

CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

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1. REPORT OF HEADMASTER.

The school roll of 1909 was as follows: For the first term, 236; for the second term, 228; for the third term, 217. This includes the Preparatory Form, which had on its roll 21, 18, 20 for the three terms respectively.

There were 118 holders of free places, 67 junior and 51 senior.

The size of the classes in the upper school was larger than ever: there were 108 in the upper school, as against 74 in 1906.

The school needs badly a physical laboratory; also a reading-room and library.

The school sustained the loss of a well-trying master, Mr. J. H. Smith, who died in September last after a long illness; Mr. R. Speight also left the school to take up a position in the Museum. The two vacancies were filled by Mr. R. J. Thompson, B.A., and by Mr. A. Watt, M.A. The work of the school suffered somewhat owing to the long illness of Mr. Smith, particularly in the French classes. He had been a master for fourteen years, always loyal, able, and industrious.

In December last a very complete examination of the middle and lower classes of the school was conducted by Professor Blunt, at the instance of the Board of Governors. Professor Blunt acted as Examiner-in-Chief, and was assisted by Professor Chilton for science, Dr. Hight for English, and Mr. A. C. Gifford for mathematics. The Board of Governors considered the report of a satisfactory nature, showing the school was doing the work for which it was established.

The cadet corps for the second time won the Victory Shield offered for competition in shooting to the Defence Cadets of Canterbury.

The Board of Governors propose, in the near future, to build a hostel, probably on land immediately adjoining the school. This is much wanted. Many country boys are in unsatisfactory lodgings; and many parents, owing to the absence of a properly supervised boardinghouse, feel compelled to send their sons elsewhere.

The Preparatory Form was examined by one of the Education Board's Inspectors, Mr. E. K. Mulgan. He spoke in appreciative language of the keenness of the boys and their attitude towards work, though finding a little weakness in their composition. Their nature-study work and general intelligence were praised. The whole school was also inspected by Dr. Anderson and Mr. T. H. Gill early in November, and a report has been forwarded to the Board of Governors.

Seventy-five boys entered for outside examinations in December, 1908.

G. H. Robertson, who was here for five years, and during his last year at Wellington College, was third scholar on the Junior University Scholarship list. The other 7 candidates for University Scholarships were young: one was placed on the credit list, 5 qualified for Matriculation, and 1 failed. It was the leanest year since 1894.

For Matriculation there were 24 candidates, and 17 passed. One of these qualified for Medical Preliminary; two others who passed Matriculation failed for Medical Preliminary.

Forty-four candidates entered for Junior Civil Service or Senior Free Places, and 36 passed. Two obtained Education Board Senior Scholarships. Fourteen of the above entered for Civil Service proper, and all passed save one, 6 with credit.

The distinctions won by old boys in 1909 were as follows: Mr. D. C. H. Florance obtained his M.Sc.; Mr. D. B. Macleod won the Senior University Scholarship for Chemistry, and Mr. C. M. Stubbs the Senior University Scholarship for Mathematics; Mr. D. B. Macleod also won the Haydon Prize; exhibitions at Canterbury College were gained by four old boys, for Latin, Greek, history, and chemistry. Two old boys proceeded to Cambridge University during the year—Mr. M. B. Martin to King's College to enter a classical course, and Mr. C. M. Bevan-Brown to Emmanuel for a science course.

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2. WORK IN THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin—Livy, Book I (Blackie), without vocabulary; Horace, Odes, Book III; Vergil, Æneid, IX; De Officiis, III; Myths and Legends of Ancient Rome; Bradley's Arnold; Bradley's Aids to Latin Prose; Kennedy's Revised Latin Primer; Gepp and Haigh's Latin Dictionary; Robinson's First History of the Romans; Rivington's Class Book of Latin, Unseen, Book VI; Everyman's Library Atlas of Ancient Geography. English—Chaucer's Prologue (Blackie); English Prose, from Mandeville to Ruskin (World's Classics); Shakespeare's King Lear (Pitt Press); Thackeray's Esmond (Macmillan); Palgrave's Golden Treasury; Nesfield's Manual; Nesfield's Historical English; English Literature, Laing (Collins and Sons). French—Angier et Sandeau Le Gendre de M. Poirier (Hachette); Advanced French Composition, Duhamel (Rivingtons); Balzac, Eugénie Grandet (Hachette and Co.); Longmans' Advanced French Unseen (Bertenshaw); French Grammar, Moriarty (Sonnenschein). Mathematics—Borchardt and Perrott's Trigonometry; Baker and Bourne's Algebra (Bell); Elements of Applied Mathematics (Jessop, Bell); Hall and Stevens's School Geometry, Parts I to VI (Macmillan); Hogben's Trigonometry Tables; Pendlebury's Arithmetic. Science—Advanced Inorganic Chemistry, Theoretical (Bailey, London, W. B. Clive). Gymnastics—Tuesday, 4 p.m.

Lowest.—Latin—Elementa Latina (to end of active verbs); Scale Primæ; Shorter Latin Primer (for revision of verbs). English—The White Company, Conan Doyle (Longmans), abridged; Lyra Heroica (The Revenge, &c.); Nesfield's Outlines; Parsing Notes; dictation, composition, parsing,