

1888.
NEW ZEALAND.

E D U C A T I O N : REPORTS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

[In Continuation of E.—9, 1887.]

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS INCORPORATED OR ENDOWED.

Name.	Act of Incorporation or Institution.	Remarks.
Auckland College and Grammar School ..	1877, No. 51, Local.	
Auckland Girls' High School	1878, No. 55, Local ..	Under management of Education Board.
Thames High School	1878, No. 54, Local.	
Whangarei High School	1878, No. 63, Local ..	Not in operation in 1887. Act may be repealed by <i>Gazette</i> notice under Act of 1885, No. 30.
New Plymouth High School	1878, No. 52, Local ..	
Wanganui High School	1878, No. 42, Local ..	Under management of Education Board.
Wanganui Endowed School	[Nil]	Board identical with Education Board. Not in operation in 1887.
Wellington College and Girls' High School	1887, No. 17, Local.	Endowment, Reg. I., fol. 52. See also D.—16, 1866, p. 9.
Napier High Schools	1882, No. 11, Local.	
Gisborne High School	1885, No. 8, Local ..	Not in operation in 1887.
Nelson College	1858, No. 38.	
Nelson College for Girls	1882, No. 15, Local ..	Under management of Nelson College.
Greymouth High School	1883, No. 21, Local ..	Not in operation in 1887.
Hokitika High School	1883, No. 7, Local ..	Not in operation in 1887.
Christ's College Grammar School	Canterbury Ordinance, 1855	A department of Christ's College, Canterbury.
Christchurch Boys' High School	1878, No. 30, Local ..	Under management of Canterbury College.
Christchurch Girls' High School	[Nil]	Under management of Canterbury College. Endowment, <i>Gazette</i> , 1878, Vol. 1, p. 131.
Rangiora High School	1881, No. 15, Local.	
Akaroa High School	1881, No. 16, Local.	
Ashburton High School	1878, No. 49, Local.	
Timaru High School	1878, No. 26, Local.	
Waimate High School	1883, No. 19, Local ..	Not in operation in 1887.
Waitaki High School	1878, No. 18, Local.	
Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools ..	1877, No. 52, Local.	
Southland Boys' and Girls' High Schools ..	1877, No. 82, Local.	

SUMMARY OF THE ACCOUNTS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1887 FURNISHED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
To Cr. balances on 1st January, 1887 ..			4,009	3	7	By Liabilities on 1st January, 1887 ..			15,660	11	2
General Assembly's votes			2,825	0	0	Office management and expenses ..			2,557	17	11
Endowment reserves sold			4,464	10	0	Teachers' salaries			33,910	17	7
Rents of reserves .. £19,744	4	4				Boarding-school accounts			3,180	5	11
Interest on investments	2,827	9	8			Examination fees and expenses ..			284	19	5
Reserves Commissioners	1,200	15	5			Scholarships and prizes			960	17	9
			23,772	9	5	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..			1,236	6	10
School fees			20,569	14	10	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.			1,407	10	9
Boarding-school fees			3,362	6	10	Buildings, furniture, rent, insurance, rates, &c.			6,726	13	10
Books, &c., sold, and refunds ..			168	6	9	Interest			2,573	13	6
Sundries not classified			4,585	9	6	Investments			1,300	0	0
Interest on current accounts ..			68	18	0	Sundries not classified			713	14	8
Dr. balances, 31st December, 1887 ..			13,160	0	3	Cr. balances, 31st December, 1887 ..			6,452	9	10
			£76,965	19	2				£76,965	19	2
Receipts, excluding balances ..			£59,796	15	4	Expenditure, excluding balances ..			£54,852	18	2

INCOME OF CERTAIN SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

1. Schools.	2. Cr. Balances on Jan. 1, 1887.	From Endowments.					8. School Fees.	9. Boarding- school Fees.	10. Stationery and Books sold; and Refunds.	11. Sundries unclassified.	12. Interest on Current Account.	13. Dr. Balances, Dec. 31, 1887.	14. Totals.
		3. Sales.	4. Rents.	5. Interest on Moneys invested.	6. Paid by School Commis- sioners.	7. Total Current Revenue from Endowments (viz., Columns 4, 5, and 6).							
Auckland College and Grammar School	£ s. d. 77 12 6	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 13,053 12 6	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 275 0 0	£ s. d. 3,053 12 6	£ s. d. 1,343 10 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 35 7 6	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 4,432 10 0
Auckland Girls' High School	£ s. d. 324 11 9	£ s. d. 500 0 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 75 0 0	£ s. d. 411 10 10	£ s. d. 965 8 10	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 257 6 5	£ s. d. 2,075 7 9
Thames High School	£ s. d. 31 2 7	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 324 0 10	£ s. d. 12 10 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 411 10 10	£ s. d. 290 17 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 1,026 19 7
Whangarei High School	£ s. d. 189 19 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 350 14 6	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 139 9 3	£ s. d. 490 3 9	£ s. d. 262 0 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 24 14 4	£ s. d. 1,126 18 1
New Plymouth High School	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 720 3 5	£ s. d. 545 7 6	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 545 7 6	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 3,226 16 6
Wanganui High School	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 1,340 6 4	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 720 3 5	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 299 12 0	£ s. d. 1,023 15 5
Wanganui Endowed School ¹	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 1,340 6 4	£ s. d. 1,534 7 8	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 10 10 0	£ s. d. 98 0 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 645 10 7	£ s. d. 3,068 14 7
Wellington College	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 1,424 15 9	£ s. d. 1,424 15 9	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 2 10 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 774 6 7	£ s. d. 2,201 12 4
Wellington Girls' High School	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..
Napier High Schools	£ s. d. 149 7 6	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 3950 15 6	£ s. d. 384 2 0	£ s. d. 120 0 0	£ s. d. 1,404 17 6	£ s. d. 1,435 0 8	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 15 2 11	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 2,800 10 3	£ s. d. 5,655 11 4
Nelson College (Boys')	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 303 5 0	£ s. d. 849 19 8	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 1,153 4 8	£ s. d. 841 9 6	£ s. d. 1,127 10 0	£ s. d. 30 6 6	£ s. d. 100 17 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 394 16 0	£ s. d. 3,797 11 2
Nelson College (Girls')	£ s. d. 750 0 0	£ s. d. 500 0 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 330 0 0	£ s. d. 330 0 0	£ s. d. 1,163 8 10	£ s. d. 648 2 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 15 0 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 2,835 17 2	£ s. d. 5,492 8 0
Grey mouth High School	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 65 0 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 65 0 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 815 0 0
Hokitika High School	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 2,682 15 1	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 2,682 15 1	£ s. d. 766 10 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 364 14 2	£ s. d. 3,813 19 3
Christchurch Boys' High School	£ s. d. 816 16 0	£ s. d. 100 0 0	£ s. d. 232 0 6	£ s. d. 296 9 7	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 528 10 1	£ s. d. 1,548 15 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 68 18 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 3,062 19 2
Christchurch Girls' High School	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 1,699 10 8	£ s. d. 95 8 2	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 1,794 18 10	£ s. d. 3,901 12 2	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 25 1 0	£ s. d. 1,873 12 6	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 1,675 17 4	£ s. d. 11,271 1 10
Christ's College Grammar School	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 232 17 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 232 17 0	£ s. d. 248 2 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 178 11 6	£ s. d. 659 10 6
Rangiora High School	£ s. d. 134 8 6	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 317 11 0	£ s. d. 10 0 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 327 11 0	£ s. d. 120 18 7	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 4 1 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 586 19 1
Atarua High School	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 502 8 1	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 502 8 1	£ s. d. 227 15 2	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 504 5 6	£ s. d. 1,234 8 9
Ashburton High School	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 125 0 0	£ s. d. 1,276 7 4	£ s. d. 142 10 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 1,418 17 4	£ s. d. 718 17 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 421 11 1	£ s. d. 2,684 5 5
Timaru High School	£ s. d. 329 6 10	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 181 9 0	£ s. d. 15 16 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 197 5 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 526 11 10
Waimate High School	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 500 0 0	£ s. d. 885 5 3	£ s. d. 3 10 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 888 15 3	£ s. d. 340 10 4	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 1,829 5 7
Waitaki High School	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 4,111 13 2	£ s. d. 396 6 9	£ s. d. 142 18 10	£ s. d. 4,650 18 9	£ s. d. 2,682 5 4	£ s. d. 1,586 14 10	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 1,982 7 4	£ s. d. 12,969 13 9
Waikato High Schools	£ s. d. 1,205 18 10	£ s. d. 750 0 0	£ s. d. 2,067 7 6	£ s. d. 579 9 2	£ s. d. 118 7 4	£ s. d. 758 6 6	£ s. d. 673 11 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 47 17 10	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 3,782 16 8
Southland High Schools	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..
Total	£ s. d. 4,009 3 7	£ s. d. 2,825 0 0	£ s. d. 4,464 10 0	£ s. d. 4,287 9 8	£ s. d. 81,200 15 5	£ s. d. 523,772 9 5	£ s. d. 520,569 14 10	£ s. d. 3,362 6 10	£ s. d. 168 6 9	£ s. d. 4,585 9 6	£ s. d. 68 18 0	£ s. d. 13,160 0 3	£ s. d. 76,965 19 2

¹ Including £146 10s., insurance of building destroyed by fire.² Including £3 10s., sale of building.³ Withdrawn from fixed deposit.⁴ The principal receives the fees, and pays all salaries and expenses.⁵ Including £102, proceeds of sale of old building.⁶ Including £1,800 withdrawn from deposit.

EXPENDITURE of certain SECONDARY SCHOOLS for the Year 1887.

