II.; Cicero De Officiis, Book I.; Reid's Translation at Sight, selections; composition, grammar, &c. French—Chardenal's Advanced Exercises; Erckmann-Chatrian, Waterloo; Boïelle, Poetry; grammar, composition, &c.; Ninet's Readings for Middle and Upper Forms. German—Schiller, Wilhelm Tell; Macmillan, Part II.; Poetry, selected; Der Neffe als Onkel; Buchheim's German Prose Composition. Mathematics—Arithmetic, the whole subject; Algebra, to permutations and combinations, inclusive; Geometry, Euclid, Books I., II., III., IV., VI.; Trigonometry, Lock's Trigonometry. Science—Botany, the morphology and physiology of the botanical types specified in the junior scholarship schedule. Chemistry—The metallic elements; revision of the non-metallic elements. (The senior division have revised the whole of inorganic chemistry.)

Lowest.—English—Macmillan's Literary Reader, No. 5; English History, William I. to Charles II.; Geography, New Zealand; Grammar and composition. French—Chardenal's French Course (part); vocabulary. Arithmetic—Compound rules in all tables and mental arithmetic. Science—Lessons in the elements of botany.

2. Scholarships.

The Gray-Russell Scholarship of £40 per annum, tenable for three years, is attached to the school.

Free education was given to forty-six pupils, who made 50 per cent. of the total attainable marks at the scholarships examination.

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3. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Endowments—			
Capital Account—Price of reserves sold	57	7	6
Current income from reserves ..	2,348	7	5
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase money	56	7	6
Paid by School Commissioners ..	425	15	4
School fees—			
Boys' School	1,833	9	9
Girls' School	1,010	3	1
Boarding-school fees—Girls	385	10	4
Proceeds of sale of debentures ..	3,500	0	0
	£9,617	0	11

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By *Dr.* balance..	3,277	16	5
Management—Office salary or salaries..	130	0	0
Other office expenses—Petty cash, £1 5s.; stamps, telegrams, and telephone, £20 5s.	21	10	0
Other expenses of management—Office stationery and printing	9	10	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances—			
Boys' School	2,613	8	1
Girls' School	1,656	1	5
Boarding-school Account—			
Boys	57	14	8
Girls	428	8	9
Examinations	69	18	0
Scholarships	40	0	0
Prizes (two years)	60	12	9
Printing and stationery	73	12	7
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c., including wages of two janitors	212	16	10
Advertising	32	2	0
Laboratory requisites	12	2	5
Fencing, repairs, furnishing, &c.—			
Boys	61	3	0
Girls	44	15	8
Insurance	58	12	5
Interest—			
Overdraft..	51	16	3
Richardson Cadet Corps Fund ..	2	11	3
Gray Russell Scholarship Fund ..	11	5	3
Coupons on debentures	75	13	9
Water rates..	179	5	0
Inspecting endowments	9	0	5
Balance	427	4	0
	£9,617	0	11

John F. M. Fraser, Chairman.
C. Macandrew, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—J. K. Warburton, Controller and Auditor-General.

SOUTHLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

1. Report of the Board.

Sir,— Invercargill, 28th March, 1898.

The Board of Governors of the Southland High Schools have the honour to present the following report for the year 1897:—

At the opening of the year the following gentlemen comprised the Board: Messrs. W. Macalister and W. Ross, appointed by His Excellency the Governor; Ven. Archdeacon Stocker and Mr. F. Woodward, elected by the Southland Board of Education; and Mr. J. A. Hanan, the Mayor of Invercargill. The Ven. Archdeacon Stocker was elected Chairman. No change occurred during the year in the *personnel* of the Board of Governors.

Teaching Staff.—There was no change in the teaching staff until the end of the year, when Miss Tindall resigned. Miss Kate Isherwood, M.A., of Christchurch, was appointed to succeed Miss Tindall. At the expiration of the first term the Board decided to dispense with the services of the visiting shorthand teacher, and arranged with Mr. George to take this subject.