

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest. — English — Shakespeare: Henry IV (Part I), *Midsummer Nights Dream*; selections from De Quincey; readings from Stobart's *Epochs of English Literature*; Lee, *Historical English Grammar*; Williams's *English Grammar and Composition*; notes on grammar and literature as for University Entrance Scholarship. Latin—Sallust, *Catiline*; Horace, *Odes, II*; Vergil, *Georgics, IV*; Dalton's Scholarship Translation; Unseens; Bradley's *Arnold*; Spragge's *Latin Prose*; Gildersleeve-Lodge's *Latin Grammar*; history and antiquities; prosody. French—Siepmann, Part III; *Le Roi des Montagnes*; Unseens; Weekley's *Matriculation French Course*; Siepmann's *Short Grammar*; Rey's *French Composition*; proses; phonetics. Mathematics—Arithmetic, the whole subject, Goyen's *Advanced Course*; algebra (Baker and Bourne, and Hall and Knight), to end of permutations and combinations; geometry, (Baker and Bourne), to end of Book VII; trigonometry (Bridgett and Hyslop) to end of solution of triangles. Botany—As for University Entrance Scholarship: Dendy and Lucas, and Lowson. Heat—As for University Entrance Scholarship: Stewart's *Matriculation Heat*, with additional notes. History—As for University Entrance Scholarship.

Lowest.—English—Hereward the Wake; selections from Browning; *The Coverley Papers*; poetry for repetition; Macmillan's *Senior History Reader*; Jones's *First English Course*; analysis; parsing; punctuation; paraphrasing; essays; spelling; and dictation. Latin—Longmans' *Latin Course*, to p. 156; *Ora Maritima*, to Chapter 25. French—Siepmann's *French Course, Part I*. Arithmetic—Goyen's *Arithmetic*; stocks; alligation; partnerships; interest; profit and loss; square and cube root; mensuration; miscellaneous examples; book-keeping. Geometry—Baker and Bourne, Book I, to proposition 20, with easy exercises; practical work. Algebra—Baker and Bourne, to problems on simultaneous equations; graphs. Agriculture—Kirk's *Elementary Agriculture*; practical and experimental work in field and laboratory. Botany—Evans's *Botany*, to p. 200; field and practical work. Book-keeping—Grierson's *Book-keeping*. Shorthand—Gregg's *Shorthand*. Typewriting—Rational typewriting. Woodwork and cookery—According to Department's syllabus. Elementary Chemistry and Physics—Properties and states of matter; properties and structure of solids; effect of heat on solids; Boyle's Law; barometer, thermometer; siphon; hydrogen; oxygen; carbon dioxide.

TIMARU BOYS' AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOLS.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. W. Thomas, M.A., Rector; Mr. A. G. Tait, B.A.; Mr. W. F. J. Munro, M.A.; Mr. D. O'Connor, M.A.; Mr. E. A. Cockroft, Partial B.Sc.

Girls' School.—Miss B. M. Watt, M.A.; Miss J. Mulholland, M.A.; Miss F. J. W. Hodges, M.A.; Miss E. M. Reid; Miss M. Stuart.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

In accordance with the provisions of section 98 of the Education Act, 1908, I have pleasure in reporting on the proceedings of the Board of Governors for the year ending the 31st December, 1913.

Board.—The Board consists of ten members—namely, Messrs. John Bitchener (Chairman), R. Bowie, George Dash, D. Grant, F. A. Raymond, K. Mackenzie, J. McCahon, E. Macdonald, Dr. G. E. Gabities, and Ven. Archdeacon Jacob. Twelve meetings were held during the year for the conduct of ordinary business.

Teaching Staff.—Mr. W. Thomas, M.A., was appointed to fill the position of Rector, which had been resigned by Mr. G. A. Simmers owing to ill health. During the year Mr. A. G. Tait, B.A., took up the position of first assistant in place of Mr. R. H. Rockel, resigned. Messrs. D. O'Connor and E. A. Cockroft were also added to the staff as junior masters. In the Girls' School the only change was the appointment of Miss Margaret Ronaldson, B.Sc., as third assistant in place of Miss E. M. Reid, who had resigned after many years of faithful service.

Attendance.—The attendances at both the Boys' and Girls' Schools were very satisfactory. In the case of the Boys' School, forty-five new pupils were enrolled for the first term.

Examinations.—The majority of the candidates presented for the various examinations proved successful, three boys obtaining Junior University Scholarships.

Buildings.—During the year the erection of the handsome new school building for the boys was completed. This is now one of the best-equipped schools in the Dominion. A fives-court and observatory were also erected during the year. The pressure on the Rectory became so great towards the end of the year that the Board decided to provide further accommodation for about twenty extra resident pupils. This work was put in hand, but had not been completed at the close of the year.

Financial.—A perusal of the statement of accounts for the year shows the Board to be in a sound position financially.

JOHN BITCHENER, Chairman.

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Boys' School.

Highest.—Latin—Tutorial Latin Grammar; Tutorial Matriculation Selections; Walters, *Hints on Latin Composition*; Livy, Book IV; Oxford Latin Texts for Unseen Work; Shuckburgh's *Roman History*; Coleridge, *Res Romanæ*. French—Tutorial French Grammar; Weekley's *French Prose Composition*; Half-hours with Modern Authors, Part II; Dumas, *Vingt Ans Après*; Hugo, *Notre Dame de Paris*; Pellissier's *French Unseens for Upper Forms*. English—Six of Shakespeare's plays; Williams's *Grammar and Composition*; Nesfield's *Historical English Grammar*; some of chief works of leading poets (including Wordsworth, Shelley, Byron, Keats, and Tennyson); Chaucer, *Prologue*;