decimals to multiplication; mental arithmetic and tables; algebra, to page 36. Latin: Principia, Book I. to page 30. French: Baume's, to page 40; Chardenal's, Course I., to chapter 130, exercises, dictation, vocabularies.

4. Scholarships.

The school gave free education to six scholars.

OTAGO BOYS' AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOLS.

1. Report of the Board.

Sir,— Dunedin, 15th May, 1890.

In accordance with section 8 of "The Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools Act, 1877," and of circular from the Education Department dated the 11th December last, I have the honour to forward herewith report of the Board of Governors of the Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools for the year ending the 31st December, 1889. In doing so I have great pleasure in stating that the schools are in a satisfactory condition as regards discipline and efficiency.

During the year the enrolment of pupils in the Girls' School was 209. In the Boys' School the total number on the roll was 276, being about 32 less than in the previous year. This was accounted for by the fact that, at the end of the year 1888, 81 boys left the school either for college work or for situations. The average annual supply of new boys during the past five years has been about 87.

During the year the Board, after having obtained a report from Mr. Donald Reid on the capabilities of the land, and a recommendation for its disposal, subdivided Runs No. 205 and No. 213A, Strath-Taieri, into four divisions—viz., Run No. 205D, 6,376 acres; Run No. 205E, 9,584 acres; Run No. 213A, 7,616 acres; Run No. 213D, 9,736 acres; and offered them for ten years' lease, from the 1st March, 1890 (the original leases expiring on that date), at upsets of 1s., 9d., and 7d. per acre, with the result that they realised rentals of 1s., 11$\frac{1}{7}$d., and 9d. per acre, or a total annual rental of £1,414 8s., as against the original rent of £1,750 per annum. This rent shows a deficiency of £335 12s., which the Board can ill afford, in view of the fact that a great number of the perpetual lessees at Strath-Taieri are applying for reductions in their rents from the Land Board under "The Selectors' Lands Revaluation Act, 1889."

Up to the present time the Board has with difficulty been able to make both ends meet, but the shrinkage in revenue from endowments is such as to render this a difficult, if not impossible, task, and in order to provide, in a measure, for this shrinkage it has been compelled to arrange for the discontinuance of free education to holders of Education Board scholarships. At present the High Schools Board is giving free education to about 43 scholarship-holders, which is equal to, say, £518 per annum. The most of the scholarships in question have two years to run, and the holders will therefore be exempted from payment of fees until the expiry of that time; so that the Board's funds will not be augmented from this source for some time to come.

As I explained in my report for the year 1888, the Board is compelled to pay the sum of £150 per annum to the Corporation of Dunedin for city rates, and on its behalf I would again strongly urge you to make another attempt during the coming session of Parliament to have it exempted from such payment. The report referred to fully explained the position of this matter, and gave reasons why the Board should not be called upon to pay city rates.

I have, &c.,
D. M. Stuart, D.D., Chairman.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

2. General Statement of Accounts of the Board of Governors for the Year ending 31st December, 1889.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Endowments—			
Reserves sold	1,428	5	7
Income from reserves	3,384	15	10
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	182	11	4
Paid by School Commissioners	427	12	0
School fees	2,973	17	6
Boys' boarding-school fees	35	9	2
Girls' boarding-school fees	972	5	0
Overdraft at end of year—			
Bank	2,231	10	5
Cheques to present	331	17	10
	£11,968	4	8

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Overdraft at beginning of year	1,778	0	1
Management—			
Office salaries	178	6	8
Legal account	15	12	6
Incidentals	87	0	4
Teachers' salaries and allowances	5,772	12	0
Boarding-school Account—			
Boys	37	0	0
Girls	787	7	7
Reserves Account—Reporting and expenses of management	121	18	8
Prizes	37	8	1
Printing, stationery, and advertising	79	13	0
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c., including salaries of two janitors	265	7	10
County and city rates	326	7	9
Site and buildings, from current revenue—Repairs, &c.	218	13	0
Insurance premiums	52	9	6
Interest on current account, including discount of bills discounted	269	12	11
Endowment Sales Account—P. McGill, land-purchase	20	12	7
Repayment of loans	1,920	2	2
	£11,968	4	8