sons in elementary chemistry. Arrangements also have been made to give instruction in practical cooking to as many of the older girls as wish it. A master has been appointed for the work, and

the necessary additions are at present being made to the school building.

At examinations during the year the following honours were gained by the school: Six pupils passed the matriculation examination to the New Zealand University, two of whom gained junior University scholarships; three pupils gained scholarships under the Board of Education in classes E., D., and C.

3. REPORT of the INSPECTOR-GENERAL to the Hon. the Minister of Education.

Girls' High School, Christchurch.—Postponed inspection, 19th March, 1886. My opinion as to the high merit of this school remains unchanged. The staff is stronger than it was when I last reported, one very able teacher who had left having now returned to the school, and a rapid development having taken place in one of the younger teachers, who gives promise of excellent technical ability. I notice that for the fifth time in succession the school has obtained two of the University junior scholarships.

RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL.

1. Report of the Board of Governors.

Rangiora, 5th April, 1886. SIR,—

I have the honour, on behalf of the Board of Governors of the High School, to transmit a brief report of the Board's proceedings for the year 1885.

The Board has held five meetings during the year, thus evidencing increasing anxiety to make this school a boon to the neighbourhood, and to others who are seeking for their children the advantages of an education beyond the scope and intention of the Primary District School Act.

The subjects taught in the Upper Division are Virgil and Sallust in Latin; French; mathematics, embracing Euclid, Books I. and II.; algebra, to simple equations; English composition and analysis; British and Roman history; physical and general geography; physics; and botany. Junior Division: In view of the above, in preparation, with mapping and drawing.

It was very gratifying to the Board to see a large attendance of parents and friends of the school on "breaking-up day" at Christmas to see some of the work done by the pupils, and the distribution of prizes, to purchase which they had contributed.

The Inspector-General visited the school in November, and reported favourably on the de-

meanour and order evinced in the school.

This Board took the opportunity of the sitting of the University of New Zealand in Christ-church recently to memorialize that body to take steps to organize a system of independent examination of all secondary schools, and this Board is pleased to see that a Committee is elected to consider and advise on the best way in which this very desirable object can be accomplished.

The number of pupils in attendance during the last term, with ages, &c., has already been

reported.

Joseph L. Wilson, Esq., having reluctantly resigned his seat on the Board, His Excellency the

Governor appointed Aquila Ivory, Esq., in his place.

I beg herewith to enclose balance-sheet of accounts, duly audited by the Government auditor. On this I would observe that the pecuniary pressure of the times has delayed the completion of several promised subscriptions to start this school as yet.

The headmaster's house, with the school buildings, are in thorough repair.

I have, &c.,

The Hon, the Minister of Education.

A. H. CUNNINGHAM, Chairman, Board of Governors.

2. STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1885.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	đ.
To Current income from reserves	 	233	0	0	By Balance at beginning of year	88	3	3
School fees	 	173	12	0	Teachers' salaries and allowances	330	0	0
Subscriptions	 	46	19	0	Printing, stationery, and advertising	12	7	10
Balance at end of year	 • •	220	18	11	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c	17	6	6
					Balance of purchase-money	200	0	0
					Fencing, repairs, &c	4	17	5
					Rents, insurance, and taxes	3	11	3
					Interest on current account	14	4	0
					Incidental	3	19	8
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A. H. Cunningham, Chairman. GEO. JOHN LEECH, Treasurer.

I have audited this account, and find it correct.—J. Ollivier.—22nd February, 1886.

3. Report of the Inspector-General to the Hon. the Minister of Education.

Rangiora High School.—Inspected 20th November. This school has fallen off in numbers since last year. There are about twenty pupils, taught by the headmaster and a lady assistant. tone of the school with respect to order and behaviour has, I think, improved considerably. highest class is reading Virgil and Sallust, has finished the Second Book of Euclid, and is doing simple equations in algebra. The lowest class is learning the Latin accidence; in other subjects its work is about equal to that of the Third Standard in public schools. French is taught throughout