

Geography—The World, political and physical; Gill's Geography. Latin Grammar—Via Latina; Public School Primer. Latin Translation—Virgil, Book I., line 373 to end; Cicero's *De Amicitia*, chapters 13–24. French Grammar—Brachet's Elementary French Grammar; easy prose. French Translation—*Cœurs Russes*. Botany—Matriculation syllabus; no text-book. Statics—Loney's Elements of Statics, to friction.

Lowest.—Geography—Definitions; capes, bays, rivers, provinces, and chief towns of New Zealand. History—Notes, William I. to Edward III. Grammar—Nesfield's Parts of Speech; easy parsing and analysis. Poetry—Selections from Wood's First Poetry Book. Composition—Essays on object-lessons, &c. Dictation and Spelling—Extracts from Tregear's Reader. Reading—Tregear's New Zealand Reader, lessons 1–16; also Alice in Wonderland. Writing—Copy-books. Object-lessons—Tables, water, milk, flour, silk, sun, moon, &c. (notes). Arithmetic—First four rules, simple and compound. French—Bulé's First French Course, lessons 1–7; and miscellaneous words, phrases, and exercises. Scripture History—To Joseph in Egypt. Drawing—Free-arm drawing on blackboard; simple model.

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

Boys' School.

Drawing: One lesson weekly (forty-five minutes)—by Mr. R. N. Anderson, Director, Napier Technical School, assisted by a member of regular staff—in perspective or model (from models made by the boys themselves), or isometrical projection (the last-named being in accordance with the scheme of manual training carried out in workshop); freehand drawing, taught by a member of the regular staff, one lesson weekly (forty-five minutes). Woodwork: One lesson weekly (one hour) to each of two classes of boys by Mr. Anderson, assisted by a member of the regular staff; specially constructed workshop (containing bench accommodation for thirteen boys) fitted with vices, planes, saws, braces and bits, grindstone, &c.; each boy provides his own set of smaller tools. Book-keeping and shorthand: Systematic instruction by member of the regular staff; two lessons weekly, of forty minutes each, in each subject. Science: Laboratory for instruction in physical science—two lessons weekly (forty minutes and sixty minutes); physiology—elementary as for matriculation, with microscopic work and elementary dissection—two lessons weekly (forty minutes and sixty minutes). Gymnastics: Systematic physical training by all members of the regular staff to all boys not incapacitated—two hours weekly during winter term; the gymnasium is a specially constructed building (63 ft. by 32 ft.) fitted with good modern apparatus; a public display of gymnastics is given annually. Drill: Instruction one hour weekly by the regular staff, assisted by the District Staff Sergeant-major in military drill; all boys over thirteen belong to the cadet corps which is under the new regulations for Defence Department Cadets; the two masters in charge as captain and lieutenant have both passed the examination (held by the School of Military Instruction) with special mention in all subjects; rifle practice is held on the local rifle range; boys under thirteen are drilled one hour weekly as recruits by another member of the staff. Swimming: No arrangements, because of local disadvantages; there are no suitable public baths in the town, and surf bathing is, for obvious reasons, not encouraged.

Girls' School.

Drawing: Free-arm and model taught one hour per week by visiting teacher; brushwork and design taught one hour per week by visiting teacher. Physical drill: Exercises for ten minutes every morning in interval of lessons; exercises for one hour once a week. Needlework: One hour once a week. Laundry-work: Small class for boarders for an hour and a half once a week.

5. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Boys' School.—The scholarships held at the school were: 9 Education Board, 12 School Commissioners', 1 Queen's and Education Board combined, and 3 School Commissioners' combined with free tuition given by the Governors. Four received free tuition only.

Girls' School.—The scholarships held were: 7 Education Board, 12 School Commissioners', and 1 School Commissioners' combined with free tuition given by the Governors. Three received free tuition.

GISBORNE HIGH SCHOOL.

1 REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

I have to report that secondary education in the northern portion of the Education District of Hawke's Bay is as heretofore carried on at Gisborne in the District High School. In March, 1902, after conference with the Education Board, it was decided by the Board of Governors, who are responsible for the maintenance of the secondary classes, to offer free secondary education to all pupils who pass the Sixth Standard in the primary schools. The new system has worked satisfactorily. There has not been an increase in the number of pupils attending the free classes. Parents either are not yet aware of the value of secondary education, or perhaps the subjects