Schools.	Liabilities on Jan. 1, 1887.	Expense of Boards' Management: Office and Salaries.	School Salaries.	Boarding-school Account.	Examiners' Fees and Expenses.	Scholarships, Exhibitions, Prizes.	Printing, Stationery, Advertisings, &c.	Land, Buildings, Furniture, Insurance, Rent, Rates.	Cleaning, Fuel, Light, &c.	Interest.	Sundries unclassified.	Endowments: Proceeds invested.	Cr. Balances, Dec. 31, 1887.	Totals.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland College and Grammar School	132 14 0	388 11 8	2,805 10 10	..	4 12 6	78 18 0	56 17 4	472 1 3	93 2 6	313 6 8	120 16 8	..	65 18 7	4,432 10 0
Auckland Girls' High School	..	20 13 10	1,519 19 8	..	39 0 11	14 15 0	90 11 10	359 14 3	30 3 0	0 9 3	..	..	..	2,075 7 9
Thames High School	..	22 0 0	845 3 4	..	..	..	12 17 0	60 18 4	29 15 0	0 2 8	24 17 0	..	31 6 3	1,026 19 7
Whangarei High School	..	6 2 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25 0 1	31 2 7
New Plymouth High School	80 4 11	10 2 6	743 0 0	..	..	8 14 3	19 1 3	233 1 6	32 13 8	..	..	..	..	1,126 18 1
Wanganui High School	..	5 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,300 0 0	1,921 16 6	3,226 16 6
Wanganui Endowed School ¹	128 4 4	66 14 3	..	..	..	..	..	579 6 4	..	247 6 4	2 4 2	..	..	1,023 15 5
Wellington College	573 10 11	151 4 6	1,867 6 8	..	23 10 0	104 1 0	115 11 6	260 4 6	97 17 0	485 13 6	4 15 0	..	..	3,683 14 7
Wellington Girls' High School	161 12 9	105 9 5	1,243 6 8	..	15 0 0	16 3 0	89 5 2	421 8 4	44 16 0	30 18 4	73 12 8	..	..	2,201 12 4
Napier High Schools	2,648 2 8	87 12 2	2,135 14 10	..	..	19 15 0	12 4 9	331 12 10	101 15 7	208 13 6	..	..	..	5,655 11 4
Nelson College (Boys')	..	288 0 2	1,604 4 3	980 13 8	23 10 6	370 10 0	123 2 1	252 18 2	101 6 1	..	53 6 3	..	..	3,797 11 2
Nelson College (Girls')	2,663 17 10	137 6 8	1,170 2 10	669 13 4	22 9 6	85 0 0	121 2 6	221 16 1	43 13 7	324 0 0	33 5 8	..	..	5,492 8 0
Greytown High School	..	14 10 0	30 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	770 10 0	815 0 0
Hokitika High School	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Christchurch Boys' High School	435 18 4	80 0 0	2,447 4 10	..	54 7 9	25 14 6	86 8 10	270 16 10	14 8 1	363 16 5	35 3 8	..	..	3,813 19 3
Christchurch Girls' High School	..	70 0 0	1,597 2 8	..	63 12 3	105 0 6	63 13 11	201 19 11	21 14 4	..	76 16 1	..	859 19 6	3,062 19 2
Christ's College Grammar School	3,769 2 6	443 16 2	4,410 10 2	..	22 8 0	34 14 11	50 2 8	1,850 16 11	217 17 6	150 6 8	321 6 4	..	..	11,271 1 10
Rangiora High School	212 14 8	1 2 6	380 0 0	..	..	..	6 4 0	17 14 8	19 0 6	21 16 6	0 17 8	..	..	659 10 6
Akaroa High School	..	0 17 0	275 0 0	..	..	2 2 0	3 9 3	52 6 9	17 5 6	2 0 6	..	..	4233 13 1	586 19 1
Ashburton High School	460 1 4	..	596 13 4	..	..	7 0 0	26 17 6	40 19 8	38 2 0	45 17 6	18 17 5	..	..	1,234 8 9
Timaru High School	580 5 5	70 0 0	1,670 15 0	..	..	23 17 6	93 19 10	46 4 6	112 17 11	38 14 5	47 10 10	..	..	2,684 5 5
Waimate High School	..	16 18 6	75 0 0	..	8 8 0	35 0 6	4 13 8	4 1 0	..	..	..	..	5382 10 2	526 11 10
Waitaki High School	219 13 3	46 2 1	1,037 0 0	..	..	..	57 7 3	126 5 0	68 3 4	228 5 4	0 5 3	..	46 4 1	1,829 5 7
Otago High Schools	3,534 8 3	464 8 11	6,048 2 6	1,529 18 11	..	29 11 7	163 8 3	777 18 1	249 11 4	112 5 11	..	..	..	12,969 13 9
Southeast High Schools	..	61 5 1	1,349 0 0	..	..	..	39 8 3	94 8 11	73 7 10	..	..	..	2,115 6 7	3,732 16 8
Total	15,660 11 2	2,557 17 11	33,910 17 7	73,180 5 11	284 19 5	960 17 91	236 6 10	6,726 13 10	1,407 10 92	573 13 6	713 14 8	1,300 0 0	6,452 9 10	76,965 19 2

¹ Salary of teacher of science at night-school.² Including £1,662 on fixed deposit.³ The principal receives the fees and pays all salaries and expenses of the school.⁴ Including fixed deposit, £200.⁵ Including fixed deposit, £340.

EXTRACT FROM ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

The high schools in operation during the year are named in the following table:—

TABLE Y.—STAFF, ATTENDANCE, FEES, AND SALARIES AT CERTAIN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Schools.	Staff.		Attendance for Last Term or Quarter of 1887.						Number of Boarders.	Annual Rates of Fees.		Salaries at Rates paid at End of Year.	
	Regular.	Visiting. ^a	Under 10 Years.	10 to 15.	15 to 18.	Over 18 Years.	Total (Roll).	Average Attendance.		For Ordinary Day-school Course.	For Board, exclusive of Day-school Tuition.	Regular Staff.	Visiting Teachers. ^a
Auckland College and Grammar School	b8	..	..	86	75	5	166	149	..	£ s. d. 8 8 0 10 10 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. *2,535 0 0	£ s. d. ..
Auckland Girls' High School	a6	5	2	59	50	4	115	105	..	8 8 0 10 10 0	..	*1,250 0 0	244 10 0
Thames High School ..	3	2	..	25	18	..	{ b. 28 g. 15 }	42	..	8 8 0	..	850 0 0	85 0 0
New Plymouth High School	3	..	..	26	20	1	{ g. 26 g. 21 }	36	..	5 5 0	..	*750 0 0	..
Wanganui Endowed School	8	..	4	97	45	2	148	146	84	{ 9 0 0 12 0 0 10 12 0 13 4 0 }	42 0 0	1,700 0 0	..
Wellington College ..	6	2	3	95	27	..	125	120	19	{ 10 12 0 13 4 0 }	42 0 0	1,705 0 0	75 0
Wellington Girls' High School	8	..	1	60	55	7	123	113	..	{ 8 8 0 9 9 0 }	..	1,210 0 0	..
Napier Boys' High School	5	..	4	48	26	..	78	70	17	{ 8 8 0 9 9 0 }	40 0 0	1,140 0 0	..
Napier Girls' High School	5	5	4	32	27	1	64	57	12	9 9 0	40 0 0	860 0 0	202 17 6
Nelson College ..	4	..	1	27	38	11	77	70	26	{ 8 10 0 12 10 0 }	50 0 0	*1,465 0 0	..
Nelson College for Girls..	b4	..	2	43	21	8	74	71	12	12 12 0	50 0 0	*705 0 0	..
Christ's College Grammar School	13	..	5	107	86	15	213	198	75	{ 15 0 0 18 0 0 6 6 0 9 9 0 }	52 10 0	4,240 0 0	..
Christchurch Boys' High School	i5	4	4	59	34	2	99	94	..	{ 9 9 0 9 9 0 12 12 0 }	..	*2,000 0 0	195 0 0
Christchurch Girls' High School	i6	7	..	71	52	2	125	118	..	{ 8 8 0 10 10 0 8 8 0 6 6 0 8 8 0 }	..	996 0 0	419 0 0
Rangiora High School ..	2	..	..	17	13	..	{ b. 25 g. 5 b. 5 g. 7 }	21	..	{ 10 10 0 8 8 0 }	..	380 0 0	..
Akaroa High School ..	1	..	..	7	5	..	{ g. 21 g. 23 b. 51 g. 45 b. 45 g. 9 }	12	..	{ 10 10 0 6 6 0 8 8 0 6 6 0 8 8 0 10 10 0 8 0 0 }	..	*275 0 0	..
Ashburton High School..	3	..	4	17	23	..	..	38	..	{ 6 6 0 8 8 0 }	..	525 0	..
Timaru High School ..	7	..	4	55	34	3	..	90	..	{ 6 6 0 8 8 0 10 10 0 8 0 0 }	..	1,675 0 0	..
Waitaki High School ..	4	2	2	26	25	..	..	54	11	{ 10 10 0 8 0 0 }	38 0 0	1,120 0 0	52 0 0
Otago Boys' High School	i12	2	9	143	106	3	261	254	22	8 0 0	40 0 0	*3,669 0 0	*50 0 0
Otago Girls' High School	o10	1	1	74	92	4	171	163	16	8 0 0	40 0 0	*2,259 0 0	*50 0 0
Southland High School..	5	..	..	49	28	..	{ b. 56 g. 21 }	72	..	{ 6 0 0 8 0 0 10 0 0 }	..	1,325 0 0	..
Totals ..	128	30	50	1224	900	68	{ b. 1424 g. 818 }	2093	294	..	..	32,634 0 0	..

^a Visiting teachers paid by fees or capitation are not taken account of in these columns. ^b Exclusive of drill-instructor and janitor, £150 and house, &c. ^c Exclusive of drill-instructor, and inclusive of estimated value of headmaster's capitation. ^d Exclusive of housekeeper, £78. ^e Including estimated value of headmaster's capitation. ^f Estimated. ^g Principal's allowances included: one master has board and residence in addition to salary. ^h Exclusive of matron, £100, with board, &c.; three assistant-mistresses have board and residence in addition to salary. ⁱ Exclusive of caretaker, £20, and messenger. ^j Two are part-time teachers: caretaker, £73, not included. ^k With residence. ^l Exclusive of boarding-school staff: master £50 and capitation fee of £2; matron, £100; both with board and residence. ^m Inclusive of estimated value of rector's capitation. Rector also has residence. One part-time master has board and residence only. Some of the masters are employed in girls' school also, to which salaries are partly charged. ⁿ This is a subsidy paid to the Education Board for the part service of two drawing-masters. ^o Exclusive of matron of boarding-school, £150, with board and residence. ^p Inclusive of estimated value of Rector's capitation. Some of the masters are partly employed in and paid by the Boys' School.

The total number of pupils of these schools, which had declined in 1886, was still further reduced in 1887. The total in December, 1885, was 2,578; in December, 1886, it was 2,358; and last December, 2,242, with an average attendance of 2,093. The amount of the salaries of the teachers, exclusive of those of visiting teachers, was £32,634.

The income of the high schools, omitting Hokitika High School, which is not in operation, and from which accounts have not yet been received, was about £50,288, including £23,772 in the form of current income from endow-

ments, £20,260 received as school fees, £3,362 as boarding-school fees, £69 as interest, and Government grants amounting to £2,825; but not including balances, refunds, sales, withdrawal of investments, and other matters of account. Intimation has been made to the high schools accustomed to receive grants from Parliament that aid in this form is no longer to be expected.

