4. Arrangements for Drawing; Manual, Commercial, and Technical Instruction; Gymnastics, Drill, Swimming, etc.

Boys' School.

Book-keeping taught in Forms Lower 4, Remove, and 3, also to non-Latin boys. Shorthand taught in Forms Upper 4 and Lower 4. Commercial arithmetic throughout the school. Geometrical drawing in Forms Lower 5, Upper 4, down to Form 3 inclusive. Drawing, freehand and from the "round," two hours a week for those who desire it. Mechanical drawing, one hour a week. Gymnastics, two hours a week for Form 3, one hour for the other forms. Drill, once a week for cadets, and special drill for non-cadets on Wednesdays, except at midwinter. Swimming: A course of lessons for those who wish it by the gymnastic master.

Girls' School.

Drawing: Drawing is included in the school course, and the pupils receive one, two, or more lessons weekly in freehand, model, light and shade, drawing from the cast, &c.; there are also classes for advanced pupils, for which models are engaged, and the pupils make life studies in chalk and oils; these pupils also learn the painting of still life and of flowers; the studios are well equipped with casts, easels, &c. Manual instruction: The usual school teaching of sewing is carried on in the four lower classes of the school. Gymnastics: There is a thoroughly equipped gymnasium, and every girl in the school is drilled by an expert drill-master in calisthenics and gymnastics. Technical instruction: During the winter months a course of cooking lessons is given by Mrs. Miller, of the Technical School, to the five lowest classes of the school. Swimming: A course of lessons is given for those who wish it by the gymnastic master.

5. Scholarships.

Seventeen pupils at the boys' school and fourteen at the girls' school received free tuition as having obtained 50 per cent. of the attainable marks at the Senior, or 60 per cent. at the Junior District Scholarship examinations.

SOUTHLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. H. L. Fowler, M.A.; Mr. J. E. Vernon, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. F. Foote, B.A.; Miss J. E. Billing; Miss E. L. Brown, M.A.

1. Report of the Board.

Since the inauguration of the system referred to in the last report, by which about twenty of the most promising pupils in the public schools are admitted each year free into the High School, it has been bearing good fruit, and owing partly to this cause the attendance at the school is steadily increasing. During the year the highest attendance on record was obtained.

Instruction in swimming has been given to the girls, and in drill to both sides of the school, and satisfactory progress has resulted. Efforts were also made and steps taken with the view of establishing a well-equipped gymnasium. The prospects of the erection of a building for that purpose are hopeful. The boys' cadet corps is still under the captaincy of Mr. J. E. Vernon, and very satisfactory progress has been made by the boys.

The school has maintained the excellent position attained in previous years in University examinations.

Improvements have been made in the school building by which the sciences can be much more conveniently and efficiently taught. The girls' school grounds have also been much improved, and a pavilion has been erected.

The sewing class for the girls established during the year is much appreciated, and satisfactory advancement has been made in this department.

W. Macalister, Chairman.

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1901.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	1,253	5	10	Office salary	60	0	0
Current income from reserves	805	4	8	Other expenses of management	15	7	4
Interest	37	10	0	Teachers' salaries and allowances	1,188	16	8
Paid by School Commissioners	242	7	10	Other expenses	4	0	0
School fees	537	16	10	Prizes	12	13	1
Rent from freeholds	62	17	6	Printing, stationery, and advertising	60	1	6
Donations for prizes	7	1	0	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	87	3	4
				Fencing, repairs, &c.	124	10	6
				Rates, insurance, and taxes	8	8	0
				Interest on current account	1	10	0
				Athletics	19	6	3
				Chemicals and appliances	1	16	11
				Furniture and fittings	4	4	6
				Swimming	10	0	0
				Balance at end of year	1,348	5	7
	£2,946	3	8		£2,946	3	8

Wm. Macalister, Chairman.
Charles Rout, Secretary and Treasurer.

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