

Plans for the Boys' High School have been prepared, and tenders received, which will be laid before the Board to-day. It will take twelve months to complete the buildings. When ready for occupation, it is anticipated a competent staff of teachers will be ready to enter on their duties. The site for the High School at Timaru has not yet been decided on, but negotiations are now in progress.

A sum of money was voted last session of the Assembly for the establishment of a School of Mines. Orders have been sent to England, Germany, and Victoria for models and metallurgical specimens. Letters have been written to Professor von Hochstetter, Mr. Thureau, of Victoria, and the Registrar of the School of Mines, London, requesting their kind assistance in the selection of the articles required. It was not thought advisable to make arrangements for engaging a lecturer until after receipt of the apparatus ordered.

The estimates of income and expenditure for the year ending 30th June are on the table. Having given a summary of what has been done in the past year, I trust I may not be considered going beyond the proper limits if I express a hope that this Board will favourably consider the expediency of establishing a School of Art as a department of the College. I will not use any arguments to prove the great value of such a school, as very shortly the subject will be brought formally before the Board; but, at the close of one year and the commencement of another, I thought a matter of such importance might with propriety be mentioned.

No. 2.

EXTRACT FROM THE PROSPECTUS FOR 1878.

Chairman of the Board of Governors.—William Montgomery, M.H.R.

Professors.—J. M. Brown, M.A., late Snell Exhibitioner, Ball. Coll., Oxon.: Classics and English Literature. C. H. H. Cook, M.A., late Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge: Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. A. W. Bickerton, F.C.S., Associate and late Senior Queen's Scholar, Royal School of Mines: Chemistry and Physics. Julius von Haast, Ph. D., F.R.S.: Geology and Palæontology.

Lecturers.—Llewellyn Powell, M.D., F.L.S.: Biology. C. J. Foster, LL.D., and late Member of Senate of the University of London: Jurisprudence. Rev. C. Turrell, M.A.: French. J. von Tunzelmann: German.

Undergraduates.—Anne Jane Bolton, Helen Connon, Henry Cotterill, William Bookless Douglas, Alexander Frost Douglas, William Fidler, Frederick Fitchett, Thomas Scholfield Foster, Gertrude Grierson, James Hay, John Innes, Frederick William Smith, William Taylor, James Ronaldson Thornton, Edwin Watkins, James Reeve Wilkinson.

SYLLABUS.

Classics.

I. Pass Lectures.—1. *Latin.* *A.* Translation and composition lecture. The work will comprise: *a.* Lectures and examinations on Cæsar (Book IV.), Cicero (In Catilinam II.), Livy (Book III.), Virgil (Æneid, Book V.), and Horace (Odes, Book III.); *b.* Translation of unseen passages from the same authors; *c.* Exercises in Latin composition from Smith's Principia Latina (Parts IV. and V.); *d.* Examinations on portions of Smith's Student's History of Rome, Smith's Student's Latin Grammar, and the articles on Latin literature and antiquities in Smith's Smaller Dictionaries. *B.* Degree Lecture, for translation of the books prescribed for the University degree. For session 1878 the books are Cicero (Pro Milone, First and Second Philippics), and Terence (Andria, Phormio, and Heautontimorumenos).

2. *Greek.* Translation and composition lecture. The work will comprise: *a.* Lectures and examinations on Xenophon (Memorabilia, Book I.), Herodotus (Book III.), Euripides (Iphigenia in Tauris), and Homer (Iliad, Books XX. to XXIV.); *b.* Translation of unseen passages from the same authors; *c.* Exercises in Greek composition from Smith's Initia Græca (Part III.); *d.* Examinations on portions of Smith's Student's Greek Grammar, Smith's Student's History of Greece, and the articles on Greek Literature and Antiquities in Smith's Smaller Dictionaries.

II. Honors Lectures.—(*Philosophical Year.*) 1. *Latin.* *A.* Literary lecture. The work will comprise: *a.* Lectures and examinations on Seneca (tragedies), Lucan, Statius, Phædrus, Virgil (Georgics), Ovid (Metamorphoses), Horace (Epodes and Ars Poetica), Lucretius, Plautus, Seneca (philosophical works), Pliny (natural history), Tacitus, Livy, Cicero (philosophical works), the Latin parts of Ritter and Preller's History of Philosophy and portions of Wordsworth's Specimens and Fragments of Early Latin; *b.* Examinations on Roman history, philosophy, grammar, and antiquities. *B.* Translation and composition lecture; *a.* Translation of passages at sight from the authors in use in the literary lecture; *b.* Translation of English into Latin prose. *C.* A course of lectures on the philosophy and literature of Greece and Rome.

2. *Greek.* *A.* Literary lecture. The course will comprise: *a.* Lectures and examinations on Euripides, Aristophanes, Æschylus, Theognis, Hesiod, Homer, Lucian, Theophrastus, Aristotle (Metaphysics), Xenophon (Memorabilia), Plato (Theætetus), the Greek parts of Ritter and Preller's History of Philosophy, and Demosthenes (De Corona); *b.* Examinations on Greek history, philosophy, grammar, and antiquities. *B.* Translation and composition lecture—corresponding to honors Latin class *B.* *C.* The same as *C* under honors Latin.

In session 1878 prominence will thus be given to Roman and Greek philosophy and literature. In session 1879 prominence will be given to the history of Greece and Rome; and in session 1880 to the philology of Latin and Greek. The honors course will cover three years, and is intended to make the student acquainted with all the more important authors and questions of Latin and Greek literature and language.