

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Boys : English—Shakespeare's Henry IV., Part I.; Hales's Longer English Poems; Bain's Rhetoric and Composition; English Lessons for English People; historical grammar; essays. Latin—Tacitus, Agricola; Horace, Selections; Cicero, In Catilinam; unseen translations; prose composition. French—Gautier's Scenes of Travel; Macmillan's Second Reader; Brachet's Grammar, Blouet's Composition. Mathematics—Arithmetic, the subject; algebra, to the binomial theorem; Euclid, Books I.–IV., with exercises; trigonometry, to solution of triangles. Science—Heat and chemistry, to junior scholarship standard. *Girls :* English—Tennyson's Coming of Arthur and Passing of Arthur; Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice; Skeat's Specimens of English Prose; Nesfield's English Grammar and Composition; composition, parsing, analysis, &c.; a sketch of English literature from 1603 to 1800. Latin—Via Latina; Cæsar, Gallic War, IV.; Ovid, selections. French—Hogben's Méthode Naturelle. Mathematics—Arithmetic, the subject; algebra, to quadratic equations; Euclid, Books I. and II. Science—Botany and physiology as for matriculation.

Lowest.—Boys : English—Scott's Lay of the Last Minstrel; parsing, analysis, composition, correction of sentences. Latin—Via Latina, to end of verbs; Gradatim. French—Hogben's Méthode Naturelle. Mathematics—Arithmetic, fractions, decimals, practice, time-work, irregular distribution, equations; Algebra, up to equations; Euclid, Book I., with deductions. Science—General course. History—To end of Tudor period. Geography—Africa and Europe, political and commercial; physical; mapping. Shorthand—Pitman's Teacher. Bookkeeping—Thornton's Primer. Commercial—Mental arithmetic; long tots; Letter-writing, bills, &c. *Girls :* English (A)—Downie's Extracts from Modern Authors; Macmillan's Advanced Reader; selections. English (B)—Nature in New Zealand, edited by Captain Hutton; Nesfield's English Grammar and Composition; composition, parsing, analysis, &c.; a sketch of English literature to 1660. Latin—Via Latina, to the end of passive verbs; Gradatim. French—Hogben's Méthode Naturelle, first 60 lessons. Mathematics—Arithmetic, to interest; algebra, to factors; Euclid, Book I. to proposition 34. Science—Physiology and botany, preparatory.

All Classes, Girls.—Drawing—Junior freehand; senior freehand and perspective. Needlework, Dress-cutting, and Cooking.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

The number of Education Board scholarships held at the school was eighteen, Government free places ninety-four, and free places granted by the Governors, seventeen.

APPENDIX.

SCHEME FOR THE CONTROL OF PALMERSTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
(ESTABLISHED 1904, UNDER SECTION 6 OF "THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS ACT, 1903").

IN accordance with the provisions of "The Secondary Schools Act, 1903" (hereinafter called "the Act"), and with the powers thereunder, the following shall be the scheme for the Palmerston North High School (hereinafter called "the school"), which is established under section 6 of the Act.

1. The school shall be controlled by a Board of Governors under the name of "The Board of Governors of the Palmerston North High School" (hereinafter called "the Board"). The Board shall be a body corporate, shall have a perpetual succession and a common seal, and may acquire and hold lands, and sue and be sued, and may do and suffer all such things as corporate bodies may do and suffer.

2. There shall be nine Governors, of whom a group of three shall be appointed by His Excellency the Governor, a group of three by the Wanganui Education Board, and a group of three shall be elected by the parents of the pupils.

3. The Governors appointed by the Wanganui Education Board shall be appointed by a resolution of such Board, and the first appointment shall be made not later than thirty days after the first publication of this scheme in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

4. In regard to the election of Governors by the parents of the pupils the following provisions shall apply:—

(1.) The first election shall be held on a date to be appointed by the Minister, and thereafter every such election shall be held on a date to be fixed by the Board in accordance with this scheme.

(2.) The Returning Officer shall, in the case of the first election, be a person appointed by the Minister, but thereafter the Secretary to the Board of Governors shall be the Returning Officer.

(3.) For the purposes of the election of Governors by the parents of the pupils the Returning Officer shall prepare a roll, and shall enter therein the name, occupation, and address of every person qualified to be enrolled as a parent of a pupil of the school.

"Parent" means the father, if he be living, or, if not, the mother, or, if neither the father nor the mother be living, the guardian, of a pupil of the school.

A "pupil of the school" means, in the case of the first election, a pupil as referred to in subsection (1) of section 6 of the Act, and thereafter a pupil whose name is on the school roll, and who has been in actual attendance at the school at any time within the three months immediately preceding the closing of the roll. The roll shall be closed at 5 o'clock on the fourteenth day next before the day on which any election is to be held, and shall continue to be closed until the election is completed.

(4.) The Returning Officer shall, by advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the district, publicly notify, not less than fourteen days before each election—

(a.) The day and hour for the closing of the election;

(b.) The total number of candidates to be elected;

(c.) The day and hour for the closing of nominations.