

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Boys' High School.

Highest.—Latin: Cicero, De Senectute; Virgil, Æneid, V.; Bradley. French: Waterloo; composition, Chardenal, Part II. Euclid: six books. Algebra: To the binomial theorem. Trigonometry: To the end of solution of triangles. Chemistry: Organic. History: 1689 to 1837. Geography: Physical and general. English: Morris's Historical English Grammar; Shakespeare, Henry IV. and Henry V. Arithmetic: General. Drawing: Geometrical, perspective.

Lowest.—About Third Standard work.

Girls' High School.

Highest.—English: Milton, Lycidas; Shakespeare, Henry IV. and Henry V.; Morris's Historical English Grammar. History: George I. to Victoria (Bright, Vol. iii.). Literature: Elizabeth to Anne. Geography: Europe and America. Latin: Cicero, De Officiis; Virgil, Æneid, II.; Principia Latina, IV. Arithmetic: Whole subject. Algebra: To binomial theorem. Geometry: Euclid, Books I., II., and III. French: Macmillan's Third French Course; Gèriezery, Histoire de la Littérature Française, Vol. ii.; Molière, Les Femmes Savantes; Erckmann-Chatrian, Le Conscrit. Astronomy: Second-year course. Chemistry: Second-year course, non-metallic elements. Physiology and Laws of Health. German: Otto and Die Karavane.

Lowest.—Reader No. 3. Grammar: Parts of sentences, parts of speech, easy analysis and parsing. History: Richard II. to William III. Geography: Asia and North America. Physical Geography: Rivers, lakes, rain, &c. French sentences; verbs *avoir* and *être*; Bué, Exercices i. to xvi. Arithmetic: Simple and compound rules. Needlework. Freehand drawing. Botany. Drill.

GISBORNE HIGH SCHOOL.

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£ s. d.
To Current income from reserves ..	17 10 0	By Management ..	9 18 4
Paid by School Commissioners ..	825 11 4	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	17 18 0
Dr. balance at end of year ..	8 0 6	Cash on fixed deposit ..	700 0 0
		Rates ..	10 15 6
		Grant for salary of assistant master in Public School, Gisborne, in terms of section 4 of "The Gisborne High School Act 1885 Amendment Act, 1887"	112 10 0
	£851 1 10		£851 1 10

W. L. WILLIAMS, Chairman.
C. A. DE LAUTOUR, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.

NELSON COLLEGE.

1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

THE Governors are unable to make a very favourable report of the progress of either college for the year just ended, as the number of pupils in the Boys' College has remained stationary, and the number in the Girls' College has sensibly decreased, while the reductions in expenditure which they felt themselves compelled to make at the commencement of the year could only begin to take effect in the last half of it, and to a large extent in the last quarter.

The same state of things exists to an equal, if not to a greater, extent in almost every secondary school in the colony, and appears to arise from three causes: the first being the greatly-increased competition caused by the recent establishment of colleges or high schools in almost every town of any considerable size in the colony; the second being the want of private means to pay for higher education, arising from the long-continued depression in almost every pursuit and industry; and the third being the reduction in the subsidies heretofore granted by the Legislature, as in the case of the Nelson College for Girls.

The reduction in the Principal's salary, which, amongst other retrenchments, the Governors found it necessary to make, induced Mr. Ford to resign his appointment with a view to return to England. Mr. J. W. Joynt, M.A. of Trinity College, Dublin, has been appointed to supply his place, and will enter upon his duties at the end of March. The very high testimonials which he has placed in the hands of the Governors as to his attainments, teaching power, and personal character, convince them that Mr. Joynt will make a most efficient head of the Nelson College.

The division of the school year into three terms instead of four quarters has now come into operation, and it is hoped that the change will prove satisfactory to parents and advantageous to pupils.

By order of the Council of Governors.

OSWALD CURTIS, Secretary.