

a demand for fresh sites may reasonably be expected to arise. It is essential that the Trustees should continue the making of new streets, and thus render available some of the best residential sections on the estate, for which there is a steady demand. For this purpose a further loan should be obtained and the work proceeded with.

With regard to the income from school fees the year 1913 shows a slight falling-off as compared with the year 1912. But the prospects for 1914 are very favourable—to such an extent, indeed, that for the first term of the year at least the boarding-accommodation will be taxed to its utmost. The growth of the school is at present hampered by existing arrangements, not merely by the limit they impose on the number of the boarders but by the fact that some of the boys are housed in a building at a distance from the College. Undoubtedly both the prosperity and the efficiency of the school would be enhanced if the Trustees could see their way to the erection of a fourth boarding-house and so complete their original building scheme. It has been thought desirable to take into the account the value of buildings belonging to the Trust and let to tenants, amounting at a moderate estimate to £2,550. These include buildings which were improvements on three leasehold properties, the leases of which expired in 1912 and 1913, and which are valued at £1,000.

The trustees have to record the resignation of Mr. Dove as headmaster of the Collegiate School. On the 3rd April, 1913, Mr. Dove wrote requesting the Board to accept his resignation. The Trustees requested Mr. Dove, in the interests of the school, to withdraw his resignation. Mr. Dove replied that his decision remained unaltered, and the Trustees, in view of the fact that Mr. Dove had been mainly influenced by considerations of health, agreed to accept his resignation with regret.

Mr. Dove, who succeeded Mr. Empson in 1909, will leave a record of difficult work well done, entailing unsparing and self-sacrificing effort. In especial, he rendered invaluable aid with regard to the buildings and equipment of the new school, and successfully accomplished the onerous task of transferring the school to its new quarters, and the reorganization so rendered necessary.

To secure a headmaster in succession to Mr. Dove, whose resignation takes effect at the end of the first term, 1914, the Trustees appointed a commission in England, consisting of Bishop Wallis, Mr. F. Fletcher, headmaster of Charterhouse, Rev. Harold Anson, and Mr. Colin C. Hutton, of Wanganui. These gentlemen kindly consented to act, and from a large number of candidates appointed Mr. Hugh Latter to the position. Mr. Latter, after a distinguished school and university career, has had considerable experience of a kind to qualify him specially for the headmastership of our school, and the Trustees are very confident that the arduous labours of the commission have resulted in a satisfactory appointment.

The position of the Board remains practically unchanged by the Church of England Trusts Act, 1913, except that under its provisions the Trustees will be able to mortgage without reference to the Supreme Court, and will also have power to grant leases which will enable lessees to take advantage of Government advances.

The headmaster's report for the year is as follows :—

1. The numbers of the school are : Boarders, 165 ; day boys, 37 : total, 202. The entry of boarders at the beginning of the year continues to increase. The number of boarders entered in February, 1913, was forty-eight.

2. The work of the school has continued steadily, and, thanks to the efforts of the staff, the general average of intellectual achievements is rising. In accordance with the policy indicated by the Inspectors in 1912 the governing body has decided to strengthen the science department by the addition of a second science master ; consequently, it now becomes possible to co-ordinate the science and mathematical teaching on more rational lines, and the steady improvement in these subjects which has already begun should now be accelerated.

The following figures of the public examinations must be read bearing in mind that owing to temporary causes many of the Matriculation candidates had undertaken a two-years course of work in three terms : University examinations : Matriculation—Entered, 23 ; passed, 11. Scholarships—Scholars, 0 ; credit, 5. Of candidates for the Senior Board Scholarships and Public Service Entrance Examinations every one of those entered satisfied the examiners and some gained distinction. This result testifies to the soundness of the work done in the middle of the school.

3. *Buildings.*—Useful though minor improvements have been made in the school sanatorium, and the ventilation of the chapel is receiving attention. The immediate needs of the school are as before—a fourth boardinghouse, a music school, a cricket pavilion, new laboratory furniture, a day boys' room.

4. The health of the school has been good, and the absence of epidemics has been remarkable. But on more than one occasion the coincidence of various infections has demonstrated the urgent need for another small ward ; and the performance of more than one critical operation has again demonstrated the high importance of the efficiency of the medical staff. The dentistry work has in the course of the year grown considerably.

5. The school authorities have endeavoured to carry out a national duty by placing the school under military training for a continuous period. Thanks to the skill and energy of the General Staff Officer of the district this experiment was entirely successful.

The inspiration of the Scott Expedition has been planted among us by a memorial tablet placed in the big schoolroom. Thanks for this are due to Mr. J. W. Marshall, of Tututotara.

J. L. DOVE, Headmaster.

An important incident in the school was the holding of a four-days camp, from the 7th to the 11th October, for continuous military training, the school being converted for the time into a military camp, and the whole routine of camp and barrack life carried out. The camp, designed by the headmaster, was under the command of Major Temperley, of the General Staff. The object is clearly indi-