

Jurisprudence and Law.—Pass jurisprudence, 14; honours jurisprudence, 3. Law: Equity, 7; Roman law, 2; international law, 3; evidence, 1; torts, 0; personal property, 5.

Constitutional History.—Pass, 16; honours, 2.

Political Economy.—Pass, 14; honours, 2.

Mental Science.—Pass, 10; honours, 2.

Music.—Rudiments of music (junior first-year students), 13; harmony (intermediate second-year students), 13; harmony and counterpoint (senior third-year students), 10; history of music, 11; advanced harmony, counterpoint, &c., 3; form in composition, 3; ear-training and musical dictation, 2.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS.—The following students were recorded by the University as having passed in their respective examinations: Bachelor of Arts—Final section, 13; first section, 11. Bachelor of Science—Final section, 1; first section, 3. Bachelor of Science in Engineering—Final examination, 2; second mechanical examination (part of), 2; first mechanical examination (completed), 6; first mechanical examination (part of), 9. Bachelor of Laws—Second examination, 2; first examination, 2. Bachelor of Music—Final, 1.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

This school, which was first opened on the 13th September, 1877, has this year completed its first quarter-century, and during this time over 1,400 girls have been entered on the books. The average length of a pupil's stay at school is about two years and a half; the record of continuous attendance is seven years. The highest roll number was attained in the first term of the year 1891, when 152 pupils attended; the same year has also the highest roll for the third term, 144; while this year (1902) takes second place, with a roll of 140 for the third term.

The present building will not accommodate more than 150 pupils, and even during this year the need of additional class-rooms has caused some inconvenience, and necessitated the frequent use of the lunch-room as a class-room, though it is not well suited for the purpose.

The regular staff, which consists of the lady principal, five full-time and one part-time assistants, has also been taxed to its utmost capacity, the smallness of two of the class-rooms, and the numerous examinations on slightly different lines for which pupils have to be prepared in small groups, adding to the difficulty of organization where space and teaching-power are limited.

The general health of the scholars during the year has been excellent, and this is especially gratifying as many other schools both in Christchurch and in other centres have suffered severely this year from the prevalence of epidemics.

The two classes in conversational French which were begun this year have made very fair progress, and the senior class will be able to obtain a considerably higher standard of proficiency next year.

As a blue ensign had been presented to the school by the New Zealand Government, the Governors erected a flagpole, and the flag was hoisted for the first time on Coronation Day, on which day a fine young oak-tree was also planted in the playground.

The authorised boarding-house is now quite close to the school. The house is a particularly suitable one for its purpose, the accommodation is ample, the drainage and water-supply are good, and the girls have the use of a pleasant garden. Though not yet so well patronised as it deserves to be, the boarding-house is doing good service. Six pupils have resided there during the year, and the fact that four of these were prize-winners this year may be regarded as satisfactory evidence of the benefit afforded by a boarding-house where the supervision of the pupils during preparation hours is made a special care, and where outside attractions do not prevent regular attendance at school.

In the December University examinations one pupil won a junior scholarship, taking third place on the list. Four were placed among those in the credit list, one being awarded a Gammack scholarship on the results. Nine pupils also passed the matriculation examination, and three won senior Board of Education scholarships.

The extensive programme of set books prescribed as compulsory under the new regulations for the Senior Civil Service examinations makes it very difficult to prepare candidates for this examination in the regular school classes, and consequently no pupils were entered this year for the senior grade. In the Junior Civil Service examinations, one took the first place on the list for all New Zealand, and one fifteenth; two others also passed.

Noteworthy success, of past pupils during the year are one gaining the degree of M.A., with second-class honours in natural science; one the degree of M.A., with second-class honours in English and French; one the degree of M.A., with third-class honours in Latin and English; one the degree of M.B. and Ch.B., Edinburgh; and one that of M.B. and Ch.B., New Zealand.

This year thirty-seven pupils in all have held scholarships, exhibitions, or free places at the school. Of these, nineteen received scholarships from the North Canterbury Board of Education, and eighteen held scholarships, free places, or exhibitions from the Board of Governors.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

This year is the twenty-first anniversary of the foundation of the school. The changes in organization and methods indicated a year ago have been found on trial to work satisfactorily. The modified-form system, with a reclassification for mathematics and science, has made the work more compact. The correlation of history and geography with the portion of literature studied has been fruitful. A great impetus has been given to oral French. Some senior boys, at the recent examination, besides replying in French, were able to write down in French the substance of a short address given them by Professor Blunt—one of them without mistake. The appointment of a Frenchman has greatly helped the French work.