

## RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL.

## Staff.

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## 1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

*Buildings.*—A special Government grant of £300 enabled a much-needed extension to be made. A new class-room has been built, also private rooms for the headmaster and the mistresses; the entrance-porches have been enlarged, and existing lavatory accommodation improved. The whole interior has been painted, and a gymnasium 30 ft. by 20 ft. built. The total cost of all improvements to date is about £650.

*Distinctions.*—Considering the smallness of the school, a large number of examination successes are to be recorded. Two pupils gained Education Board Senior Scholarships, two passed the Matriculation Examination, four the Junior Civil Service Examination, and eleven the Continuation Examination, entitling them to a further two years' tenure of free places.

*Cadet Corps.*—A cadet corps has been formed. Uniforms, &c., costing over £130, have been paid for by subscription and the proceeds of a successful bazaar. There is no debt in connection with the corps. A week's camp of instruction was held in November. Major-General Babington, Commandant of the New Zealand Forces, who inspected the corps in December, said that it "promised to be one of the best, if not the best, cadet corps in the colony."

## 2. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1904.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year .. ..	91	19 10	Office expenses—		
Government capitation for free places (including third term, 1903) .. ..	673	15 4	Stamps .. ..	2	16 3
Government grant for building, furniture, &c. .. ..	300	0 0	Bank charges .. ..	0	15 0
Current income from reserves .. ..	157	5 6	Teachers' salaries and allowances—		
School fees .. ..	150	9 6	Headmaster .. ..	350	0 0
			Mistress .. ..	144	0 0
			Assistant mistress .. ..	100	7 6
			Printing, stationery, and advertising .. ..	12	2 0
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. .. ..	31	7 11
			Sanitation .. ..	4	18 3
			Buildings—		
			From Government grants .. ..	300	0 0
			From current revenue, including furniture .. ..	190	9 7
			Fencing, repairs, &c. .. ..	26	3 8
			Miscellaneous (rates, insurance, &c.) .. ..	5	12 6
			Interest on current account .. ..	1	0 6
			Contribution to Cadet Corps .. ..	20	0 0
			Balance at end of year .. ..	183	17 0
	<u>£1,373</u>	<u>10 2</u>		<u>£1,373</u>	<u>10 2</u>

J. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

ROBERT BALL, Secretary.

Examined and found correct, except that the "contribution of cadet corps, £20, is without authority of law.—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.

## 3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

*Highest.*—English—Nesfield's Grammar; Hales' Longer English poems; Hereward the Wake. Latin—Via Latina; Stedman's exercises; Cæsar, De Bello Gallico; Books I., II., and III. French—Chardenal, parts I. and II.; composition; miscellaneous translation. Arithmetic—Pendlebury, to approximations and contracted methods. Algebra—Hall and Knight, to quadratics; Tuckey; graphs, &c. Euclid—Hall and Stevens, Books I., II., and III., riders. Geometry—Baker and Bourne, Books I. and II. Botany—Murché and Evans, to Senior Education Board Scholarship Standard. English History—1603–1837, Meiklejohn and Gardiner. Roman history—Shuckburgh. Geography—Longmans' Part III. Book-keeping—Thornton's Manual.

*Lowest.*—English—Longmans' Junior Grammar and Composition. Latin—Macmillan's First Course. French—French without Tears; Chardenal, Part I. Arithmetic—Pendlebury, to fractions and decimals. Algebra—Hall and Knight, to division. Geometry—Exercises from Baker and Bourne. Botany—Murché; and simple experiments in plant-growth. History—Warner's Survey of British History. Geography—Longmans' Geography, Book II.

## CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

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## 1. REPORT.

A preparatory department was sanctioned by the Board, and young boys below the attainments of the Fifth Standard are received in it, and when they can pass the Fifth Standard they proceed to the main school.

The school roll at the end of 1904 was 219, of whom nineteen were in the Preparatory Class.

The Board gave free education to forty-eight pupils last year; two, however, resigned in the first term, and two later on in the year. In addition to these there were seven scholars provided for by the Board of Education.