

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

In accordance with section 8 of "The Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools Act, 1877," and in compliance with circular from the Education Department dated 14th December last, I have the honour to report that during the year ended 31st December, 1900, the work of the schools has been carried on in a satisfactory manner, and the attendance has been maintained. As was the case during the previous year, a number of boys left the school at the end of the year for various mercantile and Civil Service employments. The various competitive examinations in both schools show good results. During the year twenty-three boys and eighteen girls received free education owing to their having obtained 50 per cent. of the obtainable marks in the Otago Education Board's Senior and Junior Scholarship examinations.

WM. BROWN, Chairman.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1900.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance	796	2 6	Office salaries	165	0 0
Price of part of school-site taken by Tram Company	350	0 0	Rent	10	0 0
Current income from reserves	2,334	15 11	Stamps and telegrams	18	10 0
Interest on moneys invested, &c.	28	0 4	Printing and stationery	8	16 6
Paid by School Commissioners	361	2 10	Teachers' salaries and allowances	4,357	9 5
Price of timber sold	14	0 0	Boarding-school Account	401	11 7
School fees	2,687	6 1	Legal Account	16	2 0
Boarding-school fees (Girls' School)	460	8 0	Sundries and incidentals	38	1 11
Donation for prizes	8	8 0	Prizes	33	13 10
			Printing and stationery for schools	51	6 8
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c., including wages of two janitors (£150)	231	10 0
			Laboratories	17	3 7
			Telephone	2	10 0
			Repairs and furnishing	124	16 0
			Insurance	52	19 5
			Interest on debentures	155	5 0
			Advertising	33	13 0
			Water rates	116	10 0
			Amount transferred to sinking fund	17	10 0
			Balance	1,187	14 9
	£7,040	3 8		£7,040	3 8

WM. BROWN, Chairman.

C. MACANDREW, Secretary.

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

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Boys' School.

Highest.—English—Chaucer, Prologue; Shakespeare, As You Like It; Milton, Samson Agonistes; Carlyle, Sartor Resartus; Historical English Grammar, composition, &c. Latin—Livy, Book XXI.; Horace, Odes, Book IV.; Virgil, Æneid, Book VI.; 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—Macmillan's New Literary Reader, No. VI.; Tennyson, selections. English History, up to 1603. Geography—United Kingdom and 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. Bookkeeping—Cash-book, day-book, invoice-book, &c. Drawing—Geometrical.

Girls' School.

Highest.—English—Chaucer, The Knights Tale; Shakespeare, The Tempest; Spenser, Faerie Queene, Book I., Canto IV.; Milton, Samson Agonistes; Historical English Grammar; Composition, &c., Literature of the Elizabethan Period. Latin—Livy, Book XXI., Chapter XLII. to end; Horace, Book I.; Odes, Book II.; Selected satires and epistles; Cicero, De Senectute, Chapter X. to end; Middleton's Latin Verse, Unseens; Composition, Grammar, &c.; Roman History. French—Chardenal's Advanced Exercises; Wellington College Reader; Boiëlle, Poetry; Grammar, Composition, &c.; Berthon, Specimens of modern French verse. German—Macmillan, Parts I. and II., Children's Own Reading-book. 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. V.; English History, Charles II. to Victoria; Geography, Europe; Grammar and Composition. French—Chardenal, Part of First French Course; Vocabulary. Arithmetic—Compound rules in money, weights and measures, practice, and mental arithmetic. Science—Lessons in the elements of botany.