

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Boys: Latin—Cicero, De Finibus, Book III.; Virgil, Georgic II.; Bradley's Latin Composition; Bryans' Latin Prose. French—Corneille's Le Cid; Molière's Tartuffe; Buffon's Essai Sur le Style; prose and translation from Macmillan's Composition, II.; Wellington College Grammar. German—Siepmann's Public School German Primer, to lesson 28. English—Nesfield's Grammar and Composition; Nesfield's Historical English, to page 127; Shakespeare's Henry V.; Scott's Heart of Midlothian; Chaucer's Prologue; Sweet's Anglo-Saxon Primer. Mathematics—Work for Second year University terms; Text books—Hall and Stevens's Euclid I.–VI., Hall and Knight's Algebra, the Tutorial Algebra, Lock's Elementary Trigonometry, Loney's Trigonometry. *Girls:* English—Chaucer, Prologue; Shakespeare, As you like it, Merchant of Venice; Milton, Minor Poems; Lamb, Selected Essays of Elia; Wordsworth's Wanderer; Ruskin, Sesame and Lilies; Great Authors, Part III.; Nesfield's Historical English Grammar. Latin—Bryans' Latin Prose Exercises; Arnold's Latin Prose Composition; Cicero, De Officiis, Book III.; Selections from Ovid; Virgil, Æneid V.; Roman History. French—Macmillan's French Composition, Part II.; Wellington College Grammar and Exercises; Bué's Idioms; Corneille's Le Cid; Boiëlle's French Poetry; Voltaire's Charles XII. Mathematics, Botany, and Mechanics, to junior University scholarship standard.

Lowest.—Boys: Latin—Via Latina, to end of relative pronoun. French—Hogben's Méthode Naturelle. English—Scott's Ivanhoe; Great Authors, Part III.; Nesfield's Grammar and Composition, selected portions. Arithmetic—Pendlebury, to end of decimals. Algebra—Hall and Knight. Euclid—Hall and Stevens, Book I., to proposition 24. Elementary Science—Botany, Examination of Specimens, and Notes; Chemistry, Lecture-table experiments and notes. Geography—Longmans' Geographical Series, "The World"; physical geography. History—Buckley's History, A.D. 1688 to 1815. *Girls:* English—Parables of Nature (Margaret Gatty); Selections from Children's Treasury of English Song; English History, to Edward I. Geography—Pictorial Geographical Reader, Australasia and Africa. Latin—Via Latina, to beginning of verb. French—Méthode Naturelle; Scenes of Child-life (Mrs. Frazer). Arithmetic—Fractions, decimals, interest, proportion. Euclid—Book I., propositions 1–25. Algebra—End of simultaneous equations. Book-keeping. Drawing—Freehand and brush. Botany—Youmans's First Book of Botany.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Boys' School.—Seven Education Board scholarships were held at the school, nine boys were given free tuition by the Governors, and twenty-eight held Government free places.

Girls' School.—Eight Education Board scholarships were held, the Governors granted free tuition to six girls, and twenty-seven held Government free places.

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

The secondary department of the Waimate District High School continues to be the chief object of care on the part of the Waimate High School. The Governors still keep up their payments (shown in the annual financial statement) towards the salaries of the first and second masters, exhibitions (fifteen in number) to a certain number of pupils (carefully selected by competitive examinations) who under the regulations of the Department are not entitled to "free" places, scholarships (at present six), prizes, &c.

The pupils at the close of 1903 taking secondary subjects were seventy-eight. The new year, 1904, commenced with eighty-nine. In the judgment of the Governors, the secondary section of the Waimate District High School is doing excellent work. It is held in very high estimation by the Education Board's Inspectors. It is furnishing, from time to time, a good proportion of those who obtain Matriculation and qualify for the Civil Service, and, altogether, by the residents of this locality it is regarded as a very great educational boon. For a considerable number of the more advanced pupils in the surrounding ordinary primary schools it is becoming the great converging centre at which to prosecute their studies in higher English, Euclid, algebra, Latin, French, &c.

The present Governors consist of Dr. Barclay, Messrs. Beckett, Coltman, Howell, Manchester, Sinclair, with the Rev. Messrs. Morrison and Barclay.