The proposals referred to in last year's report for the establishment of a general system of examination for the upper forms of the secondary schools have not found favour with the headmasters. A conference of masters was held in Nelson in February, 1888, at which resolutions were passed as follows:—

“That this conference is not at present prepared to suggest any practical scheme for the regular examination of secondary schools, and is of opinion that the entrance examination of the New Zealand University should be used as far as possible as a test examination of the highest forms.”

“That the Senate of the New Zealand University be respectfully requested to give every encouragement to high schools, by cheapening and localising the matriculation and junior scholarship examinations, so that they may be used to test the work of the ordinary fifth and sixth forms.”

AUCKLAND COLLEGE AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

1. *Board*.—Of the Board of Governors of the Auckland College and Grammar School the Chairman is the Hon. Sir George Maurice O'Rorke, B.A., Speaker of the House of Representatives; and the Vice-Chairman is the Hon. Colonel Theodore Minet Haultain. The Board consists in all of ten members. The Mayor of the City of Auckland is a member of the Board *ex officio*. Three members are elected by the Auckland Board of Education; three are elected by a constituency made up of the members of the Legislative Council usually resident within the Provincial District of Auckland, and the members of the House of Representatives for the electorates of the same provincial district; and three are elected by the Senate of the University of New Zealand. The present members of the Board are as follows: *Ex officio*: Mr. Albert E. T. Devore, Mayor. Elected by Board of Education: Mr. Theophilus Cooper, Mr. J. M. Lennox, and Mr. Samuel Luke. Elected by members of the General Assembly: Sir G. M. O'Rorke, B.A., Mr. Graves Aickin, and Mr. J. H. Upton. Elected by Senate: The Hon. Colonel Haultain; Rev. C. M. Nelson, M.A.; Hon. J. A. Tole, B.A., LL.B.

2. *Staff*.—A list of the teaching staff is given in the “Answers to inquiries.” At the beginning of 1887 Mr. A. Inkersley, M.A., resigned, and, no appointment of a successor being made, the number of the staff was to that extent reduced. In the second term Mr. R. Dickson, M.A., resigned in consequence of failing health, and soon afterwards died. In his place, after some temporary arrangements, Mr. D. Davenport, B.A. (Oxon.), was appointed.

3. *Roll*.—A further diminution in the number of pupils has occurred, which is attributable to the continued depression in trade. In the last term of 1886 the number was 202, and in the last term of 1887 the number was 166.

4. *Scholarships, &c.*—The examination for district scholarships held in August, 1886, was conducted under the new regulations adopted by the Board of Education; and the district scholars so appointed, both the senior scholars and the junior, have proved themselves to be boys of much promise. It is considered that under these regulations the scholarships will be found to be much more useful than before. The Board of Governors had announced that free tuition in this school would be granted in each year to a certain number (six) of holders of certificates obtained in the examinations for district scholarships. After the examination of 1886 application for admission was made on behalf of one such candidate; in 1887 there has been none. The foundation scholarships established by the Board of Governors are yielding excellent results; as are also the Rawlings scholarships.

5. *Examinations*.—For the general examination of the school the Board has not deemed it necessary in the past year to call in examiners from outside. The Inspector-General has visited the school, and his report is, as before, satisfactory. He expresses himself thus: “The quality of the work done in this school is steadily improving.”

6. *Drawing, Workshop, &c.*—Attention has been paid, as heretofore, to freehand, geometrical and, especially, mechanical drawing. Good results have been obtained in the workshop.

7. *Night-school*.—In July, 1887, a communication was received from the Auckland Board of Education, notifying that a free night-school had been successfully opened in the Newton East District schoolhouse, and requesting this Board to co-operate by providing the services of a teacher of science. To this request the Board of Governors acceded; and Mr. H. J. Carson, natural science master in the Auckland College and Grammar School, was appointed to be science master in the free night-school. The average attendance at his classes there has been a small fraction less than one hundred.

8. *Gymnastics*.—Some slight addition has been recently made to the supply of gymnastic apparatus. During the winter term, and in the first half of the summer term, a voluntary class was successfully conducted by Mr. Carrollo at his gymnasium, the fees of which were paid by the pupils.

9. *Finances*.—The income received during the year 1887 exceeded the expenditure by £176 3s.

10. *Returns, &c.*—The prescribed answers to inquiries, the headmaster's report, and the audited statement of accounts have been forwarded.

13th March, 1888.

ROBERT KIDD, Secretary.

2. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Rents	2,907	2 6	By Balance at beginning of year ..	132	14 0
School fees	1,343	10 0	Secretary's salary and commission to collector	225	6 4
Books, &c., sold and other refunds ..	35	7 6	Other office expenses	63	14 5
Insurance of house destroyed by fire ..	146	10 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	2,805	10 10
			Examination expenses	4	12 6
			Scholarships	60	0 0
			Prizes	18	18 0
			Printing, stationery, and advertising (£56 17s. 4d. for school)	134	7 5
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.—		
			School	63	4 1
			Property	29	18 5
			Fencing, repairs, &c.—		
			School	56	14 0
			Property	229	19 1
			Rents, insurance, and taxes	119	0 6
			Interest on current account	3	6 8
			School furniture	48	17 8
			Interest on loans	310	0 0
			Sports and cricket-ground	17	10 0
			Science school	20	16 8
			Law expenses	11	10 10
			Travelling expenses	5	10 0
			Balance at end of year	65	18 7
	<u>£4,432</u>	<u>10 0</u>		<u>£4,432</u>	<u>10 0</u>

G. MAURICE O'RORKE, Chairman.

ROBT. KIDD, Secretary.

Examined and found to be correct.—L. A. DURRIEU, Auditor.

16th January, 1888.

3. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest (Upper Fifth).—English: Shakespeare's Twelfth Night; Spenser's Faërie Queen, Book I., Cantos 1, 2, and 3; Chaucer's Clerk's Tale; Milton's L'Allegro and Il Penseroso; Johnson's Vanity of Human Wishes; Abbott's How to Write Clearly, pages 1–61; Morris's Elementary Lessons in Historical English Grammar; grammar papers, essays; Smith's Smaller History of Rome. Latin: Virgil, Æn. iv., and Eclogues i., iv., v., vi., ix., x.; Cicero, De Amicitia and In Catilinam, i., ii., iii.; "Unseens," weekly; Bradley's Arnold's Latin Prose, Exercises 39 to end; Frost's Materials, Exercises i.–xxxv. (one boy to Exercise xcv.); more advanced parts of Public School Primer; grammar papers weekly. French: Lascaris; Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme; Turrell's Leçons en Prose et Vers, about 60 pages; Blouet's Composition, Parts i., ii., and iii.; Chardenal's Advanced Book, Exercises i.–lx., with the grammar (syntax). Natural Science: Chemistry, heat, and electricity, to junior University scholarship standard. Mathematics (Class D): Geometry, trigonometry, algebra, arithmetic, to junior University scholarship standard; elementary mechanics.

Lowest.—Blackwood's Historical Readers, Nos. i. and ii.; Blackwood's Geography Primer and Reader, No. ii.; Geography of New Zealand and Australia (Patterson); Davidson and Alcock's Intermediate English Grammar, pages 1–61, &c.; Repetition and Reading from the Ancient Mariner, Lord of the Isles, John Gilpin, &c.; Spelling: Object-lessons, with composition thereon. Arithmetic (Class D): Simple and compound rules, reduction, G.C.M., and L.C.M.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING LAST QUARTER OF YEAR.

College Scholarships.—Senior foundation (£40 and £20, and free education), 2; junior foundation (free education), 5; under Education Board's certificates of proficiency, 4; sons of members of staff (free education), 2. The college also gives free education to holders of Education Board scholarships.

Education Board Scholarships.—At £45, 3; at £40, 2; at £30, 8; at £20, 3.

Rawlings Scholarships (school-fees and books), 9.

4. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Auckland College and Grammar School, 5th August, 1887.—The quality of the work done in this school is steadily improving. Especially in Latin the progress made during the last three or four years is very decided. The science classes might, I think, be made more interesting and profitable than they are. Several changes have taken place in the staff since the date of my last visit. I have before said that the school runs the risk of losing some very good masters by being obliged to pay rather low salaries.

AUCKLAND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Numbers.—There has been a gradual decrease in the number of pupils. At the end of 1885 the number was 199, at the end of 1886 it was 152, and at the end of 1887 it had fallen to 115. The number of teachers has been reduced from seven to six.

Scholarships.—Free tuition has been given to five girls holding scholarships competed for by pupils of the school, and to twelve other girls who had gained scholarships from the primary schools.

Examination and Inspection.—The annual examination of the school was conducted by the Rev. D. W. Runciman, M.A., assisted by Mr. Arthur Gifford, M.A., of the Auckland Training College. The school was visited once during the year by the Inspector-General.

Building.—Nothing has yet been done towards the erection of a school building. All efforts have failed to obtain from Parliament either a grant of money for the purpose, or authority to raise funds upon security of the lands held for the benefit of the school.

The school is still carried on in premises of an unsuitable kind, for which the Board has to pay a rent of £300 a year, a sum which would amply provide for interest on the cost of a suitable and commodious building.

The want of a building is a serious drawback to the progress of the school.

Finance.—The financial position of the school is most precarious. If Parliament should persist in its determination to grant no further aid of any kind, the Board will be obliged reluctantly to close the school.

The revenue from fees is less than one-half of what it was a few years ago. There is no income from endowment. A grant of £150 may possibly be received from the Commissioners for Secondary Education Reserves. With this grant, and with the reduced income to be derived from fees, the Board expects to raise about £900 this year for the maintenance of the school. This sum is quite inadequate. Even with the most stringent reduction which can be made in the expenditure, the account will show a large debit balance at the end of the year.

Auckland, March, 1888.

SAMUEL LUKE, Chairman.

2. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance at beginning of year ..	77	12 6	By Management—Salary ..	16	13 4
Grant from vote of the General Assembly ..	500	0 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	1,519	19 8
Paid by School Commissioners ..	275	0 0	Examinations—		
School fees ..	965	8 10	Examiners' fees ..	37	16 0
Debit balance at end of year ..	257	6 5	Other expenses ..	1	4 11
			Prizes ..	14	15 0
			Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	84	13 7
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. ..	30	3 0
			Fencing, repairs, &c. ..	30	7 11
			Rents, insurance, and taxes ..	303	7 6
			Interest on current account ..	0	9 3
			Fee paid upon Crown grant of endowment ..	25	18 10
			Drawing materials ..	5	18 3
			Legal expenses ..	4	0 6
	£2,075	7 9		£2,075	7 9

SAMUEL LUKE, Chairman.

