and Sons); Hall and Stevens's School Geometry, Parts I and II, with Lessons in Experimental and Practical Geometry. Nature-study—Miall's Object-lessons, Vol. I. Art—Same as Lower III, but more advanced, and with addition of elementary model-drawing. Writing—Twice a week. Gymnasium—Two lessons a week. Singing—Novello's School Songs. Scripture.

3. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1908.

Receipts.	£		d.	Expenditure.	£		d.
Balance at beginning of year	695	15	8	Management—Office salaries	200	0	0
Government capitation—			_	Teachers' salaries—		_	_
For free places	497	16	8	Main school			
Under Manual and Technical Instruction			_	Preparatory department	192		0
Regulations	48	16	5	Speech night—prize distribution		12	
Subsidy on voluntary contributions, second-		_	_	Prizes	29		8
ary schools	601		-	Printing, stationery, advertising, and books	188		
Current income from reserves	3,894	3	1	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	56	17	5
School fees—	0.00	_		Maintenance of classes for manual instruc-		_	
Main school	969		0	tion	17	8	4
Preparatory department	192			Government grants for sites, building, fur-	•	_	_
Interest on current account	17	17	10	niture, &c	601	8	6
Voluntary contributions on account of		_	_	Purchases and new works	895		3.
gymnasium building	601	8	6	Keeping grounds, &c	128		7
Other receipts—	_	_	_	Insurance	30	19	4
Donation for special prizes	2	2	-	Buildings, equipment, &c., for manual		_	_
Sale of old gymnastic apparatus	1	0	0	instruction	41	9	9
				Voluntary contributions	601	8	6
				Other expenditure—		_	_
•				Inspecting reserves	115	0	0
				Grants to Sports Fund and cadet corps	85		0
				Expenses connected with endowments	38		7
				Rent of playground	63		2
				Interest on loan of £5,000	200	0	0
				Legal expenses	11	9	.0
				Sundries	38		ΤĎ
				Balance at end of year	150	4	Z
	£7,517	6	_	7			_
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G. W. Russell, Chairman. Geo. H. Mason, Registrar.

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

## CHRISTCHURCH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Miss M. V. Gibson, M.A.; Miss C. K. Henderson, B.A.; Miss M. Bell-Hay; Miss F. Sheard, M.A., B.Sc.; Miss K. M. Gresson, M.A.; Mrs. C. V. Longton, M.A.; Miss E. T. Crosby, B.A.; Miss G. Greenstreet, B.A.; Miss M. Barker, M.A.; Miss M. Wills; Miss L. E. Bing, B.A.; Miss N. Gard'ner; Miss A. Rennie; Miss H. Smith; Miss E. Burns; Miss E. Easterbrook; Captain F. Farthing.

## 1. REPORT OF THE LADY PRINCIPAL.

At the beginning of the school year the rooms in the new wing were ready for occupation, and furnished with sufficient fittings to carry on work in them. The vast improvement in comfort effected by the five commodious, well-lighted, and well-ventilated class-rooms has been thoroughly appreciated by the staff and the pupils, and has made the general working arrangements of the school infinitely easier to organize. The whole school now meets for prayers every morning in the assembly hall, and on days when the weather is unfit for outside drill the physical-exercise classes are held in the upstairs corridor.

Want of funds has unfortunately delayed the much-needed equipment of the science-room, but a sufficient sum for the purpose has been placed upon the estimates for 1909. Even with the increased amount of capitation for free pupils which will be afforded next year by the Education Act Amendment, it will take some years to wipe off the overdraft on the new building and furniture account, and meanwhile additional playground and cloak-room accommodation and numerous fittings and articles of furniture are still badly needed; but when these expenses have once been met, the financial condition of the school will be better than in past years.

At the December, 1907, University examinations 4 pupils sat for the Junior University Scholarship Examination, of whom Catherine Reynolds and Lydia Suckling were awarded Senior National Scholarships and also the two Gammack Scholarships; Lilian Griffin matriculated in the credit list, and received a Normal Training College Bursary; and Annie Hulston matriculated. Two pupils sat for the Medical Preliminary Examination, and passed. Twenty-one sat for Matriculation, and 19 passed, all but one taking Latin as a subject.

Nine pupils sat for the Junior Civil Service Examination, and 7 passed, 6 being placed in the credit list, and 1 (Agnes Satchell) twelfth on the list, being the highest Canterbury lady candidate.

For the Senior Free Place Examination 46 were examined, and 32 passed.

Senior Board of Education Scholarships were awarded on the results of the Senior Free Place Examinations to Eileen Fairbairn, Melvina Miles, Elizabeth Harvey, and Rachel Smith.

As several parents made application for the admission of young children, a Lower Department class was formed at the beginning of the second term, and was placed under the care of Miss Mary Wills, an experienced primary-school teacher,