

Girls' High School.—Ten pupils passed the Matriculation examination, one gained a Junior Scholarship, five kept their first year's terms, and six passed the Junior Civil Service examination.

The Board of Governors still continues to labour under the burden of interest on moneys borrowed for the erection of their buildings. Year after year they have brought this matter under the notice of the Government, but without avail. Successive Governments have heard the complaint, but paid no heed to it. Had they treated Wellington with the same liberality as they treated other centres, the Board would have had its buildings free from debt, instead of being saddled with an interest-charge of £557 2s. per annum.

CHAS. P. POWLES, Secretary.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ending 31st December, 1898.

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

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

College.

Highest.—Mathematics—Euclid, Books I.–VI., with riders; trigonometry, to solution of triangles; algebra, to permutations and combinations; arithmetic, general. Latin—Æneid, II.; Cicero, De Amicitia; selections from Virgil; Allen's Latin Grammar; Bradley's Arnold; Bryan's Cæsarian Prose; Bradley's Aids; Shochburgh's Prose for Beginners. English—Shakespeare's Henry V.; Tennyson, Selections; Chaucer's Prologue; Morris's Historical Grammar; Emerson's Concise History of the English Language; essays; paraphrasing. Science—Wright's Heat; Garnett's Heat; Jago's Advanced Chemistry; Practical Chemistry—Tests for salts and metals. French—Translation, Le Médecin Malgré Lui, Les Trois Musquetaires; Macmillan's Composition; Vecqueray's Idioms; Eve and Baudiss's Grammar; Macmillan's Third Course.

Lowest.—Geography—Standard III. Object-lessons from Blackie's Primer. Arithmetic—Southern Cross, II. and III. History—Longmans' Ship and Historical Reader, I. and II. English—Standard III., Ship Reader. Spelling; dictation; grammar; parts of speech; easy analysis.

There is a well-fitted carpenter's shop with six benches, accommodating four boys each. Building lighted from both sides, and supplied with a number of gas-jets. Lessons are given twice a week by Mr. W. H. Barrett, instructor to the Technical School (one hour on Mondays, two hours on Fridays). The boys all work to scale, making their own drawings of the work before it is undertaken. Some of them are working at wood-carving.

Girls' High School.

Highest.—Latin, mathematics, French, heat, botany—as for Junior Scholarship.

Lowest.—Grammar—Parts of speech; Longmans' Junior Grammar. Geography—Europe. History—Little Arthur's England, to end of Edward III. Composition—Short stories. Arithmetic—Four simple and compound rules. Reading, Dictation, Spelling—New Ship Literary Reader, Standard III.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Free education : At the College, nine ; at the Girls' School, five. Scholarships : Five Turnbull, two Rhodes, two Levin, and one Moore scholarships were held at the College, and one Mary Scholarship at the Girls' School. Twenty Education Board scholarships were held at the College, and seventeen at the Girls' School.