

Miss E. Crosby, B.A., who since the middle of 1908 had been absent on sick-leave, took up some of her duties at the beginning of the year, and full work at the beginning of the second term. Miss Ellen Baxter, M.A., who had been acting as Miss Crosby's substitute, was still retained as a part-time teacher until the third term, when she received a permanent appointment at the Nelson Girls' College.¹ Her part-time work was taken up by Miss Margaret Farrow, B.A., another past pupil of this school.

As the acquisition of additional rooms made more convenient arrangements for the domestic-training classes practicable, an additional cooking class was arranged for on Monday mornings, and was well attended during the third term. Next year there will also be classes in dressmaking—for girls taking the home-life course—during the ordinary school-hours, instead of on Saturday mornings only as hitherto.

Soon after the beginning of the second term the technical classes were inspected by Mr. Isaac, and a week before the close of the same term Dr. Anderson spent two or three days at the school to see the general working of all classes, and to hold the test examination for Senior Free Places.

In December the classes below Matriculation standard were thoroughly examined by gentlemen appointed for the purpose by the Board of Governors. An oral examination was first held, and then a further written test was given. The examiners were Professor Blunt, Examiner-in-Chief, Latin, French, and German; Dr. Chilton, science; Dr. Hight, English, history, and geography; and Mr. Gifford, mathematics. Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. Chilton, and Mrs. Hight also kindly examined the work of the needlework, dressmaking, and cookery classes. A full report on all subjects, and a general report summarizing the results as a whole, was sent in to the Board of Governors.

At the December, 1908, University examinations, two pupils, Julia Pegg and Catherine Reynolds, were awarded Senior National and Gammack Scholarships; Ada Fairbairn was also offered a Gammack Scholarship, but did not accept it. Twenty-two pupils passed the Matriculation Examination, five won Senior Board of Education Scholarships, thirteen passed the Junior Civil Service Examination, twenty passed the regular Senior Free Place Examination, twenty-three others were awarded Senior Free Places at the Inspector-General's test examination, and three gained Junior Free Places.

Notable successes gained by past pupils of the school during the year are as follows : Ellen Baxter, degree of M.A., with third-class honours in English and French ; May Arnott, Millicent Bailey, Margaret Farrow, Clara Firth, Annette Jacobs, Irene Wilson, all degree of B.A. ; Mary Barkar, degree of B.Sc. ; Helen Leversedge, exhibition in French, Canterbury College ; Alice Candy, the exhibition in economics, and Edith Jackson, that in physical science, at the same College.

MARY V. GIBSON, M.A., Lady Principal.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—All work as for Junior University Scholarship Examination. Subjects taught—English, Latin, French, German, Roman history, mathematics, physical science (heat), natural science (botany).

Lowest.—Work of a standard above Standard VI; first-year work for the Senior Free Place Examination. Subjects taught—English (grammar, composition, literature), arithmetic, Latin, French, English history, geography, book-keeping and shorthand (alternatives with Latin), elementary botany or laws of health, brush drawing, plain needlework, singing, drill.

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

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G. W. RUSSELL, Chairman.
GEO. H. MASON, Registrar.

Vide Canterbury College Accounts: "The Audit Office having examined the balance-sheet and the accompanying accounts, hereby certifies the same to be correct.—JAS. B. HEYWOOD, Assistant Controller and Auditor."