

WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Boys' School.

Highest.—Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Algebra, Parts I and II; Hall and Stevens's Geometry, Parts I–VI; Hall and Knight's Elementary Trigonometry; Ward's Papers in Trigonometry; Pendlebury's Arithmetic. Science—Tutorial Chemistry; Metals and Non-metals; Chapman Jones's Qualitative Analysis; Drapers' Heat; Robson's Practical Exercises in Heat. French—Wellington College French Grammar; Bué's French Idioms; Berthon's Selections from French Prose, Berthon's Selections from French Verse; Waterloo (Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*); Méry's Trafalgar; Theuriet's *L'Abbé Daniel*; Vecqueray's French Papers; Pellissier's French Sight Pieces (Advanced); Weekley's French Prose Composition. English—Nesfield's English Past and Present; Skeat's Primer of Etymology; Spenser's *Faerie Queene*, Book I; Shakespeare's Hamlet, Twelfth Night; Wordsworth's Odes; Selections from Tennyson, Browning, Keats, Shelley, Byron, Burns, and Milton; Chaucer's Prologue and Knight's Tale. Latin—Kennedy's Latin Primer, Roby's School Latin Grammar; Bradley's Arnold; Bradley's Aids to Latin Prose; Bryan's Caesar's Latin Prose; Virgil's *Aeneid*, Books XI and XII; Horace, Odes, Books I and II; Selections from Ovid; Liddell's Selections from Cicero; Caesar, Book VII.

Lowest.—Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Algebra, Parts I and II; Hall and Stevens's Geometry, Parts I and II; Pendlebury's Commercial Arithmetic. Science—Bausor's Introductory Course of Chemistry. French—Direct Method (Rossman and Schmidt). Latin—*Elementa Latina* (Morris). English—Nesfield's Oral Composition; Nesfield's Outline of English Grammar; Yoxall's Word Builder and Speller; Call of the Homeland; Historical Poems and Ballads; Masterman Ready. History—Croft's Britain Beyond the Seas; Palmer's History and Geography; Murdoch's Struggle for Freedom. Geography—Southern Cross Geography Reader; Longmans' Geography (5). Commercial—Thornton's Primer of Book-keeping. Agricultural—Kirk, Elementary Agriculture; Pother, Agricultural Botany.

Girls' School.

Highest.—English—As You Like It; Hamlet; The Struggle for Sea Power; Nesfield's Past and Present; weekly essay. Latin—Longmans' Course, Part III; Selections from Latin Authors (Watt and Hayes); De Amicitia; Caesar (at sight). French—Matriculation French Course; Half-hours with the Best French Authors; Boiellé's Poetry; Colomba. Botany—Ewart's Botany. Physiology—Furneaux's. Arithmetic—Pendlebury's. Algebra—Baker and Bourne's. Geometry—Baker and Bourne's. Trigonometry—Hall and Knight's. History—Ransome's. Geography—Longmans', Part III. Heat—Glazebrook's. Scripture—Chronicles of the Kings of Judah.

Lowest.—English—The Discovery of New Worlds; Laureata, Nesfield's Manual; Meiklejohn's Spelling. Latin—Longmans' Course, Part I, to exercise 107. French—Dent's First French Course. History—From early times up to Tudor period. Geography—Europe. Botany—First half of Junior Civil Service programme. Physiology—Coleman's. Arithmetic—Pendlebury's. Algebra—Baker and Bourne's. Geometry—Baker and Bourne's. Drawing—Model, freehand, brush. Scripture—Genesis.

OTAGO BOYS' AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOLS.

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1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

In compliance with your Department's circular of the 3rd December last, I have the honour to forward the following general report of the schools for the year ending the 31st December, 1912.

The average attendance at the schools for the year was 299 at the boys' and 168 at the girls'.

The record of the work of the schools for the year, has been of a very satisfactory character. The Department's Inspectors, Dr. Anderson and Mr. Gill, visited the schools towards the end of the year and also reported most favourably thereon. In reference to the Inspectors' comments in this report as to the lack of facilities for teaching domestic science, I may say that the Principal reports that only two pupils in attendance at present have signified their desire to take up the course if it were available.

Miss F. M. Allan, Acting-Principal of the Girls' School during the first term of 1912, was appointed Principal at the beginning of the second term, and in this position has given every satisfaction. Her record for the year has proved to the Board the wisdom of the promotion. Miss H. Alexander, who as Vice-Principal gave Miss Allan valuable assistance in the management of the school, retired on superannuation at the end of the school year. Miss Alexander has been a conscientious and indefatigable teacher in the Board's service for over eighteen years.

It is with deep regret I have to record the untimely death of Miss N. M. Campbell after a short illness. Miss Campbell was an excellent teacher, and her death caused great grief to all connected with the school.

With the exception of an additional master appointed at the beginning of the year, the staff of the Boys' School remains the same as in the previous year.