

RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

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1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Very satisfactory work has been done in this school during the past year, and the reputation of the school continues to be its best advertisement. For the year 1909 a roll-number of eighty was anticipated, and it is a gratification to the Board of Governors to know that the first term of 1910 is likely to open with an attendance of ninety. The school was inspected by the Secondary Schools Inspector during the year, and the subsequent report was "Highly commendable."

The want of a properly equipped science-room was felt to be a drawback, and this the Board has been able to overcome, with the assistance of the Education Department, and a handsome and commodious building in brick is almost ready for use.

At the various annual examinations the school did very well, an excellent percentage of pupils being successful. One youth of fifteen years of age, who sat for the Junior University Scholarship was placed in the credit list. The school cadets have well maintained their reputation for efficiency and enthusiasm.

The school boardinghouse has been well filled, and a new dormitory, provided by the Board, was certainly needed. The splendid large playground belonging to the school enables drill and all sports to be carried on most effectively.

ROBERT BALL, Chairman.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—Nesfield's Manual ; Abbott's English Lessons ; Matriculation English (Tutorial Series) ; Shakespeare, Julius Caesar ; Lamb's Essays of Elia ; Milton, L'Allegro, Il Penseroso. Lycidas, Paradise Lost, Book II ; Coleridge, Ancient Mariner ; Gray's Elegy and Bard ; portions of Addison's *Spectator* and Chancer's Prologue, &c. Latin—Bradley's Arnold ; Clement Bryan's Prose ; Cicero, In Verrem Actio Secunda ; Caesar, De Bello Gallico, Book V ; Vergil, *Æneid*, Books I and II ; Livy, Book I ; Roman history to death of Augustus. French—Chardenal, Book II ; Hossfeld's Manual ; Molière, *Les Femmes Savantes* ; Advanced Passages for French Unseen Translation (Steel). Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry—Miscellaneous, as to Junior University Scholarship standard. Heat—Glazebrook and Draper, as to Junior University Scholarship standard. Mechanics—Jessop, as to Junior University Scholarship standard. Botany—Evans's Botany, and additional notes to Matriculation standard.

Lowest.—English—The more elementary portions of Nesfield's Manual ; Marmion, Canto II ; Conan Doyle's White Company. Arithmetic—Pendlebury, pages 1–240. Algebra—Baker and Bourne, to simultaneous equations. Geometry—Baker and Bourne, Book I, and easy problems and measurements. French—Chardenal, exercises 1–110 ; conversation, dictation, &c. Botany—Evans ; practical work. Latin—Longmans, Part I, exercises 1–50.

3. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	181	5	2	Management—			
Government grant for sites, building, furniture, &c. (general purposes)	337	0	0	Other office expenses		1	4 10
Government capitation for free places	754	8	2	Other expenses of management		15	15 0
Current income from reserves	189	6	4	Teachers' salaries and allowances		682	13 0
School fees	19	19	0	Prizes		4	2 0
Other receipts—Rent of school boarding-house	26	10	0	Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction		5	13 4
				Printing, stationery, and advertising		11	4 9
				Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.		34	1 10
				Site, buildings, furniture, &c. (Government grants)		337	0 0
				Purchases and new works		165	16 1
				Fencing, repairs, &c.		23	18 0
				Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)		13	4 0
				Interest on current account		0	1 0
				Other expenditure—			
				School fees refunded		1	11 6
				First-aid cabinet		1	5 0
				Expenses in connection with the break-up		0	9 6
				Bank charge		0	10 0
				Balance at end of year		209	18 10
	<u>£1,508</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>			<u>£1,508</u>	<u>8 8</u>

ROBERT BALL, Chairman.

C. I. JENNINGS, Treasurer.

The Audit Office, having examined the foregoing accounts prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, 1908, hereby certifies to the correctness thereof, subject to the exceptions that the payments 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 allowances or remuneration for their services. They cannot lawfully make payments to themselves for or in respect of their personal labour and services. [Note.—A similar exception was taken in the balance-sheet for 1908.]—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.