

Farrow, M.A., another past pupil, acted as relieving assistant teacher. Miss Farrow has now received a permanent position on the staff of the Nelson Girls' College. The dressmaking classes were taken by Miss I. Webster*, late headmistress of the Training School for Teachers, Wakefield, Yorkshire. The inclusion of two classes in regular school hours led to a very satisfactory increase in the number of pupils taking this subject. There have also been two cookery classes held on Mondays in addition to the Saturday class. A special teacher, Miss Alice Partridge*, was appointed at the beginning of the year to teach plain needlework, and Mrs. S. Mayne has filled the vacancy left by Miss Mabel Wauchop's resignation as teacher of swimming.

At the Secondary Schools Conference, which was held in Wellington in May, the school was represented by the Lady Principal and two assistants, Miss L. Bing, B.A., and Miss G. Greenstreet, B.A.

The death of His late Majesty King Edward VII occurred during the May school holidays; but as many of the pupils as could be collected—about a hundred—attended the memorial service in Cranmer Square on 20th May, and representatives of the teaching staff also attended the memorial service in the Christchurch Cathedral on the evening of that day.

No candidate from the school sat for the Junior University Scholarship Examination of December, 1909. This failure to present a candidate is almost unprecedented in the history of the school, and had certainly not happened for the past twenty-eight years. It was due mainly to the unusually small number in the Sixth Form in 1909 through the large demand that year for additional pupil-teachers in the primary schools, and partly to the temporary indisposition of the one candidate whose name had been entered for the examination. Twenty-five pupils passed the Matriculation Examination, and 11 the Junior Civil Service Examination, of whom 7 obtained credit. Thirty-six pupils were awarded Senior Free Places, and one a Junior Free Place. Three gained Education Board Senior Scholarships.

In October, 1910, the school was visited by Dr. Anderson and Mr. Gill, M.A., who inspected the general working of all the classes, and held an examination for Senior Free Places. Fifty-three were presented, of whom 43 passed the preliminary test, and 5 of the other subsequently succeeded in the regular Senior Free Place Examination held in December.

At the December, 1910, University examination, Ada Fairbairn took first place on the credit list of the Junior University Scholarship Examination, thereby winning a Gammack Scholarship. Elizabeth Harvey and Eileen Fairbairn were placed in the credit list. Twenty-two pupils passed the Matriculation Examination. Eight pupils passed the Junior Civil Service Examination, 5 being placed in the credit list. One pupil was presented for the Junior Free Place examination, and was successful. The preparatory class was examined by Mr. T. S. Foster, M.A., senior Inspector of the North Canterbury Education Board; the 2 pupils in the highest division received proficiency certificates.

The following past pupils of the school have won distinctions during the year: Laura Christensen, degree of M.Sc., with first-class honours in electricity and magnetism; Margaret Farrow, degree of M.A., with second-class honours in botany; Mary Barkas, degree of M.Sc., second-class honours in chemistry and research scholarship, Victoria College; Irene Wilson, degree of M.A., third-class honours in Latin and English; Gwen Opie, degrees of B.Sc. and M.Sc.; Alice Candy, degree of B.A., and senior scholarship in economics; Edith Jackson, degree of B.A. and senior scholarship in heat, light, and sound; Helen Leversedge, degree of B.A. and senior scholarship in French; Ida Mann, Gladys Marriott, and Florence Williams, degree of B.A.; Marjorie Turnbull, exhibition in French, Canterbury College. Jessie Scott has also completed her medical course at Edinburgh.

M. V. GIBSON, Lady Principal.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Form VI, Upper—All work as for Junior University Scholarship Examination. Subjects: Mathematics (Arithmetic, algebra, geometry plane and solid, trigonometry); English (Grammar, composition, literature); Latin; French; Roman history; German (as alternative with science); natural science (botany); physical science (heat). Latin—Virgil, Aeneid, Book III (Macmillan's Elementary Classics); Horace, Odes, Book I, (Macmillan's Elementary Classics); Cicero, Pro Lege Manilia (Blackie's Illustrated Latin Series); Livy, Second Macedonian War (Blackie's Illustrated Latin Series); Ovid in Exile (Arnold's Latin Texts); Kennedy's Revised Latin Primer; Bradley's Latin Prose Composition; Walter's Hints and Helps to Latin Prose. English—Shakespeare, Henry IV, Part II (Deighton); A Book of Comparative Poetry (Macpherson); English Odes (Marsh); Lobban's English Essays (Blackie); Chaucer's Selections (Bilderdeck); Nesfield's Past and Present; Nesfield's Aids to Study and Composition. French—Molière, Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme (Hachette); Nouvelles Contemporaines (Rivington); La Petite Fadette (Rivington); English Colloquialisms and French Equivalents (Hachette); Spiers, Graduated Course of Translation into French Prose; Spiers, Rapid French Exercises; Siepmann's Short French Grammar; Gase's French Dictionary. Science—Glazebrook's Heat; Lowson's Second Stage Botany (U. B. Clive); Human Physiology, First Stage (Meachen); Biology, First Stage (Furneaux). Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Elementary Algebra, Part II; Hall and Knight's Algebra; Loney's Trigonometry, Part I; Hall and Stevens's Geometry, Parts I–VI.

Lowest.—Form IV, Junior—First-year course for Junior Free Place pupils. Subjects: Mathematics (arithmetic, elementary algebra, elementary geometry); English (grammar, composition, literature); Latin; French; English history; geography; science (elementary botany and elementary physiology, and laws of health); drawing; sewing. Cookery may be taken as an alternative with Latin; extra spelling, dictation, letter-writing, may be taken as alternative with geometry. Text-

* These teachers were paid by the Christchurch Technical College.