

Lowest.—Latin—Elementa Latina (to end of active verbs); Scalæ Primæ; Shorter Latin Primer (for revision of verbs). English—Westward Ho! Lyra Heroica, The Revenge, &c.; English Grammar (Hall); parsing notes; dictation, composition, parsing, analysis (four forms of predicate and easy subordinate clauses); also one of sixpenny editions in Lower IV list to be read at home per term. History—Oxford and Cambridge English History, Richard I to Henry VIII. Geography—Longmans' Geographical Series, Book II; mathematical and physical geography. French—First French Course; French Tales for Beginners; oral French. Mathematics—Pendlebury's Arithmetic; Tots and Mental Arithmetic; Practical Exercises in Geometry. Science—Object-lessons from Nature, Vol. II. Art—Same as Lower III, but more advanced, and with addition of elementary model drawing. Writing—Twice a week. Gymnasium—Two lessons a week. Singing—Twice a week. Scripture.

CHRISTCHURCH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Miss M. V. Gibson, M.A.; Miss C. K. Henderson, B.A.; Miss M. B. Hay; Miss F. Sheard, M.A.; Miss K. Gresson, M.A.; Mrs. C. V. Langton, M.A.; Miss E. T. Crosby, B.A.; Miss E. L. Cull, B.A.; Miss L. E. Bing, B.A.; Miss N. Gard'ner; Miss A. Rennie; Miss H. L. Smith; Miss E. Easterbrook; Miss M. Cook; Mr. C. H. Gilby; Sergeant-Major Farthing.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The general working of this school was carried on during the year on almost entirely the same lines as in former years, as, owing to the want of more class-rooms, it was quite impossible to introduce new features, or even to make the most urgently needed changes such as the subdivision of classes too large or too unequal in attainments to be taught to the best advantage by one teacher.

The roll-number for the first term was 169, for the second term 170, and for the third term 166, with an average attendance of 153. It is certain that these numbers will be fully maintained during 1906, and there is every probability that, if increased accommodation could be provided, they would rise still further. Owing to the lack of room no applicants were admitted into the Lower Department.

For various reasons the Governors decided not to appoint outside examiners to examine the year's work at its close, but no less than fifty-eight pupils were entered for various public examinations held during the month of December, the respective numbers and results being as follows: Junior University Scholarship Examination: Seven entered; one gained a Junior University Scholarship, and the remaining six matriculated in the credit list, two of these being awarded the two Gammack Scholarships for the highest Canterbury candidates in the credit list. Matriculation Examination: Thirteen entered, and ten passed. North Canterbury Education Board Senior Scholarship Examination: Four entered; three won scholarships, and the fourth qualified for a senior free place on the examination. Junior Civil Service Examination: Thirteen entered, and nine passed, seven being classed in the credit list. Senior Free Place Examination: Twenty-one entered, and twelve passed.

The general health, conduct, and discipline of the pupils during the year has been very good.

The working of the Government free-place system has been on the whole satisfactory, and will be further improved when the new regulations of October, 1905, come into force; but what seems too large a proportion of the free-place scholars have resigned their privilege before the expiration of the two years allowed. The actual numbers are: Admitted during 1904, 46; resigned during 1904, 8; resigned during 1905, 6. Completed the two-years course, but did not sit for continuation examination, 7; admitted during 1905, 63; resigned during 1905, 5.

The plan of subsidising an approved school boardinghouse on certain conditions is working well, the number of girls in residence there showing an increase.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1905.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	86	8 7	Office salaries	60	0 0
Capitation for free places	799	4 2	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	1,726	2 4
Capitation under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	48	13 2	Grant in aid to boardinghouse	50	0 0
Current income from reserves	288	7 2	Examiners' fees	8	4 0
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	188	15 10	Other examination expenses	9	11 0
School fees (including extra fees for gymnastic class, £5 12s.)	726	19 0	Scholarships	93	6 8
Proceeds from cooking class	22	16 8	Prizes	21	8 0
Sundries	5	10 0	Class material	13	11 1
			Printing, stationery, advertising, and books	37	14 2
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c... ..	19	8 9
			Buildings, &c.—		
			Purchases and new works	20	12 0
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	37	1 11
			Miscellaneous—Insurance	9	7 2
			Inspecting reserves	7	15 4
			Expenses of cooking class	23	0 10
			Legal expenses	15	10 0
			Sundries	4	19 0
			Balance at end of year	14	2 4
	<u>£2,166</u>	<u>14 7</u>		<u>£2,166</u>	<u>14 7</u>

A. CRACROFT WILSON, Registrar.

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