

FRIDAY, 23rd JANUARY, 1880.

The Commission met at Canterbury College at 11 a.m.

*Present* : Professors Brown and Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), Dr. Macdonald, the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, Professors Shand and Ulrich.

On the motion of Professor Cook, the chair was taken by the Rev. W. E. Mulgan.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following papers were laid upon the table:—(1.) Letter from the Secretary, Board of Education, Auckland, enclosing a copy of the report of the Auckland Girls' High School. (2.) Reply from the Education Office, Blenheim, stating that the Board were unable to ascertain the numbers attending the evening classes held privately by the Blenheim teachers, and enclosing the Board's scholarship regulations.

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, seconded by Professor Brown, *Resolved*, That the Minister of Education be requested to supply information as to recent promises of aid to secondary schools; and that the Chairman of the Thames High School Board be asked to state what changes have lately taken place in the prospects of the school, and what arrangements have been made to open it.

On the motion of Professor Cook, seconded by Professor Shand, the Commission went into Committee to consider Topic IV.—B; Topic V.—B and C; Topic II.—A and B (1)–(5); and Topic III.—A and B.

The Commission resumed, and the Committee reported on Topics IV.—B; V.—B and C; II.—A and B (1)–(5); and III.—A and B.

On the motion of Professor Ulrich, seconded by Professor Cook, the report of the Committee was received, and it was ordered that the report be printed.

On the motion of Professor Cook, the Commission adjourned, to meet again at the same place on Monday, the 26th instant, at 11 a.m.

MONDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1880.

The Commission met at Canterbury College at 11 a.m.

*Present* : Professors Brown and Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), Dr. Macdonald, the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, Professors Shand and Ulrich.

On the motion of Dr. Macdonald, the chair was taken by the Rev. W. E. Mulgan.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following papers were laid on the table:—(1.) Letters from the Secretary to the Board of Governors of the Boys' and Girls' High Schools, Otago, enclosing the annual reports for 1879. (2.) A letter from Mr. C. P. Powles, Secretary to the Wellington College Board. (3.) Reply from the Minister of Education, stating the amounts recently voted by Parliament in aid of secondary schools. (4.) A letter from Parnell Grammar School, enclosing examination lists of Christmas, 1879, and stating that the other returns could not be forwarded owing to the absence of Mr. Adams. (5.) A letter from the Secretary to the Auckland College and Grammar School Board, enclosing a summary of attendance at the evening classes, and giving general information as to the course of study pursued at the same. (6.) A letter from the Registrar, Canterbury College, stating the amount (£600) received from Government in aid of the School of Mines, and that a portion of it had been expended in the purchase of apparatus. (7.) A letter from the same, enclosing a statement of the receipts and expenditure for the Girls' High School, Christchurch, during 1878, and an estimate of receipts and expenditure for 1880. (8.) A letter from the same, giving information as to the arrangements for the teaching staff proposed by the Board of Governors for the School of Agriculture. (9.) A letter from the Education Department, giving the number of workshop apprentices and cadets in the Government employ, and promising information about engineering cadets.

On the motion of Professor Shand, the Commission went into Committee to consider Topic IV.—A and C, and Topic V.—A and D.

The Commission having resumed, the report of the Committee was brought up, and on the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens it was ordered that the report on Topics IV.—A (1), (2), IV.—C, and V.—A and D, be printed.

On the motion of Dr. Macdonald, the Commission adjourned, to meet again at the same place on the 27th instant at 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1880.

The Commission met at Canterbury College at 11 a.m.

*Present* : Professors Brown and Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), Dr. Macdonald, the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, Professors Sale, Shand, and Ulrich, and, later, the Hon. G. M. O'Rorke.

On the motion of Dr. Macdonald, the chair was taken by the Rev. W. E. Mulgan.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following papers were laid on the table:—(1.) A letter from the Secretary of the Invercargill Girls' High School Board, enclosing the average quarterly attendances for 1879, and stating that the annual report was not yet completed. (2.) A letter from the Principal of Wellington College, enclosing examination papers and College Calendar for 1879.

The Rev. Dr. Stuart, Chancellor of Otago University, was further examined.

The Hon. G. M. O'Rorke, Chairman, here entered, and took the chair.

On the motion of Dr. Macdonald, the Commission went into Committee on Topic IX.

The Commission having resumed, progress was reported, and the Committee obtained leave to sit again.

On the motion of Professor Sale, the Commission adjourned, to meet again at the same place on the 28th January at 11 a.m.