

Highest.—Arithmetic Whole, Hamblin Smith. Algebra Fractions and equations, Hall and Knight. Geometry: Books I. and II., Hamblin Smith. Political Geography Findlater. Physical Geography Longmans' New Zealand Geography Patterson, with map-drawing. History of England Buckley and Curtis, outlines. History of New Zealand Bourke. History of Europe Freeman. English Grammar Mason, Morris, Trotter, with lessons from Hewitt and Beach's Manual, and Earl's Saxon Grammar English Composition Abbott's How to Write Clearly, and Nichols's Composition. French Chardenal's Second Course, La Canne de Jonc, for translation, and exercises from Blouet's composition Latin Abbott's Via Latina, Cæsar I. Drawing Perspective, light and shade, with special reference to model. Greek (optional) Smith's. Spelling, with meanings Carpenter Literature Wordsworth's Excursion; Shakespere's Merchant of Venice, Globe Readers, V and VI. Science Elementary chemistry and biology Gymnastics Whole school.

THAMES HIGH SCHOOL

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

THE Board of Governors reports that the system that has been adopted for the past few years of admitting to free tuition children under fourteen years of age from the primary schools who have passed the Sixth Standard has claimed their attention since the date of the last annual report, and they have now under consideration a proposal for abolishing the system. The school has fully kept up its reputation during the year Two of the pupils passed the Junior Civil Service Examination, six passed the Matriculation Examination, and three competed for University Junior Scholarships, one of whom passed with credit, and two were placed in the third division. At the Senior District Scholarship Examination two obtained scholarships, and two certificates of proficiency Fourteen pupils altogether distinguished themselves at the public examinations, or one-fourth of the whole number of pupils attending the school. In the matter of technical education, the Board can report that due care is bestowed on practical chemistry, and needlework is taught on the best and most practical system The Governors regret that the financial condition of the school will not allow them to have drawing taught in the manner that our wants require.

H. J GREENSLADE, Secretary

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1893.

| <i>Receipts.</i> | £ s. d. | <i>Expenditure.</i> | £ s. d. |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| To Balance | 22 0 0 | By Dr. balance at beginning of year | 318 7 11 |
| Grant from vote of the General Assembly | 300 0 0 | Office salary | 22 10 0 |
| Current income from reserves | 364 14 9 | Other office expenses | 4 15 3 |
| Paid by School Commissioners | 250 0 0 | Teachers' salaries and allowances | 725 0 0 |
| School fees | 123 12 0 | Printing, stationery and advertising | 7 10 0 |
| Goldfields revenue | 34 0 0 | Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. | 36 18 10 |
| Court fees refunded | 0 12 0 | Fencing, repairs, &c. | 28 0 8 |
| Sale of house | 12 0 0 | Insurance and taxes | 19 5 4 |
| Dr. balance at end of year | 106 6 6 | Interest on current account | 23 12 6 |
| | | School requisites | 21 3 6 |
| | | Legal expenses | 6 1 3 |
| | <u>£1,213 5 3</u> | | <u>£1,213 5 3</u> |

3. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES on 31st December, 1893.

| <i>Assets.</i> | £ s. d. | <i>Liabilities.</i> | £ s. d. |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Uncollected rents | 437 3 5 | Bank overdraft | 106 6 6 |
| Uncollected fees | 143 8 0 | | |
| | <u>£580 11 5</u> | | <u>£106 6 6</u> |

H. J GREENSLADE, Secretary and Treasurer

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

4. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—The work done by the highest form consists of Latin, French, English, mathematics, and science (chemistry and electricity) for University Junior Scholarship Examination, and précis literature as required for the Senior Civil Service Examination.

Lowest.—As to the work done by the lowest form, it may be mentioned that many of the pupils admitted to the school have passed the Sixth Standard in the primary schools. They therefore commence Morris's Historical Grammar, and Abbott's How to Write Clearly They also begin Latin, French, geometry, and algebra.