

Composition, Part II; Colomba; Matriculation French Reader; Unseens; phonetics. Mathematics—Goyen's Advanced Arithmetic; Baker and Bourne's Geometry; Baker and Bourne's Algebra; Bridgett and Hyslop's Trigonometry. Botany—Dendy and Lucas's Botany; special work from Cavers's Matriculation Course; Lowson's Botany; Parker's Biology; Laing and Blackwell's Plants of New Zealand. Heat—Stewart, New Matriculation Heat, additional notes for University Entrance Scholarship requirements.

*Lowest.*—English—Jones's Practical English Course; Bennett's Spelling and Dictation Book; Macmillan's Senior History Reader; Kingsley's Heroes; Lamb's Tales; Poetica (Ridges). Latin—Longmans' Latin Course, to p. 118; Ora Maritima. French—Stepmann's First Course. Arithmetic—Goyen's Advanced Arithmetic; decimals; interest (simple and compound); profit and loss; averages; alligation; stocks; miscellaneous examples; Elementary Book-keeping (Grierson). Algebra—Baker and Bourne's Elementary Algebra, to p. 98, with factors and easy highest common factors. Geometry—Baker and Bourne's Elementary Geometry, Book I, to proposition 24, with rulers and practical work. Mechanics—Harrison's Elementary Mechanics. Botany—Evans's Plants and their Ways, with practical work in the garden. Agriculture—Kirk's Elementary Agriculture, with practical field-work. Cookery and woodwork—According to Department's syllabus.

## TIMARU BOYS' AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOLS.

### Staff.

*Boys' School.*—Messrs. William A. Thomas, M.A.; Allan G. Tait, B.A.; W. F. G. Munro, M.A.; Daniel O'Connor, M.A.; E. A. P. Cockroft, B.Sc.; C. A. S. Hind; G. O. Chaplin.

*Girls' School.*—Misses Barbara M. Watt, M.A.; F. J. W. Hodges, M.A.; E. A. King, M.A.; Margaret Ronaldson, B.A., B.Sc.; Marion Stuart.

### I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

In accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, 1908, I have pleasure in submitting a short report of the proceedings of the Board of Governors for the year ended the 31st December, 1914.

*Board.*—The Board consists of ten members—viz., Mr. J. Bitchener (Chairman), R. H. Bowie, George Dash, D. Grant, F. A. Raymond, K. Mackenzie, J. McCahon, E. Macdonald, Dr. G. E. Gabites, and Archdeacon Jacobs.

*Teaching Staff.*—Mr. C. A. S. Hind was added to the staff of the Boys' School during the year. Miss J. Mulholland, M.A., who had been first assistant in the Girls' School for a number of years, died in London whilst on leave, and her place was filled by the appointment of Miss F. J. W. Hodges, M.A.

*Attendance.*—The attendances at both schools have been extremely satisfactory during the year.

*Buildings.*—During the year extensive additions to the Rectory, which were commenced in 1913, were completed. This extra space to some extent met the increasing demand from pupils who desired to be resident. Towards the end of the year, however, the accommodation was again being taxed to the utmost.

Swimming-baths, 75 ft. long and 25 ft. wide, were built during the year, and this has proved a great boon to the boys.

Buildings and grounds have been kept in excellent order.

JOHN BITCHENER, Chairman.

### 2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

#### *Boys' School.*

*Highest.*—The pupils are prepared for Junior University Scholarship in the following subjects: Latin, French, mathematics, English, chemistry, history, electricity and magnetism, mechanics. The following books are used: Mathematics—Algebra, Briggs and Bryan; geometry, Hall and Stevens; trigonometry, Borchardt and Perrott. English—Book of English Prose, Fowler; Prologue, Chaucer; Historical English Grammar, Nesfield; Rhetoric and Composition, Lockwood and Emerson; Five Plays, Shakespeare; chief works of Wordsworth, Keats, Shelley, Byron, Coleridge, and Milton; English Composition, Williams. Latin—Matriculation Selections from Latin Authors, Clive; Latin Course, Part III, Longman; Latin Prose, Walters; History of Rome, Shuckburgh; Res Romanae, Coleridge; Livy, XXI. Chemistry—Tutorial Chemistry, Parts I and II. Mechanics—Loney, Mechanics and Hydrostatics. Electricity—Poyser, Magnetism and Electricity; Stewart, Advanced Electricity. History—Tout, History of England. French—French Grammar, Weekley and Wyatt; French Prose, Weekley; Half-hours with French Authors, Part II, Jules Lazare; French Unseens, Pellissier; Vingt Ans Apres, Dumas; Notre Dame de Paris, Hugo.

*Lowest.*—English—First English Course, Jones; Poetica. French—Siepmann, Book I. Latin—Limen, Walters and Conway, to p. 120. Book-keeping—Junior Book-keeping, Jackson. Arithmetic—Zealandia Arithmetic, Book VI. Agriculture—Rural Science, Green. Algebra—Baker and Bourne, to end of factors. Geometry—Hall and Stevens, Part I.

#### *Girls' School.*

*Highest.*—English—Edmonds, Senior English Composition; A. W. Williams, English Grammar and Composition; Nesfield, Manual of English Grammar and Composition; Blackie, Book of Comparative Prose; Blackie, Book of Comparative Poetry; Shakespeare, The Tempest, King Lear, Macbeth; A Book of English Prose; Innis, History of England. French—Senior French Reader; Matriculation French Essays; Tutorial French Grammar; Bué's Idioms; vocabularies for repetition; Farnacht, French Composition, second course. Latin—Bryan, Latin Prose; Discernenda Latina; Allen,