

Distinctions.—F. A. Airey, E. J. Russell, W. Caradus won Junior University Scholarships; and J. J. S. Cornes a Senior National Scholarship; six others passed "with credit." Fifty-one passed the ordinary Matriculation Examination. Among old boys, A. G. Marshall won the Rhodes Scholarship; H. Hutson graduated M.D.; H. F. Holmden, P. McNab, A. E. Moore, M.B., Ch.B., at Edinburgh; C. G. Aickin, F.R.C.S., England; G. L. Krongfeld, Diplom Ingenieur at Berlin; and D. E. Hansen, Doctor Ingenieur at Karlsbruehe.

Cadet Corps.—Ten boys were exempt from military service owing to physical disability. The battalion was inspected by Major-General Godley, General Officer Commanding the Forces.

Prizes.—The prizes, costing £31 18s. 6d., were presented by me to the boys in the Choral Hall on the 13th December, 1911. As usual, Mr. J. P. Hooton gave two prizes for English essays, for the first of which L. Matheson and E. A. Watkin were equal, and so three books were given. Mr. P. M. Mackay, J.P., also, as usual, gave one prize for practical chemistry: won by L. J. Comrie.

New School.—The thanks of the Board are due to the Government and Parliament for the grant, by the Auckland Grammar School Site Act, 1911, of the 21st October, of 14 acres 3 roods 6·5 perches of land, a part of the Auckland Gaol Reserve at Mount Eden, for a new grammar-school. This will be a great boon to the citizens of Auckland, and will not only afford room for a good playground, but also afford a site for a boarding-school, which has been desired by country settlers for a long time for their sons.

Auckland Girls' Grammar School.

Headmistress.—On the 20th March Miss B. Butler, B.Sc. (Lond.), took over the charge of the school from Miss E. G. Wallen, the acting headmistress.

Mistresses.—Miss M. Clark, who was appointed temporarily until Miss Butler's arrival to assist in the work of the school, resigned her appointment on the 17th March. In December Miss Robertson, M.A., and Miss Johnston, M.A., were appointed to Dannevirke High School and Wellington Girls' College respectively; and Miss E. M. Dickinson, B.A., retired from the profession. These mistresses were succeeded by Miss N. I. MacLean, M.A., Miss H. Kirkbride, M.A., and Miss O. V. Haddrell, M.A. Miss F. E. A. Grellet, together with her sister, Miss K. Grellet, resigned their appointments also in December, in order to return to England. Miss F. E. A. Grellet has been succeeded by Mdlle. Jeanne Uhlmann (Sorbonne University, Paris), and Miss K. Grellet by Mrs. Markstedt (the Guildhall School of Music). Miss M. A. Dive was granted a year's leave of absence to visit the United Kingdom.

Distinctions.—At the examinations in December one girl gained a Junior University Scholarship; one a Senior National Scholarship, two passed the Scholarship Examination with credit (one of these has since been offered a Senior National Scholarship, but has declined it), and one girl passed Matriculation on the Scholarship-papers. Twenty-four girls matriculated, and thirty-nine passed the Civil Service Junior Examination (eight with credit). Nine girls passed the Senior District Scholarship Examination under the Auckland Education Board (two gaining scholarships), and fifty-four girls gained Senior Free Places.

Library.—The school library has had several additions made to it during the past year, and now contains 400 volumes.

Grounds.—The appearance of the school-grounds has been considerably improved. Grass has been sown, and many ornamental beds and borders laid out. The drive has been greatly improved also. Seats have been placed about the grounds for the use of the girls, and the lawn has been marked out into two tennis-courts, which have been in use all the summer.

Prizes.—The school prizes were distributed on the 13th December, 1911, by the Chairman, the Hon. Sir G. Maurice O'Rorke, M.A., LL.D. Sixty books were presented, at a cost of £32 4s.

Increase in Pupils.—The number of pupils attending in February, 1911, was 380, as compared with 350 in February, 1910.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE, M.A., LL.D., Chairman.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Boys' School.

Highest.—English—Pope, Rape of the Lock; Goldsmith, Citizen of the World; Chaucer, Squire's Tale; Golden Treasury; King Lear; Bacon's Essays; Byron, Childe Harold. Latin—Cicero, Second Philippic; Virgil, Georgics III and IV, and Eclogues; Pliny's Letters; Horace, Odes, II; Cicero, De Senectute; Livy, Book XXII; Sargeant's Easy Passages for Latin Prose; Tutorial History of Rome. French—Victor Hugo, Quatre-vingt-treize; Une Année de Collège à Paris; French Poetry, Boïelle; Wellington College French Grammar. Science—Shenstone's Chemistry; Edser's Heat. Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Geometry; Todhunter and Loney's Algebra; Hall and Knight's Trigonometry; Ward's Trigonometry Exercises.

Lowest.—English—Nesfield's Outlines; Temple Reader; Scott, Marmion; Southey's Life of Nelson. History—Oman's Junior History of England. Geography—Longmans' Geography, The World. Latin—Elementa Latina; Postgate's Latin Primer; Invasion of Britain. French—Siepmann's Primary French Course, Part I. Arithmetic—Loney and Greville's Shilling Arithmetic. Mathematics—Longmans' Junior School Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Geometry.

Girls' School.

Highest.—The work which has been done in Form VI, the highest division in the school, is that required for the Junior University Scholarships Examination of the University of New Zealand. The subjects which have been taught, together with the text-books used in each case, are: English—First Précis Book, Chatwin; Henry IV, Shakespeare; Henry Esmond, Thackeray; selections from Browning (poems); Manual of English Composition, Nesfield; Faerie Queene, Book I, Spenser; Plays of