The following is a summary of candidates from the schools who were sent up for the public examination in December and January:—Boys: Matriculation, eight (all passed—one a junior scholarship paper); Solicitors' General Knowledge, seven (all passed); Medical Preliminary, two (one passed); Junior Civil Service, nine (all passed, seven securing places in the first hundred); Senior Civil Service, one (passed whole examination); Junior Scholarship, one (securing the first scholarship with a record number of marks. Girls: Matriculation, four (three passed); Solicitors' General Knowledge, one (passed); Junior Civil Service, two (passed), one being placed within the first hundred).

The schools were examined by Mr. T. W. Rowe, M.A., and passed a satisfactory examination.

H. A. Cornford, Chairman.
David Sidey, Secretary.

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2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1902.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	5,060	2	1
Endowments—			
Current income from reserves	297	0	6
From property not a reserve	818	15	0
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	130	13	11
Paid by Hawke's Bay School Commissioners (Examiners' fees and expenses)	23	2	1
School fees	1,192	2	6
Boarding scholarship children, and coach fares (paid by School Commissioners) ..	355	6	8
Books, &c., sold, and other refunds ..	86	2	6
Wellington School Commissioners ..	1	16	10
Building-deposit	5	0	0
Refund on insurance	3	6	8
Discount on purchases	0	9	1
	£7,973	17	10

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Office salary or salaries	60	0	0
Other office expenses	9	5	3
Other expenses of management ..	11	13	2
Legal expenses	5	19	6
Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	1,693	6	8
Music fees	73	4	6
Examinations—			
Examiners' fees	20	0	0
Other expenses	3	9	1
Scholarships	353	10	0
Prizes	14	9	6
Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	35	18	6
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	118	3	5
Books and stationery for sale to pupils, and other temporary advances	91	5	6
Site and buildings, from current revenue—			
Purchases and new works	136	10	3
Fencing, repairs, &c.	115	6	6
Rates, insurance, and taxes	81	12	3
Endowments account—Expended on site or buildings	1,268	18	9
Exchange of pianos	22	10	0
Balances—			
Advanced on mortgage	3,050	0	0
On fixed deposit	457	10	0
In bank (current account)	351	5	0
	£7,973	17	10

H. A. Cornford, Chairman.
David Sidey, Secretary.

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

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3. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Boys.

Highest.—Form VI.: Euclid—Books I. to VI., inclusive, Hall and Stevens; algebra—To binomial theorem, Hall and Knight; arithmetic—General, Longmans'; trigonometry—To solution of triangles, Pendlebury; mechanics—Pinkerton. English Language—Hewitt's Manual of our Mother Tongue; Nesfield, English Past and Present. Literature—Shakespeare, Hamlet; Chaucer, Prologue. Latin—Cicero, De Amicitia; Virgil, Æneid I.; Bradley, Arnold's Latin Prose Compositions; Millington, Prose Composition; Kennedy, Revised Latin Primer; Shuckburgh, Sight Translation; Horton, History of the Romans; Creighton, Rome; Gow, Companion to the Classics. French—Wellington College French Grammar; Brachet's French Grammar; Stedman, Grammatical Questions; translation, Cœurs Russes (de Vogüe); prose and sight translation, general. Science—Physics, heat (Deschanel). All the above to junior scholarship standard. History—(British) 1688–1837, Ransome, &c.; and geography—Gill; Longmans' New Series, No. 3; Hudley's Physiography; Masturk's Physical Geography: to matriculation standard.

Lowest.—Arithmetic—Standard IV. (Southern Cross Series). English Grammar—Standard IV. (Lower Grade English, Nelson). History—1216–1485, Rise of the People (Epochs). Geography—New Zealand and Australia in detail, Europe in outline (Southern Cross Series). Science—Elementary, Hurley's Introductory Primer. Reading, spelling, recitation—From Standard IV. Crown Reader. Writing—Bold Writing Series (Vere Foster).

Girls.

Highest.—Arithmetic—Whole subject to matriculation standard; no special text-book. Algebra—Hall and Knight's Elementary Algebra, to end of chapter 30, theory of indices. Trigonometry—Pendlebury's Elementary Trigonometry, to page 95. Euclid—Books I. to III.; riders; Hall and Knight's Euclid. English Literature—Hamlet; Chaucer's Prologue. English History—Period 1688–1837; Gardiner's Students' History. English Grammar—Language and composition; Outlines of Historical Grammar; text-book, Nesfield's English Grammar Past and Present.