2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—English—As for Junior University Scholarship; Palgrave's Golden Treasury; Shakespeare, Hamlet, Henry V, Macbeth, Julius Cæsar; miscellaneous essays of Bacon, Lamb, de Quincey, Macaulay, Hazlitt. Mathematics—As for Junior University Scholarship: Arithmetic, The Tutorial; algebra, Baker and Bourne; geometry, Baker and Bourne; trigonometry, Borchardt and Perrot. All mathematics with frequent outdoor applications, using plane-table, angle-meter, simple theodolite, &c. French—As for Junior University Scholarship: Saintine, Picciola; miscellaneous translation and prose; Wellington College Grammar; phonetics. Latin—As for Junior University Scholarship: Latin authors (Tutorial Series); selections from Cæsar, Livy, Cicero, Vergil, Ovid; Kennedy's Latin Grammar. Botany—As for Junior University Scholarship: Laboratory-work supplemented by field-work; Evans's Advanced Text-book. Heat—As for Junior University Scholarship: Text-books, Draper and Glazebrook; laboratory-work.

Lowest.—English—Nesfield's Manual, pp. 1-200; Gray, Elegy in a Country Churchyard; Coleridge, The Ancient Mariner; Cook, Second Voyage; Defoe, Journal of the Plague Year. French— Siepmann's First Course: Bell's Picture Cards; conversation. Arithmetic-Revision from Pendlebury of factors, fractions, decimals, &c., with special attention to contracted methods, approximations, and averages. Algebra—Baker and Bourne, simple equations, factors, graphs. Geometry—The subject-matter of Euclid, Book I, 1-26; practical application of the same with cross-staff, tape, and

compass, &c. Botany—Evans; collection of specimens; laboratory-work.

CHRISTCHURCH BOYS AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOLS.

Boys' School.—Mr. C. E. Bevan-Brown, M.A.; Mr. B. K. S. Lawrence, B.A.; Mr. W. Walton, B.A.; Mr. R. M. Laing, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. A. Merton; Mr. T. H. Jackson, B.A.; Mr. R. J. Thompson, B.A.; Mr. M. C. Gudex, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. R. H. Biggar, M.A.; Mr. L. G. Whitehead; Lieutenant W. Hoar; Monsieur Malaquin; Mr. L. J. Darwin, M.A.; Mr. D. B. Macleod, M.A.

Girls' School.—Miss M. V. Gibson, M.A.; Miss K. M. Gresson, M.A.; Miss M. Bell-Hay; Miss F. Sheard, M.A., B.Sc.; Miss L. Bing, B.A.; Miss E. T. Crossby, B.A.; Miss G. Greenstreet, B.A.; Miss A. I. Wilson, M.A.; Miss E. B. Baxter, M.A.; Miss M. E. Sims, M.A.; Miss E. D. Graham, M.A.; Miss E. M. Burns; Miss F. Webster; Miss H. Smith; Miss J. L. Black, Mus. Bac.; Captain Farthing; Mr. T. S. Tankard; Mrs. Mayne; Miss J. Webster.

1. Report of the Headmaster of the Boys' School.

The roll at the beginning of the first term, 1913, was 207 (main school) and 13 (preparatory); second term, 197 (main school) and 15 (preparatory); third term, 189 (main school) and 17 (preparatory). The number of Junior Free Place holders in the third term was 96, and of Senior Free Place holders 51. The total number taking Latin was 141, and the number of those in the Modern Forms (i.e. boys who omit Latin and take commercial work and workshop practice) was 46; those taking French numbered 128; those taking neither language 6; those taking both languages 91. Drawing or history are alternative to French; four boys in the Upper and Lower VI Form have taken history in place of mechanics.

The following were the results of the examinations of December, 1912: One boy obtained a Senior National Scholarship; three were placed on the credit list, one of whom was offered a Gammack Scholarship, but returned to school; four qualified on the scholarship papers for Matriculation; three boys passed the Medical Preliminary, one the Engineering Preliminary, and nine ordinary Matriculation; five boys won Senior Scholarships at the Board of Education; fifty boys altogether entered for the Intermediate Examination of the Education Department, and thirty-four qualified.

Among old boys' distinctions were the following: J. V. Wilson qualified for the exhibitions in

Latin, Greek, and history at Canterbury College and won the Haydon Essay Prize; A. O. Ponder won the exhibition in chemistry, and A. K. Rule that in mental science; I. Robinson won an engineering exhibition; C. S. Marshall won the Senior University Scholarship in economics, and G. H. Robertson the M.Sc. degree with second-class honours in physical chemistry. The most remarkable distinction, however, was that gained by H. D. Broadhead, who won a Senior Foundation Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge. Mr. Broadhead took his B.A. in New Zealand, and then going to Cambridge, won an exhibition at Trinity College in 1911, and won the above in March, 1913; in June, 1913, he obtained first-class honours (Division II) in the Classical Tripos (Part I), Cambridge.

The most important event of the past year has been the erection of the new buildings, opened on the 11th December. They include two physical laboratories, a storeroom, a monitors' room, and a class-room to replace one turned into a cloak and locker room. The additions give independent access above and below to the old western wing—a great advantage. New heating-apparatus with hot-water radiators has been put throughout the school. Many useful alterations in the basement,

swimming-bath, fives-court, lavatory, &c., were included in the new buildings.

After thirty-three years' faithful service, Mr. B. K. S. Lawrence retired at the end of 1913 on six months' leave. His departure will make a wide gap in the history and tradit on of the school, as he was a great link between the present and the past, was a man of experienced counsel, and was widely beloved among the old boys. It will be hard to fill his place, and his colleagues will greatly miss him. The Old Boys' Association, the Cadet Corps, and the various games have been successfully carried on this year. C. E. BEVAN-BROWN, Headmaster,