

SECONDARY CLASS (WESTPORT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL).

Examined 6th and 7th September, 1900. Mr. D. Strachan, M.A. On roll, 24; present, 21.

Subject taught.	Class.	Number of Pupils in each Class.	Work done.
Latin ...	I.	11	Principia Latina, Part I., and twelve pages of Part II.
	II.	7	" Part I., to end of active voice.
	III.	3	" Part I., to verb "sum."
English ...	I.	21	Shakespeare's King Lear (first three acts). Scott's Ivanhoe (Chapters I. to XII.). Grammar and spelling.
	II.	10	Longmans' South America, Africa, and Physical.
Geography ...	I.	11	The same, with North America, Asia, and Australia.
Arithmetic ...	I.	21	
Algebra ...	I.	10	Hall and Knight's, to end of exercise XXIIc.
	II.	8	" " IXb.
	III.	3	" " VIIIc.
	I.	1	Books I. to IV.
	II.	8	" I. and II.
Euclid ...	III.	3	Book I.
	IV.	5	" (34 propositions).
	V.	4	" (14 propositions).
Elementary Chemistry ...	I.	21	

The scholars here again acquitted themselves very creditably, the few poor papers which were sent in being almost always the work of irregular attendants or of new-comers. Of the twenty-one pupils who were present, only eleven had belonged to the school at the previous examination. The following were the subjects, with the average marks of the class in each: algebra, 63; arithmetic, 79; Euclid, 76; Latin, 69; English, 72; dictation, 67; geography, 67; science (elementary chemistry), 50. The general work was decidedly good in every subject, except science, which brought forth some very meagre papers, though five of them were very good, one of them obtaining 96 per cent. and one 91. In arithmetic the usual Sixth Standard tests were applied, except in the case of one pupil, who was doing more elementary work. The results were very good, five pupils obtaining full marks and none doing badly. The Euclid was also good, the upper division taking Books I. and II., and one pupil Books III. and IV. as well. In English a wider course of study, including the greater part of Shakespeare's King Lear and Scott's Ivanhoe, had been successfully covered, and the spelling of which we complained last year showed very marked improvement. The Latin was also very satisfactory, the upper division having read the whole of the Principia, Part I., and a part of Part II. Several of the pupils are preparing for the Matriculation Examination at the end of this year.

G. A. HARKNESS, Inspector.

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SIR,—

Education Board Office, Greymouth, 31st March, 1901.

I have the honour to lay before you a report of the proceedings of the Grey Education Board for the year 1900.

THE BOARD.—The members who retired on the 31st March last were Mr. Kerr, Mr. Kettle, and Mr. White. At the election to fill the vacancies thereby constituted, the three retiring members were re-elected. On the 15th November, after a long and painful illness, Mr. Richard Nancarrow, one of the oldest members of the Board, passed away—a loss that was deeply felt, not only by his colleagues, but by all with whom he was brought in contact, for his sterling worth and many good qualities. Mr. Nancarrow always took a keen interest in educational matters and was for several years Chairman, and also Treasurer, to the Board. At the election held on the 19th December to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Nancarrow's death, Mr. J. McCarthy was elected. The Board, at the close of the year, therefore, consisted of Messrs. John Byrne, John Flynn, S. R. Harris, Hon. James Kerr, M.L.C., W. R. Kettle, James Marshall, Jeremiah McCarthy, Joseph Petrie, and Frank White. During the year the Board has held twelve regular and one special meetings.

SCHOOLS.—There were thirty schools in operation at the close of the year, being an increase of two on the previous year. The teachers in the employ of the Board comprised fourteen males and forty-six females, or a total of sixty. These were classified as follows: Principal teacher, 1; head of department, 1; head of school, 7 males and 2 females; sole teachers, 2 males and 18 females; assistants, 2 males and 13 females; pupil-teachers, 2 males and 12 females. The annual examination of pupil-teachers was held in December. Eight pupils were examined, all of whom qualified themselves for a higher grade.

SCHOLARSHIPS.—The annual examination for scholarships was held in December. For the four scholarships—two town and two country—there were nineteen competitors.

FINANCE.—At the close of the year the Building Fund showed a debit balance of £68 16s. 5d. The amount expended during the year, including special grants of £200 for Dunganville School,