

## 1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

*The School.*—At the beginning of the year 381 boys and 219 girls were in the two schools, of whom 335 boys and 199 girls held free places under the regulations, and for whose tuition the Government paid at the rate of £9 5s. capitation for each of the three terms. The Board at the end of the year removed the girls' school to the new school building in Howe Street erected for them, on which there was spent up to the end of 1908 £11,079 5s. 5d., of which the Government has provided £5,000, and has promised £1,000 for the formation of grounds, fencing, and furniture. The Hon. the Minister of Education has kindly consented to formally open it before the Easter holidays.

The boys' school has thus now room to accommodate some 500 pupils as it did in 1905.

The work of the girls' school during the year 1908 was, as in the previous year, much hampered by being carried on in two separate buildings, several of the classes being held in St. Paul's schoolroom.

*Mistresses.*—In October Miss Blades was granted leave of absence by the Board till the end of the year. The staff was joined on the 14th October, 1908, by Miss F. E. A. Grellet, who arrived from London, and entered upon her duties as French and German mistress, to which position she was appointed in London on behalf of the Board by the Hon. W. P. Reeves, High Commissioner for New Zealand. It is a good appointment, like all the others the honourable gentleman has made for the Board during his term of office. Miss Grellet studied at Newham College, Cambridge, and at Paris.

*Distinctions.*—At the examinations of December, 1908, three pupils of the boys' school (A. B. Jameson, R. H. Melville, C. J. Hosking) gained Junior University Scholarships; P. S. Smale and N. M. Jones qualified for Senior National Scholarships; and 4 others passed with credit. Thirty-five passed matriculation and 5 others the medical preliminary. Forty-eight passed the Civil Service Junior Examination, and 53 qualified for senior free places. Fifteen gained senior district scholarships under the Auckland Education Board.

Of former pupils of the boys' school, R. C. Maclaurin has obtained the degree of D.Sc. at Cambridge, and F. C. Tibbs that of D.D.S. of the University of Pennsylvania, and R. H. Walton has qualified as F.R.C.S., Edinburgh. A. E. Moore, P. McNab, F. H. Holmden, C. B. Tudehope, J. F. Brown won medals in the medical school of the University of Edinburgh. S. N. Ziman, Rhodes Scholar of 1908, has been awarded an honorary mathematical scholarship at Balliol College, Oxford.

The results of the examinations held in December, 1908, for the girls' school are as follows: 45 passed matriculation, 19 passed the Junior Civil Service with distinction, and 43 others gained senior free places. Three gained Senior District Scholarships under the Auckland Education Board.

Miss H. M. Northcroft, an old pupil of the school, gained her M.B., C.M., in Edinburgh, and was Clark Medallist for the year.

Several prizes were won in the girls' school at the oral examination held by the Auckland French Club.

The usual distribution of prizes took place in the Choral Hall on the 19th December, 1908: 48 prizes were given to the girls, 60 to the boys; their total cost was some £60. Two prizes were again given by Mr. J. P. Hooton for English essays and one for practical chemistry by Mr. P. M. Mackay, J.P.

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

*Highest—Boys' School:* English—Nesfield, English, Past and Present; Pope, Rape of the Lock; Goldsmith, Citizen of the World; Shakespeare, Hamlet; Chaucer, Prologue. Latin—Livy, IX; Virgil, VI; Cicero's Letters (Tyrell); Horace, Odes, I; Cicero, Pro Cluentio. French—Rey's French Composition and Idioms; L'Anneau d'Argent; Berthou's Selection of French Verse. Mathematics—Todhunter and Loney's Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Geometry; Hall and Knight's Trigonometry; Ward's Trigonometrical Exercises. Heat—Edser's Heat for Advanced Students. Chemistry—Tilden's Practical Chemistry. *Girls' School:* English—Literature—Macbeth, Macaulay's Essay on Warren Hastings, Samson Agonistes, Spenser's Faery Queene, Nesfield's Past and Present. Latin—Virgil's Æneid, Book VI; Horace, Odes, Book I; Cicero's Select Letters; Livy, Books XXI, XXII; Bradley's Arnold; North and Hillard; Postgate's New Latin Primer; Roman Antiquities (Wilkins); Stuckburgh's History of Rome for Beginners. French—Quatre-vingt-troize; Modern French Poetry; Wall's Concise French Grammar; Rey's Composition. Botany—Scott's Flowering and Flowerless Plants, Groom's Botany. Mathematics—Geometry, Baker and Browne; algebra, Todhunter and Loney; Jones and Cheyne; arithmetic, School (Workman's); trigonometry, Borchardt; mechanics, Jessop; heat, Glazebrook.

*Lowest.—Boys' School:* English—Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar; Temple Reader; Scott, Lay of the Last Minstrel. Latin—Macmillan's Latin Course, Part I; Invasion of Britain. French—Macmillan's French Course, First Year; Javau's Elementary French Reading-book. Geography—Longmans' Geography, The World. Arithmetic—Loney and Granville's Arithmetic. Mathematics—Longmans' Elementary Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Geometry. *Girls' School:* English Literature—Temple Reader, Lay of Last Minstrel, The Heroes; Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar. Latin—Macmillan's First Latin Course. French—Macmillan's First French Course; Scenes from Child-life; conversational work done by means of pictures; course of phonetics. Botany—Experimental work, general descriptions of plants, flowers, and simple physiology. Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Geometry; algebra, Longmans'; arithmetic, Borchardt's Junior. History—Arabella Buckley's History of England. Geography—Longmans' Geography, Part II.