

the rapidly increasing numbers of both day boys and boarders, and to provide both boarding and class-room accommodation for the Girls' School on the site recently acquired at the Henui, the Board made arrangements to borrow £9,000 from the Public Trustee on the security of its endowments. It is hoped that the erection of the class-rooms will soon be commenced, as the plans are now awaiting the approval of the Department. The enlargement of the Boys' School is awaiting the result of negotiations to obtain some land from the Borough Council adjoining the school premises.

During the year a large and well-equipped assembly hall and gymnasium has been erected. It was also found necessary, in order to provide for the rapidly increasing number of boarders at the Boys' School, to lease a large private residence adjoining the school-grounds. Another residence near the Girls' School was also leased to put the Girls' boarding-accommodation on a more satisfactory footing, and steps have also been taken to establish a girls' preparatory department at the beginning of next year, 1915.

The following additions to and changes in the staff have been made at the Boys' School during the year: Mr. Buxton was appointed commercial master, and Mr. Espiner junior assistant master. Mr. Fenton resigned the charge of the preparatory department, and Mr. Bottrill was appointed his successor, and, as the number of pupils had increased to forty-two, Mr. Diprose was appointed to assist him. Mr. Hall having resigned in August to go to the front with the First Expeditionary Force the position was not immediately filled, but Mr. H. V. Searle, B.Sc., was appointed subsequently to take up his duties at the beginning of the year. The Lady Principal of the Girls' School, Miss C. D. Grant, M.A., resigned after eighteen years' service, and Miss Hodges was appointed in her place.

The school rifle team gained the great distinction of taking second place in the Empire Challenge Cup competition, being only one point behind the winners.

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

### *Boys' School.*

*Highest.*—Latin—Tutorial Latin Grammar; Tutorial Latin Composition; Coleridge, *Res Romanæ*; Schuckburgh, *Smaller History of Rome*; Stedman, *Latin Examination Papers*; Blackie's *Intermediate Unseens*; Tacitus, *Germania* (Chapters 1–35), *Agricola* (Chapters 1–30); Virgil, *Georgic IV*; Matriculation Selections from Latin Authors (Hayes and Watt). English—Nesfield, *Past and Present*; English Language (Home University Library); Shakespeare, *King Lear*; Wordsworth *Epoch* (Stobart); Chaucer, *Prologue*; Murison's *Composition*; Milton, *Ode on Nativity*, *Lycidas*, *L'Allegro*; Fowler's *English Essays*; Landor, *Pericles and Aspasia*; Sweet, *Anglo-Saxon Primer*; Morris and Skeat, *Specimens*, Part II. French—French Prose Composition, Weekley; Tutorial French Grammar; Molière, *Le Medecin Malgre Lui*; Dumas, *Chicot chez le Roi de Navarre*; Stedman's *Examination Papers*; *Poemes Choisis* (selections); Pellissier's *French Unseens* (selections); Bartlett and Mason's *Advanced French Reader* (selections). Botany—Lowson's *Second Stage Botany*; Strasburger's *Botany*; Thomson's *Introductory Class-book of Botany*. Heat—Edser's *Heat for Advanced Students*; Robson's *Practical Exercises in Heat*; Draper's *Heat*; Jones's *Exercises in Physics*. Mechanics—Elements of Statics and Dynamics (Loney); Hydrostatics (Loney). Mathematics—Geometry, Hall and Stevens, Parts I to VI; Trigonometry, Hall and Knight's *Elementary Trigonometry*; Ward's *Trigonometry Papers*; Algebra, Ross, Parts I and II.

*Lowest.*—Latin—Ante Limen (Rees). English—Junior Grammar (Walmsley); Junior Composition (Edmonds); Cowper, John Gilpin and other poems; Dickens, *Christmas Carol*; Words, Part I (Chambers and Ker). French—Siepmann, Part I, twenty lessons. Agriculture—Kirk's *Elementary Agriculture*; Van Norman's *First Lessons in Dairying*. Physical Science—Exercises in Practical Physics (Gregory and Simmons); Junior Chemistry (Adie). Mathematics—Hall and Stevens' *Geometry*, Part I; Hall's *Elementary Algebra*, Part I to end of simple equations; Hall and Stevens' *Arithmetic*, Part II. History—Citizen Reader; Tout, *Book I*. Geography—First Book of Physical Geography (Carey); Man on the Earth.

### *Girls' School.*

*Highest.*—English—Work as prescribed for Junior University Scholarship Examination. Text books: Senior—English Grammar (Ashton's Revised Mason); Historical Outlines of English Accidence, by Morris; Specimens of Early English (Morris and Skeat); Sweet, *Anglo-Saxon Primer*; Chaucer, *Clerk's Tale*; Gray, *Poems*; Goldsmith, *Deserted Village*; Shakespeare, *Julius Cæsar*, *Merchant of Venice*; Johnson, *Life of Swift*; Landor, *Pericles and Aspasia*. Latin—Work as prescribed for Matriculation Examination. Text-books: Wilson, *Latin Sentences and Prose*; Abbot, *Via Latina*; Cicero, *De Officiis*, III; Horace, *Odes*, II; Cicero, *De Amicitia*. French—Work as prescribed for Junior University Scholarship Examination. Text-books: Siepmann's *Grammar*; Weekley's *French Prose*; Corneille, *Le Cid*; Molière, *L'Avare*; Taine's *Voyage aux Pyrénées*. Mathematics—Work as prescribed for Junior University Scholarship Examination; Tutorial Arithmetic; Hall and Stevens, *Geometry*; Ross, *Algebra*, Parts I and II; Hall and Knight, *Trigonometry*. Botany—Work intermediate between Matriculation and Junior University Scholarship Examination. The text-books were Lowson, *Second-stage Botany*, and Strasburger, *Botany*. Heat—Matriculation Examination standard; the text-books were Glazebrook, *Heat*, and Edser, *Heat for Advanced Students*.

*Lowest.*—The work is, speaking generally, of a standard intermediate between those for the Junior and the Senior Free Place Examinations. English—Mason's *New English Grammar*, Intermediate, pages 24–124; The Model Class-book of English, *Book VI* (Chambers and Ker); T. Bennett, *A New English Spelling and Dictation Book*; J. C. Smith, *A Book of Verse*, pages 1–113; Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*; Shakespeare, *Julius Cæsar*. Latin—A First Latin Course (Scott and Jones). French