

the 31st December, 1907, £4,905 15s. 6d. The delay in the erection has been caused by the bad weather up to October preventing the brickmakers from making the red bricks. The Hon. the Minister of Education kindly came from Wellington and laid the memorial stone on the 4th December, 1907.

The headmistress, Miss A. W. Whitelaw, M.A., of whom mention was made in the report last year, arrived in Auckland from England on the 4th January, 1907.

*Distinctions.*—Seven pupils of the boys' school gained scholarships at the examination of the University of New Zealand held in December, 1907. Four others passed the examination with credit, and thirty-one boys passed matriculation. Thirty-seven passed the Civil Service Junior Examination with distinction, and eighty-three boys qualified for senior free places, of whom ten gained Auckland Education Board Senior Scholarships.

The following distinctions were won outside the Dominion by former pupils of the school: H. R. Climie graduated B.Sc. in engineering at Glasgow, winning the George Harvey and Walker prizes; N. H. Prior, M.B. and Ch.B., and W. C. W. McDowell, M.D., with distinction at Edinburgh; R. C. Maclaurin was appointed to the professorship of mathematics in the University of Columbia.

At the University of New Zealand the following degrees were taken by former pupils: B.A., A. F. Howarth, H. B. Hughes, H. Davies; B.Sc., D. E. Hansen, S. N. Ziman; LL.B., J. Stanton, W. H. Woodward, R. L. Ziman; M.Sc., G. B. Stephenson; LL.M., L. T. Pickmere; B.E., H. Benjamin. The Senior Scholarships for Pure and Applied Mathematics were won by S. N. Ziman.

Lack of room and conveniences have made it quite impossible to include in the girls' school course much that is very desirable in a curriculum suitable for girls, and throughout the year the classes have of necessity been too large. Limited accommodation has considerably hampered the work of the girls' school. In spite of these drawbacks the year's work has been most successful as far as success can be measured by examination-results. For the Junior University Scholarship Examination two entered, and one gained a Senior National Scholarship; for matriculation, twenty-two entered, and twenty-one passed; for Junior Civil Service, twenty-seven entered and twenty-five passed, twenty-three obtaining credit; sixty-seven qualified on the examination for senior free places. At the Senior District Scholarship Examination four gained scholarships, and twelve others qualified for a senior free place.

Several of the girls from the school competed for and gained prizes given by the Auckland French Club, on the results of the oral examination conducted by it.

In July the Board appointed Miss F. E. Macdonald, B.A., Sydney, as classical mistress. Miss Macdonald is an old pupil of the school.

The usual distribution of prizes was made at the Choral Hall on the 19th December, 1907, by Lady Plunket to the girls, and by His Excellency Lord Plunket, the Governor, to the boys. Forty prizes were won by the girls, sixty by the boys; their total cost was some £60. Two prizes have again been given by Mr. J. P. Hooton for English essays, and one by Mr. P. M. Mackay, J.P., for chemistry.

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## 2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

*Highest—Boys' School:* English—Nesfield, English, Past and Present; Milton, Paradise Lost, I and II; Essays from Addison (Fowler); Shakespeare, Twelfth Night; selections from Chaucer. Latin—Virgil, Georgics, III and IV; Livy, II; Horace, Odes, II; Pliny, Select Letters. French—Wall's Concise French Grammar; Rey's French Composition; Tartarin de Tarascon; Quatre-vingt-treize; Poèmes Choisis (Arnold). Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Geometry; Todhunter and Loney's Algebra; Hall and Knight's Trigonometry; Ward's Trigonometry Exercises. Science—Roscoe and Harden's Chemistry; Tilden's Practical Chemistry; Glazebrook's Heat. *Girls' School:* English—Literature—Twelfth Night, Macaulay's Clive, Henry V, Chaucer's Prologue, Selections from Gibbon, Boswell's Life of Johnson; Grammar and Composition—Nesfield, Past and Present. Latin—Cicero, Pro Figario; Virgil, Georgics, Book IV; Livy, Book II; Postgate's New Latin Primer; North and Hillard's Prose; Wilkin's Roman Antiquities; Shuckburgh's History of Rome. French—Contes Choisis, Coppée; Tartarin de Tarascon, Daudet; Rey's French Composition; Wall's Concise French Grammar. Botany—Scott's Flowering Plants and Flowerless Plants; Groom's Botany. Mathematics—Geometry, Baker and Bourne; algebra, Todhunter and Loney; arithmetic, The School Arithmetic (Workman); trigonometry, Borchardt; mechanics, Jessop.

*Lowest.—Boys' School:* English—Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar; The Temple Reader; Longfellow, Evangeline. Latin—Macmillan's Shorter Latin Course, Part I; Postgate's Shilling Primer; Invasion of Britain. French—Macmillan's French Course, First Year; Javau, Elementary French Reading-book. Mathematics—Greville and Loney's Shilling Arithmetic; Longmans' Junior School Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Geometry. Geography—Longmans' Geography, Book II, The World. *Girls' School:* English—The Temple Reader; The Ancient Mariner (Coleridge); Lays of Ancient Rome (Macaulay); Nesfield's Outlines; Arabella Buckley, to end of Tudor Period. Latin—Scalæ Primæ, Macmillan, Part I; Postgate's First Latin Primer. French—Macmillan, Part I; Bébé, Mrs. Frazer. Mathematics—Arithmetic, Loney and Greville; algebra, Longmans' Algebra; geometry, Baker and Bourne. Botany—General descriptions of plants, flowers, and simple physiology.