

TIMARU HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. G. A. Summers, M.A.; Mr. R. H. Rockel, M.A.; Mr. G. T. Palmer, M.A.; Mr. A. G. Johnson, B.Sc.; Mr. Frank Cameron.

Girls' School.—Miss B. M. Watt, M.A.; Miss J. Mulholland, M.A.; Miss O. Cunninghame, B.A.; Miss E. Reid.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

At the end of the year the members of the Board were, Messrs. W. B. Howell (Chairman), Charles Bowker, Robert Gillingham, John Jackson, B. R. Macdonald, James McCahon, F. A. Raymond, John Talbot, Dr. H. C. Barclay, and the Rev. G. Barclay. At the annual election in April the Ven. Archdeacon Harper, who was a valued member of the Board for many years and Chairman for some time, did not seek re-election, and his place was filled by Mr. F. A. Raymond.

The Board held six ordinary and three special meetings during the year, the average attendance of members being 7.3.

The school staffs are the same as at the beginning of the year, this being the first time for many years that no change of teacher has taken place during the twelve months. The Board has every reason to believe that, notwithstanding the absence of the headmaster through serious illness during practically the whole of the second term, the efficiency of the school was well maintained. Mr. Gill, Inspector of Secondary Schools, spent four days in the schools and reported favourably, stating that the work was proceeding in a highly satisfactory manner. The school is to be congratulated on winning two of the Senior National Scholarships at the end of the year.

During the year the Board, with a view of increasing the attendance, efficiency, and usefulness of the school, decided to erect a boardinghouse on the North Street site to accommodate boys from a distance. A building has been erected at a cost of over £2,500, with accommodation for about twenty-five boys, and this establishment will be under the direct control of the Rector. It is expected that this progressive policy of the Board will materially help in increasing the success and reputation of the school.

The number of pupils on the roll during the year was 167 (84 boys and 83 girls), of whom 140 were free and 27 paid fees. It will be seen from this that the school is becoming almost free. The regulations make the secondary schools as free as district high schools to those who have gained Standard VI certificate of proficiency, except that the number who are over fourteen years of age on the 1st December before entering is limited, and that the duration of the free place is limited to two years in the case of the secondary school. The selection of those who are to be given the privilege of free tuition when the number of applicants over fourteen is greater than 10 per cent. of the free pupils is so vexatious, and the number refused free places is so small, that the Government should consider the expediency of abolishing the fourteen-years limit altogether.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Boys' School: English—Low's English Language; Nesfield's Historical Grammar; Second Middle English Primer; Nichol's Composition (with "Exercises"); selections from Tennyson; The Mill on the Floss (Eliot); Twelfth Night (Shakespeare). German—Aue's Advanced Grammar; Buchheim's Composition; Peter Schlemihl (Camisso); Hermann and Dorothea (Goethe). Latin—Tutorial Latin Grammar (Clive); Macmillan's Latin Course, Part III; Walters's Hints and Helps in Continuous Latin Prose; Botting's Examination-papers in Latin (Methuen); Virgil, Georgic IV; Cicero, De Senectute; Watt and Hayes's Matriculation Selections (Clive); Synopsis of Roman History (Clive). French—Tutorial French Grammar (Clive); Tutorial French Prose Composition (Clive); Weekley's Class-work in French Composition (Clive); Higher French Reader (Clive); Jacob's French Examination-papers (Methuen). Mathematics—Junior Scholarship work; Hall and Stevens's Geometry; Pendlebury's Trigonometry; Hall and Knight's Algebra; Tutorial Algebra; Tutorial Arithmetic. *Girls' School:* English—Nesfield's Historical English Derivation; Great Authors, Part II; Second Middle English Primer; Shakespeare's Macbeth; Bacon's Essays; Tennyson's Maud. Latin—Bryan's Latin Prose Exercises; Arnold's Latin Prose Composition; Allan's Elementary Latin Grammar; Matriculation Selections from Latin Authors; Virgil's Æneid, Book V. French—Bue's Idioms; Gautier's Scenes of Travel; Marie Antoinette; Weekley's French Prose Composition; Wellington College Accidence. Mathematics—Pendlebury's Arithmetic; Borchardt and Perrott's Trigonometry; Hall and Stevens's Geometry, Books I to VI; Hall and Knight's Algebra. Botany—Study of Botany, by Dendy and Lucas; Aitken's Botany. Mechanics—Loney's Mechanics and Hydrostatics for Beginners. History—Creighton's History Primer, Rome; Wilkins's Primer of Roman Antiquities.

Lowest.—Boys' School: English—Nesfield's Outlines; Nesfield's Oral Exercises in Composition; Ivanhoe; Ancient Mariner. Latin—Bell's Concise Latin Course. French—Siepmann's Primary French Course; First Year. Mathematics—Hall and Stevens's Geometry, Parts I and II; Baker and Bourne's Algebra, Part I. Geography—Longmans' The World, No. 2; Electricity and Magnetism—Poyser's Magnetism and Electricity. Arithmetic—Pendlebury. Woodwork, and Woodwork-drawing. Book-keeping—Thornton's Elements. *Girls' School:* English—Outlines of English Grammar; Oral Exercises in English Composition; Kingsley's Heroes; The Globe Poetry Reader for Advanced Classes; Word Builder and Speller; Dickens's The Cricket on the Hearth. Latin—Bell's Scalæ Primæ; Bell's Concise Latin Course. French—Méthode Naturelle. Mathematics—Pendlebury's Arithmetic; Baker and Bourne's Algebra, Part I; Hall and Stevens's Geometry, Books I to IV. Botany—Youman's Botany. History—Struggle for Freedom. Geography—Longmans' Geographical Series, Book II, The World. Scripture—Life of Christ.