

total, seventy-three. That seventy-three out of a roll number of 221 should succeed in passing the various examinations so creditably is a proof that the teachers are doing good work, and that the intelligence of the scholars is above the average.

The High School proper and the various outbuildings are in excellent order, and the grounds are a credit alike to the institution and the gardener. I would, however, suggest to the Board the advisability of transforming the unsightly gravel-pit into a place of beauty, so as to bring the Rangitikei line frontage into line with the rest of the grounds. An expenditure of £50 would do wonders with this frontage.

*Baths.*—During the year under review very adequate swimming-baths have been erected. The completion of the baths has added still another necessity to an up-to-date school, and the work has been rendered possible by the splendid generosity of the parents and others interested in the progress of the school.

*Girls' School.*—I regret that the negotiations for the acquirement of 5 acres of land in Grey Street for a site to establish a girls' school have come to an abrupt conclusion, owing to the fact that the land is set aside for primary education. I trust that during the coming year some arrangement will be made with the Department to transfer the land for the purposes of secondary education. The question of how this matter is to be placed before Parliament is worthy of consideration at an early date.

*College House.*—The boarding establishment is becoming more and more popular, the average for last year being thirty-five, as against twenty-one for the previous year. The question of finally arranging for the acquirement of these buildings, and their further extension to meet present requirements, will soon have to be considered and dealt with.

*Funds.*—The funds of the High School are in a healthy condition, and when all the year's capita- tion is received there will be sufficient to pay all liabilities, including the balance owing on the swimming-bath.

Permission has been given the Rector to take an extended holiday in the United Kingdom, leaving in the month of March, and Mr. Murray has been appointed Acting-Rector during his absence. Mr. Foote, first assistant since the establishment of the school, secured an appointment as Rector of the Gisborne High School, and his retirement necessitated the advancement of Mr. Murray to first assistant, and the appointment of a second assistant as science master.

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

*Highest.*—English—Nesfield's Manual, Past and Present; Palgrave's Golden Treasury; Milton, Samson Agonistes, Lycidas, L'Allegro, Il Penseroso; Shakespeare, Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet; Macaulay's Essay on Milton; selections from Chaucer and Middle English writers; selected essays; Life and Works of Robert Browning, Charles Dickens; essay work, precis, criticisms. Mathematics—Arithmetic, Pendlebury's New School Arithmetic; algebra, Baker and Bourne, Parts I and III; geometry, Baker and Bourne, Books I–VII; trigonometry, Pendlebury's larger book. Latin—Livy, 24; Horace, Odes, I; Arnold, Latin Prose Composition; Liddell's Selected Grammar Papers; Unscens from Rivington and Dies Romani; Tutorial History of Rome; Antiquities from Res Romanae. French—Siepmann's Translation, Part III; Siepmann's Grammar; Wellington College French Grammar; Duhamel's Advanced Composition; Molière, L'Avare; Merimée, Colomba; selections from modern French verse; unscens; Journal des Débats. Science—Electricity and Magnetism, Poyser and Allanach; heat, Wright; hygiene, Reynolds.

*Lowest.*—English—Nesfield's Outline of English Grammar, Parts I–IV; Nesfield's Junior Course of English Composition; Great Authors, Second Period; Meiklejohn's Spelling-book. Geography—Longmans', Book II, The World. History—Warner's Brief Survey of British History. Arithmetic—Zealandia, Standard VI. Algebra—Baker and Bourne, Part I, to p. 144. Geometry—Baker and Bourne, Books I and II. French—Siepmann's Primary French Course, Part I. Latin—Macmillan's Shorter Latin Course, Part I. Science—Physical measurements; agriculture, Evans's Botany, practical agriculture; dairying, as per Junior Civil Service syllabus; chemistry, as per Junior Civil Service syllabus; home science, as per Junior Civil Service syllabus. Shorthand—Pitman's Teacher. Book-keeping—Thornton's First Lessons in Book-keeping.

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## 1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Board of Governors of Wellington College and Girls' High School has to report continued good progress of the institutions under their charge.