

THAMES HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. R. E. Rudman, M.A., B.Sc. ; Miss M. E. Clarko, M.A. ; Mr. J. Metson ; Mr. M. Alexander, B.Sc. ; Staff Sergeant-major Tingoy.

1. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Standard—Senior Civil Service and Matriculation. Latin—Allen's Grammar (Limen) ; Cæsar, Books III–V ; Horace, Odes, I. French—Siepmann, III ; Weekley's Extracts ; Macmillan's French Course, Part III. English—Nesfield's Manual ; Morris's Historical ; Milton, L'Allegro, Il Penseroso, Comus ; Macauley's Essay on Milton ; Shakespeare, extracts. Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Algebra, to binomial theorem ; geometry, Hall and Stevens, to Part VI ; Loney's Trigonometry ; Workman's Arithmetic. Science—Matriculation Chemistry (Shenstone) ; Hadley's Electricity ; Loney's Hydrostatics ; Loney's Statics and Dynamics.

Lowest.—Latin—Limen, Part I. French—Siepmann, Part I. English—Nesfield's Manual ; Temple Reader. Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Algebra, to simultaneous equations ; geometry, Hall and Stevens, Book I ; Workman's Arithmetic. Book-keeping—Thornton's First Lessons. History—Sanderson. Geography. Science—Physical measurements.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. W. H. Moyes, M.A., B.Sc. ; Mr. A. R. Rydor, M.A. ; Mr. H. H. Ward ; Mr. G. H. Wills ; Mr. W. F. C. Balham ; Miss C. D. Grant, M.A. ; Miss G. A. Drow, M.A. ; Miss F. R. Livingstone, M.A. ; Mr. D. Hutton ; Mr. W. Lints.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

In furnishing the annual report, it is my pleasing duty to record a year of great progress. The Board has improved the equipment of the school at considerable expense, and at the commencement of the year tenders were called for the addition in concrete to the Principal's residence of accommodation for twenty-four boarders. Early in July the buildings were ready for occupation, and twelve pupils took up residence, this number being increased to seventeen in the third term ; and it is now gratifying to know that the accommodation has proved altogether inadequate, and the Board is now arranging for further extensions.

Later in the year it was decided, owing to the increasing attendance, that it was desirable to separate the boys' and girls' schools, and steps were taken to secure a building for the temporary accommodation of the girls pending the erection by the Board of suitable premises, and with the latter object in view steps were taken to secure a primary reserve of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres, suitably situated at Te Henui. It was also decided to open a preparatory department at the commencement of 1913, and Mr. H. C. Fenton was appointed in charge of this department. Mr. W. F. C. Balham was appointed French master, and Mr. D. Hutton drawing master.

The course in agriculture has been considerably extended. A portion of the grounds comprising 3 acres has been cleared and ploughed. Experimental work has been carried out under the direction of the Agricultural Department.

During the year the cricket-ground was levelled and put down in grass, and now compares very favourably with other school-grounds of the Dominion.

About the middle of the year Mr. MacDiarmid resigned his position as Chairman and member, after many years' service on the Board, and Mr. Dockrill was appointed Chairman, Mr. G. Grey being appointed to fill the vacant membership.

The results of the annual examinations were in every way satisfactory. One pupil gained a Taranaki Scholarship, thirteen passed Matriculation, twenty-one passed the Junior Civil Service, three passed the Senior Civil Service, five gained Senior Board Scholarships, and one gained a Junior National Scholarship.

WALTER BEWLEY, Secretary.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Boys' School.

Highest.—English—Nesfield, Past and Present ; Shakespeare, Hamlet, Richard III ; Carlyle Heroes ; Macaulay, essays on Frederick the Great, the Earl of Chatham, Milton, and Warren Hastings ; Chaucer, Prologue ; Abbott and Sæley, English Lessons for English People. Latin—Ramsay's Latin Prose Composition, Part I ; Bradley's Arnold, exercises 1–38 ; Cicero, De Amicitia, chapters 1–14 ; Horace, Odes, Book II, Epistles, Book I (1–6) ; Virgil, Aeneid, Book III. Tacitus, Agricola, chapters 1–17 ; Tutorial History of Rome (from first Punic War to end) ; Ramsay's Antiquities. French—Siepmann, Book III ; Weekley's French Prose ; Barlet and Mason's Reader ; Siepmann's Grammar ; Quatre-vingt-treize. Mathematics—Hall and Stevens's Geometry ; Hall and Knight's Algebra ; Hall and Knight's Trigonometry ; Ward's Trigonometry Papers. Heat—Glazebrook's Heat ; Robson's Practical Exercises in Heat ; Elser's Heat. Botany—Lowson's Second Stage ; Thomson's Introductory Class-book of Botany ; Scott's Flowering Plants ; Strasburger's Botany. Mechanics—Loney's Statics, Dynamics, and Hydrostatics.