

A janitor's house has been erected at the Girls' School, and the improvement of the grounds has not been overlooked. Considerable repairs of an urgent nature have been carried out at the Boys' School. A pound-for-pound subsidy having been granted by your Department for the erection of a science laboratory at the Boys' School, I am pleased to say that the building is now under construction, and its completion in about six months' time is anticipated. A grant for fittings and furniture will be required, and an application for the same will be made in due course.

THOMAS FERGUS, Chairman.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Boys' School.

Highest.—English—Shakespeare, Macbeth; Chaucer, Prologue; Milton, Paradise Lost, Book II; Palgrave's Golden Treasury, Books II and IV (selections); Macaulay, Milton; Nesfield's Historical English; Nichol and McCormick, Exercises on English Composition. Latin—Livy, Book III (from c. 26); Cicero, In Q. Caecilium Divinatio; Horace, Epodes and Ars Poetica; Virgil, Aeneid, VI; sight translation and prose composition; Shuckburgh, History of Rome; Wilkins, Roman Antiquities. French—Mignet, Révolution Française; Vigny, Poésies Choiesies; Siepmann's Course, Part III; composition, grammar, phonetics, &c. Mathematics—Arithmetic (whole subject); algebra, Baker and Bourne, to permutations; geometry, Hall and Stevens; trigonometry, Hall and Knight. Science—Chemistry, the metals, revision of non-metals, elementary qualitative analysis; physics, heat.

Lowest.—(Forms IIIB, IIIC, and IIID.) English—Smith, Book of Verse, Part II; Scott, Ivanhoe; Blakeney, Retreat of Sir John Moore; Southey, Life of Nelson; Gow's Method of English, Part I. English History—Tout, First Book of British History. Geography—Herbertson, Preliminary Geography. Latin—Macmillan's Shorter Latin Course, Part I; Bell's Scalae Primae. French—Siepmann's Primary French Course, Part I. Mathematics—Loney and Grenville, Shilling Arithmetic; algebra, Baker and Bourne; geometry, Hall and Stevens; experimental work. Science—Elementary Inorganic Chemistry (Newth).

Commercial Work.—English—Commercial correspondence and easy précis. Geography—F. R. Smith, Commercial Geography. Book-keeping—(Seniors) Bolton's Business Book-keeping; (Juniors) Thornton's Elementary Primer and Exercises. Shorthand—Gregg's System.

Girls' School.

Highest.—English—Chaucer, part of the Prologue, and extracts from Tales; Shakespeare, Hamlet, King Lear; Milton, Paradise Lost, Book II, Comus, Lycidas; Carlyle, Heroes and Hero Worship; Historical English Grammar (Nesfield); Composition, &c., Nesfield's Senior Composition; literature, general, with readings from modern poets; Peacock's Selected Essays; Spenser, Milton, Tennyson, epochs. Latin—Livy, Book I (30 chapters), Book III (17 chapters); Horace, Odes, Books II and III, 1 Satire; Cicero, Brackenbury's Selections; Virgil, Aeneid, Book XII (360 lines); composition, grammar, &c.; Roman History and Antiquities. French—Macmillan's Advanced Exercises; Wellington College Reader; Boileau, Poetry; Weekley, Higher French Reader; De Payen-Payne, French Idioms and Proverbs; grammar, composition, &c.; Berthon, Specimens of Modern French Verse. Mathematics—Arithmetic, the whole subject; algebra, to permutations and combinations, inclusive; geometry, Euclid, Books I, II, III, V, VI, VII (Baker and Bourne); trigonometry, to Junior University Scholarship standard. Science—Botany, the morphology and physiology of the botanical types specified in the Junior Scholarship schedule; physics, as defined in the Junior Scholarship schedule.

Lowest.—English—Grammar, Nesfield's Aids to Study and Composition of English; spelling, Meiklejohn; literature, Merchant of Venice; geography, Europe (Regional); history, Warner, Brief Survey of English History. French—Siepmann, Part I, Regular Verbs. Latin—Longmans'. Mathematics—Arithmetic, Pendlebury's; algebra, Hall and Knight; geometry, Barnard and Child, to proposition 24; practical work. Science—Structure of root, stem, leaf, flower; pollination; seed-formation; fruits; physiology of plant-life.

Commercial Work.—Book-keeping and Commercial Correspondence—Bolton's Business Book-keeping; theory of accounts; personal, cash, and bank accounts; theory of double entry; journal; sets of exercises worked in class; précis-writing; postal information; banks and banking. Shorthand—Pitman's Short Course; phraseography; short business letters; initial hooks and circles; grammalogues; dictation from prepared exercises; dictation, reporting style; unseen work; transcription. Typewriting—Exercises in fingering; letter-writing; carbon copies; tabulating work; typing letters from shorthand notes; cutting of stencils; mimeographing.

GORE HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. J. Hunter, M.A.; Mr. W. T. Foster, M.A.; Mr. J. E. Strachan, M.A.; Mr. C. McCarthy; Miss H. P. Kerse, M.A.; Miss M. J. Kennedy.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Board has to report that the High School commenced the year with roll of 89, as compared with 71 at beginning of 1911. The average for the year was 140.

There has been change in the staff during the year by the appointment of Miss J. Kennedy to fill the place of Miss G. Cameron, M.Sc., whose resignation was received with regret by the Board. The staff has also been increased by the appointment of Mr. C. McCarthy as commercial master. The Board is well satisfied with the work of both staff and pupils.

We were unable to start an agricultural course, but we believe sufficient enrolment will justify us in doing so next year.