

NELSON COLLEGE.

Staff.

Boys' College.—Messrs. H. L. Fowler, M.A.; G. J. Lancaster, M.A.; C. H. Broad, B.A.; J. G. McKay, B.A.; M. J. Morrison, M.A.; A. E. Brockett, M.A.; K. Saxon; C. P. Worley, M.A.; A. Thomson; W. S. Hampson.

Girls' College.—Misses M. Lorimer, M.A.; M. McEachen, M.A.; A. Eastwood, M.A.; C. M. Farrow, M.A.; G. Isaac, M.A.; M. Garland, M.A.; G. Saxon, M.A.; E. Mackenzie; W. Greenwood.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Pupils.—The average number in attendance at the Boys' College was 233, and the average number of boarders 101. At the Girls' College the average number on the roll was 177, and the number of boarders, 39.

The Governors desire to thank the Old Boys' Association for the gift of a Sports Honours Board, which has been placed in the main entrance to the College.

The Staff.—Boys' College: During the year Mr. Archey left to take the position of assistant curator at the Canterbury Museum; and Messrs. Malthus and Nelson joined the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. The vacancies were filled by the appointment of Messrs. J. M. Morrison, C. P. Worley, and A. Thomson, the latter as master in charge of the lower school.

Girls' College: Mrs. Hamilton resigned the matronship, and Miss Beaumont was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Examinations.—Boys' College: The following are the results obtained in the public examinations held in December and January last: One student gained a Junior University Scholarship, taking the fourth place, and three others obtained "credit" in the same examination. Four passed the Public Service Senior in all subjects, two in four subjects, one in three, and nine in two. The Public Service Entrance Examination was passed by twenty-five, of whom thirteen obtained credit, the Intermediate by twenty-four, in seven cases with credit. Twelve passed the Matriculation Examination, two completed, and one boy was granted a partial pass. One undergraduate pupil passed the first year's "terms."

Girls' College: One pupil passed first year's terms. Two pupils gained University Entrance Scholarships. Two other girls gained places on the credit list, ten passed Matriculation and the allied examinations, two completed that examination, and one obtained a partial pass. Five passed the Senior Public Service Examination, gaining among them the highest places in English, French, and hygiene. Thirty-six obtained the senior free place, for extension, and ten the junior free place.

The war in Europe has caused many old boys to volunteer for the front, amongst them there have been many casualties, and four deaths.

The girls produced at the School of Music a very effective and well-staged entertainment, "The Masque of Empire," which realized for the Belgian and other sufferers by the war the sum of £93 1s.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Boys' College.

Highest.—English—Chaucer, Selections; Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice; Golden Treasury of Lyrics; selections from Tennyson, Browning, and Matthew Arnold; Milton, Minor Poems and Paradise Lost, Books 1, 2, and 3; Macaulay, Essays; Brooke's Primer of English Literature; Nesfield's Historical Grammar and Aids to English Composition. Latin—Virgil, Georgics, Book IV; Tacitus, Agricola; verse selections from Ovid, &c.; prose from Cicero; Bradley's Composition and Aids to Latin Prose; Unseens. French—Daudet, Lettres de mon Moulin; Hachette, selections in prose and verse; Rey's Composition and Idioms; Wellington College French Grammar; Dent's Phonetic Reader; Bell's Primer of Philology. Mathematics—Arithmetic, the whole subject; algebra, to permutations and combinations, with binomial theorem; trigonometry, to solution of triangles; geometry, plane, as in Euclid, Books I–IV, VI, and Elementary Solid Geometry. Science (experimental)—Mechanics and Heat, to standard of Junior University Scholarship Examination.

Lowest.—English—The Storied Past; Gillies, Simple Studies in English History; Scott, The Talisman; Kingsley, Hereward The Wake; Mason, First Notions; Nesfield's Junior Composition; Meiklejohn's New Geography, Part I. Latin—Dix, First Lessons. French—Siepmann's Primary French Course, Part I. Mathematics—Arithmetic advanced; algebra to easy equations with graphs; geometry, the properties of triangles and parallelograms, easy exercises. Science—Physical measurements; elementary chemistry; experimental work—use of balance, barometer, levers, pumps; preparation of common gases; properties of the atmosphere; combustion.

Girls' College.

Highest.—English—Shakespeare, Julius Cæsar, Merchant of Venice; Goldsmith, The Deserted Village; Gray, Poems; Landor, Pericles and Aspasia; Johnson, Life of Swift; Nesfield's Historical English and Derivation; A. M. Williams, English Grammar and Composition; Jackson and Briggs, Text-book of Precise-writing; Hales, Longer English Poems; Macmillan's Advanced Reader; Latin—Tacitus, Agricola and Germania; Virgil, Georgics, Book IV; Stedman, Latin Examination-papers; Allen, Latin Grammar; Bradley, Arnold's Latin Prose; Aides to Latin Prose; Watt and Hayes, Selections from Latin Authors; Wilkins, Roman Antiquities; Robinson, A Short Roman History. Mathematics—Barnard and Child, Algebra, Vols. I and II; Pendlebury, Trigonometry; Baker and Bourne, Geometry, Books I–VI; Longmans' Arithmetic. French—Taine, Voyage aux Pyrénées; Molière, L'Avare; Corneille, Le Cid; Wellington College French Grammar; Bué, First Steps in French Idioms; Spiers, Graduated Course of Translation into French. Botany—Lowson, Second Stage Botany.