2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Boys.

Highest.—English—Authors: Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton; selections from prose writers, 1490–1684; historical English grammar, composition, &c. Latin—Authors: Cicero, Virgil, Livy, Horace; prose composition; Roman history. French—Saintine's Picciola; composition, grammar, &c. Mathematics—Arithmetic (whole subject); Euclid, six books; algebra; trigonometry. Science—Botany: The morphology and physiology of botanical types. Chemistry: The metallic elements, revision of non-metallic elements.

Lowest.—English—Longmans' Sixth Reader; composition, grammar, &c. English History—1066–1603. Geography—British Isles and Continent of Europe; simple physical and mathematical geography. Latin—Grammar and easy translation. French—Grammar and easy translation. Mathematics—Arithmetic, vulgar fractions, simple and compound proportion, simple interest, practice, &c.; Euclid, Book I., 1–12, with exercises; algebra, simple rules. Book-keeping—Cash-book, day-book, invoice-book, &c. Drawing—Geometrical.

Girls.

Highest.—The work prescribed for the Junior University Scholarship examinations.

Lowest.—English—Macmillan's Literary Reader, No. VI.; poetry, selected. English History—William I. to George I. Geography—Great Britain, Europe, Asia, Africa, America (generally). Grammar, Composition, &c.—Longmans' School Grammar, parsing and analysis. French (Class E, beginners)—Chardenal, Part I. Arithmetic—Revisal of practice, vulgar fractions, simple and compound proportion. Science—Botany: Structure of flowering plants.

3. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1898.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance	427	4	0
Price of reserves sold	38	10	7
Current income from reserves	2,297	14	6
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	95	17	1
Paid by School Commissioners	407	14	3
School fees—			
Boys' School	1,568	10	0
Girls' School	852	8	0
Boarding-school fees (girls)	337	0	0
	£6,024	18	5

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Office salary	130	0	0
Other office expenses	26	0	0
Other expenses of management	14	14	10
Teachers' salaries and allowances—			
Boys' School	2,623	3	6
Girls' School	1,632	10	0
Boarding-school Account—			
Boys' School	46	13	9
Girls' School	397	19	8
Sundries and incidentals	37	19	9
Scholarships	40	0	0
Prizes	12	14	1
Printing and stationery for schools	51	5	7
Advertising	32	15	0
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c., including wages of two janitors	216	6	5
Laboratory requisites	7	10	1
Repairs and furnishing	53	13	2
Insurance	52	19	5
Interest on current account	157	12	9
Proceeds invested, water rates, &c.	123	15	0
Transferred to Sinking Fund Account	17	10	0
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft Account closed	10	8	1
Balance	339	7	4
	£6,024	18	5

Wm. Brown, Chairman.
C. Macandrew, Secretary.

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

4. Scholarships.

Free education was given to twenty-five pupils at the Boys' School and to eighteen at the Girls' School.

SOUTHLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. H. L. Fowler, M.A.; Mr. J. E. Vernon, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. C. George, M.A.; Miss J. E. Billing; Miss K. Isherwood.

1. Report of the Board.

The schools have again been very successful in public examinations, one scholar receiving a Junior Scholarship (fourth place), while two others came out very high on the "credit list." Eleven pupils (three girls and eight boys) passed Matriculation, and three the Junior Civil Service.

The Board has instituted a system of scholarships by which every year fifteen of the most promising pupils in the public schools are offered a scholarship, consisting of two years free education, at the High School. The system works well, and is much appreciated. The Board hopes that these scholarships will also assist in making the schools more popular.

The Board has still further improved the school property during the year. Owing to the small area on which the school is erected, one of the Corporation reserves opposite the school is used as a cricket-ground for the boys in summer, and for football in the winter. The girls' play-