

*Lowest.*—English—Literature, *Midsummer Night's Dream*; Reader, Poetry, Poetica (Ridges); Grammar, Nesfield's Aids to Study and Composition of English; Geography, Pitman's Commercial; History, Given and Bewsher, Junior British History. French—Hogben, *Méthode Naturelle*, Part I. Latin—Longmans' Part I; Sonnenschein, *Ora Maritima*. Mathematics—Arithmetic, Pendlebury, fractions, decimals, ratio, proportion, areas, cubic content, percentages, profit and loss, interest; algebra, Baker and Bourne, to simultaneous equations, graphs; geometry, Barnard and Child, twenty-four propositions, experimental work. Science—Botany, Laurie's Introduction to Botany and Elementary Botany, 1 to 5; Shorthand, Pitman's Short Course; Book-keeping, Bolton's Business Book-keeping.

### GORE HIGH SCHOOL.

#### Staff.

Messrs. Joseph Hunter, M.A.; J. Ernest Strachan, M.A.; John H. Murdoch, M.A.; Matthew Alexander, M.Sc.; Misses Helen P. Kerse, M.A.; Mary J. Kennedy; Mr. J. McGregor.

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

*Highest.*—English—Shakespeare, *Coriolanus*; Gray's Poems; Goldsmith, *Vicar of Wakefield*, *Deserted Village*, *Traveller*; Johnson, *Life of Pope*; Murison's *English Composition*, Part II; Nesfield's *Historical English and Derivation*; Palgrave, *Golden Treasury*. Latin—Bradley, *Arnold's Latin Composition*; Merivale and Pullar's *Roman History*; Wilkins, *Roman Antiquities*; Virgil, *Æneid*, Book II; Horace, *Odes*, Book I; Livy, Book XXIV. French—Wellington College French Grammar; Vecqueray's *French Examination Papers*; Berthon's *Specimens of Modern French Prose*; Berthon's *Specimens of Modern French Verse*; Molière, *L'Avare*; Weekley's *French Prose Composition*. Mathematics—Workman's *Arithmetic*; Hall and Knight's *Algebra*; Hall and Stevens's *Geometry*; Pendlebury's *Trigonometry*. Science—Senter's *Inorganic Chemistry*; Magnetism and Electricity, Brooks and Poyser.

*Lowest.*—English—Palgrave, *Golden Treasury*; Dickens, *Tale of Two Cities*; Carman's *Functions of Words*; Shakespeare, *Tempest*; Bennett's *New English Spelling and Dictation Book*; Kenny's *Composition from English Models*, Book I. Latin—*Elementa Latina*; Beresford's *First Latin Reader*. French—Longmans' *Modern French Course*. Mathematics—Workman's *Arithmetic* (omitting harder examples); Hall and Knight's *Algebra*, to p. 107; Hall and Stevens's *Geometry*, to p. 78. Geography—Wallis's *First Book of General Geography*. History—Meiklejohn's *History of England and Great Britain*. Science—Laurie's *Text Book of Elementary Botany*; *Elementary Electricity and Magnetism*, Hadley; *Practical Exercises in Electricity and Magnetism*, Hadley; *Exercises in Practical Physics*, Gregory and Simmons. Commercial Pupils—Thornton's *Primer of Book-keeping*; Thornton's *Easy Exercises in Book-keeping*; Æsop's *Fables*, in shorthand; Pitman's *Shorthand Commercial Course*; Mills's *Elementary Commercial Geography*; Bower's *Mental Arithmetic and Tot Book*.

### SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

#### Staff.

*Boys' School.*—Messrs. Thomas D. Pearce, M.A.; John Williams, B.Sc.; J. P. Dakin, B.A.; J. S. McGrath, B.A.; J. B. Struthers, M.A.; A. S. Reid; John Page; J. W. Dickson.

*Girls' School.*—Misses Nancy Jobson, M.A.; M. H. M. King, M.A.; G. L. Opie, M.A., M.Sc.; M. F. Dale, M.A.; H. Smith, M.A.; A. Watt, B.A.; A. L. Loudon, M.A.; Messrs. John Page; J. W. Dickson; Miss Rhoda Wilson; Mr. Charles Gray.

#### I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

I have the honour, on behalf of the above Board, to submit the following report for the year ending 31st December, 1914:—

*The Board.*—At the end of the year the Board members were—Messrs. William Macalister, B.A., LL.B., and W. N. Stirling, representing the Education Board; Messrs. R. A. Anderson and A. F. Hawke, appointed by the Governor, and His Worship the Mayor, Mr. D. Macfarlane. In January Mr. Macalister was re-elected Chairman. The Board held twelve meetings during the year, the average attendance of members being 3.4.

*Teaching Staffs and Salaries.*—The staff of the Boys' School at the end of the year was the same as for the previous year, except that Mr. A. S. Reid replaced Mr. P. Edmondson, B.A., who left for Gisborne in June. Of the Girls' School staff, Misses E. Law, M.A., and V. C. Farnie, M.A., resigned early in the year, their places being filled by the appointment of Miss Henrietta Smith, M.A., and Miss Alice Watt, B.A. At the end of the year Mr. W. Cody, B.Sc., was appointed as an additional assistant in the Boys' School, to begin duties in February, 1915. This extra assistant was necessary owing to the increased roll number. The new Education Act provides for increased payments to the Board as capitation for free pupils, but requires in return the payment of increased salaries to the teachers, and the Board welcomes the changes thus made, more especially as it has felt that the teachers, with their high academic qualifications, really deserve better remuneration for their services. The salaries of all the assistants were increased during the year.

*Attendance.*—The average attendances for the year were—Boys, 173; Girls, 145; total, 318. The numbers for 1913 were—Boys, 148; girls, 140; total, 288. The numbers of new pupils enrolled during the year were—Boys, 86; girls, 64; total, 150; which compare favourably with the numbers for the previous year—52, 53, and 105 respectively. These increases are gratifying to the Board and show that parents appreciate the work done in the schools, and the value of a good secondary education.