

are being kept open for them, and the Trustees are paying them so-much of their salary as will make their pay equal to the salary they were receiving at their departure. At the end of the year there were approximately one hundred and fifty old boys with the troops in Egypt, while others were serving the Empire on the western front in Europe. Many old boys, it is known, enlisted in England, some of whom had journeyed for that purpose from Canada, the United States, the Argentine, and India.

The Education Act, 1914, was considered by the Board, and unavailing efforts were made while it was before Parliament to have it amended in points where it seemed unfairly to affect the school. The result of this measure will, however, be better gauged after some experience has been had of its working.

The personnel of the Board remained unchanged. Mr. R. L. Levin, whose term expired during the year was reappointed. During Mr. Gifford Marshall's absence in England, Mr. J. W. Marshall acted on the Board as his attorney. At the annual meeting Mr. A. G. Bignall was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

All the buildings and improvements on the estate are in good order. The various new residences being erected by tenants continue to improve in value and type.

The work and interests of the Trust continue to be faithfully performed and efficiently conserved by the Secretary, Mr. J. P. Williamson.

A. C. BIGNALL, Chairman.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—Shakespeare, Henry IV, Part I; Milton, Lycidas; Dickens, Barnaby Rudge; Palgrave, Golden Treasury; prose selections; Grammar and composition for Junior University Scholarship Examination. French—Corneille, Le Cid; Quatre-Vingt-Treize; Pellissier's Unseens (Upper); Duhamel's Prose; Siepmann's Grammar. Latin—Cicero, Select Letters; Luce's Sight Translation; Bradley's Arnold; Bradley's Aids to Latin Prose; Murray's Classical Atlas. Mathematics—Pendlebury's and Southern Cross Arithmetics; Baker and Bourne's Algebra; Borchardt and Perrott's, Baker and Bourne's, and Hall and Stevens's Geometries. Chemistry—Bailey's Non-metals; Bailey's Metals. Heat—Jones's Heat. The work of the highest form is up to the standard of the Junior University Scholarship Examination.

Lowest.—English—Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice; Scott, Lady of the Lake; English grammar and composition; Arabian Nights. History—Oman (1702-1783). French—Siepmann's First Year; Contes Français. Latin—Scott and Jones, Part I, Extracts from Scalæ Primæ; Kennedy's Shorter Grammar. Mathematics—Arithmetic; mensuration; informal geometry; laboratory-work.

PALMERSTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Messrs. John E. Vernon, M.A., B.Sc.; John Murray, M.A.; J. A. Colquhoun, M.Sc.; W. P. Anderson, M.A.; Basil Brennard; H. Skinner, B.A.; Misses A. F. Ironside, M.A.; M. F. Arnott, B.A.; H. P. Park, B.A.; Messrs. A. Morgan; G. H. Elliott, A.M.; W. Stephenson; Mrs. Woolf.

1. REPORT OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Board.—Of the three members who retired by rotation at the end of 1913, two were reappointed, and the third, Mr. R. McNab, having left the district, declined nomination. Mr. W. F. Durward was elected in his place.

Staff.—At the beginning of the year three assistants left—Miss Haseldean, Mr. L. Jones, and Mr. G. A. Lundie. Their places were taken by Miss H. Park, B.A.; Mr. H. D. Skinner, B.A.; and Mr. J. Mawson, M.A. The last of these, however, resigned his position in November.

Buildings.—These are in good repair. The roof and all the outside woodwork of the school were repainted during the year.

College House.—That there was an average roll of thirty-four boarders is conclusive proof that there is the need of a boardinghouse in connection with the school. The Board, through lack of funds, have been unable to take over the buildings from Mr. Vernon, but trust with some help from the Department to do so at no distant date.

Lower School.—At the request of a number of parents the Board opened a lower school (for boys) at the beginning of the year, and appointed Mr. A. H. Morgan as the teacher in charge. The average roll number for the year was twenty.

Work.—The work of the school still continues to be highly satisfactory, and good passes were obtained at the various examinations. The agricultural course continues to be developed, and it is expected that next year experimental work will be enabled to be carried on to a much greater extent.

Finance.—The balance-sheet shows that we ended the year under a debit balance of over £200. However, if all the grants had been paid up this would have been changed into a small credit balance.

T. R. HODDER, Chairman.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—Nesfield's Manual Past and Present; Gray, Poems; Goldsmith, Deserted Village; Shakespeare, Macbeth, Julius Caesar, Merchant of Venice, Midsummer Night's Dream; Landor, Pericles and Aspasia; Selections from Chaucer and Middle English Writers; Murison, Part II; Palgrave's Golden Treasury; Essay-work; precis; general English literature. Mathematics—Algebra, Baker and Bourne; Geometry, Baker and Bourne; trigonometry, Pendlebury; Arithmetic, Pendlebury. Latin—Matriculation selections from Latin authors; Dies Romani; Rivington's Unseens;