

A catalogue of the books in the College Library has lately been printed. Since then the number has been increased by 456 volumes presented by Mrs. Tancred in memory of the late Mr. H. J. Tancred, one of the first appointed members of the Board, and one who always took great interest in the cause of education.

The total number of books in the library now amounts to 3,641.

Several improvements have been effected in the buildings and surroundings, the most noticeable being the re-arrangement of the quadrangle.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SCIENCE.

Attached is the report of the Lecturer in charge of the school.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

The number of pupils attending the school last term was 123. A few changes in the staff have taken place during the year. The cooking classes and dress-cutting classes are well attended, and are progressing satisfactorily. Some slight changes have been made in the arrangements of the latter, so that more time might be given to the subject. The swimming classes were very large last season, and were conducted with the usual success. As a large part of the school-ground has lately been asphalted, the classes in drill and gymnastics will be held more continuously than they otherwise could have been during the winter months. The reports last year of the Examiners in these practical subjects, together with drawing and singing, show that they are carefully and thoroughly taught.

At the annual examination in the ordinary subjects of the school course, the reports of the Examiners (Mr. A. C. Gifford, Mr. T. R. Cresswell, Mr. W. M. Clarke, Miss L. Williams, Mr. L. Cohen, and Mr. B. S. Bull) were very favourable. At the examination held last December by the Board of Education, two pupils gained scholarships in the senior class. At the entrance examination of the New Zealand University, held last December, out of thirteen girls who entered for matriculation, twelve passed. Three girls entered for the Junior University Scholarship examination, two of whom were successful in gaining scholarships; the third candidate had a good place in the honours list. These bring up the number of Junior University Scholarships, which the school has gained during the last ten years, to seventeen.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

There has been little change in the staff. Mr. O. T. J. Alpers has been appointed full time master. The number of pupils attending last term was 188; the number last year was 165.

The school was examined in all subjects (including drawing and drill) in December last by Mr. A. C. Gifford, M.A.; Mr. T. W. Rowe, M.A.; Mr. L. Cohen, M.A.; Mr. W. M. Clarke, M.A.; Mr. G. Gray, Mr. R. J. Scott, M.I.C.E., and Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon. Their reports, as a whole, were very satisfactory.

The distinctions gained by pupils during the year are as follows: Two boys won junior University scholarships, one being first and the other third on the list of twelve New Zealand scholars; six boys matriculated, two passed the medical preliminary examination, and one the barristers' general knowledge examination. Three out of the five senior scholarships awarded by the North Canterbury Board of Education were won by pupils of the school. F. Oxford passed the Senior Civil Service examination, and E. C. Smith was fourth of New Zealand candidates for the Junior Civil Service. Mr. E. Buchanan, a former pupil, won a senior University scholarship for English and French. Mr. E. G. Norris and Mr. W. G. Pye obtained their M.A. degree, with second class honours in Latin and English.

In the school workshop boys are being taught to make objects which they have previously drawn to scale under the supervision of the drawing-master. It is hoped that this connection between drawing and carpentry will be strengthened.

MUSEUM.

This department remained under the temporary charge of Captain Hutton from the 21st May to the 31st December, 1892. He having resigned the position of Professor on the staff of the College, entered upon his duties as Curator on the 1st January, 1893. During the few months he has had control various rearrangements have been effected to the manifest advantage of the various collections under his charge.

Appended hereto will be found the Curator's report on the work of the department for the year ended the 30th June last.

SCHOOL OF ART.

During the year ended the 30th June, the numbers attending the classes at the School of Art were as follows:—

					Second Term.	Third Term.	First Term.
Year 1892-93—							
Morning class	...	...	...	...	31	30	28
Evening class	...	...	...	...	66	72	85
Saturday teachers' class	...	...	...	...	88	94	80
					Year 1892-93.		Year 1891-92.
Normal School students (individual)	...	...	...	...	45		42
Boys' High School pupils (individual)	...	...	...	...	181		160