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Receipts.	£	s.	đ.	Expenditure.		£	ø.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	204		0	Management—Office salaries		100	0.	0
Government capitation—				Teachers' salaries-				-
For free places	228			Main School		3,670	7.	. 0
For manual and technical instruction	15	15	0	Preparatory School			10	0
Current income from reserves	3,659	2	11	Examiners' fees		2	2	0
School fees—				Other examination expenses	• •		13	
Main School	1,204			Scholarships	• •	15	0	0
Preparatory School	148			Prizes		36	7	9
Interest on current account		4		Class material	• •	. 40	5	8
Sale of benches and old fencing-materials	5	10	0		ınd			_
				books	• •	148		.7
				Cleaning, fuel, light, &c	• •	50		0
				New works	• •	40		0
				Renewals, fittings, &c		49		2
				Miscellaneous—Insurance		_		0
				Inspecting reserves	• •	113		.8
				Interest on Loan Account, £5,000	• •		- 0	-
				Grants to Sports Fund and cadet corps		75	-	0
				Rent of section (playground)	• •		11	
				Sundry expenses	• •	60		
				Balance at end of year	• •	615	4	7
	£5,479	2	10			£5,479	2	10
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G. W. Russell, Chairman. A. Cracroft Wilson, Registrar.

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

## CHRISTCHURCH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Miss M. V. Gibson, M.A.; Miss C. K. Henderson, B.A.; Miss M. B. Hay; Miss F. Sheard, M.A. B.Sc.; Miss K. M. Gresson, M.A.; Mrs. C. V. Loughton, M.A.; Miss E. T. Crosby, B.A.; Miss E. L. Cull, M.A.; Miss L. Bing, B.A.; Miss N. Gardner; Miss A. Rennie; Miss H. L. Smith; Miss E. Easterbrook; Mr. C. H. Gilby; Sergeant major Farthing.

## 1. REPORT OF THE LADY PRINCIPAL.

As the new regulations (October, 1905) of the Secondary Schools Act came into force at the beginning of the year, in addition to pupils holding junior free places, duly qualified applicants were for the first time admitted to senior free places. Twenty-three premium pupils of the school and three new applicants were admitted under this qualification. This had the effect of increasing the size of the upper forms of the school, the roll-number for the three terms being 171, 177, and 189. The provisions for free secondary education throughout the school course are thus now in

full working-order in this school, and promise to give good results.

The tendency noticed last year on the part of holders of junior free places to resign these before the completion of the two-years tenure has not continued, and it is satisfactory to note that almost all completed the course and sat for the Senior Free Place Examination, or offered reasonable explanations for not doing so. The syllabus of work, however, required for this examination is too extensive to be thoroughly mastered in the space of two years unless the whole school week were devoted to the five, or at most six, subjects chosen for this examination. As this specialisation of subjects does not seem desirable in the real interests of education, especially in the case of a girls' school, such restriction of subjects was not allowed, and consequently the percentage of passes in the Senior Free Place Examination was not high, 16 passing out of 37. There is therefore in a large number of cases a break of one year in the continuity of the free-place system.

In December the year's work of the Sixth Upper Form in English and Latin was examined by Professor Wall and Mr. C. F. Bourne, M.A., respectively, for the purpose of awarding the Helen Macmillan Brown Memorial Prize, the marks in Latin ranging from 52 per cent. to 71 per cent. (average 64 per cent.), and in English from 43 per cent. to 63 per cent. (average 52 per cent.).

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No other part of the school was examined individually by outside examiners, but the technical classes were inspected at the end of the first term by Mr. Isaac, and the whole school was seen at work on the 10th and 11th October by Dr. W. J. Anderson.

In the December public examinations four pupils gained both Junior University Scholarship and Senior National Scholarships, and, as two elected to take up the latter, a fifth scholarship (Junior University) was awarded to another pupil who came fourth on the Credit List. Fourteen entered for Matriculation, and 12 passed. Two passed the Medical Preliminary Examination, 12 the Junior Civil Service, 10 of whom were placed in the Credit List. Another pupil headed the list of successful candidates for the North Canterbury Education Board Senior Scholarship, and 16 pupils qualified on the Senior Free Place Examination.

The general health of the scholars was good, and the average attendance—167—satisfactory.

The event of the year of most vital importance to the school was the passing of the Government grant of £3,000 for the urgently needed increased accommodation. The work will be set in hand at once, and will give five additional up-to-date class-rooms, and a proper science-room. This will allow a much needed subdivision and rearrangement of classes, and give very much improved facilities for practical science work.