

The distinctions gained during the year were as follows: Among former pupils Mr. J. G. Lancaster won a Senior University Scholarship for mathematics; Mr. A. E. Currie the John Tinline Scholarship for English (receiving high praise from the examiners in England); Messrs. T. Gurney and S. S. D. Robertson obtained the degree of B.Sc. in Engineering; the Rev. T. M. Curnow obtained his M.A. with second-class honours in Latin and English; and Mr. C. T. A. Griffin his B.Sc. with second-class honours.

Of present pupils, one, who is only just sixteen, won a Junior University Scholarship, winning top marks of all candidates for mathematics, three won places in the Credit List, two passed the Medical Preliminary, and sixteen passed Matriculation, of whom six qualified on the Junior Scholarship papers. Seven boys passed the Junior Civil Service Examination with credit.

Mr. O. T. J. Alpers, after fifteen years' valuable service, resigned his position at the end of the year, to the great regret of the Board and of his school.

The school was examined at the end of the year, and the examiners' reports were deemed very satisfactory.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1904.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	156	3 0	Management expenses	100	0 0
Government capitation for Manual and Technical Instruction	34	10 0	Teachers' salaries—		
Reserves sold (Capital Account)	17	10 3	Main School	3,869	12 0
Current income from reserves	3,368	5 5	Preparatory School	145	0 0
School fees—			Examiners' fees	59	8 3
Main School..	1,684	17 9	Other expenses of examinations	12	17 6
Preparatory School	159	0 0	Scholarships (Leaving Exhibition)	15	0 0
Interest on current account	10	0 1	Prizes	21	2 8
Royalty on sale of parsing notes..	1	10 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising,		
Share of cost of fencing on reserve	2	12 0	books, telegrams, &c. ..	133	17 9
Share of expenses of arbitration (Reserves 1201 <i>b</i> and 1325)	10	7 0	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. ..	61	17 3
			Fencing, repairs, renewals, fittings, &c. ..	117	11 1
			Insurance ..	31	15 11
			Chemicals and apparatus ..	61	8 9
			Inspecting and advertising reserves ..	115	12 6
			Interest on Loan Account, £5,000 ..	200	0 0
			Grants to sports fund, cadet corps, and		
			school library ..	75	0 0
			Rent of section (playground) ..	100	0 0
			Sundries ..	33	11 0
			Balance at end of year ..	291	0 10
	£5,444	15 6		£5,444	15 6

CHARLES LEWIS, Chairman.

A. CRACROFT WILSON, Registrar.

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

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin—Livy, Book XXII.; Virgil, Selections; Horace, Odes, Book III.; Hints and Helps in Continuous Latin Prose; Easy Latin Prose Exercises; Kennedy's Revised Latin Primer; Copp and Haigh's Latin Dictionary; Well's History of Rome; Rivington's Class-book of Latin Unseen, Book VII. English—G. Elliot's Romola; King Lear; Palgrave's Golden Treasury; Nesfield's Manual of English Grammar and Composition; Nesfield's Historical English and Derivation; Abbott's How to Write Clearly; Stopford Brooke's Literature Primer; essays, composition, philology. History—Lodge's Modern Europe; Ransome's Short History; Wells's History of Rome. French—Cinq Mars; Le Maître de Forges; Specimens of Modern French Verse; Materials for French Translations; oral French; Parallel French Grammar. Mathematics—Ward's Examination Papers on Trigonometry; Hall and Stevens's Euclid, Books III. to VI.; Loney's Trigonometry, Part I.; Hall and Knight's Algebra; Elements of Applied Mathematics; Short Introduction to Graphical Algebra. Science—Chemistry; Jago's Inorganic Chemistry, Chemical Theory.

Lowest.—English—Scott's Ivanhoe (abridged); Henley's Lyra Heroica. History—Brief History of England. Geography—The Austral Geography, Class V. French—Oral French. Mathematics—Zealandia Arithmetic, Standard IV.; Long and Cross Tots; Mental Arithmetic. Science—Drummond's Nature in New Zealand. Art—Elementary freehand from copies on board (in outline and colour); (each lesson pupils draw on blackboard, with ambidextrous practice); modelling in plasticine; Simple constructions in plane geometry with design, and scale drawing. Also writing, gymnasium, and singing.

CHRISTCHURCH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Miss M. V. Gibson, M.A.; Miss C. K. Henderson, B.A.; Miss M. B. Hay; Miss F. Sheard, M.A.; Miss K. Gresson, M.A.; Mrs. C. V. Langton, M.A.; Miss E. E. T. Crosby, B.A.; Miss E. L. Cull, B.A.; Miss L. L. Bing, B.A.; Miss H. L. Smith; Miss N. Gard'ner; Miss A. Rennie; Miss E. Easterbrook; Miss M. Cook; Sergeant-Major Farthing.

1. REPORT.

At the beginning of 1904 an important change was made in the working of the school, as the Governors decided to bring it under section 5 of the Secondary Schools Act of 1903. In consequence, forty-six new scholars were admitted to free places under the Act, including three girls holding Board of Education Scholarships, and one holding a Junior National Scholarship. As the qualification for free places was at that time only the pass for Standard VI. under fourteen