (Arnold). French—Méthode Naturelle, Part I.; French Nursery Rhymes. Latin—Macmillan's Shorter Latin Course. Pendlebury's Smaller Arithmetic. History—Ship Historical Reader, Book IV. Geography—Longmans' First Book of Geography. Science—Edmond's Elementary Botany; Youmans's First Book of Botany; Murché's Elementary Physiology.

#### 4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

The scholarships held were—*Boys' College*: Ten foundation, five Queen's (Victoria College), and twenty-two Education Board. Four boys held free places granted by the Governors. *Girls' College*: One foundation, three Queen's, and twenty-seven Education Board scholarships, and fifteen free places granted by the Governors.

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#### I. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

The Board of Governors have the honour to report that there was a considerable increase in the number both of scholars and boarders attending the schools during the year. This required an increase of accommodation for teaching purposes, which has now been secured.

The following is a summary of the successes of the schools in the December and January examinations:—Boys: Twenty passes—Medical Preliminary, three passed (two of whom were fourteen years of age); Matriculation, two (one also passing Solicitors' General Knowledge); Senior Civil Service (partial), two; Junior Civil Service, thirteen (four in first fifty in the colony). Girls: Fourteen passes—Junior University Scholarship, one passed with "credit" and also passed Medical Preliminary; Matriculation, five passed (two also passing Solicitors' General Knowledge); Senior Civil Service, two (one pass and one partial pass); Junior Civil Service, five passed (one thirteenth on list and three in first seventy).

In the course of his report on the annual examination of the schools the examiner, Mr. T. W. Rowe, M.A., says, "The raising of the standard of the highest work attempted should commend itself to the Board of Governors and to parents . . . I have no hesitation in saying that both schools are in a thoroughly sound condition, are being managed with energy and skill, and are affording a good training both intellectual and moral to the pupils attending them . . . I have again to express my pleasure at the general neatness and excellent arrangement of the work sent in."

T. C. MOORE, Chairman.  
DAVID SIDNEY, Secretary.