

A new system of administration at the school was then inaugurated, the Trustees taking over entire control. A steward was appointed to manage the boarding and staffing, thus relieving the head and assistant masters of responsibility in these departments. After two terms' experience the change may be pronounced a complete success as regards both efficiency and economy.

The cost of the new College, and furnishing it, totals £51,000. This sum covers not only the cost of the splendid block of new buildings, consisting of school, hall, three houses, and headmaster's residence, but also the subsidiary buildings, as gymnasium, sanatorium, swimming-bath, laundry, workshop, &c., also preparation, planting, roading, and general laying-out of site. The Trustees consider this large sum has been well expended in providing a scholastic establishment unsurpassed in Australasia.

The balance-sheet discloses a satisfactory position—a profit of £2,012 has been made on the year's working; but, on the other hand, interest on loan appears at £1,086. In future years this sum will be increased to £2,250. It is gratifying to know there should be no difficulty in meeting the heavy interest-charge; on the contrary, there is every prospect in the near future that the finances will enable the Trustees to undertake the erection of a fourth house, or other urgent work.

Owing to enforced delay in street-formation and other considerations, the old school-site has not been dealt with. The coming year should see considerable progress in this direction, and a corresponding enhancement of the revenue.

The headmaster's report for the school year is as follows:—

#### *Annual Report.*

(1.) The average numbers of the school for the last three years have been—

	1911.	1910.	1909.
Boarders .. .. .	166	149	137
Day boys .. .. .	60	51	47
Total .. .. .	266	200	184

(2.) The school entered the new buildings at the beginning of the second term of 1911. So much disorganization was caused by the move that it was decided not to hold any formal inspection of the work. The results, however, of the public examinations were not unsatisfactory, as may be seen from the table of University examination results:—

Matriculation—	1911.	1910.	1909.
Entered .. .. .	25	25	28
Passed .. .. .	19	12	20
Junior Scholarships—			
Scholars .. .. .	1	0	1
Distinguished .. .. .	3	3	1

(3.) Buildings: The new buildings are answering to the expectations of those who planned them. In particular the dormitory ventilation is excellent, and the cubic space of air is ample.

The immediate needs of the school in buildings and material are—A music school; a fourth boarding-house; laboratory furniture; a cricket pavilion.

The new chapel, which is the magnificent gift of the old boys, is to be dedicated upon Easter Day by the Lord Bishop of the diocese.

(4.) Health: Since entering the new buildings the health of the boys has been excellent. There has been an almost absolute cessation of feverish colds and minor complaints of the throat and ears and stomach. During this time, however, there has been prevalent in the countryside an epidemic of measles, mumps, and a mild form of scarlet-fever. These the boarders have not escaped. But careful observation and prompt isolation have kept them within bounds, and careful attention has secured safety from after-effects. In each case the disease was introduced by a boarder, who returned with his health certificate duly signed.

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The new chapel, now nearing completion, will be consecrated by the Bishop of Wellington on Easter Sunday. This event will commemorate a fitting completion to the institution. We wish to place on record our appreciation of the admirable and skilful work of the architects, Messrs. Atkins and Bacon, for the new school buildings, also the careful and faithful manner in which the work was carried out by the contractor, Mr. N. Meuli.

The Trustees' Secretary, Mr. Williamson, has had his work and responsibility largely increased by the change to new system of administration, and the thanks of the Trustees are due to him for his capable and painstaking attention to the interests of the Trust.

A. G. BIGNELL, Chairman.

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

*Highest.*—The work prepares boys who have passed matriculation for the Junior University Scholarship Examination. Latin—Horace *Ars Poetica*; Tacitus *Agricola*; Catullus; Virgil, *Æneid*, IV; Luce's sight translation; Bradley's Composition. French—Contes Choisis; *Le Tailleux de Pierres*; *Oraisons funèbres*; *La Guerre*; *L'Avare*; *Le Cid*, selections French poetry; Duhamel's *Prose*; Pellissier's *Unseens* (sen.). Mathematics—Pendlebury's *Arithmetic*; Baker and Bourne's *Algebra*; Baker and Bourne's *Geometry*; Borchardt's *Trigonometry*, VI only. English—Bacon's *Essays*; Matthew Arnold's *Essays in Criticism*; *Hamlet*; *King Lear*; Nesfield's *English Past and Present*.