

Boys' College.—During the year the pressure in the class-rooms was relieved by the erection of two additional rooms well equipped and arranged for the Junior School.

This year has witnessed the continuation of the progressive increase in the attendance. The contingent of new pupils comprised ninety-seven boys, which constitutes another record in the history of the institution. The capacity of the boarding department has been taxed to its utmost, and the Governors had to provide additional accommodation by leasing a portion of a large house adjacent to the College. They trust shortly to be in a position to proceed with the erection of the contemplated new boardinghouse.

The results of the various public examinations have been creditable to the College. In the Junior scholarship examination, W. H. Pettit headed the list for the whole colony. This is the third time that this high honour has fallen to Nelson College. Seven boys passed the Medical Preliminary Examination, and thirteen matriculated. Three of the senior boys kept first year's terms, and passed the Victoria College examination very creditably. A. F. Hamilton and H. G. Grace, officers in the cadet corps, were successful in the military examinations, and have been gazetted to British regiments. They will join the First Royal Scotch, stationed in India.

Many of the old *alumni* of the institution have distinguished themselves during the year, among whom may be named Professor Rutherford and Dr. Wollaston. The scholastic successes won by old boys have been recorded in the *Nelsonian*, and on the Honours Board.

Girls' College.—During the year a commodious gymnasium was built on the site of the old studio, and a contract was entered into for extensive alterations and additions to the main building. These include four class-rooms, twenty bedrooms, work-room, sick-room, and bath-rooms. Entirely new kitchens have been built, and full provision has been made for the health and comfort of the inmates.

The roll again shows an increase on that of the preceding year. The average number of pupils was 152, of whom forty were boarders.

The examinations of the Nelson School of Music were passed by twelve girls. College boarders, as well as day girls, are permitted to join the orchestra of the Harmonic Society when sufficiently advanced. Cookery was taken up by ninety-three pupils, and the work was done with the utmost eagerness and enthusiasm. A class was also held in shorthand, and the singing class did good work under Herr Lemmer.

In the Matriculation Examination nine girls passed, six of these qualifying for the solicitors' pass. Six passed the Junior Civil Service Examination.

Amongst old girls Ida Crump again distinguished herself. She held the John Tinline Scholarship at Otago University, and has recently taken her M.A. degree, with first-class honours in English and German.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

		<i>Endowment Account.</i>							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Rents	..	916	10	0	Rates and taxes	..	10	11	1
Interests	..	273	18	1	Insurances	..	7	4	0
School Commissioners' subsidy	..	56	5	0	Printing and advertising	..	7	6	6
Miss C. A. Barnicoat for prize	..	3	0	0	Stationery	..	7	2	8
Materials sold	..	2	0	0	Repairs	..	0	12	6
					Governors' and auditors' fees	..	35	16	8
					Office-rent	..	25	0	0
					Office-cleaning and gas	..	10	9	6
					Interest on bank overdraft	..	48	15	9
					Clearing properties	..	12	10	0
					Telephone and letter-box	..	6	3	6
					Secretary	..	55	10	8
					Petty cash postage, and sundries	..	34	2	10

		<i>Boys' College.</i>							
Boarding fees	..	3,381	13	1	House expenses	..	2,379	10	3
Tuition fees	..	2,055	0	2	Tuition expenses	..	1,828	2	11
Education Department—					Scholarships—				
Grant for buildings and fittings, science classes	..	269	18	6	Foundation	..	71	13	4
Grant for furniture and fittings, technical classes	..	31	11	6	Endowed	..	113	0	0
					Free tuition	..	157	10	0
					Governors' and auditors' fees	..	37	6	8
					Stationery	..	89	9	1
					Prizes	..	28	7	2
					Printing and advertising	..	82	16	10
					Gas	..	100	13	9
					Rates and taxes	..	15	0	0
					Insurance	..	49	4	0
					Repairs	..	95	13	1
					Furniture	..	424	12	0
					Subscriptions to sports and magazine	..	57	2	0
					Chemicals	..	20	19	2
					Telephone	..	6	0	0
					Valuation	..	6	2	6
					Grounds	..	4	0	0
					Secretary	..	55	11	4
					Sundries	..	10	7	0