

The work of the school for the year was carried out in a very satisfactory manner. Six pupils passed the Matriculation Examination, and twelve passed the Junior Civil Service Examination, three with credit.

Staff.—The staff remains the same as the previous year, but it is expected that the increased attendance will warrant the appointment of an additional assistant master next year.

School Attendance.—The attendance showed a considerable increase on that of the previous year, there being a total enrolment of 124, with an average attendance of 110.

The curriculum has been strengthened by the provision of instruction in shorthand and systematic physical drill, while the classes in woodwork, cookery, and dressmaking have been maintained as previously. Next year it is contemplated to provide instruction in typewriting.

School Grounds.—The grounds of the school have been greatly improved by removing trees, levelling, fencing, and asphaltting, and are now in excellent order.

The school was inspected in June by Dr. Anderson, Assistant Inspector-General of Schools.

JOSHUA TUCKER, Chairman.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English (Upper VI).—English literature—Life and works of most prominent authors and poets from 449 to 1850, with extracts from the best-known of their works; Nesfield's Historical English and Derivation, pages 1-149, 173-79, 252-58; Nesfield's Manual, revised; set works—Henry Esmond, with notes on it and the author's life and works; a résumé of each of the latter; Selections from Tennyson, with notes; life and works of Tennyson (metre, diction, &c., of poems); Anglo-Saxon Primer (Sweet) translated; Second Middle English Primer; Chaucer's Prologue, translated. Arithmetic—Goyen's Higher Arithmetic, revised. Geometry—Baker and Bourne's, Books I to IV, inclusive, revised; and Books V, VI, VII, taken with chief exercises thereon. Algebra—Hall and Knight's Algebra used, and work taken to end of permutations and combinations, page 328; graphs, taken from Baker and Bourne's Geometry. Trigonometry—Pendlebury, to page 208. Heat—Glazebrook, chapters 1-12, excluding 11. Botany—As for Junior University Scholarship and Matriculation; Cavers's Plant Biology. Latin—Caesar de Bello Gallico, IV; Virgil, *Æneid*, VIII; Cicero, *De Officiis*, III, to chapter 9; Longmans' Latin Prose; Unseens; Roman History and Antiquities. French—Siepmann, Part II; Matriculation French Course (Weekley); Exercises from Tutorial French Composition; M. Pinson; Picciola; phonetics.

Lowest.—English—Ivanhoe and Marmion, Canto I; Nesfield's Junior Composition, chapters 2 and 3; elementary parsing, analysis, and synthesis; essays. Latin—Longmans' Latin Course, to deponent verbs. French—Siepmann, Part I. Algebra—Baker and Bourne, to page 93. Geometry—Baker and Bourne, propositions of Book I and practical work. Arithmetic—Goyen's Higher Arithmetic, to page 141. Science—Elementary agriculture as for Junior Civil Service syllabus. Book-keeping—Grierson, to page 50. Shorthand—Greig's Handbook. Woodwork, cooking, dressmaking, according to Department's course.

3. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>				<i>£ s. d.</i>		
<i>Government capitation—</i>					<i>Dr. balance at beginning of year</i>						
For free places .. .. .	..	..	1,062	9	2	<i>Management—</i>			
<i>Under Manual and Technical Instruction</i>					Office salary						
Regulations .. .. .	..	..	27	7	6	Other office expenses			
<i>Current income from reserves</i>					Teachers' salaries and allowances.. .. .						
School fees .. .. .	..	..	754	6	4	Prizes			
<i>Other receipts—</i>					Printing, stationery, and advertising						
Government Accident Insurance .. .. .	..	..	0	5	3	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.			
Old iron sold .. .. .	..	..	2	17	6	Maintenance of classes for manual instruction			
Dr. balance at end of year .. .. .	..	..	1,284	8	8	Purchases and new works			
						Fencing, repairs, &c.					
						Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)					
						Interest on current account					
						<i>Other expenditure—</i>					
						Bank charge					
						Tools for caretaker					
						Towels, ladder, and cutting trees					
						Water-supply					
						Inspection of reserves					
						Milk-separator					
			<u>£3,171</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>				<u>£3,171</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

<i>Assets.</i>				<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>Liabilities.</i>				<i>£ s. d.</i>		
Rents of reserves (outstanding) .. .. .	..	..	56	4	0	<i>Dr. balance due bank</i>			
Capitation due from Education Department											
(third term) .. .. .	..	..	406	5	0				
School furniture (estimated) .. .. .	..	..	327	0	0				
			<u>£789</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>				<u>£1,284</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

JOSHUA TUCKER, Chairman.
JOHN DAVISON, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.