VINCENT E. RICE, Secretary and Treasurer.

Examined and found to be correct.—L. A. DURRIEU, Auditor.

3. STATEMENT OF WORK DONE IN THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST FORMS RESPECTIVELY DURING THE YEAR 1887.

Highest.—English literature: Spenser's Faerie Queen, Book I.; Milton's Samson Agonistes. Grammar: Morris's Historical Grammar: Word formation, derivation; analysis, parsing, paraphrasing. Composition: Original essays. History: James I. to George I. Geography: New Zealand, Western Europe and British Possessions; physical currents, tides, climate, winds. Latin: De Amicitia (Cicero); Sallust's Jugurtha; sight passages; composition, Bradley's Arnold's Exercises in continuous passages; antiquities. French: Chardenal's Exercises for Advanced Pupils; translation of passages from English authors into French; dictation, Racine's Athalie, Act i. Mathematics: Trigonometry, to chap. xv., Todhunter; algebra, to variations, Todhunter; geometry, Books I., II., III., IV., VI., with riders. Arithmetic, whole subject. Science: Chemistry, non-metallic elements and atomic theory. Needlework: Running and felling, stitching, button-holing, darning, grafting, cutting-out garments. Drawing: Shading from model and from nature, water-colouring.

Lowest.—English literature: Globe Reader No. IV.; Grammar: Easy analysis, parsing. Composition: Essays on easy subjects. History: George I. to Victoria. Geography: New Zealand, Australia, England. Latin: Smith's Principia, Book I. French: Chardenal's First French Book, Exercises 1 to 120. Arithmetic: Simple rules, reduction, weights and measures. Science: Health in the House; laws of health. Needlework: Hemming, top-sewing, running and felling. Drawing: Outline from the flat.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

Education Board Scholarships.—At £40, 3; at £35, 1; at £20, 6. The school gave free education to these scholars, and to seven holders of Education Board's certificates of proficiency.

5. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Auckland Girls' High School, 3rd and 4th August.—There is a very noticeable falling off in the number of pupils attending the school. I am disposed to attribute this to causes connected with the state of trade. I do not observe any diminution of efficiency in the school itself. The highest form has had improved provision made for its instruction in French. The services of a gentleman to whom French is more familiar than English have been engaged; and it seems to me that pupils in a senior class ought to derive great benefit from his custom of carrying on all the work of the class in French. The habit of hearing and speaking in French by way of question and answer is likely to be very useful to them. I have formed a high opinion of the value of the instruction given in drawing and also of the exercises in drill.

WHANGAREI HIGH SCHOOL.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance at beginning of year	31	2 7	By Ranger's salary	5	0 0
			Stationery, &c.	1	2 6
			Balance at end of year	25	0 1
	<u>£31</u>	<u>2 7</u>		<u>£31</u>	<u>2 7</u>

W. BEDLINGTON, Chairman and Secretary.

Examined and found to be correct.—L. A. DURRIEU, Auditor.

THAMES BOYS' AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance at beginning of year	324	11 9	By Management—Salary	22	0 0
Current income from reserves.. ..	133	10 10	Teachers' salaries and allowances	845	3 4
Interest on moneys invested and on un-			Printing, stationery, and advertising	12	17 0
paid purchase-money	12	10 0	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	29	15 0
Paid by School Commissioners	75	0 0	Fencing, repairs, &c... ..	34	18 8
School fees	290	17 0	Rents, insurance, and taxes	8	2 2
Goldfields revenue	187	0 0	Interest on current account	0	2 8
Sale of house	3	10 0	Expenses of survey, sales, &c... ..	17	17 6
			School requisites	24	17 0
			Balance at end of year	31	6 3
	<u>£1,026</u>	<u>19 7</u>		<u>£1,026</u>	<u>19 7</u>

A. BRODIE, Chairman.

R. A. HEALD, Secretary and Treasurer.

Examined and found to be correct.—L. A. DURRIEU, Auditor.

2. WORK DONE BY HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—University junior scholarship examination.*Lowest.*—Arithmetic, elementary rules; elementary French; reading, writing, and dictation.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

Education Board Scholarships.—At £45, 1; at £20, 1. The school gave free education to these scholars, and also to two holders of Education Board's certificate of proficiency.

4. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Thames High School, 2nd August.—I think this school is doing very good work on an unpretending scale. Mental activity, rather than scholarship, must be the immediate end of the efforts put forth in the circumstances in which the school is placed. I had an interview with three gentlemen representing the Board of Governors, and answered several questions with more freedom than is allowed in writing a report that is to be published. I hope that my answers will serve to confirm the confidence of the Board with respect to the ability with which the school is conducted.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Grant from vote of the General Assembly	150	0 0	By Balance at beginning of year	80	4 11
Special grant for buildings	200	0 0	Expenses of management	10	2 6
Current income from reserves	350	14 6	Teachers' salaries and allowances	743	0 0
Paid by School Commissioners	139	9 3	Prizes	8	14 3
School fees	262	0 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising	19	1 3
Debit balance at end of year	24	14 4	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	32	13 8
			Site and buildings—		
			Purchases and new works	207	17 3
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	11	7 5
			Rents, insurance, and taxes	7	12 6
			Apparatus	6	4 4
	<u>£1,126</u>	<u>18 1</u>		<u>£1,126</u>	<u>18 1</u>

THOMAS KELLY, Chairman.

E. VEALE, Secretary and Treasurer.

Examined and passed.—C. RENNELL, Auditor.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin: Principia and Cæsar, Book III. of Gallic War. French: De Fiva's Grammaire des Grammaires and Fables. Euclid: Books I. to IV. (most of the highest class are in Book I.). Trigonometry: Trigonometrical ratios; values of the trigonometrical ratios for certain angles; changes in ratios, as angle varies from 0° to 360°; properties of triangles; simple heights and distances. Algebra: To end of quadratics involving more than one unknown. Arithmetic: The whole subject, and mental. Grammar: Smith and Hall's; analysis and parsing from standard authors. Composition: Essays on various subjects, chiefly biographical sketches. History: 1066–1603, in outline; 1603–1837, in detail. Geography: Cornwell (Europe, Asia, and Africa); map-drawing; Mackay's Physiography. Drawing: From model and flat. Book-keeping (for boys); sewing (for girls); reading and elocution.

Lowest.—Latin: Principia, Lib. I., exercises 1 to 24, and included grammar. French: Ahn's First Course, exercises 1 to 132, and *avoir, être, parler, and finir*. Algebra: The lowest form proper does not do algebra; but a preparatory form taken from the junior division learn algebra at the same time as the lowest form are working arithmetic. Arithmetic: Colenso's, 1 to 17, and easy mental. Grammar: Easy parsing and analysis; parts of speech; inflections. Composition: Easy narrative. History: Collier, 1066 to 1603, and brief history. Geography: Great Britain and Ireland (Cornwell); and mapping. Drawing; writing; dictation; object-lessons.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

Education Board Scholarships.—At £9 15s., 2; at £4 15s., 7. The school gives free education to those scholars.

4. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

New Plymouth High School, 10th and 11th August.—I am very well satisfied with the work done in this school. I should be glad however to see some elementary science taught. The boys and girls are now taught together. The adoption of this plan was inevitable, since there are only three teachers. I think that the work of instruction is facilitated by it, and I see no sign of counter-balancing disadvantage.

WANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance at beginning of year ..	189	19 0	By Management—Salary ..	5	0 0
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money ..	545	7 6	Funds re-deposited on fixed deposit ..	1,662	0 0
Cash withdrawn from fixed deposit ..	2,491	10 0	Funds lent on mortgage ..	1,300	0 0
			Balance at end of year ..	259	16 6
	<u>£3,226</u>	<u>16 6</u>		<u>£3,226</u>	<u>16 6</u>

GILBERT CARSON, Chairman.

A. A. BROWNE, Secretary and Treasurer.

NOTE.—Particulars of the Board's investments:—

Mortgage on 3,900 acres of land sold; £3,428 12s. 5d. at 6 per cent. Principal repayable in November, 1889.

Money lent on mortgage of freehold lands: £800 at 7 per cent., repayable September, 1888; £200 at 7½ per cent., repayable July, 1892; £1,200 at 6½ per cent., repayable December, 1893; £1,100 at 7 per cent., repayable September, 1894: total, £3,300.

Money on fixed deposit at the National Bank of New Zealand: £490 at 5 per cent.

Leases, High School Endowment Reserves: Section 10, Block XIV., Mangawhero, twenty-one years, commencing October, 1884; £25 per annum for the first seven years, £35 per annum for the second seven years, £50 per annum for the third seven years. Sections 5, 6, 7, Block X., Mangawhero; £98 per annum for the first seven years, £191 per annum for the second seven years, £295 per annum for the third seven years.

A. A. BROWNE, Secretary and Treasurer.

WANGANUI ENDOWED SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Endowments ..	720	3 5	By Dr. balance at beginning of year ..	128	4 4
On account of maintenance ..	4	0 0	Management—		
Debit balance at end of year ..	299	12 0	Salary ..	41	19 6
			Other office expenses ..	3	12 0
			Other expenses of management ..	10	10 0
			Law costs ..	4	19 0
			Survey ..	6	6 0
			Refund, rent ..	2	4 2
			Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	5	13 9
			Site and buildings—		
			Purchases and new works ..	365	14 0
			Fencing, repairs, &c. ..	75	0 11
			Insurance ..	46	12 0
			Taxes ..	85	13 5
			Interest on current account ..	247	6 4
	<u>£1,023</u>	<u>15 5</u>		<u>£1,023</u>	<u>15 5</u>

O. WELLINGTON, Chairman.

Examined and found correct.—DAVID LUNDON, Auditor.
15th February, 1888.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST FORMS.

Highest.—Latin, Greek, French, English, geography, history, arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry, Euclid, drawing.

Lowest.—Reading, writing, history, geography, arithmetic.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

Headmaster's Scholarships.—Seven valued at £33; one valued at £30; one valued at £12.

Education Board Scholarships.—At £40, 2; at £20, 4.

4. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Wanganui Collegiate School, 26th July.—This is a flourishing institution, and good work is being done in it. The largest room has too many classes in it, and the furniture is old fashioned and clumsy, so that masters and pupils suffer some inconvenience, and, I fear, something more than inconvenience. On a cold day, too, the place is rather cheerless. In more important respects, however, there is much that is satisfactory; and I note as a special sign of the good tone of the school that, although the Principal was, through ill-health, confined to his private apartments, there was excellent order and manifest diligence throughout the school. A chapel has been built in the school grounds since I paid my last visit.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

THE Governors of the Wellington College and Girls' High School can again report that both the institutions under their charge have been working well and successfully during the past year.

