

Lowest.—English—Nesfield, Outlines of English Grammar; Scott, Lady of the Lake; Carroll, Alice in Wonderland; Marsh, Preparatory Reading and Composition; Longfellow, Evangeline; Buckley, Children of the Dawn; Kingsley, Water Babies. French—Siepmann's Primary French Course, Part I; Longmans' French Grammar, Part I. History—Ransome's Elementary History of England. Geography—Tarr and McMurray's Geography, Part III. Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Elementary Geometry, Book I; Borchardt's Algebraic Examples, Part I; Borchardt's Junior Arithmetic. Botany—Charlotte Laurie, Text Book of Elementary Botany.

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. Eben Wilson, M.A.; Mr. J. G. Paterson, M.A., M.Sc.; Mr. N. R. Jacobsen, M.Sc.; Mr. H. V. Ramsay; Miss E. C. Collins, B.A.; Miss. R. E. Rowlandson, B.A.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

I have the honour to submit for your information the Chairman's report on the Hamilton High School for the year ended 31st December, 1913.

I am pleased to be able to report that so far as our school is concerned the past year has been a most successful one in every respect. The attendance, which numbered 97 in 1912, and rose to 150 in 1913, promises to show such a further material increase this year as will necessitate the appointment of one or more additional teachers.

Since our last report the Board has secured an additional area of 9 acres, and steps have already been taken to secure the necessary grant to erect thereon separate hostels for boys and girls who may attend the school from centres outside of Hamilton.

The Education Department has authorized the addition of two extra class-rooms, which will, it is hoped, be ready for use during the early part of the present year. Provision has been made in the proposed plan also for the addition at a later date of an assembly hall.

Financially the Board continues to make steady progress, but the constant demands for extra furniture and other additions and improvements constitute a heavy drain on its funds.

In conclusion, the Board desires to place on record its high appreciation of the splendid work done during the year by the teaching staff and the scholars, as evidenced by the highly satisfactory results attained in the public examinations.

GEO. EDGE CUMBE, Chairman.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin—Bradley, Arnold's Prose Composition; Cicero, In Catilinam; Æneid, Books I and VI; Livy, Book XXIII; Schuckburgh, History of Rome; Wilkins's Roman Antiquities. French—Duhamel, Prose Composition for Middle Forms; Mérimée, Colomba; About, Roi des Montagnes; Molière, L'Avare; Vécqueray's Examination Papers. English—Campbell's Higher English; Morris's Historical English Grammar; Shakespeare, Hamlet, Twelfth Night, Midsummer Night's Dream; Reade, Cloister and the Hearth. Mathematics—Hall and Knight's Algebra; Hall and Stevens's Geometry; Hamblin Smith's Trigonometry; Goyen's Arithmetic. Science—Donnington's Class Book of Chemistry; Evans's Botany for Beginners. History—Ransome's Brief History of England.

Lowest.—Latin—Tucker, Decursus Primus; Scalæ Primæ. French—Longmans' Grammar, Part I; Siepmann's Primary French Course, Part I. English—Matriculation English Course; Scott, Kenilworth; Shakespeare, As You Like It, Julius Caesar; Longfellow, Hiawatha. Mathematics—Hall and Knight's Algebra; Hall and Stevens's Geometry, Part I; Goyen's Arithmetic. Science—Sinclair's First Year's Course in Practical Physics; Donnington's Class Book of Chemistry; Bailey's Botany for Beginners; Coleman and Addyman's Agricultural Chemistry; Murché's Animal Physiology; History—Oman's Junior History of England. Geography—Longmans' Shilling Geography. Book-keeping—Thornton's First Lessons. Shorthand—Pitman's Shorthand.

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Mr. R. E. Rudenan, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. J. Metson, B.A.; Mr. M. Alexander, B.Sc.; Miss M. Clarke, M.A.; Staff Sergeant-major McDonald; Miss A. Murphy.

WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—Spectator Essays; Shakespeare, Henry IV and Henry V; Pope, Essay on Criticism; Literature, period 1688-1744. Latin—Bradley's Arnold Latin Prose; Allen's Grammar, Limen; Virgil, Æneid, I; Sallust, Catiline; Terence, Phormio; Wilkins's Antiquities. French—Siepmann's Grammar, Part III; La Tour des Maures; Rey's Composition; Berthon's Prose Selections. Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Algebra; Hall and Stevens's Geometry; Loney's Trigonometry. Chemistry—Shenstone. Electricity—Hadley. Book-keeping—Pitman.

Lowest.—Latin—Limen, p.p. 1-150. French—Siepmann's French Course, Part I. English—Nesfield's Manual of English; Tennyson's Morte D'Arthur, &c.; Scott, Ivanhoe. Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Algebra, to simultaneous equations; Hall and Stevens's Geometry, Book I; Workman's Arithmetic. History—Sanderson. Geography—British Possessions. Science—Physical measurements as for Public Service Examination. Book-keeping—Thornton's First Lessons; Geometrical drawing, including solid.