

RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

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I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

During the past year the school has continued to make a very satisfactory advance, both as regards increased attendance and successful work. The increase of the teaching staff, made last year, has proved to be thoroughly warranted, and a more comprehensive programme of work is now arranged.

The school has done well in the various examinations, the percentage of passes comparing favourably with larger schools. A pupil of the school took a prominent place as a winner of a Junior University Scholarship, while another pupil won an Australasian Military Scholarship, and is now training for an officer's career at Duntroon, New South Wales.

The agricultural science classes have been taken up enthusiastically by pupils who intend following agricultural or pastoral pursuits, and the section where the students work is now making an excellent display of well-grown products. The work done has been favourably commended by officers of the Agricultural Department.

The school boardinghouse has proved a great success ; so much so that the Board has been obliged to build a new dining-room and kitchen.

The inspection report on the work of the school is again very satisfactory.

Towards the end of 1911 the Board arranged to take over the control of technical education in this portion of North Canterbury, and it is hoped that the new arrangement will considerably benefit the cause of Education.

The High School cadets have maintained their reputation for efficiency ; and the cricket and football teams have kept up the credit of the school in the field.

From present indications the attendance at the school, in 1912, promises to be the largest on record.

ROBERT BALL, Chairman.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—Matriculation standard : Nesfield's English Grammar and Composition ; Literature, Midsummer Night's Dream, Silas Marner, and representative English poems. Latin—Matriculation standard : Via Latina ; Longmans', Part II ; Gallic War, Book VII ; and miscellaneous exercises. French—Matriculation standard : Weekley's French Prose Composition ; Hossfeldt's French Grammar ; translations. Arithmetic—Pendlebury, the whole book, as for Matriculation. Algebra—Baker and Bourne's Algebra, to quadratic equations, problems and graphs based on quadratics : Matriculation standard. Geometry—Baker and Bourne's Geometry, Books I—IV, with practical exercises in simple surveying, &c. Botany—Matriculation standard : Evans's Botany ; Practical work ; study of life of plants ; plants' physiology, &c. Physical measurements—As for Civil Service Junior Examination ; metric system of weights and measures, use of balance, principles of machines, specific gravity, specific and latent heat, thermometry, air-pressures, Boyle's law, &c. Agriculture—General principles : soil, methods of improvement—tillage, manuring, &c. Practical : manurial and variety tests carried out for the Department of Agriculture, growth of seeds, study of grasses, &c., analyses of manures and fertilizers. History and geography—As for Matriculation.

Lowest.—English—Composition, correction of sentences, punctuation, and dictation exercises ; grammar, Nesfield, to end of chapter on verbs ; literature, Gray's Elergy, the Deserted Village, Defoe's Journal of the Plague, Anson's Voyage round the World. Latin—Longman's Latin Course, Part I, to end of active verbs. French—Chardenal, and Siepmann, Part I, up to irregular verbs ; easy composition and translation. Arithmetic—Simple rules ; decimals ; approximation and contracted methods ; profit and loss ; interest ; problems. Algebra—Baker and Bourne, to simultaneous equations. Geometry—Baker and Bourne, Props. 1-17, with copious practical exercises in mensuration, &c. ; use of compass, clinometer, plane table, &c. Botany—Parts of plant germination, pollination, &c., and practical work based on the theoretical part.

CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. C. E. Bevan-Brown, M.A. ; Mr. B. K. S. Lawrence, B.A. ; Mr. W. Walton, B.A. ; Mr. R. M. Laing, M.A., B.Sc. ; Mr. A. Merton ; Mr. T. H. Jackson, B.A. ; Mr. R. J. Thompson, B.A. ; Mr. M. C. Gudex, M.A. ; Mr. H. O. Craddock ; Mr. R. H. Biggar, B.A. ; Mr. L. G. Whitehead ; Mr. T. G. Gurnsey ; Mr. R. W. Webster ; Sergeant-major Hoare ; Mr. T. W. Cane, M.A. ; Mr. A. Merton ; Monsieur Malaquin ; Mr. T. S. Tankard ; Miss Digby.

I. REPORT OF THE ACTING HEADMASTER.

The school roll at the end of the year was 200, including 13 in the preparatory class.

In December, 1911, there were 8 candidates for Junior University Scholarships and Barrister's Examinations, 20 for Matriculation, 2 for Engineering, 54 for Education Board Senior Scholarships, Junior Civil Service, or Senior Free Place Examinations.

In the University Examinations, 1 boy won a Junior University Scholarship, 1 a Senior National and 1 declined a Gammack Scholarship, 4 were placed on the credit list, and 15 passed the Matriculation.

In the December examinations 3 boys won Senior Board Scholarships and 26 passed the Junior Civil Service or Senior Free Place examination, 4 being on the credit list.