Wellington College.

The college was examined by Professor Brown, of Christchurch, at the close of the past year, 1887, and he reported to the Board that the school as a whole gained a good average of marks over all the subjects; that the highest form is admirably taught, and reaches a standard quite up to that for University junior scholarships: and he refers to two noteworthy features of the school—one, the excellent discipline maintained throughout; the other, the workshop, in which boys were working at various trades with considerable skill. In the 1886 examination four boys passed the junior scholarship and nine the matriculation examination of the New Zealand University, and during the same year twenty-four boys passed the junior Civil Service and two the senior Civil Service examinations. The Governors have now been able to let more of their endowments, thereby increasing their income; but, as stated in their last report, the interest on the moneys borrowed for building purposes is a great burden on their resources, and they have been compelled to make certain reductions in the cost of their teaching staff. They think that in all fairness a sum of £5,000, being the amount borrowed, should be voted by Parliament, so that the present mortgage may be paid off and their income be set free to be devoted to the work of carrying on the school. Other places have within the last few years had large votes for school buildings, Wellington has had nothing.

Girls' High School.

Professor Brown, of Christchurch, also examined the Girls' High School, and reported that, taking all the subjects and forms together, the school gained a very high percentage of marks; he also said that the discipline of the school is good, and a fine spirit of harmony holds teachers and taught together. Seven girls went up for the Matriculation Examination of the New Zealand University in December last, and all passed, and two girls kept the first year's term of their University course.

The Governors have to report that the new building, which was commenced at the beginning of last year, has been completed, and that the difficulties complained of in the last report of conducting the Girls' High School in premises far too small, and which consequently were overcrowded, to the detriment of the health of the pupils, no longer exist; the new building is admirably adapted for the purposes of the school. Want of funds has prevented the Board from furnishing the building as they would wish, and the playground requires a considerable outlay of money. As mentioned in their last report, the Governors entered into the agreement with the builders for the erection of the new building under the approval of the Government, and upon the assurance of Sir Robert Stout, then Premier, that the Government would at its next session assist the Board in the matter of funds. This has not as yet been done, and the position in which the Board is placed is one of difficulty: they have a heavy burden of interest, they have only been able to let a very small portion of their endowments, their revenue from fees is not sufficient to defray the expenses of the school, and they must look to Government to aid them. They consider that Wellington is entitled to a grant to pay for the building; it should not in this matter have treatment different to that shown to other places.

CHAS. P. POWLES, Secretary.

There is, properly speaking, no Building Account kept. It is true that there is a balance of a sum transferred from the ordinary account to a so-called Building Account; but the effect of the transaction is simply that the amount of the overdraft of the ordinary account at the bank is increased.

The overdraft at the bank on the 31st December last amounted to £717 12s. 5d. There is no authority of law to warrant loans of this description. While moneys may be issued from the ordinary account of the Board for general or building purposes, such issues can only be legally made *when there are funds at credit of the ordinary account.*

The statement of assets and liabilities is one of the most extraordinary public documents ever laid before the Auditor. It shows that a building has been erected which, together with the land on which it stands, is valued at not less than £7,000; while liabilities to the amount of £5,466 16s. 3d. have been incurred, inclusive of the amount of the overdraft at the bank of £717 12s. 5d. But, notwithstanding those large transactions relative to Loan Fund Accounts, not one farthing of loan moneys (except those by way of overdraft) has been either received or expended by the Governors.

In reply to inquiries on the subject, the Secretary to the Governors explains that a contract was entered into with builders for the erection of a high school; that no loan was raised for the purpose; that the contractors built the school with their own funds; that they have not yet received a farthing in return for their work; and that interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum continues to accrue upon the liabilities of £5,466 16s. 3d. incurred.

It will thus be observed that the Governors have had no control whatever over the moneys expended. Solicitors' bills of costs and other documents furnished in support of items entered in the accounts show that the lands and buildings vested *in trust* in the Governors have been mortgaged to the builders.

The course pursued by the Trustees in this matter is considered to be indirect contravention of law. The real property vested in them is inalienable, and cannot on any account be legally assigned over to any person. Subsection (2) of clause 9 of "The Wellington College Acts Amendment Act, 1878," authorises the Governors to grant mortgages upon the *rents and profits* of all or any part of the land which may be vested in them, but "without the power of selling the freehold of such land." The Trustees have therefore, in mortgaging the lands, assumed an arbitrary discretion which has been wrongly exercised.

While it is quite clear that the mortgage of the lands is illegal and valueless to the builders as an asset which could be sold or converted into money, it gives them a certain power of possession which is undesirable, and which was evidently never contemplated by the Legislature.

The mortgages and other documents connected therewith have not yet been submitted to this department. The Auditor is therefore unable at present to determine what the exact powers purporting to be given to the mortgagees by those documents amount to.

It is observed that the value of lands at Mangaone—about 3,000 acres, valued at about £3,000—set apart by His Excellency the Governor as an endowment of the institution under clause 8 of the Act (1878), has been altogether omitted from the statement of assets. The document requires to be amended accordingly.

It is understood that the extraordinary action of the Governors, in respect of the real estate intrusted to them, was taken in anticipation of contemplated legislation, a Bill having been drafted by them containing, among other things, power to mortgage the high school and its endowments. The Legislature rejected this part of the Bill, and passed an Act intitled "The Wellington College and Girls' High School Act, 1887," which specifically limits the powers of the Governors in dealing with those lands to leases and to mortgages of the rents and profits only.

There can be no doubt that the sole intention of the Governors in dealing with the endowments as they have done was a laudable desire to erect, establish, and maintain a public institution which is much required in the city; but the means by which they sought to attain their object is considered to be unconstitutional, and detrimental to the public good. If such innovations on the law, in respect of matters financial, are deliberately made by local governing bodies in anticipation of future legislation, and allowed to pass without comment, serious results would be likely to follow. They are calculated to lead to financial disaster to the public bodies concerned, and to the embarrassment of the Government of the colony.

The attention of the Government is invited to the peculiar construction of "The Wellington College and Girls' High School Act, 1887." The preamble to the Act is apt to lead to the supposition that the statute is a consolidation of all previous Acts. It is not so; and clause 15 is so ambiguous as to leave it open to contention whether the ordinary income of the Wellington College and Girls' High School should for the future, except in cases where special trusts have been created, form one common fund. This was evidently not the intention of the Legislature. The whole tenor of previous Acts shows quite clearly that the financial operations of those institutions should be kept separate and distinct, as heretofore.

The Auditor has endeavoured to impress this upon the accountant to the Governors. No action under the latter statute has, up to the present date, been taken, owing to the non-appointment of new Governors; but it is understood that the constitution will soon be complete, and that the Board will meet in a few days, when a copy of this report, or such portions of it as the Government may think fit, should be submitted for its consideration.

In view of all the circumstances stated, the Provincial District Auditor exceedingly regrets that he is unable to certify the accounts furnished to him for examination and audit.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

R. MACALISTER,

Provincial District Auditor.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES (BOYS' SCHOOL).

Highest.—English: Smith's Grammar; Shakespeare's Henry V., and Henry IV. (two parts); literature, period of Queen Anne. Arithmetic: General. Geography: General. History: General, and from William and Mary. Euclid: Six books. Algebra: As far as the binomial theorem. Trigonometry: To end of triangles. Statics: Hamblin Smith's Textbook, to end. Hydrostatics: Hamblin Smith's Textbook, to end. Drawing: Geometrical, perspective, and free-hand. Singing: Sol-fa and old notation.

Lowest.—Standard II. of the district schools.

3. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES, GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Highest.—English : Milton's *Comus*, Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Literature : Elizabethan period. Grammar : Transition period, Morris's *Historical English Grammar*. History : 1660 to 1727; Bright, Vols. II. and III. Geography : (Political) South America and Australia; (physical) general. Latin : Virgil, *Æneid*, II.; Principia Latina, IV. French : Racine's *Athalie*; Erckmann-Chatrian, *Conserit* de 1813; Macmillan's *French Course*, IV. Arithmetic : General. Algebra : To quadratic equations. Geometry : Euclid, Books I. and II. Chemistry : Metals, non-metals, atomic theory, chemical equations. Astronomy, second year's course : Planets, comets, and meteors. Physics : General properties, solids, liquids, gases, simple machines. Physiology : Practical course, structure, organs, laws of health.

Lowest.—Reading: Royal Reader III., Geographical Reader. Grammar: Parts of speech, analysis of simple sentences, parsing. Geography: (Political) Europe and New Zealand; (physical) shape of the earth, rocks, rivers. History: Henry IV. to James I. Arithmetic: Simple and compound rules. French: *Avoir* and *être*; easy sentences. Botany: Parts of a plant. Object lessons: sewing.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOLS DURING LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

School Scholarships.—Teachers' children (free education), 3.

Education Board Scholarships.—At £40, 2; at £20, 5.

5. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Napier Girls' High School, 28th and 29th July.—The order, the method, and the tone of this school are always admirable. There is no fallacious display of advanced work, but what is done is thoroughly done. I do not think the staff as a whole is quite as strong as it should be. I should like to see some girls stay long enough to do higher work in classics and mathematics.

Napier Boys' High School, 28th and 29th July.—I think this school improves still. I am sorry to see the preparatory class smaller than usual. It is well taught, and has for a year or two been sending in large drafts of pupils to the main school. The boys in the upper part of the school have quite enough to do to keep up the pace expected of them. They are working well, but in some places the work is such as to tax their powers almost to the limit where the difficulty destroys the pleasure of the work. Mr. Spencer, a pupil of this school, and, for a time, of Christ's College, is the successful candidate for the Gilchrist scholarship this year, having been placed next to the third in the honours matriculation list of the London University for last January.

NELSON COLLEGE.

1. STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To Balance at beginning of year ..		149	7	6	By Management—		200	0	0
Current income from reserves ..		303	5	0	Salary		50	9	4
Interest on moneys invested ..		849	19	8	Other office expenses		1,604	4	3
School fees		841	9	6	Teachers' salaries and allowances		980	13	8
Boarding-school fees	1,127	10	0		Boarding-school account		23	10	6
Stationery		30	6	6	Examiners' fees		352	10	0
Miscellaneous		100	17	0	Scholarships		18	0	0
Dr. balance at end of year ..		394	16	0	Prizes		123	2	1
					Printing, stationery, and advertising ..		101	6	1
					Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.		122	3	4
					Fencing, repairs, &c.		130	14	10
					Rents, insurance, and taxes		8	4	0
					Audit charges		29	6	10
					Law costs		17	0	0
					Telephone		19	0	0
					Subscriptions to sports		17	6	3
					Sundries				
		£3,797	11	2			£3,797	11	2

OSWALD CURTIS, Secretary.

