

At the University examinations ten pupils (four boys and six girls) passed the matriculation examination.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1899.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance	3,591	17 0	Office salary	60	0 0
Current income from reserves	369	8 0	Other office expenses	15	4 11
From property not a reserve	710	18 9	Other expenses of management—		
Interest	148	15 0	Legal	9	4 6
Examiner's fee	22	15 0	Auctioneer	2	2 0
School fees	1,128	12 1	Teachers' salaries and allowances	1,646	8 0
Board of scholarship children, rail and coach fares	300	9 4	Music fees	102	14 0
Books, &c., sold and other refunds	79	16 0	Examinations	22	12 3
Old piano sold	10	0 0	Board, rail and coach fare for school children	300	11 10
Wellington School Commissioners, from reserve	1	0 6	Prizes	10	4 0
Excess fees paid	0	2 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising	21	7 0
Excess on cheque	0	0 6	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. (including caretaker's salary)	118	4 2
			Books and stationery for sale to pupils, and other temporary advances	77	11 5
			Site and buildings	167	0 8
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	67	11 1
			Rents, insurance, and taxes	91	8 7
			Interest on current account	11	13 0
			Excess fees returned	0	2 0
			New piano	89	5 0
			Chemicals	17	3 8
			Balance	3,533	6 1
	<u>£6,363</u>	<u>14 2</u>		<u>£6,363</u>	<u>14 2</u>

H. A. CORNFORD, Chairman.

DAVID SIDEX, Secretary.

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

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Boys.

Highest.—Mathematics—Euclid, Books I. to IV., with riders; algebra, quadratics, indices, surds, progressions; trigonometry to solution of triangles; arithmetic, general. English—Historical Grammar; composition, &c. English literature—Shakespeare's Julius Cæsar; period 1744–1800. History—England, Elizabeth to Victoria. Geography—Physical, mathematical, and general. French—Histoire de Charles XII.; general grammar (Wellington College); idioms and prose composition. Latin—Cæsar, Bell. Gall. II.; Horace, Odes, Book I.; Kennedy's Grammar; Latin Prose (Hamblin Smith, pp. 112–126). Science—Physiology or elementary chemistry and physics.

Lowest.—The Elementary Code, Standard III. (about), with very elementary Latin and oral French.

Girls.

Highest.—Arithmetic, whole subject (Pendlebury, Guyon); algebra, to progressions and theory of quadratics inclusive (Hall and Knight); Euclid, Books I.–III. inclusive (Hall and Stevens); trigonometry, to solution of triangles (Pendlebury). Latin—To Matriculation standard: Text-books; Via Latina; Kennedy's Public School Primer; Cæsar, Book II.; Horace's Odes, Book I. French—To Matriculation standard: Text-books; Brachet's Grammar; Charles XII.; Extracts for Translation into English, II. (Chardenal). History—English, 1688–1837 (Ransome, Airy and others). Geography—General; special reference to Africa, China. Literature—Period 1744 to 1800; play, Julius Cæsar. Political economy—Victoria College first year's standard: Text-book; Economics of Industry (Marshall). Botany—Matriculation standard. Theory of Music—Trinity College intermediate.

Lowest.—Arithmetic—First four rules, simple practice, bills of parcels. French—Chardenal, Book I., to exercise 36; also words and phrases of everyday use. History—Richard II. to Henry VII. inclusive (Gardiner). Geography—Australia, New Zealand, England. Object-lessons on plants and common objects. Drawing—Blair's Colonial Drawing-book, Standard II. Writing—Jackson's vertical. Needlework; class-singing; drilling.

4. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MANUAL, COMMERCIAL, AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION; FOR GYMNASISTICS, DRILL, SWIMMING, ETC.

Boys.—Drawing: Model, freehand, geometrical, perspective, and mechanical. Visiting master (special) and ordinary staff. Models are being made by boys in carpenter's shop. Manual: There is a carpenter's shop, in which fourteen boys can work at once. The larger tools and materials are provided. Instruction is given in carpentry and carving, if required, by special visiting master, janitor, and headmaster. Commercial: Book-keeping and shorthand (Pitman's) are taught by members of the staff. Technical: Included in the above. Gymnastics: There is a good gymnasium, and instruction is given to the whole school during the winter (twice a week) and to the boarders in the evening by members of the staff. Drill: There is a cadet corps. Mr.