

ASHBURTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. J. S. Tennant, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. C. F. Salmond, M.A.; Miss M. Connon, M.A.; Mr. T. W. Sandford; Mr. R. Meechan.

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

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Government Capitation—				Overdraft at beginning of year ..	194	17	3
For free places	403	5	0	Office salary	26	6	0
For manual and technical instruction ..	28	13	4	Other office expenses	4	3	1
Current income from reserves	588	11	3	Other expenses of management ..	11	17	2
School fees	97	13	0	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	636	5	0
Refund of law costs	1	1	0	Prizes	5	5	0
				Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	16	5	0
				Cleaning, fuel, light, &c... ..	43	19	3
				Fencing, repairs, &c.	20	15	3
				Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	5	10	6
				Interest on current account	13	7	0
				Woodwork classes	28	13	4
				Instruction physical culture	20	0	0
				Trap-hire	1	5	0
				Furniture and freight	36	14	7
				Breaking-up expenses	2	12	0
				Balance at end of year	51	8	2
	£1,119	3	7		£1,119	3	7

GEO. B. INGLIS, Chairman.

JOHN DAVISON, Secretary.

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

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—King Lear; L'Allegro; Il Penseroso; Lycidas; Nesfield's Grammar. Latin—Principia Latina; Sight Translations; Gallie War, Books I. and III.; Æneid, Book II. French—Chardenal, Book II.; Hachette's French Reader; Hachette's French Prose. Arithmetic—The subject as for Junior University Scholarship Examination. Algebra—Hall and Knight, to page 317; graphs. Geometry—Baker and Bourne, Books I. to IV. Roman History—Merivale and Puller. Geography—As for Matriculation Examination. Trigonometry—Pendlebury, to page 94. Drawing—Freehand, model, and geometrical, as for matriculation. Science—Botany as for matriculation.

Lowest.—English—Nature in New Zealand (Drummond); The Globe Poetry-book (Macmillan); Nesfield's Grammar. Latin—Principia Latina. French—Méthode Naturelle (Hogben). Arithmetic—As for Junior Civil Service Examination. Algebra—To simple equations. Geometry—Baker and Bourne, Books I. and II. Geography—Standard VI.; South America. History—History of British Colonial Empire. Botany—Root, stem, leaf, flower, and fruit. Book-keeping—Elements of ordinary double entry as for Junior Civil Service Examination. Shorthand—Pitman's Teacher. Drawing—Freehand and geometrical. Woodwork—Department's programme first year. Sewing—Advanced plain needlework.

TIMARU HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. G. A. Simmers, M.A.; Mr. R. H. Rockel, M.A.; Mr. G. T. Palmer; Mr. W. H. N. 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.; Miss E. M. Reid; Miss K. O'Brien; Sergeant-Major Jones.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The *personnel* of the Board is the same as for the preceding year.

Again the work of the boys' school has been greatly interfered with by numerous staff changes. The Board regrets that its popular headmaster, Mr. G. A. Simmers, was so ill during the year that he was compelled to absent himself from work on several occasions, and that finally, by direction of his medical advisers, he had to ask for extended leave in order to take a trip to the Old Country. On the whole the efficiency of the Girls' school has been well maintained, and the Board has reason to be more than satisfied with the progress made, and with the results of the various examinations in which the school has been represented.

The Board regrets that the Department has not yet made arrangements for a regular and systematic examination of secondary schools.

The attendance at the schools has again materially increased, the numbers for the last term of the year being—boys, 93; girls, 95; showing increases of 21 and 22 respectively over those of 1903. The numbers of free pupils included in the above are—boys, 85; girls, 75; total, 160; so that the number of pupils that paid fees for the last term was only 28.

The increased attendance has been such as to tax the capacity of the present buildings to the utmost, and, if there is in the future a further increase it will be necessary either to add to the present structure, or, what would be preferable, to build a new and separate institution for the girls in some other part of the town. This matter has engaged the attention of the Board during the year, and also the question of providing a boardinghouse.