[Auditor's certificate is attached to accounts as kept in the college books.]

NELSON COLLEGE FOR GIRLS.

2. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Grant from vote of the General Assembly	500	0 0	By Dr. balance at beginning of year	2,663	17 10
Paid by School Commissioners	330	0 0	Management—		
School fees	1,163	8 10	Salary	100	0 0
Boarding-school fees	648	2 0	Other office expenses	32	1 8
Edger scholarship	15	0 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances	1,170	2 10
Dr. balance at end of year	2,835	17 2	Boarding-school account	669	13 4
			Examiners' fees	22	9 6
			Scholarships	85	0 0
			Printing, stationery, and advertising	121	2 6
			Gas	43	13 7
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	138	17 5
			Rents, insurance, and taxes	82	18 8
			Interest on mortgages	324	0 0
			Auditor's fees	5	5 0
			Small repairs and sundry expenses	33	5 8
	<u>£5,492</u>	<u>8 0</u>		<u>£5,492</u>	<u>8 0</u>

OSWALD CURTIS, Secretary.

[Auditor's certificate is attached to accounts as kept in the college books.]

3. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES, COLLEGE.

Highest.—English: Spenser's *Faërie Queen*, Book II.; Shakespeare's *Richard III.*; general literature. Latin: Virgil, *Æneid*, V.; Horace, Books III. and IV.; Cicero, *Pro Cluentio*; composition, grammar, unseen translation, Roman history. French: *Précis de la Litt. Française*, Le Tour de la France (Contanseau); unseen translation, grammar, composition. Greek: Elementary grammar, composition, and translation. Mathematics: Arithmetic, algebra, Euclid, trigonometry, mechanics, and hydrostatics. Science: Physical chemistry.

Lowest.—English: Geography, grammar, and history. Latin: Early part of *Principia*, Part I. French: Elementary grammar and composition. Mathematics: Arithmetic to decimal fractions.

4. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES, GIRLS' COLLEGE.

Highest.—Mathematics: Arithmetic, the subject generally; algebra to quadratic equations, including indices and surds, the work for the junior scholarship examination, also ratio, proportion, and variation; Euclid, Books I. to IV., definitions of Book V., Book VI., riders, junior scholarship work; trigonometry to solution of triangles, junior scholarship work. English: Morris's *Elementary Historical Grammar*; sketch of the history of the English drama to the beginning of the reign of Queen Anne; study of the life and works of Longfellow; the dramatic works of Tennyson; study of Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing*, and *Romeo and Juliet*; essay writing; English history, from Revolution to Queen Victoria (textbooks), *Epochs of English History*. Geography: Political, physical, and commercial geography of Africa. Roman history: From Third Punic War to Battle of Actium. Latin: Virgil's *Æneid*, Book VI. and part of Book I.; unseen translation, grammar, and prose. French: *Le Misanthrope* (Molière); Brachet's *Elementary Grammar*; Bué's *Second French Book*. German: Schiller's *Maria Stuart* (a part); also unseen translation from Schiller's and Goethe's German prose. Physical science: Elementary ideas, and chemistry of oxygen, hydrogen, and carbon.

Lowest.—Arithmetic: Simple and compound rules, reduction. English: Elementary grammar, parsing, and analysis, compositions on easy subjects, recitation, spelling, writing, and reading. History: First 150 years of Louise Creighton's *History of England*. Geography: General physical features of continents, with more important towns of Europe. Object-lessons on simple subjects. Latin: Declension of nouns, adjectives, and pronouns. French: *Contes de Fées*, *Prince Chéri*; easy sentences into French. Physical science: Elementary ideas of force, matter, properties of water, &c.

N.B.—It must be understood that the school, being classified differently for different subjects, and great choice of subjects being allowed, the same girls do not necessarily do all the work set down for the lowest form; nor do the same do all the work set down for the highest form.

5. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

College.

Endowed.—Newcome, £24; Richmond, £24; Stafford, £20; Fell, £16; Tinline, £52 10s.

Foundation.—First classical, £20; second classical, £10; third classical, £5; first mathematical, £20; second mathematical, £10; third mathematical, £5.

Governors' Fees.—First modern languages, £12 10s.; first English literature, £12 10s.; second English literature, £12 10s.

Provincial.—At £52 10s., 4; at £12 10s., 9.

Simmons Prize.—£6.

Girls' College.

Tinline.—£52 12s.

Edger.—2 at £15.

Governors' Fees.—2 at £15.

Provincial.—At £52 10s., 2; at £12 12s., 7.

School Commissioners.—3 at £12 12s.

GREYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Reserves sold	750	0 0	By Management, salary	10	10 0
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	65	0 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising	1	10 0
			Commission on collection of interest	2	10 0
			Grey Education Board towards support of the Greymouth District High School	30	0 0
			Balance at end of year	770	10 0
	<u>£815</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£815</u>	<u>0 0</u>

RICH. NANCARROW, Chairman.

E. T. ROBINSON, Secretary.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above statement, and, having compared it with cash-book, vouchers, bank pass-book, and other documents, find the same to be correct.—E. F. RICH, Auditor. 3rd April, 1888.

CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Current income from reserves	2,682	15 1	By Dr. balance at beginning of year	435	18 4
School fees	766	10 0	Management—Contributions	80	0 0
Dr. balance at end of year	364	14 2	Teachers' salaries and allowances	2,447	4 10
			Examinations—		
			Examiners' fees	48	16 9
			Other expenses	5	11 0
			Prizes	25	14 6
			Printing, stationery, advertising, stamps	86	8 10
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	14	8 1
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	10	12 6
			Rents, insurance, and taxes	114	15 10
			Interest on current account	13	16 5
			Reserves, inspecting and advertising	92	4 0
			Interest on loan from New Zealand Trust and Loan Company	350	0 0
			Chemicals and apparatus	7	12 6
			Rent of cricket-ground	30	0 0
			Grant to cadet corps	15	0 0
			Cleaning out bath	15	12 0
			Sundries, petty cash	20	3 8
	<u>£3,813</u>	<u>19 3</u>		<u>£3,813</u>	<u>19 3</u>

R. BEETHAM, for Chairman.

F. G. STEDMAN, Registrar, Canterbury College.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin: Virgil, *Æneid*, I., lines 416 to end; Cicero de Senectute; Horace, Odes II.; Ovid, *Fastorum* VI. (to end line 460); Latin composition, from Abbott's Latin Prose through English Idiom, and Abbott's *Via Latina*; Latin Primer; Smith's *Smaller Roman History*, chap. xvii. to end. English: Scott's *Ivanhoe*, Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, Tennyson's *Harold*, Macaulay's *Essays* on Clive and Warren Hastings, Morris's *Smaller Historical English Grammar*, Smith and Hall's *English Grammar*. Abbott's *How to write clearly*; composition, paraphrase, analysis; Student's *Hume*, 1688 to 1837, with notes. French: Macmillan's *Course*, Parts II. and III.; Corneille's *Le Cid*; *Lettres sur l'Histoire de France*, by Thierry (part). Mathematics: Todhunter's *Euclid*, Books I. to VI.; Todhunter's *Algebra*, Barnard's Smith's *Exercises in Arithmetic*, Hamblin Smith's *Trigonometry*. Science: Howard's *Practical Chemistry*, with laboratory work; Garnett's *Elementary Heat*, Oliver's *Elementary Lessons on Botany* (practical work in botanical physiology). Greek: Sidgwick's *Euripides*, *Scenes from the Alcestis*; Sidgwick's *First Greek Writer*.

Lowest.—Latin: Macmillan's *Progressive Latin*, Course I.; Latin Primer to end of declensions. English: Dictation; Morrison's *English Grammar* for Junior Classes; Palgrave's *Children's Treasury of Songs*, Part I.; Gardiner's *Outlines of English History*, Petrie's *First Geography*. Arithmetic: Numeration, notation, simple and compound rules, reduction, tables. Drawing: From Colonial Drawing-book. Singing, writing, drill.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

School.—Free education, 12.

North Canterbury Education Board.—At £40, 4; at £20, 9; with travelling expenses.

Westland Education Board.—At £50, 1.

Hawke's Bay Education Board.—At £20, 1.

4. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Boys' High School, Christchurch, 15th March, 1888.—The school is increasing in numbers, and is in my judgment in a very efficient state.

CHRISTCHURCH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance at beginning of year ..	816	16 1	By Management—contribution ..	70	0 0
Grant from vote of the General Assembly ..	100	0 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	1,597	2 8
Current income from reserves ..	232	0 6	Examinations—		
Interest on moneys invested ..	296	9 7	Examiners' fees ..	60	7 3
School fees ..	1,548	15 0	Other expenses ..	6	5 0
Interest on current account ..	68	18 0	Scholarships ..	74	0 0
			Prizes ..	31	0 6
			Printing, stationery, advertising, and stamps ..	63	13 11
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. ..	21	14 4
			Fittings ..	12	7 0
			Fencing, repairs, &c. ..	14	15 9
			Rents, insurance, and taxes ..	120	7 11
			Music and tuning pianos ..	13	13 6
			Inspecting reserves and advertising ..	3	4 0
			Expenses in connection with teaching		
			cooking, dress-cutting, and book-		
			keeping ..	22	3 4
			Chemicals and apparatus ..	16	5 3
			Rent of gymnasium ..	35	0 0
			Books ..	20	8 3
			Sundries, petty cash ..	20	11 0
			Balance at end of year ..	859	19 6
	<u>£3,062</u>	<u>19 2</u>		<u>£3,062</u>	<u>19 2</u>

R. BEETHAM, for Chairman.

F. G. STEDMAN, Registrar, Canterbury College.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Mathematics: Arithmetic, algebra, Euclid, trigonometry, as for junior scholarship examination of New Zealand University. Latin: Grammar and Latin prose composition; translation—Cicero's Select Letters (Macmillan's series), Cicero's Pro Cluentio, first twenty chapters; Virgil's *Æneid*, Book IV.; Livy's Hannibalian War (Macmillan series); translation of Latin at sight; history, a general sketch of the whole, and the period of the triumvirates specially (text-books, Smith's Rome and Merivale's Triumvirates); antiquities, the chief, as in Smith's Dictionary of Antiquities. English: Grammar and composition, Morris's Smaller English Historical Grammar, Mason's English Grammar, part of Earle's Philology, essays and corrections of sentences; literature—Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Twelfth Night*, and part of *Romeo and Juliet*, Milton's *Paradise Lost*, Book II.; Morris's Specimens of Early English (some of the selections). Science: Botany, as for junior University scholarship examination; heat, as for junior University scholarship examination. French: Grammar, Brachet's Public School Grammar, French prose composition and idioms; translation, *La Mare au diable*, *Madame de la Seiglière*, *The Cid*, *Les Aventures du dernier Abencerrage*, *Le Voyage autour de ma Chambre*.

