

liminary Geography. Latin—Ingليس and Prettyman. to page 117. French—Siepmann's First Term, to exercise 18. Mathematics—Arithmetic, Laying, to exercise 23 and other parts; algebra, Baker and Bourne, I-IX; geometry, Godfrey and Siddons, to p. 50. Science—Physical measurements as for Junior Civil Service.

Girls' College.

Highest.—English—Longmans' Literature, Part V; Nesfield's Aids to English Composition; Shakespeare, Macbeth; Macaulay, Essay on Milton; Carlyle, Hero as Poet, Hero as Man of Divinity; Arnold's Prose Books; Carlyle, Froissart, Bacon, Macaulay; Chaucer, Minor Poems; Spenser, Faerie Queene, Book I; Great Englishmen of Sixteenth Century. Mathematics—Workman's Arithmetic; Baker and Bourne's Algebra, Part II; Briggs and Bryan's Middle Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Geometry; Pendlebury's Trigonometry; Ward, Examination Papers on Trigonometry; Jones and Cheyne's Algebraical Exercises. Science—Physics, Draper's Heat; botany, Lowson, Second Stage; Dendy and Lucas. French—Wellington College French Grammar; Hector Rey's Composition; Spiers, Rapid French Exercises; French Idioms and Proverbs; Specimens of Modern French Poetry; Balzac, Ursule Mirouet; Rostand, Cyrano de Bergerac; Daudet, Tartarin de Tarascon; Ivanhoe in French. Latin—Bradley's Arnold; Potts, Hints for Latin Prose; Bell's Res Romanae; Robinson's History of Rome; Wilkins's Antiquities; Shuckburgh's De Amicitia; Cicero's Letters; Vergil, Aeneid, Book VIII; Horace, Odes, Book IV; Rivington's Unseens, XI, XII.

Lowest.—English—Jones's First English Grammar Course; Blackie's Model Reader, VI; Lamb, Tales from Shakespeare; Longfellow, Evangeline; Black's Picture Lessons, Book IV; Copybooks. History—Ransome's First History of England. Geography—The World and its People; Greater Britain. Mathematics—Pendlebury's Arithmetic; Baker and Bourne's Algebra, Part I; Baker and Bourne's Geometry. Science—Coleman's Hygienic Physiology; botany, Plant Book for Schools; domestic science, Blackie's Simple Lessons in Household Management; Reynolds's Primer of Hygiene. Latin—Ingليس and Prettyman. French—Siepmann's French Course, Part I.

GISBORNE HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. Frank Foote, B.A., B.Sc.; Mr. F. J. Wilkes, M.A.; Mr. A. R. Gatland, B.A.; Mr. G. T. Maunder, M.Sc.; Miss J. R. Barr, M.A.; Mr. A. P. Castle, M.A.; Miss Harding; Miss M. Higgins; Mr. Hawkins.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Board.—The personnel of the Board as at present constituted is as follows: Messrs. E. H. Mann (Chairman), and J. R. Kirk, representing the Government; J. W. Nolan and J. W. Bright, the Gisborne Borough Council; and A. Forde Matthews and the Hon. Captain Tucker, M.L.C., the Cook County Council. The Board is gratified to be able to report a successful year's operations.

Changes on Staff.—At the opening of the school Mr. Frank Foote, the newly appointed Rector, took up his duties. Miss Wilcox having resigned, Miss J. R. Barr was appointed in her place, and Mr. A. P. Castle was appointed assistant resident master.

Inspection.—In August the school was examined by Mr. T. H. Gill, M.A., LL.B., the Department's Inspector, who expressed himself pleased with the work, tone, discipline, and general management of the school.

Attendance.—The roll numbers for the year were as follow: First term—57 boys, 43 girls; second term—63 boys, 40 girls; third term—65 boys, 40 girls. The attendance during the year was good, that of several of the pupils being excellent. There is a tendency on the part of some parents to keep their children away for trivial reasons, which must, and does, tell against the success of these children, and also interferes with the general progress of the school as a whole. Nothing but illness should be allowed to interfere with a pupil's attendance.

Physical Training.—Both boys and girls take a keen interest in school games. In addition to hockey and tennis, the girls take Swedish drill. The cadets have done good work. The staff and pupils did excellent work in improving the school-ground, with the result that they were able to hold highly successful athletic sports on their own ground. Swimming sports were held in the Gisborne School bath, which was kindly placed at our disposal by the School Committee.

Rectory.—The attendance of boarders was disappointing, there being only an average of twelve boys in residence during the year. In addition, eight boys came to lunch. Mrs. Foote acted as Matron. We hope that as residents in the district come to realize that the Board is providing as good facilities for the education and boarding of pupils as is offered by schools outside, Gisborne parents will take more advantage of the local institution.

During the year several important works were carried out, notably the installation of sewerage and the planting of the grounds at both the school and the rectory, and the fencing and improvement of the grounds. Much, however, yet remains to be done.

During the year the leases of the Board's endowment having expired, the Board subdivided the block into seven sections, the leases of which were sold by public auction and realized a considerable increase on the rental heretofore received. This will enable the Board to carry out still further improvements during the coming year.

Girls' Hostel.—The Board, recognizing the absolute necessity of providing accommodation for girls from the country, are considering the advisability of renting a house as a temporary expedient, and hope, when their funds will allow of it, to provide a permanent residence.