

the teaching of science ; and the new brick science-room and class-room are being equipped with the latest and best scientific apparatus. Agricultural science, theoretical and practical, is being taught to those scholars who intend to follow the farmers' occupation. For the practical work in this connection the Board has leased a piece of land near the school. On the scholastic side the school has done well. This is shown by the large percentage of successful pupils in the various examinations. The school was inspected by the secondary schools Inspector during the year, and his report says, "The methods of teaching were, in general, very satisfactory. . . . There appeared to be a good spirit of work, and a really fine tone."

The school cadets have again proved that their reputation for drill, marksmanship, and enthusiasm was well deserved. The large playing-grounds attached to the school give unusual opportunities for school sports and pastimes, in which the Principal and staff take much interest. The inauguration of the school boardinghouse has proved a very successful step ; and, as the tariff is low, it has brought boarding pupils to the school from the further ends of the North Canterbury railways. During the year provision was made for teaching certain technical subjects, and the school is now in a position to provide wider facilities for scholars.

ROBERT BALL, Chairman.

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

*Highest.*—English—Morris and Skeat's Specimens of Early English ; Morris's Outlines of Accidence ; Hamlet ; Merchant of Venice ; Milton's shorter poems ; Hales's Longer English Poems ; selections from Ruskin, Carlyle, and Tennyson. Latin—Kennedy's Primer ; Bradley's Arnold ; Clement Bryan's Caesarian Prose ; Aeneid, II ; selections from Horace's Satires ; Livy, Book II ; Cicero, In Verrem Actio Secunda, &c. French—Hossfeld's Manual ; Pierre Lotis, Pêcheur d'Islande ; Molières Le Misanthrope ; Victor Hugo's Quatre-vingt-treize. Mathematics—Arithmetic generally ; geometry, Baker and Bourne ; trigonometry, Hall and Stevens's, to solution of triangles ; algebra, Baker and Bourne, to binomial theorem. Mechanics—Loney's, to Junior Scholarship standard. Heat—Glazebrook, to Junior Scholarship standard. Botany—Evans's Botany, notes, to Matriculation standard.

*Lowest.*—English—Nesfield's Manual, easier portions. Latin—Longmans' First Latin Course, pages 1-50. French—Chardenal, Part I. Arithmetic—Pendlebury, pages 1-228, 269-294. Algebra—Baker and Bourne, pages 1-80. Geometry—Baker and Bourne, pages 1-80. Botany—Elementary Botany (Charlotte Laurie), Parts I and III.

## 3. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1910.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand and in bank at beginning of year .. .. .	209	18	10	Management—			
Government grant for sites, building, furniture, &c. (general purposes) .. .. .	163	0	0	Office expenses .. .. .		3	12 7
Government capitation for free places .. .. .	936	19	1	Other expenses of management .. .. .		15	15 0
Government grant for conveyance of children to schools .. .. .		5	6 6	Teachers' salaries and allowances .. .. .		820	5 4
Current income from reserves .. .. .	189	6	4	Expenses of examination .. .. .		3	3 0
School fees .. .. .	25	14	6	Prizes .. .. .		7	10 9
Rent of school boardinghouse .. .. .	26	0	0	Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction .. .. .		14	10 0
				Printing, stationery, and advertising .. .. .		5	13 0
				Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. .. .. .		38	3 8
				Site, buildings, furniture, &c. (Government grants) .. .. .		163	0 0
				Purchases and new works .. .. .		191	2 6
				Fencing, repairs, &c. .. .. .		10	2 6
				Miscellaneous (rates, &c.) .. .. .		22	4 0
				Bank interest on building loan .. .. .		25	0 0
				Conveyance of pupils to school .. .. .		5	6 6
				Contribution to sports fund (school) .. .. .		5	0 0
				Bank charges .. .. .		0	10 0
				Balance at end of year .. .. .		225	6 5
	<u>£1,556</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>			<u>£1,556</u>	<u>5</u> <u>3</u>

ROBERT BALL, Chairman.

C. I. JENNINGS, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, except that the payment of £10 10s. and £5 5s. as honoraria to Messrs. Ball and Jennings respectively, who as members of the Board are virtually invested with a fiduciary character, are disallowed as contravening the established rule of law that trustees shall not benefit from their relation to their trust. They cannot lawfully make payments to themselves for or in respect of their personal labour and services. Note.—A similar exception has been taken on each balance-sheet since 1908.—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

## Statement of Monetary Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December, 1910.

<i>Assets.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Liabilities.</i>	£	s.	d.
Unpaid fees, third term, 1910 .. .. .	22	1	0	Sundry small accounts .. .. .		2	1 11
Capitation, third term, 1910 .. .. .	275	0	0				
Bank, credit balance .. .. .	225	6	5				
	<u>£522</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>			<u>£2</u>	<u>1</u> <u>11</u>

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