Lowest.—English: Grammar, simple rules without textbook; composition on stories read and the writing of easy letters; simple readers, as *Poetry for the Young*; *Simple Geographical Reader* (Phillip's No. 4), with Elements of General Geography and Geography of New Zealand; *The Child's History of England* (Mrs. Creighton's), dictation and spelling. French: The elements as far as the verbs. Arithmetic: The four simple and compound rules, reduction of money, and weights and measures. Science: The first principles of physical and natural science, the laws of health, sewing, and elementary drawing.

During last year several new subjects were added to the practical side of the school. In the winter term a course of lectures on nursing, as under the St. John's Ambulance Association, was given to the pupils in the upper school by Dr. Thomas and Dr. Guthrie. To supplement plain sewing already taught in the school, the scientific system of dress-cutting has been introduced and practised with success by several of the older girls. A class for shorthand and bookkeeping was also begun last year under a competent master. Until last year drawing had been taught by the regular teachers on the staff; but, to make the teaching of the subject as successful as possible, a special master was engaged last year for the upper classes. Also, to add to the physical training of the pupils, the Board has arranged that lessons should be given in swimming, beginning this season. At the end of the first term last year the Board offered eight scholarships, four tenable for two years and four for one year, senior and junior, of the value of £15 and £12 a year respectively, open to candidates who were not pupils of the Girls' High School. Also, at the end of the year, four exhibitions of £15 a year, tenable for one year, were offered to pupils of the school on the results of work done during the year. At the University entrance examinations announced early last year, five pupils from the Girls' High School matriculated. In April three girls from the school gained scholarships under the Board of Education, one in Class D, one in Class C, and one in Class B.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

School.—At £15, 12.

North Canterbury Education Board.—At £20, 11.

Caledonian Society.—At £20, 1.

4. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Girls' High School, Christchurch, 14th March 1888.—I am again able to report that this school is doing very excellent work.

CHRIST'S COLLEGE, GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE from the 1st May, 1886, to 30th April, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure—</i>			£	s.	d.
To Balance .. ..	..	..	243	5	2	By Interest on bank overdraft .. ..	..	..	101	2	3
Rent and interest .. ..	..	..	1,699	10	8	Interest on deposits .. ..	..	..	49	4	5
Jackson Trust Endowment .. ..	..	..	95	8	2	Grant to games fund .. ..	..	..	128	0	0
Tuition fees .. ..	..	..	3,901	12	2	Papers and magazines for boys' reading-room .. ..	..	..	5	11	1
Books and stationery .. ..	..	..	530	10	11	School Account—	..	..	..	..	..
Subscription to Harris Memorial .. ..	..	..	9	0	0	Salaries—	..	..	..	..	..
W. H. Spackman, Esq., special prize .. ..	..	..	5	0	0	Masters .. ..	..	..	4,410	10	2
Deposit, Balfour Divinity Prize .. ..	..	..	50	0	0	Bursar (moiety) .. ..	..	..	50	0	0
Hire of chairs, gas, &c. .. ..	..	..	9	12	6	Porter .. ..	..	..	105	1	8
Balance .. ..	..	..	26	2	7	Travelling expenses, new masters .. ..	..	..	187	15	3
						Books .. ..	..	..	505	9	11
						Examination fees .. ..	..	..	22	8	0
						Prizes .. ..	..	..	34	14	11
						Printing and advertising .. ..	..	..	50	2	8
						Insurances .. ..	..	..	106	19	3
						Coals and gas .. ..	..	..	74	17	10
						Ironmongery, &c. .. ..	..	..	21	5	2
						Extra labour on grounds, and cleaning schools .. ..	..	..	21	0	0
						Furniture for class-rooms .. ..	..	..	80	15	3
						Furniture for gymnasium .. ..	..	..	21	6	9
						Scavenger .. ..	..	..	14	2	0
						Sweeping chimneys .. ..	..	..	2	16	0
						Repairs—	..	..	..	..	..
						Mr. Corfe's house .. ..	..	..	22	14	2
						Mr. Worthy's house .. ..	..	..	0	15	9
						Mr. Condell's house .. ..	..	..	0	14	0
						Mr. Walter's house .. ..	..	..	1	17	6
						Schoolroom .. ..	..	..	6	17	0
						Sundry repairs .. ..	..	..	24	11	6
						Alterations to library and offices .. ..	..	..	14	8	9
						Furniture for library and offices .. ..	..	..	8	2	6
						Shingle for grounds .. ..	..	..	7	0	0
						Chairs .. ..	..	..	50	0	0
						Expenses connected with weekly tenancies—	..	..	..	..	..
						Commission on letting and collecting rents .. ..	..	..	11	10	5
						Repairs to cottages .. ..	..	..	23	15	11
						Rates .. ..	..	..	11	12	0
						Insurance .. ..	..	..	6	13	9
						Expenses of management—	..	..	..	..	..
						Salaries and auditor's fee .. ..	..	..	256	17	0
						Telephone, half subscription .. ..	..	..	4	0	0
						Stamps, stationery, and sundries .. ..	..	..	37	7	10
						Law charges .. ..	..	..	84	0	11
						Transfer to No. 2 Account, Balfour Divinity Prize .. ..	..	..	4	0	7
									£6,570	2	2

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
To Sale of 50 acres, part of Rural Section 68 .. ..	..	..	2,000	0	0	By Balance .. ..	..	..	4,008	7	1
Deposit .. ..	..	..	2,000	0	0	Deposit repaid .. ..	..	..	200	0	0
Balance .. ..	..	..	1,649	14	9	New class-rooms .. ..	..	..	1,033	12	6
						Water supply, and fittings for gymnasium .. ..	..	..	101	10	0
						Alterations to library .. ..	..	..	47	5	3
						New cricket-ground .. ..	..	..	175	2	2
						Alterations at bath .. ..	..	..	23	17	9
						New fence .. ..	..	..	60	0	0
									£5,649	14	9

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Divinity, Greek Testament, Latin, Greek, English, French, science and mathematics, as required for junior University scholarships.

Lowest.—Bible history and catechism, Macmillan's First Latin Course; English; arithmetic, first four rules, simple and compound.

3. STATEMENT RESPECTING SCHOLARSHIPS.

Senior Somes Scholarships of the value of £40, with £20 added to boys boarding in houses recognised by the governing body of Christ's College. Four or more of these scholarships are offered for competition annually, and are tenable for one year.

Junior Somes Scholarships of the value of £20 or £15, with £20 added towards boarding expenses at the college boarding-houses. Four of these scholarships are offered for competition annually, and are tenable for two years.

The Gould Scholarships are two in number, and are given to deserving boys who require assistance. These scholarships cover the school fees and cost of books.

Besides these scholarships a considerable number of exhibitions are given to the sons of clergy, and other boys who may require assistance. The value of the exhibitions is determined annually, according to the amount available.

An endowment of £700 has lately been presented by Mrs. Tancred in memory of her husband, Mr. H. J. Tancred, for the establishment of prizes derived from the income of the endowment, for proficiency especially in history. Six prizes have been offered for competition.

RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Current income from reserves..	..	232 17 0	By Dr. balance at beginning of year	..	212 14 8
School fees ..	..	248 2 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances	..	380 0 0
Dr. balance at end of year ..	..	178 11 6	Printing, stationery, and advertising	..	6 4 0
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	..	19 0 6
			Fencing, repairs, &c...	..	13 15 6
			Rents, insurance, and taxes	..	3 19 2
			Interest on current account	..	21 16 6
			Planting Jubilee tree	..	0 17 8
			Travelling allowance..	..	0 10 0
			Postage and exchange	..	0 12 6
		<u>£659 10 6</u>			<u>£659 10 6</u>

ANDREW H. CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

GEO. JOHN LEECH, Treasurer.

I have audited this account, and have compared the items with the vouchers, and find it correct.—J. OLLIVIER, Provincial District Auditor. 28th January, 1888.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin: Translation of extracts of Cicero and Ovid (one pupil has read Cicero's De Senectute), grammar and composition. Euclid: One pupil has read Books I., II., III., IV., and VI., together with the definitions of the fifth, and the portions of Books XI. and XII. usually read. Algebra: The most advanced pupils have reached quadratic equations and surds. Arithmetic: The subject generally. Trigonometry: One pupil just begun. English: Grammar and composition; translation from Hachette's First French Reader (one pupil has read Molière's Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme). History: English, from the beginning to the reign of Charles II. Geography: Introductory, Europe and Asia (Hughes's Class-book). Science: Elementary physiology. Botany, with flower and leaf schedules.

Lowest.—Reading and spelling: Royal Reader No. IV., seven pupils; Sequel to Royal Reader No. II., two pupils. Arithmetic: The different divisions have done from compound addition to vulgar fractions and practice. Geography. History: Norman and Plantagenet periods. Grammar: Five pupils can distinguish all the parts of speech, and parse pretty fully; four pupils less so. Drawing is done by all the scholars (freehand), Blair's Series of Drawing-books being used, from Standard I. to VI. Mapping is done in school hours by the lowest form. Three or four of the lowest form are also in the elementary stages of the Latin grammar.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

School.—Free education, 2.

North Canterbury Education Board.—At £20, 2.

4. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Rangiora Boys' High School, 24th February, 1888.—The school is small. It is very well taught, and there is abundant evidence of intellectual activity and of real progress in knowledge.

AKAROA HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Current income from reserves..	..	317 11 0	By Dr. balance at beginning of year	..	65 11 6
School fees ..	..	120 18 7	Stamps, post-cards, and cheque-books	..	0 17 0
Books, &c., sold and other refunds	..	6 15 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances	..	275 0 0
Fixed deposit	..	200 0 0	Prizes	..	2 2 0
Interest on fixed deposit	..	10 0 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising	..	3 9 3
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	..	17 5 6
			Book and stationery account and other temporary advances	..	2 14 0
			Fencing, repairs, &c...	..	2 6 9
			Rents, insurance, and taxes	..	50 0 0
			Interest on current account	..	2 0 6
			Fixed deposit	..	200 0 0
			Balance at end of year	..	33 18 1
		<u>£655 4 7</u>			<u>£655 4 7</u>

WILLIAM B. TOSSWILL, Chairman.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English: Smith and Hall's Grammar, parsing, analysis; Shakespeare's *Tempest*, Smith's English Composition. French: Macmillan's Second Year Course and Reader. Latin: Cæsar's Invasion of Britain; Principia, Part I. Arithmetic: Whole subject. History: Edith Thompson's, William I. to William III. Geography: Cornwell and Patterson's New Zealand and Australia. Mathematics: Euclid, Book I.; algebra (Hall and Knight) to quadratics; trigonometry, elementary portions.

