TIMARU HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. G. A. Simmers, M.A.; Mr. T. A. H. Wing, M.A.; Mr. A. Talbot, B.A.; Mr. H. Amos; Sergeant-Major T. Jones. Girls' School.—Miss B. M. Watt, M.A.; Miss J. Mulholland, M.A.; Miss C. M. Cruickshank, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. W. Greene; Mr. J. Gillies; Miss Fyfe; Miss K. O'Brien; Mr. H. Amos; Sergeant-Major Jones.

1. Report of the Governors.

Notwithsanding the numerous changes in the staff of the boys' school the work of both schools was carried out in a highly satisfactory manner. These frequent changes in the staff seem to point to the conclusion that the salaries paid to the assistant masters are not sufficient to retain their services for a

reasonable length of time.

The chief event of the year has been the adoption of the Department's regulations for free places in secondary schools. As a result the attendance at both schools has considerably increased: the boys' school from forty-eight to seventy-two, the girls' from fifty-six to seventy-three. The Board found it necessary at the beginning of the year to appoint an additional teacher on the boys' side to take the charge of the commercial work of the school, and at the end of the year it was decided also to appoint another teacher to the girls' side. This latter appointment will enable the regular staff to take some subjects previously taught by visiting teachers. While the Board has thus met the demand for freer access to the schools in a most liberal spirit, it is doubtful whether the extra expenditure for salaries and incidentals and the large outlay for furniture caused by the influx of new pupils will be met by the Department's grants for free places.

Technical instruction continues to receive a large measure of attention in the schools. Twentytwo girls received instruction in cookery, twenty in dressmaking, forty-five boys and sixteen girls in shorthand and book-keeping, eigthy-two boys in swimming, and forty-five boys in woodwork. The number receiving instruction in woodwork was limited by the smallness of the workshop, and many had to be excluded on that account. During the year the Board applied to the Department for a grant for a building to accommodate forty boys at one time; and though the grant received was for a building to accommodate only twenty-four boys, the Board, in view of the immediate and future require-

ments of the school, decided to go on with the larger building which is now complete.

The only change in the personnel of the Board during the year was caused by the resignation of Mr. G. I. Hamilton, Mr. Robert Gillingham being elected to fill the vacancy. At the end of the year the Board consisted of Messrs. W. B. Howell (Chairman), R. H. Bowie, J. S. Gibson, R. Gillingham, B. R. MacDonald, and J. McCahon, the Rev. George Barclay, Dr. H. C. Barclay, and the Ven. Archdeacon

The protective works erected in the previous year on the Board's reserves proved so effective that the Board undertook a further and larger amount of work on similar lines during the past year.

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT OF	ACCOU	MINI	2 TC	of the real chara ofth Boothiser, ross	-		
Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
	2,316		8	Management			
Balance at beginning of year Current income from reserves	1 010	12	8	Office salary	70	0	0
Current income from reserves			·	Other office expenses	24	6	8
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid	70	5	0	Other expenses of management	37	15	6
purchase-money	000		ŏ	Travelling-expenses		0	6
School lees	4	8	3	Teachers' salaries and allowances	1,853	3	4
Interest on Savings-bank account			ŏ	Examinations—			
Refund South Canterbury Education Board		Ü	v	Examiners' fees	10		0
Receipts from Government—	14	19	0	Other expenses	2	16	6
Fittings for woodwork classes	177	0	ŏ	Scholarships	10	0	0
Capitation, " "	1 2 2		ŏ	Prizes	26	7	0
Capitation, free scholars	170	0	Ü	Printing, stationery, and advertising	86	4	2
				Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	106	19	1
				Books and stationery for sale to pupils, and			
				other temporary advances	1	4	4
				Purchases and new works (tennis-court)	26		0
				Fencing, repairs, &c	88	13	6
				Rates, insurance, and taxes	51	6	5
				Expenses of protective works	115	9	0
				Refund of fees	8	6	8
				Apparatus, technical classes	21	4	11
				Medical inspection	4	4	0
•				Sports Club	5	0	0
				Damage to crop, Milliken	3	0	0
				Balance at end of year—			
				Cash in hand	0	0	8
				Cash in bank 109 7 0			
				Less cheques out 18 0 6			
					91	6	в
					∫76	14	8
				Savings-bank account	75	7	2
				Fixed deposits	1,000		-
				On mortgage	1,000	0	0
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	£4,825	19	7	· · · · · ·	£4,825	12	7
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Wm. B. Howell, Chairman. J. H. Bamfield, Secretary and Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.