2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—English—Mason's Grammar; English grammar and composition to matriculation standard. Latin—Via Latina; Principia Latina, Part II., pages 63 to 87; Cæsar, Gallic War, Books II. and III. French—Chardenal's Second French Course; grammar to matriculation standard. Arithmetic—whole subject. Euclid—to end of Book IV. Algebra—Hall and Knight, to page 177. Geography—Longmans' School Geography, Europe, Africa, Asia. History—Ransome's History of England, William III. to Victoria.

Lowest.—English—Standard V. grammar and composition. Latin—Via Latina, to page 43. Arithmetic—Standard V. work. Euclid, Book I., to proposition 26. Algebra—Hall and Knight, to page 69. Geography—Gill's Imperial Geography, British Isles, Europe. History—Ransome's History of England, Charles II. and James II.

3. Scholarships.

The school gave free education to fourteen pupils.

AKAROA HIGH SCHOOL.

1. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1896.

R	eceipts.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Balance		 	117	6	2	By Office expenses	1	12	6
Current income from re	eserves	 	119	0	2	Teachers' salaries and allowances 5	207	17	6
School-fees		 	125	19	0	Prizes	2	6	6
Interest, fixed deposit		 	2	8	0	Printing, stationery, and advertising	7	13	0
, .					- 1	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c	7	17	4
						Site and buildings	0	7	6
					1	Rents, insurance, and taxes	35	12	6
						Interest	0	1	0
					-	Inspection of reserve	2	2	0
					İ	Balance	99	3	6
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H. C. Jacobson, Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—Arithmetic; Algebra, to simple equations and problems. Euclid, Books I. to III. and part of Book IV. Latin—Abbott's Via Latina; Cæsar. English—Hewitt and Beach's Manual; Merchant of Venice; Longmans' School Composition, part of Part II. French—Macmillan's Course, Book II., exercises 1 to 25. History—Gardiner's Outlines, Parts I. and II. Geography—Macturk's Physical Geography.

Lowest.—Arithmetic, elementary. Latin—Declensions, &c. English—Lady of the Lake. French—Macmillan's Course, Book I. History—Gardiner's Outlines, Parts I. and II. Geography—Nelson's Royal Reader, No. 4, Europe. Reading, writing, dictation, elementary drawing, &c.

3. Scholarships.

The school gave free education to two pupils.

TIMARU HIGH SCHOOL.

1. Report of the Board.

Eight pupils passed the Matriculation Examination held in December, 1896; one boy passed the Preliminary Medical, and one girl, Mary Olive Cunninghame, was awarded a junior scholarship. Two girls passed the Junior Civil Service examination, and another girl, Ethel Hooper, passed the examination for the teachers' E certificate with special mention in domestic economy and freehand drawing. Several former pupils also distinguished themselves in College and University examinations. We may mention particularly Miss Maud Lawrell, B.A. degree, and senior scholarship for Greek; Mr. Alexander Bell, B.A. degree, and senior scholarship for mathematics; Mr. J. S. Cooper, first-class mathematical honours, Canterbury College. Of the rest, two others also gained their B.A. degree.

During the year Mr. E. T. Norris, M.A., was appointed a master of the school, to fill the vacancy left by Mr. A. S. M. Polson's removal to Napier.