

The outbuildings include a spacious and well-equipped gymnasium, and a large swimming-bath. Both have been taken full advantage of, and it is now the exception to find a Nelson College boy who is unable to swim.

The levelling and grassing of the playground, which the generous contributions of the College Old Boys enabled the Governors to undertake, have been gone on with during the year, and it is anticipated that next season will see it in perfect condition.

The Governors desire to express their appreciation of the good work done by the Principals and staffs of both colleges during the past year, as shown by the results of the various examinations.

*The Staff.—Boys' College:* Mr. O. W. Williams, M.A., left during the year, having received an appointment on the staff of Wellington College. The vacancy caused by his resignation was filled by the appointment of Mr. P. C. Edmondson. *Girls' College:* Miss E. Gribben, B.A., who was for many years first assistant mistress, and who was a valued member of the staff for sixteen years, resigned at the end of the first term. Various members of the staff were promoted, and Miss V. L. Dall, B.A., was appointed as junior mistress. Miss Dall resigned at the end of the year, and Miss A. Eastwood, B.A., was appointed to the vacant post.

#### *Boys' College.*

The total number of pupils in attendance during the year was 212, of whom 64 were boarders. The free pupils numbered 134, of whom 88 held junior free places, and 46 senior. Eighty new boys joined during the year—a record number—of whom 45 held free places: 43 junior and 2 senior. Nearly all the juniors qualified for senior free places through the Junior Civil Service Examination. In all 42 passed this examination, 20 of them with "credit." The Matriculation Examination was passed by 15, of whom 13 passed also the Solicitors' General Knowledge Examination, and 5 the Medical Preliminary. Three passed the Senior Civil Service Examination, and 3 the Terms Examination of Victoria College.

#### *Girls' College.*

The total number of pupils in attendance during the year was 183, of whom 49 were boarders. The free pupils numbered 119, of whom 94 held junior free places, and 25 senior. Sixty-eight new girls joined during the year—an exceptional and gratifying record. Of these 44 held junior free places.

In connection with the University Examinations, two girls gained the first section of the B.A. degree, one girl won a Senior National Scholarship, and one girl a Junior University Scholarship.

The Matriculation Examination was passed by 11 girls, 3 of whom passed also the Solicitors' General Knowledge Examination.

In the Junior Civil Service Examination 17 passed with credit, Gwen Saxon heading the list for this province: 2 obtained a simple pass, and 10 others satisfied the requirements for senior free places.

*Average Attendance.*—Boys' College, 193; Girls' College, 165.

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

*Highest.—Boys' College:* English—As required for the First Terms Examination of Victoria College; also, Selections from Tennyson and M. Arnold; Milton's Minor Poems, and Paradise Lost, Books I and II; Nesfield's English, Past and Present. Latin—As for First Terms; also, Selection from Cicero, &c.; unseens; Bryan's Latin Prose; Bradley's Arnold, and Aids to Latin Prose Composition; Creighton's Rome. German—As for First Terms; also, Whitney's Reader; Macmillan's German Composition (Fassnacht); Eve's Grammar; and First and Second Exercises. Mathematics—Arithmetic, the subject; algebra, up to and including binomial theorem; geometry, plane, Euclid I–VI, and elementary solid; trigonometry, up to and including solution of triangles. Mechanics and chemistry—To the standard of the University Junior Scholarship Examination. *Girls' College:* English—Burke's Reflections on the French Revolution; Macaulay's Essay on Bacon and Essay on Walpole; Shakespeare's Hamlet, and Romeo and Juliet; Hales's Longer English Poems; selections from the poets and from prose authors; Nesfield's Historical English and Derivation; Sweet's Anglo-Saxon Primer; Morris and Skeat, Early English: The Age of Milton; the Age of Dryden. Latin—Cicero's Pro Milone; Horace's Odes, Books III and IV; Ramsay's Latin Prose; Bradley's Aids to Latin Prose; Allen's Latin Grammar; Merivale and Puller's School History of Rome; Horton's Antiquities. French—A. de Tocqueville's L'Ancien Régime et la Révolution; Regnard's Le Joueur; Scribe's Le Verre d'Eau; Spier's Rapid French Exercises; Eve and De Baudiss's Wellington College French Grammar; Dowden's History of French Literature. German—Schiller's Wilhelm Tell; Das Edle Blut, by Ernst von Wildenbruch; Siepmann's Public School German Grammar. Mathematics—Pendlebury's Trigonometry; Baker and Bourne's Geometry; Hall and Knight's Algebra; Ward's Trigonometrical Papers.

*Lowest.—Boys' College:* English—Reading, recitation, composition, writing, as prescribed for Standard VI. Geography, physical and mathematical, as prescribed. History—Public School Series, No. 4. Latin—Elementa Latina. French—Hogben's Méthode Naturelle. Commercial—Book-keeping, commercial correspondence. Arithmetic—As prescribed for Standard VI. Algebra, to simultaneous equations. Drawing—Freehand copies; and solid geometry, as prescribed for Standard VI. Agricultural science—Elementary. *Girls' College:* Nesfield's Manual; Wood's First Poetry Book; A Tale of Two Cities; Tales of the Round Table. Siepmann's First French Course. Longmans' Geography, Book III. Tout's History. Furneaux's Physiology. Pendlebury's Arithmetic.