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The Secretary read a telegram from Mr. Blair, Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, South Island, asking to be informed as to the latest date on which his evidence could be received.

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, *Resolved*, That Mr. Blair be informed that Monday, the 16th instant, is the last day on which evidence, either oral or written, can be received.

On the motion of Professor Shand, the Commission adjourned, to meet again at the same place on the 12th instant at 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1880.

The Commission met at Canterbury College at 10 a.m.

*Present* : The Hon. G. M. O'Rorke (Chairman), Mr. C. C. Bowen, Professors Brown and Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, Professors Sale, Shand, and Ulrich.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, the Commission went into Committee to consider the draft report on Topic X.

The Commission having resumed, the report of the Committee on Topic X. was brought up.

On the motion of Professor Brown, *Resolved*, That the report on Topic X. be printed.

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, the Commission resolved itself into a Committee for the further consideration of Topics II. and III.

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

Mr. G. R. Barr, C.E., was sworn and examined.

The Hon. G. M. O'Rorke here vacated the chair.

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

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, the Commission went into Committee again for the further consideration of Topics II. and III.

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

The Commission adjourned, to meet again at the same place on Friday, the 13th instant, at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1880.

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

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

On the motion of Professor Ulrich, the Rev. W. E. Mulgan took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following papers were laid on the table:—(1.) Reports, supplied by the Education Department, on the Boys' and Girls' High Schools, Christchurch, for the year 1879. (2.) Information supplied by the Education Department as to the Thames High School, and the New Plymouth High School.

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

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, the Commission resolved itself into a Committee for the further consideration of Topics IV. and V.

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

On the motion of Professor Shand, the Commission adjourned, to meet again on Saturday, the 14th instant, at the same place, at 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1880.

The Commission met at Canterbury College at 10 a.m.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following paper was laid on the table:—A letter from Mr. W. N. Blair, Engineer in Charge, Public Works Department, South Island, enclosing a written statement of his views on the subject of the education of engineers in New Zealand.

On the motion of the Hon. G. M. O'Rorke, it was ordered that Mr. Blair's memorandum be printed in the Appendix.

On the motion of Professor Cook, *Resolved*, That the question of endowments be discussed on Monday, the 16th instant, immediately after the subject of medical schools has been considered.

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, the Commission resolved itself into a Committee for the further consideration of Topic VI.

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

On the motion of Professor Cook, the Commission adjourned, to meet again at the same place on Monday, the 16th instant, at 10 a.m.