

Lowest.—Boys' School: Latin—Haye's Junior Latin Course (Accidence, and exercises up to page 33). English—Meiklejohn's Spelling-list (to page 45); Dickens's Christmas Carol; Macaulay's Lay of Horatius; Dunlop's Grammar. French—Siepmann's First-year French Course. History—Oman's Junior History (from the Stuart Period); Syngé's Awakening of Europe. Geography—Geikie's Primer of Physical Geography; Geikie's Primer of Geology. Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's First Algebra, to page 65; Hall and Stevens's Lessons in Experimental and Practical Geometry, to page 75; Tutorial Junior Arithmetic. Science—Physiology; Murché's Physiology; chemistry, Roscoe's Primer. *Girls' School:* English—Bowen's Selections of Prose and Poetry; Nesfield's Manual. Latin—Lessons from blackboard (no text-book). French—Bell's First French Course. Physiology—Murché's Physiology. Botany—As for Junior Civil Service. Geography—Longmans' Geography of the World; McDonald's New Zealand Geography; Lessons in Physiology. Arithmetic—Pendlebury's.

3. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1907.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year ..	614	4 11	Management—		
Government capitation for free places ..	844	18 4	Office salary ..	120	0 0
Current income from reserves ..	1,575	17 7	Other office expenses ..	5	0 0
Paid by School Commissioners ..	181	18 3	Other expenses of management..	34	0 0
School fees ..	470	0 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances..	1,699	7 1
Cottage sold, and other refunds ..	21	14 6	Scholarships ..	3	10 0
Valuations ..	377	6 0	Prizes ..	5	5 0
			Printing, stationery, and advertising	25	0 5
			Cleaning, fuel, lighting, &c. ..	112	19 6
			Purchases and new works ..	357	18 10
			Fencing, repairs, &c. ..	221	10 6
			Miscellaneous (rates, &c.) ..	34	3 0
			Sales of leases, expenses ..	43	18 5
			Other expenditure—		
			Refunds ..	2	10 0
			Valuations paid ..	377	6 0
			School magazine ..	15	0 0
			Insurance ..	15	6 2
			Law-costs ..	13	18 10
			Valuator's fee ..	8	8 0
			Petty expenses ..	12	3 2
			Balance at end of year ..	978	14 8
	<u>£4,085</u>	<u>19 7</u>		<u>£4,085</u>	<u>19 7</u>

DONALD BORRIE, Chairman.

A. A. MCKINNON, Secretary.

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

OTAGO BOYS' AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOLS.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. W. J. Morrell, M.A.; Mr. M. Watson, M.A.; Mr. J. Macpherson, F.E.I.S.; Mr. F. H. Campbell, M.A.; Mr. R. A. McCullough, M.A.; Mr. E. J. Parr, M.A.B.Sc.; Mr. J. Reid, B.A.; Mr. J. G. Fullarton, B.A.; Mr. H. Chapman; Mr. J. G. Paterson, M.A.; Mr. J. Hanna; Mr. R. Coghill; Mr. D. Sherriff.
Girls' School.—Miss M. E. A. Marchant, M.A.; Miss F. M. Allan, M.A.; Miss H. Alexander, B.A.; Miss S. C. C. McKnight, M.A.; Miss E. E. Little; Miss F. Campbell, M.A.; Miss L. A. N. Downes, M.A.; Miss M. W. Alves; Miss M. Salmond; Miss M. McLeod; Miss S. E. Albert; Mr. J. Hanna; Mr. W. E. Taylor, F.R.C.O.; Miss J. C. Longford.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

In accordance with section 8 of "The Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools Act, 1877," I have the honour to forward report of the Board of Governors for year ended 31st December, 1907.

The attendance at both of the schools has been satisfactory, and their efficiency, as evidenced by the results of the various competitive examinations, and the report of the Inspector of Schools, has been maintained, notwithstanding the disabilities incidental to the lack of modern school-furniture requirements and the condition of the girls' school building.

In view of the requirements of technical work, it is the intention of the Board to make an improvement in the equipment of the schools as soon as the state of its funds will permit.

The Board is pleased to learn from correspondence with the Secretary for Education that the Government will take into consideration, when the estimates for the current year are being prepared, the question of contributing towards the cost of a new building for the Girls' High School, and it earnestly hopes that Parliament will authorise the expenditure, as it is quite impossible to secure the efficiency of the school in the present building.

During the year an inspection was made by Mr. T. H. Gill, Inspector of Schools, who reported most favourably on the efficiency of the staff and the general work of the school, but called special attention to the disabilities referred to herein.

During the year the Board erected a concrete covered-in swimming-bath, 75 ft. by 25 ft., 6 ft. deep at one end and 3 ft. 6 in. at the other end. This bath is used by both schools, and will prove a most useful and important adjunct.

Annexed hereto are reports from the Rector of the Boys' High School and the Lady Principal of the Girls' High School for the year.