

Auckland, for the services of special instructors in cookery, dressmaking, and woodwork. The High School scholars have received instruction in these subjects since the opening of the school.

In conclusion, I may say that though much has been done during the past five months of our government, much remains to be done. We are conscious that a bright future lies before the Hamilton High School, and we mean to spare no effort to make our school an integral and vital factor in the life of the town.

GEO. EDGECUMBE, Chairman.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin—Latin Prose Composition (Bradley); Latin Exercises (Dr. Melvin); Odes, Book III (Horace); Book XXI (Livy); Selections from Ovid. French—French Prose Composition for Middle Forms (Duhamel and Minssen); Colomba (Mérimée); Les Précieuses ridicules (Molière); Au Pôle en Ballon (Victor Patrice). English—Matriculation English Course (University Tutorial Press); A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Merchant of Venice, Richard III, Richard II, Much Ado About Nothing; Cloister and the Hearth; Selections from Lavengro (Borrow). Mathematics—Algebra (Hall and Knight); Geometry (Hall and Stevens); Trigonometry (Hamblin Smith); Arithmetic (Goyen). Science—Botany for Beginners (Bailey).

Lowest.—Latin—Decursus Primus (Tucker) to Ex. 18. French—First French Course (Chardenal), to Ex. 131; Primary French Course, Part I (Siepmann), to Ex. 27. English—Exercises in English (Burns and Hight); Silas Marner (George Eliot); Kenilworth (Scott); The Ancient Mariner and Christabel (Coleridge); The Tempest, Romeo and Juliet. Mathematics—Algebra (Hall and Knight), to chap. xvi; Geometry (Hall and Stevens) to theorem 14, to problem 6; Arithmetic (Goyen). Miscellaneous exercises from. Botany—Botany for Beginners (Bailey). Shorthand—Shorthand (Pitman), to Ex. 18. Book-keeping—First Lessons in Book-keeping (Thornton), to lesson 6. History—A Junior History of England (Oman), to chap. vii. Geography—The World, Book 2 (Longmans); Europe.

THAMES HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. R. E. Rudman, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. C. E. Stewart, M.A.; Miss M. Foy; Miss O. E. Wylie; Sergeant-major Tingey.

1. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin—Via Latina (whole book); Allen's Latin Grammar; Cicero, Philippics, II; Virgil, Æneid, IV; Cæsar, IV and V; Ovid, Selections. French—Macmillan's, Course III; Colomba (Mérimée); Athalie (Racine); Médecin Malgré Lui (Molière); Charles XII (Voltaire). English—Nesfield's Manual; Meiklejohn's Composition; Tempest, King Lear; Burke's Speeches. Science—Matriculation syllabus in chemistry, with simple quantitative work. Mathematics—Geometry, Hall and Stevens, I–IV; algebra, Baker and Bourne, Part I; arithmetic, Workman's School Arithmetic.

Lowest.—Latin—Limen to end of active conjugations. French—Siepmann, Part I. English—Nesfield's Manual; Hereward the Wake; Idylls of King; Geraint's Enid; Morte d'Arthur, &c. Science—Physical measurements, two-thirds of Junior Civil Service syllabus. Mathematics—Hall and Stevens's Geometry, I and II; algebra, Baker and Bourne to simultaneous equations; arithmetic, Greville and Loney.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. E. Pridham, M.A.; Mr. A. R. Ryder, M.A.; Mr. H. H. Ward; Mr. G. H. Wills; Miss Grant, M.A.; Miss Drew, M.A.; Miss F. R. Livingstone, M.A.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Board met eighteen times during the year, holding twelve ordinary and six special meetings.

At the request of the Board, a special inspection of the school was held by the Department, and the report obtained was generally of a favourable nature. Subsequently, as recommended in the report, a lady junior teacher was appointed to teach domestic science.

An agricultural course was instituted at the beginning of the year, which was placed in charge of Mr. Ryder. It has proved a popular and desirable addition to the school curriculum.

Considerable attention has been given to the question of separating the boys and girls, but, owing to want of funds, it has been impossible to give effect to this reform at present. Steps have, however, been taken, at an expense of some £2,500, to provide boarding-accommodation in connection with the Principal's residence.

A conference was arranged of those educational bodies and others interested in the Opaku Reserves for Taranaki Scholarships, to endeavour to make better use of the funds accruing and accrued, and the recommendations of the conference have been placed before the Minister of Education.

Towards the end of the year the much-respected Principal, Mr. E. Pridham, M.A., who had been in charge of the school for thirty years, retired, and Mr. W. H. Moyes, M.A., B.Sc., was appointed in his place.

WALTER BEWLEY, Secretary.