

matter, and I informed him of the Board's resolution and its ready acceptance by the parents and boys. In his reply he said, 'I am greatly pleased to learn from your letter that cadet-training has been made universal in your school. You are teaching the Old Country a much-needed lesson, and I can only hope that some day our schools may follow your example; but it is uphill work combating Old World prejudices.' The services of the eight companies were accepted by the Defence Department, and the corps formed into a battalion with a present establishment of 410. All the companies have been supplied with uniforms from the funds of the corps; but the two junior companies will not receive their arms till next year."

Mistresses.—The staff was joined in February, 1909, by Miss Vernon Harcourt, M.A., Trinity College, Dublin, who took the Natural Sciences Tripos at Girton College, Cambridge. In April it was joined by Miss D. R. Robertson, M.A., who took her degree in 1907 at the Otago University.

Distinctions.—Boys: At the December examination of the University of New Zealand, Junior Scholarships were won by A. B. Jameson, C. J. Hosking, R. H. Melville; and Senior National Scholarships by W. M. Jones (under age) and P. S. Smale. Four boys passed with credit, and thirty-nine others passed matriculation. In the Civil Service Junior Examination forty-seven passed, of whom nineteen obtained credit. Nine gained Senior District Scholarships under the Auckland Education Board.

Girls: At the examinations of December, 1909, two girls (T. Tompkins and H. Adlington) gained Junior University Scholarships. H. Adlington was awarded the Sinclair Scholarship for biology and mathematics. D. Burrow, B. Battersby, and E. Hames obtained Senior District Scholarships under the Auckland Education Board. Twenty-five girls passed matriculation, 162 passed Junior Civil Service, and 29 others gained senior free places. A. Wilson has won the second of two prizes given in the North Island by the British and Foreign Sailors' Society for an essay on Captain Cook. Several girls won prizes at the oral examination held by the Auckland French Club.

Library.—One of the boys' class-rooms has been set apart as a school library, and suitably fitted and furnished by the Board for that purpose. It was opened in June with about 600 volumes, which have been purchased from subscriptions given by old boys of the school.

The School.—During the first term of the year 424 boys and 287 girls were in the two schools, of whom 388 boys and 260 girls held free places under the regulations, and for whose tuition the Government paid at the rate of £3 11s. 3d. a term. £16,675 2s. 1d. has now been spent upon the new girls' school in Howe Street, of which the Government provided £6,000.

The usual distribution of prizes took place in the Choral Hall on the 16th December, 1909: 59 prizes were given to the boys and 52 to the girls; their total cost was £63 13s. 9d. Two prizes were again given by Mr. J. P. Hooton for English essays, and one for practical chemistry by Mr. P. M. Mackay, J.P.

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2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest—Boys' School: English—Nesfield, English Past and Present; Tennyson, Webb and Rowe's Selections; Shakespeare, Henry IV, Part I, and Macbeth; Spenser, Faerie Queene, Book I; Chaucer, Clerke's Tale. Latin—Sergeant's Easy Passages for Latin Prose; Ovid, Metamorphoses; Livy, Book V; Cicero, Letters (Tyrrell); Horace, Odes, Book II; Cicero, Pro Marcello. French—Wall's Concise French Grammar; Rey's French Composition and Idioms; Travailleurs de la Mer; Poèmes Choisis (Arnold). Mathematics—Todhunter and Loney's Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Geometry; Hall and Knight's Trigonometry. Science—Edser's Heat for Advanced Students; Shenstone's Chemistry; Tilden's Practical Chemistry. *Girls' School:* Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Geometry; Borchardt's Trigonometry, Parts I and II; Todhunter and Loney's Algebra; Borchardt's Algebra, Part I; Ward's Exercises in Trigonometry; Jones and Cheyne's Algebraic Exercises. Science—Heat, Glazebrook; mechanics, Jessop, Loney; botany, Scott's Flowering Plants, Scott's Flowerless Plants. English—Hamlet; Burke's Speeches on American Taxation; Bacon's Essays; Addison's Essays (Arnold's edition); Faerie Queene, Spenser, Book I, Canto 5; Golden Treasury; Chaucer's Knight's Tale; historical grammar, Nesfield, Past and Present. History—Tont and Powell; Colonies and Colonial Federation. Roman history—Wilkins's Roman Antiquities; Shuchburgh's Elementary Roman History. Geography—Longmans, Part II. French—Maitres Mosaïstes; Rey's Composition. Latin—Livy, Book XXI; Horace, Odes, Book III; Bradley's Arnold; Postgate's First Latin Primer; Horace, Satires and Epistles; Cicero, De Senectute.

Lowest.—Boys' School: English—Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar; Temple Reader; Scott, Lay of the Last Minstrel; Kingsley, Heroes. Latin—Elementa Latina, Morris; Invasion of Britain; Postgate's Shilling Primer. French—Macmillan's Progressive French Course, First Year; Bell's French Course, Part I. Mathematics—Loney and Greville's Shilling Arithmetic; Longmans' Junior School Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Geometry. Geography—Longmans' Geographical Series, No. 2. *Girls' School:* Mathematics—Borchardt's Junior Arithmetic; Borchardt's Junior Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Geometry. English—Nesfield's Outlines; Temple Reader; Lady of the Lake. History—Arabella Buckley. French—Macmillan, Part I Contes et Légendes. Guerbet. Latin—Macmillan, Parts I and II; Scalæ Primæ; Postgate's First Latin Primer. Geography—Longmans, Part II.