

Gallic War, Book VII; Rivington's Unseens, Book VI; Longmans' Grammar, Part III; Allen's Latin Grammar; Stedman's Papers; Robinson's First History of Rome; Antiquities, by Wilkins; Res Romanæ.

Lowest.—English—Nesfield's Outlines of Grammar; Black's Picture Lessons, Book III; Ivanhoe (Scott); L'Allegro and Il Penseroso (Milton). History—Nelson's Highroads to History, Book IV; Sir Walter Raleigh in Children's Heroes Series. Geography—The Round World (Black); Arithmetic—Pendlebury's New Arithmetic; Geometry—Hall and Stevens's Lessons in Experimental and Practical Geometry. Botany—A Plant Book for Schools, by Darbishire. Physiology—Coleman's Hygienic Physiology. French—First French Book (Mackay and Curtis). Latin—First Book of Latin (Inglis and Prettyman). Nature-study: First Studies in Insect-life in Australasia (Gillies). Extra English—The Citizen Reader: The Greenwood Tree (Arnold's).

GISBORNE HIGH SCHOOL.

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I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Governors have the honour to report on the school for the past year.

The school opened with a roll-number of eighty-six boys and fifty-five girls. The attendance was well maintained, the roll-number at the close of the year being seventy-eight boys and forty-five girls.

In February, Mr. C. A. de Latour, who had been a member of the Board since its inception in 1885, resigned, owing to ill health. The Board desires to take this opportunity to place on record its very high appreciation of the excellent services rendered by him in the cause of education generally, and of the good work he carried out in the establishing of the High School and the erection of the buildings, &c. Mr. J. R. Kirk was nominated by His Excellency the Governor to fill the vacancy.

The fitting-up of the science-room and the dairy-room has proved of great benefit.

The boys in the agricultural class were given a course of instruction in plain cookery, under Miss Higgins, technical instructor, who speaks well of the attention paid and the progress made. They also had a course in wool-classing, under Mr. Cahill, technical instructor.

The school-accommodation is ample for the present requirements, but during the year it was found necessary to enlarge the schoolhouse, which was done at a cost of £771 17s. 6d., £700 of which the Governors had to obtain by way of loan. The number of boarders the last term of 1911 was sixteen.

At the examinations held by the New Zealand University and the Education Department at the end of the year the following distinctions were gained by pupils of the school: Junior University Scholarship—One passed with credit, gaining a bursary; three passed Matriculation. Matriculation—Five passed. Junior Civil Service—Eight passed. Board Senior Scholarship—Seven passed. Senior Free Place—Thirty gained place on recommendation, three passed examination. Board Junior Scholarship—Five passed. Junior Free Place—Two passed.

The estimated attendance next year is 130. This, we believe, would be largely augmented if the train service were suitable, so as to enable holders of proficiency certificates who reside in the country to reach school in time in the morning and return home in the evening, as parents feel the expense of boarding them in town. We hope that when the next section of the Gisborne-Motu Railway is opened the new time-table will be found more suitable to our requirements.

J. W. NOLAN, Chairman.
W. MORGAN, Secretary.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—Nesfield, English Grammar, Past and Present; Bacon, Essays; Shakespeare, King Lear; Specimens of Early English, Part II (Morris). Latin—Virgil, Æneid, Book IV; Cicero, De Amicitia; Livy, Book XXII; selections from Latin authors (Tutorial Series); Roman History and Antiquities; Via Latina (Abbot). French—Macmillan's Second French Course; Weekley's French Grammar; Tartarin de Tarascon (Daudet); selections of Modern French Verse (Berthon). Mechanics and Heat—Matriculation Mechanics and Hydrostatics; Tutorial Dynamics, Statics, and Hydrostatics; Tutorial Heat (Stewart). History—Oman's History of England (1688–1837). Geography—No special text-book for pupils. For reference: Marshall's Geography of New Zealand; Huxley and Gregory's Physiography. Mathematics—Arithmetic; Algebra (Hall and Knight); Geometry (Hall and Stevens), Books I to VI; Trigonometry (Hall and Knight); Algebraical Exercises (Jones and Cheyne).

Lowest.—English—Nesfield, Manual of English Grammar and Composition; Literary Reader and Prose Composition (Marsh). Latin—Longmans' Latin Course, Part I; Gradatim. French—Siepmann's Primary French Course, Part I. Mathematics—Arithmetic—No class-book; Algebra (Hall and Knight); Geometry (Hall and Stevens), Books I and II. Physical Measurements—Gregory and Hadley's Class-book of Physics. Chemistry—No class-book. Roscoe and Lunt used for reference. Book-keeping—Pitman's Primer of Book-keeping; Office Routine for Boys and Girls. Shorthand—Pitman's Instructor. Commercial Geography—Pitman's Commercial Geography (British Possessions).