RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. T. R. Cresswell, M.A.; Miss E. King, M.A.; Miss I. Keith, M.A.; Mr. J. Lash; Sergeant-Major Thompson.

1. Report of Board of Governors.

Excellent work has been done in the school during the past year, and the reputation of the school has been further enhanced by the high percentage of successes gained by the pupils. For the Matriculation Examination 7 pupils entered and 6 passed; for the Junior Civil Service, 13 entered and 11 passed; for the Senior Free Place, 13 entered and 13 passed; for the Senior Civil Service, 1 entered and 1 passed; for the Junior Free Place, 3 entered and 2 passed. For the Senior Board of Education Scholarship, 3 entered and 1 passed.

An increased attendance for the first term of 1909 is assured, and it is expected that the roll-number will reach 80. The school boardinghouse has been successfully inaugurated, under the supervision of the headmaster, and several pupils from the northern district and elsewhere are finding it a great convenience.

The school has been inspected by Mr. G. Hogben, M.A., the Inspector-General of Schools, who signified his approval of the work of the school.

The want of a proper science-room is still a serious handicap, and, as the school is growing, an extra class-room may soon be required.

The school cadet corps has been commended for efficiency by Colonel Davies, and has won a good share of prize-money for marksmanship at the various competitions.

Several pupils have shown a marked improvement in physique since the Board engaged the services of a teacher of physical development.

2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—English—Nesfield's English Grammar; The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table (O. W. Holmes); King Henry V (Shakespeare); The Princess (Tennyson). Latin—Livy, Siege of Syracuse; Horace, Odes, III and IV (selected); Cicero, De Amicitia; Cæsar, De Bella Gallico V; Virgil, Georgics, II; Bryan's Latin Prose. French—Chardenal's Second Course and Additional Notes on Grammar; Marchand D'Allumettes (A. Gennevraye); L'apprenti (E. Souvestre). Arithmetic (to Junior University Scholarship standard)—Miscellaneous. Algebra and Geometry—Baker and Bourne, to Junior University Scholarship standard. Trigonometry—Hall and Knight's Elementary Trigonometry, to Junior University Scholarship standard. Botany—Evans's Botany, to Matriculation and Junior Civil Service standard. Heat—Glazebrook, to Junior University Scholarship standard. Roman history—Wells, to death of Augustus. Mechanics—Jessop; elements of applied mathematics, to Junior University Scholarship standard.

Lowest.—English—Nesfield's Manual; Miscellaneous Exercises; Marmion, canto iii (Scott); White Company (Conan Doyle). French—Chardenal's First Course, to exercise 130. Latin—Macmillan's Course, Part I, to exercise 74. Arithmetic—Pendlebury; factors, fractions, decimals, contracted methods, &c. Algebra—Baker and Bourne, to simultaneous equations. Geometry—Theoretical, to proposition xx, practical measurements and determinations. Botany—Murché's Botany.

3. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1908.

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Receipts.		£	8.	d.	Expenditure.		£	8,	đ.
Balance at beginning of year	٠.	347	2	0	Management—				
Government capitation for free places		554	0	0	Office salary		15	15	0
Current income from reserves		189		4			5	0	0
School fees		125	9	6	Other expenses of management		2		1
Other receipts—					Teachers' salaries and allowances		600	9	0
Rent of master's old residence		11	0	0	Prizes		3	11	6
Exchange on cheques		0	2	6	Material for classes other than classes	for			
Special loan from Union Bank	for				manual instruction		5	11	10
buildings		600	0	0	Printing, stationery, and advertising				6
					Cleaning, fuel, light, &c		32	8	8
					Purchases and new works		271	14	2
					Fencing, repairs, &c		82	16	9
					Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)		20	17	3
					Interest on current account		0	4	0
					Other expenditure—				
					On buildings from special loan		600	0	0
					Bank charges, exchange, and sundries	٠. ١	1	8	5
					Balance at end of year	• •	181	5	2
		£1,827	0	4			£1,827	0	4
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ROBERT BALL, Chairman. C. I. Jennings, Secretary.

Audited and found correct, except that the payment of £10 10s. and £5 5s. as honoraria to Messrs. Ball and Jennings respectively, who, as members of the Board, are virtually invested with a fiduciary character, are disallowed as contravening the established rule of law that Trustees shall have no allowance or remuneration for their services. They cannot lawfully make payment to themselves, or in respect of their personal labour and services.—J. K. Warburton, Controller and Auditor-General.