

Among the distinctions won by old boys are: F. C. Hay gained the highest marks in the examination for associate member of the Institute of Civil Engineers; D. B. McLeod and P. S. Nelson obtained their B.Sc.; H. Broadhead won a classical scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge; and two won exhibitions at Canterbury College; C. H. Gould won a science scholarship at Guy's Hospital; H. G. Denham has been appointed lecturer in chemistry at Brisbane.

Owing to the absence of the headmaster, and the resignation of Mr. Watt, there were three new masters on the staff this year. Mr. T. Cane also has resigned.

At the end of the second term masters from the School of Art were placed in charge of the drawing and woodwork classes, with very favourable results.

The cadet corps was inspected by Major-General Godley and also by Colonel Heard, who both expressed themselves as pleased with their efficiency.

The life-saving classes have been continued, with great success.

B. K. S. LAWRENCE, Acting Headmaster.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin—Livy, Book XXII, without vocabulary; Horace, Odes, Book III; Vergil, Æneid, VI; Myths and Legends of Ancient Rome; Bradley's Arnold; Bradley's Aids to Latin Prose; Kennedy's Revised Latin Primer; Robinson's First History of the Romans; Rivington's Class Book of Latin, Unseen, Book VIII; Cicero, Select Letters; Jeans. English—As You Like It; Palgrave's Golden Treasury; Nesfield's Aids to the Study and Composition of English; Nesfield's Historical English; Epochs English Literature (Arnold), Vol. I; Age of Chaucer, Vol. II; Age of Spenser (Spenser Epoch) Vol. III; Age of Shakespeare; Dickens, Tale of Two Cities. French—Advanced French Composition (Duhamel); Longmans' Advanced French Unseen; French Grammar (Moriarty); Molière, Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme; Sacs et Parchemins (Sandeau); Siepmann's Advanced French Series. Mathematics—Borchardt and Perrott's Trigonometry; Baker and Bourne's Algebra; Elements of Mechanics of Solids and Fluids; Hall and Stevens's School Geometry, Parts I to VI; Hogben's Trigonometry Tables; Pendlebury's Arithmetic; Ward's Trigonometry Papers. Science—Tutorial Chemistry (Non-metals) Bailey; Advanced Inorganic Chemistry (Theoretical), Bailey; Synopsis of Non-metallic Chemistry (Briggs)—Junior University Scholarship standard.

Lowest.—Latin—Collar and Daniell's Beginner's Latin Book; Shorter Latin Primer (for revision of verbs); English—Grammar, Nesfield's Outlines; parsing-notes; dictation; composition; parsing; analysis; Kingsley's Heroes; Ancient Mariner; Quentin Durward (abridged); also one of the following to be read per term at home, Kidnapped, Alice in Wonderland, Ivanhoe, David Copperfield, The White Company, Treasure Island, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Robinson Crusoe, Tom Brown's School Days. History—Tout's Book II (Edward III to Elizabeth). Geography—Young's Rational Geography, Part I; Black's Diagrammatic Atlas of British Empire; Southern Cross Geography, Part IV. French—Arnold's Modern French, Book I. Mathematics—Pendlebury's New School Arithmetic; fractions (vulgar and decimal); areas; percentages; Hall and Stevens's School Geometry, Parts I and II, theorems. 1-7, problems 1-7; Baker and Bourne's Algebra for Beginners, Part I to division. Science—Notes on Elementary Chemistry, Russell (work mostly practical). Drawing—Geometrical (as in Hall and Stevens); freehand, from cards and nature objects.

CHRISTCHURCH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Miss M. V. Gibson, M.A.; Miss C. K. Henderson, B.A.; Miss M. Bell-Hay; Miss F. Sheard, M.A., B.Sc.; Miss K. Gresson, M.A.; Miss L. Bing, B.A.; Mrs. Longton, M.A.; Miss E. T. Crosby, B.A.; Miss G. Greenstreet, B.A.; Miss A. I. Wilson, M.A.; Miss M. Wills; Captain Farthing; Miss N. Gardner; Miss A. Rennie; Miss H. Smith; Mrs. S. Mayne.

1. REPORT OF THE LADY PRINCIPAL.

The numbers were well maintained, 260 pupils being enrolled for the year. The term numbers were—first term, 254; second term, 244; third term, 238. Senior Free Places were held by 70 pupils, Junior Free Places by 167, 9 paid fees, 1 held a School Free Place, and 13 were in the lower department.

Only 4 girls resigned their Junior Free Places before the completion of the two years' tenure, a great improvement on the withdrawals in 1910: the other junior pupils who left during the year were transferred to schools in other centres.

Though prevalent epidemics reduced the average attendance somewhat, it was 228 for the year, and the general health of the pupils was good.

In January Miss Bell-Hay resumed her duties, after a year's absence on leave, and, at the close of December Miss Nora Gardner, who has conducted the Singing Classes for the past sixteen years, severed her connection with the school, as she has decided to relinquish class teaching.

The steadily increasing need of increased and up-to-date accommodation for the cookery and domestic science and dressmaking classes, of a larger room for the preparatory class, and of up-to-date cloak-rooms makes further building extensions at as early a date as possible not only desirable but actually imperative.

In October the school was visited by the Assistant Inspector-General (Dr. Anderson) and Mr. T. H. Gill, B.A., who inspected the general work, and held a test examination for Senior Free Places, by which 58 out of the 66 pupils who presented themselves were admitted to Senior Free Places.