

*New School.*—The new school has been added to during the past year, the additions being a large assembly-room, and a complete and up-to-date science-room, equipped with all modern apparatus, appliances, and chemicals. The school should now meet all requirements for some years.

*School Attendance.*—The roll-number of pupils attending the school is much the same as last year—viz., 102, with an average attendance of 86.

The Board noted with pleasure the raising of the age-limit for junior free places to fifteen for pupils holding certificates of proficiency.

Classes were held in cookery, woodwork, and dressmaking.

Mr. T. H. Gill, M.A., LL.B, Inspector of Secondary Schools, visited the school in November.

## 2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

*Highest.*—English—Nesfield's Grammar and Composition, pp. 150-265; Tennyson, *The Princess*, cantos v, vi, vii; Ruskin, *Sesame and Lilies*; Bowen's *Studies in English*; extracts from Burke, Carlyle, Cowper, Gibbon, Green, Bacon, Lowell, Milton; punctuation; paraphrasing; essays. Latin—Longmans' Latin Course; Cæsar, *De Bello Gallico*, II; Cicero, *De Amicitia*, chapters i-xi; Blackie's *Unseens*; Matriculation papers. French—Siepmann's Second Course, lessons 1-28, with exercises; whole of grammar; *Le Tour du Monde*; Monsieur Pinson. Arithmetic—Goyen's Arithmetic: stocks, square and cube root, surds, mensuration of plane surfaces, and solids; approximate calculations. Algebra—Hall and Knight's Algebra: simultaneous quadratic equations, problems, theory of quadratics, harder factors, miscellaneous theorems, identities and transformations, cyclic order; graphs, as for matriculation. Geometry—Baker and Bourne's Geometry, Books I-IV, exercises xxvii-xxxvii, xlv, and xlvi. Botany—Evans's Botany: the 13 orders as for matriculation syllabus, parasitism, bacteria, cross-fertilization, dispersal of seeds, modifications of the parts of plants; Evans's *Physiology and Histology*.

*Lowest.*—English—Nesfield's Grammar and Composition, pages 1-49, 51-56, 118-145, 150-167; Scott's *Ivanhoe*, and *Life of Scott* (A. Lang); punctuation; spelling; essay-writing. Latin—Longmans' Latin Course, to page 102, vocabularies and exercises. French—Siepmann's First Course, lessons 1-20, exercises 1-19, pages 123-165. Arithmetic—Goyen's Arithmetic, chapters i-xiii: factors, powers, multiples, vulgar and decimal fractions, decimal measures, metric system, equations, time and work, problems, ratio and proportion. Algebra—Hall and Knight's Algebra, chapters i-xii: definitions, substitutions, negative quantities, brackets, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, simple equations, symbolical expression, problems, H.C.F. and L.C.M. of simple expressions, elementary fractions, miscellaneous examples. Geometry—Baker and Bourne's Geometry, Book I, propositions 1-22; Experimental Geometry, exercises i-xiii, omitting hardest exercises. Botany—Evans's Botany, to page 185. Drawing—Drawing and shading leaves, freehand copies, construction of scales, elementary plan and elevation. Book-keeping—Grierson's Book-keeping, pages 1-38; Civil Service Junior syllabus; *précis*-writing; commercial correspondence.

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

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Government grant for sites, building, furniture, &c. (general purposes) .. ..	600	0	0	Dr. balance at beginning of year .. ..	795	18	11
Government capitation—				Management—			
For free places .. ..	757	17	6	Office salary .. ..	50	0	0
Under Manual and Technical Instruction				Other office expenses .. ..	2	19	6
Regulations .. ..	55	5	0	Teachers' salaries and allowances .. ..	880	0	0
Subsidy on voluntary contributions—second-ary schools .. ..	208	10	0	Prizes .. ..	9	4	6
Current income from reserves .. ..	793	11	10	Printing, stationery, and advertising .. ..	35	7	11
School fees .. ..	25	4	0	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. .. ..	47	17	4
Books, &c., sold and other funds .. ..	5	10	10	Maintenance of classes for manual instruction .. ..	51	2	6
Other receipts—				Government grants for site, buildings, fur-niture, &c. .. ..	600	0	0
Mr. G. A. M. Buckley, donation .. ..	25	0	0	Purchases and new works .. ..	1,264	10	7
Mr. J. C. N. Grigg, donation .. ..	25	0	0	Fencing, repairs, &c. .. ..	15	1	6
Mr. T. Bullock, donation .. ..	10	10	0	Miscellaneous (rates, &c.) .. ..	48	5	5
Technical Classes Association towards ap-paratus and chemicals, science-room .. ..	25	0	0	Interest on current account .. ..	58	11	6
Received from pupils, sale of work .. ..	73	0	0	Other expenditure—			
Government Insurance refund .. ..	1	11	3	Bank charge .. ..	0	10	0
Dr. balance at end of year .. ..	1,220	17	9	Gas Company, water-supply and rent of store .. ..	8	3	0
				Inspection of reserves .. ..	10	0	0
				Tools for caretaker .. ..	2	15	6
				Soil purchased .. ..	6	10	0
	£3,826	18	2		£3,826	18	2

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

<i>Assets.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Liabilities.</i>	£	s.	d.
Rents of reserves (outstanding) .. ..	56	4	0	Dr. balance due bank .. ..	1,220	17	9
Capitation due from Education Department (third term) .. ..	258	0	0				
School furniture (estimated) .. ..	250	0	0				
	£564	4	0		£1,220	17	9

JOSHUA TUCKER, Chairman.

JOHN DAVISON, Secretary.

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