2. EXTRACT from HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

Among the important features of the school year 1885 has been the institution of geometrical drawing, which will be continued in the coming year 1886. The school has always devoted considerable attention to science, two afternoons in the week being wholly given to it. T. H. Green, of the Boys' High School, obtained the Auckland University Gillies Scholarship, of the value of $\pounds 100$, for three years for excellence in chemistry and physics, showing that the science work of the school has borne fruit. The Board of Governors has instituted four scholarships at the school entitling to remission of fees—two for boys under thirteen years and a quarter, and two for boys above that age. They are given on the results of examination; but the headmaster also takes into consideration the circumstances of the parents and the likelihood of the boys proceeding to Canterbury College. The Boys' High School won two of the eight junior University scholarships announced last February. Four boys matriculated, and one boy passed the preliminary medical examination. At the last entrance examination of the University five boys from the High School presented themselves for junior scholarships, and two for matriculation.

3. REPORT of the INSPECTOR-GENERAL to the Hon. the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

Boys' High School, Christchurch.—Postponed inspection, 18th March, 1886. In Latin the work of the highest class for the year includes Æneid, V.; Livy, the Last Two Kings of Macedon; Horace, Odes, I.; Cicero, Stories from Roman History; Abbott's Latin Prose and Via Latina: the lowest class is in Principia, I. The highest class in mathematics has for its programme—Euclid, I. to VI., Todhunter's Algebra for Beginners, Barnard Smith's Exercises in Arithmetic, and Hamblin Smith's Trigonometry. In English the highest class is reading Julius Cæsar, Paradise Lost, Waverley, Burke's Thoughts and Reflections, Hale's Longer English Poems, the Student's Hume, and Morris's Smaller Historical Grammar; the lowest class uses Morrison's English Grammar for Junior Classes, Palgrave's Children's Treasury of Songs, Gardiner's Outline of English History, and Petrie's First Geography. In French the highest class uses Brachet's Nouvelle Grammaire and Dussouchet's Exercises, and reads Molière and Erckmann-Chatrian; the lowest class uses Bué's First French Book. Greek is taught: Xenophon, Euripides, Thucydides, and the Greek Testament are the books in use; together with Smith's First Greek Book and Sidgwick's First Greek Writer. In the science classes the Science Primers are in use for chemistry, physics, and geology, together with Garnett's Elementary Mechanics and Elementary Heat, and the London Science Class Books of mechanics, and hydrostatics and pneumatics. It seems to me that the school is not yet as well attended as from its organization and methods it deserves to be.

CHRISTCHURCH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and	Expen	DIJ	UR	E for the Year ending 31st December, 1885.
Receipts.		s.	d.	Expenditure. £ s. d.
To Balance in hand and in bank at begin ning of year		16	10	By Office expenses
Grant from vote of the General Assembly	y			Examiners' fees 70 0 0
100 1000 11 11	. 200	0	0	Other examination expenses 5 10 0 Prizes 26 12 6
Endowments— . Current income from reserves .	. 232	0	6	Prizes 26 12 6 Printing, stationery, stamps, and adver-
Interest on moneys invested and on un	-			tising 40 19 0
	. 227			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c 11 16 10 Books 19 17 9
School fees	. 1,477 . 52			Books 19 17 9 Site and buildings, from current revenue—
				Purchases and new works 203 3 4
				Fencing, repairs, &c 8 12 1 Rents, insurance, and taxes 87 0 5
				Rents, insurance, and taxes 87 0 5 Keeping grounds in order 11 0 6
				Expenses on Endowment Account 3 8 0
•				Books for school library 67 11 3
				Tuning pianos 5 0 Sundries 4 7 6
				Balance in hand and in bank at end of
				year 470 6 7
	£2,501	19	9	£2,501 19 9
				F. DE C. MALET, Chairman.

F. G. STEDMAN, Registrar and Treasurer.

2. EXTRACT from HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

THE school has during the year 1885 increased in numbers, so that an addition to the staff has been necessary. The number of pupils last term was 125.

The work of the school is on the whole similar to that of previous years, the upper classes doing for the most part work required for matriculation, and for the junior University scholarship examination. English is made the chief study of the school; and, though Latin is taught in all classes except the two lowest, it is not a compulsory subject—English may be substituted for it. As regards scientific and technical subjects, instruction is given throughout the school in botany, physiology, and physics, botany and physics being taught up to the standard required for the junior scholarship examination. Elementary drawing is also a regular subject, taught by the teachers who are themselves attending the School of Art. The middle and lower classes learn plain sewing. It is intended during the year 1886 to supplement the instruction in physics by les-

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