—Siepmann's Primary French Course, Part I; Savois, Vivent les Vacances. Mathematics—In Arithmetic no text-book was used by the pupils. Examples were obtained from Inspectors' Standard VII Examination Cards, and other Examination-papers. Hall's School Algebra, Part I (Chapters 1–10); Hall and Stevens, Geometry, Part I, theorems 1–22 and problems 1–7, with definitions and exercises. Botany—Syllabus for Public Service Entrance Examination. Description, and dissection of common flowering-plants. Text-book: Gillies, Botany of Australasia. Geography—British, French, and German possessions. History—Longmans' Historical Series, Book I (Tout), Chapters 1–24. Civics was taught from "The New Zealand Citizen" (E. K. and A. Mulgan). Drawing—Freehand, model, and geometrical.

# WANGANUI GIRLS' COLLEGE.

#### Staff.

Misses C. M. Cruickshank, M.A., M.Se.; S. E. Gifford, M.A.; J. Knapp, B.A.; J. R. Currie, M.A.; A. Blennerhassett, B.A.; F. J. Grant, B.A.; L. Beckingsale, B.A.; C. C. H. Rockel, M.A.; O. J. Gruar, B.A.; Mrs. S. A. C. Redwood; Misses J. Cherrett; M. Paton, E. Paton; Mr. D. Seaward; Miss M. L. Browne; Dr. Elizabeth Dunn, M.B.; Miss E. J. Inkster; Mrs. M. S. Watkin; Mr. W. J. Penhall; Madame Emily Briggs.

### REPORT OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

I have the honour to report as follows for the year ending 31st December, 1914:--

Attendance.—The numbers for the three terms were 180, 184, and 170, of whom 86 were boarders. Staff.—Miss O. J. Gruar, B.A., appointed to take charge of the lower department, entered on her duties at the beginning of the year. The place of Miss Cherrett, assistant music-teacher, absent on leave for the year, was filled by Miss E. Paton. Miss J. R. Currie returned from a visit to England, and resumed her duties in February. Miss F. J. Grant, who was a valued member of the staff for several years, resigned her position, and relinquished her duties at the end of the year in order to take

up an appointment elsewhere.

Distinctions.—At the annual examinations one pupil passed the second and one the first year terms examination in connection with Victoria University College, one passed the University Examination for the first section of the B.A. degree, and one passed with credit the Junior University Scholarship Examination. Four passed, three obtained a partial pass, and one completed the Matriculation Examination. Seven pupils gained Education Board Scholarships, and thirteen others qualified. The music department continues its success, as is evidenced by the fact that forty-four girls passed the Trinity College or Associated Board Examinations. Several prizes for cookery and needlework at the Agricultural and Pastoral Show were won by pupils of the College, and many excellent specimens of work in these subjects, and also in drawing and painting, were shown at the annual display in December.

Building.—The music-rooms added to the assembly hall were completed early in the year. For several years the need for a science-room has been evident, and towards the end of the year the Board decided to undertake the erection of a suitable building.

In conclusion, the Board desires to place on record its appreciation of the excellent work done during the year.

W. J. Carson, Secretary.

#### 2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—English, Latin, French, Mathematics, Mechanics, History, as for Degree and Junior

University Scholarship Examinations.

Lowest.—English—As You Like It; Heroes; Deeds that Won the Empire; Laureata. Composition—Analysis of simple and easy compound sentences; parsing; spelling. Hygiene—Lyster, Hygiene, with practical work. Geography—British Isles. History—George I to end of Napoleonic wars. French—Méthode Naturelle, early part. Arithmetic—Vulgar fractions; addition, subtraction, and multiplication of decimals.

## WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

### Staff.

McGrath, M.A.; J. A. Neame, B.A.; J. Allen, B.A.; H. M. Butterworth; H. E. Sturge, M.A.; F. L. Peck; G. F. L. Wells, B.A.; L. J. Wild, M.A.; C. M. Bevan Brown, B.A.; A. T. Long; L. J. Watkin, A.M.S.K.

# 1. Report of the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees feel gratified to report that the financial result for the year ended the 31st December, 1914, is satisfactory, and that the balance-sheet exhibits a fairly substantial surplus of income over expenditure. The income from fees has largely increased, and there is every prospect of this increase being maintained. On the other hand, the cost of catering has been much heavier, owing in part to the larger school, but mainly to the substantial advance in price of almost all the necessaries of life. On account of the change of headmaster the extraordinary expenditure has also been unusually high. A further increase in boarding-costs must for a time at least be anticipated, but next year the extraordinary charges will be less. Throughout the year a large sum has been spent in improving buildings and on the drainage of parts of the estate. This expenditure for the greater part will not recur, and will immediately benefit the rental income. On the whole, it may be said that the immediate financial outlook of the Trust is a subject for congratulation.