Lowest.—English: Morrison's English Grammar, Coutie's Word Expositor. French: Macmillan's First Year Course. Latin: Principia, Part I. to end of active verbs. Arithmetic: Compound rules, reduction, elementary problems. History: Brief history. Geography: Phillips's First Geography.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

Headmaster's Scholarship.—Free education, 1.

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance in bank at beginning of year—			By Management—		
Fixed deposit	310	0 0	Secretary's salary	8	0 0
Current account	19	6 10	Postages	1	0 0
Current income from reserves..	181	9 0	Travelling expenses of members ..	7	8 0
Interest on fixed deposit	15	16 0	Subsidy to South Canterbury Education Board	75	0 0
			Examinations—		
			Examiners' fees	5	5 0
			Supervisor of examination	3	3 0
			Scholarships	27	10 0
			Stationery	0	12 8
			Advertising	4	1 0
			High School fees paid	7	10 6
			Closing Albury roads, expenses ..	4	1 0
			Exchanges	0	10 6
			Balance in bank at end of year—		
			Fixed deposit	340	0 0
			Current account	42	10 2
	<u>£526</u>	<u>11 10</u>		<u>£526</u>	<u>11 10</u>

J. H. GRAHAM, Secretary.

ASHBURTON HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Current income from reserves..	502	8 1	By Dr. balance at beginning of year ..	460	1 4
School fees	227	15 2	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	596	13 4
Books, &c., sold, and other refunds ..	21	18 7	Prizes	7	0 0
Dr. Balance at end of year	504	5 6	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	26	17 6
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	38	2 0
			Book and stationery account, and other temporary advances	40	16 0
			Fencing, repairs, &c... ..	38	7 8
			Rents, insurance, and taxes	2	12 0
			Bank charges, interest, &c.	45	17 6
	<u>£1,256</u>	<u>7 4</u>		<u>£1,256</u>	<u>7 4</u>

W. C. WALKER, Chairman.

J. E. BUCHANAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

I have audited this account, and have compared the items with the vouchers, and find it correct, and the balance due to the bank is accurately stated.—J. OLLIVIER, Provincial District Auditor. 31st March, 1888.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin: Bradley's Composition, Livy (Macmillan's), Ovid. French: Half-hours of French Translation, Public School Grammar; Molière's *Misanthrope*. Algebra: To simultaneous equations. Euclid: Books I. and II. English: Abbott, Morell's *Literature*, *Taming of the Shrew*. History: Green's English History, Roman History. Geography: Longman's. Drawing: Landscape and geometrical.

Lowest.—French: Bué's Introduction. English: Hall's First Grammar; Phillips's Readers. History: Brief English. Geography: Cornwell's Geography for Beginners. Writing: Forster's copies. Drawing: Freehand.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

School.—Free education and books, 7.

4. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Ashburton High School, 30th September.—Great changes have taken place since last year. Instead of two masters in the boys' school, and one teacher in the girls' school helped by both masters, there are now two teachers in the girls' school, and one master in sole charge of the boys'. It is of course very difficult to do full justice to all the classes of two schools with such a small staff, but good work is being done.

TIMARU HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Rent from reserves	1,276	7	4	By Overdraft, Bank of New Zealand ..	580	5	5
Interest	142	10	0	Salaries	1,670	15	0
School fees	718	17	0	Salaries, Secretary and Janitor ..	170	0	0
Government grant	125	0	0	Sundry accounts	263	5	0
Balance due to bank	421	11	1				
	<u>£2,684</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>£2,684</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

I have audited this account, and have compared it with the vouchers, and find it correct.—J. OLLIVIER. 27th March, 1888.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Junior scholarship requirements.

Lowest.—Fourth Standard work, with Latin and French.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

School.—Free education, 7.

South Canterbury Education Board.—School fee, 1.

Caledonian Society.—At £12 12s., 1.

4. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Timaru High School, 29th September.—The order and discipline of this school from the beginning have always been admirable. The promptitude with which work begins again after every change of classes is noteworthy, and the work done is very good. The separation of the boys' and girls' classes is not absolute, and in this way there is considerable economy of the teaching power.

WAITAKI HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

SIR,—

Oamaru, 4th April, 1888.

I have the honour to report that during the year Mr. John Reid, of Elderslie, resigned his position as Governor, and that the Hon. H. J. Miller was appointed in his place. There has been no change in the staff of the boys' school.

A high school for girls was opened in October, in a building formerly occupied by the Waitaki County Council, the use of which was obtained in exchange for one occupied as the customhouse. The present site is conveniently situated at the junction of Thames and Severn Streets. The staff of the school is Mrs. Burn (late of Otago Girls' High School), Lady Principal, and Miss A. Forbes, M.A.

Considerable expense has been incurred in making the necessary arrangements for opening the girls' school, including furnishing, alterations, and improvements. This expenditure will seriously trench upon the Board's funds, and it is hoped that the Government will not withdraw the financial assistance hitherto granted.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary of Education.

GEORGE SUMPTER, Secretary.

2. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance, Treasurer's advance ..	2	8	6	By Dr. balance at beginning of year ..	222	1	9
Grant from vote of the General Assembly	500	0	0	Management—			
Reserves sold	100	0	0	Salary	40	0	0
Current income from reserves ..	885	5	3	Other expenses of management ..	6	2	1
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	3	10	0	Teachers' salaries and allowances—			
School fees—				Boys	1,012	0	0
Boys	334	6	0	Girls	25	0	0
Girls	6	4	4	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	57	7	3
Books, &c., sold and other refunds ..	60	0	9	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. ..	68	3	4
				Book and stationery account, and other temporary advances	60	6	0
	<u>£1,891</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	Fencing, repairs, &c. ..	54	18	6
				Rents, insurance, and taxes ..	19	11	6
				Interest on current account ..	0	15	4
				Interest on loan on buildings ..	227	10	0
				Furnishings at Girls' High School ..	36	12	0
				Surveys and valuations ..	15	3	0
				Balance at end of year ..	46	4	1
					<u>£1,891</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>

WM. CHRISTIE, Chairman.

GEORGE SUMPTER, Secretary.

Correct by Treasurer's books and vouchers, and bank pass-book.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

	£	s.	d.
NOTE.—Arrears of fees from 1886	175	6	6
First term of 1887	142	16	0
Second term of 1887	134	8	0
Third term of 1887	118	6	0
	570	16	6
Collected in 1887, less scholarship £10	324	6	0

Uncollected, 31st December, 1887 £246 10 6

Accompanied by detailed statement of rents due and incomplete purchases; the latter not including interest due and overdue. The expenditure is not all in the minutes.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

3. STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 31st December, 1887.

<i>Assets.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Liabilities.</i>			£	s.	d.
Cash in bank and in hand .. .. .	..	..	46	4	1	Loan on buildings .. .. .	..	..	3,500	0	0
Rents uncollected .. .. .	..	..	287	10	3	Scholarship fund .. .. .	..	..	100	0	0
Fees uncollected, boys .. .. .	..	..	246	10	6	Salaries .. .. .	..	..	74	10	0
Fees uncollected, girls .. .. .	..	..	7	2	2						
Deferred-payment balances .. .. .	..	..	556	16	0						
School buildings.											
Reserves vested in Board by "The Waitaki High School Act, 1878."											

WM. CHRISTIE, Chairman.

GEORGE SUMPTER, Secretary.

The items cash in hand and bank, rents uncollected, deferred-payment balances, fees uncollected, loan, scholarship, and salaries, are correctly stated.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

4. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin: Cicero, De Officiis, Book I.; Horace, Odes, Book I., and Ars Poetica; Smith's Principia, Book II., pp. 1 to 79; Bradley's Arnold, pp. 1 to 79; Simpson's Cæsarian Prose, Public School Latin Primer. French: Chardenal's Second Course, all; Chardenal's Advanced Course, to Ex. 30; La Fontaine's Fables (Moriarty's ed.). English: Bain's Higher English Grammar, Clarke's Geography, Gardiner's English History, Ransome's English History, Horton's History of the Romans. Mathematics: Arithmetic, general (textbook, Hamblin Smith); algebra to quadratics (textbook, Hamblin Smith); trigonometry to ratios of multiple angles; (textbooks, Lock and Todhunter's). Mechanics: Elementary dynamics, statics, and hydrostatics. Science: Botany, Hooker's Primer; Thomé's textbook, and practical work. German: Emil Otto's Course.

Lowest.—Science: Botany, Hooker's Primer, and practical work. Latin: To Ex. 84, Macmillan's Latin Course. French: To Ex. 144, auxiliary verbs, three conjugations. English: History, Second Period, Gardiner; Geography, to p. 81, Petrie; Grammar, Hall's, to Ex. 62. Arithmetic: Square root, discount and present value, compound interest, and problems. Algebra: To fractions. Euclid, Book I., Props. 1 to 25. Drawing: Freehand.

5. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

School.—At £10 10s., 6 (free education).

Residents.—At £10 10s., 1.

6. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Waitaki High School, 28th September.—The pupils in this school have a good opportunity of acquiring sound knowledge. I am glad to notice that a good beginning has been made in the collection of specimens for a school museum.

OTAGO HIGH SCHOOLS.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 4th April, 1888.

In accordance with section 8 of "The Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools Act, 1877," and in terms of your circular dated the 12th December, 1887, I have now the honour to forward herewith report of the Board of Governors of the Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools for the year ended the 31st December, 1887.

I am pleased to report that the attendance in both schools has shown a steady increase, and also that the general work has been carried on satisfactorily during the year.

The continued depreciation in the value of pastoral as well as agricultural produce has compelled the Board to make further reductions in the salaries of its teaching staff. The retrenchment thus effected amounts to £543 per annum, which, with a similar retrenchment of £1,058 in 1886, will, it is hoped, enable the Board to keep its expenditure on a level with its income, unless, indeed, a further shrinkage in revenue is experienced. I may add that the Board has also found it necessary to raise the school fees from £8 to £9 10s. per annum. The reduction in salaries and increase in rate of school fees came into operation at the commencement of the present year.

During the year the examination for the Gray Russell Scholarship was held, when it was awarded to James Watt. The value is £40 per annum, tenable at the Otago University for three years.

The statement of receipts and expenditure is now in process of audit, and will be forwarded in the course of a few days.

I have, &c.,

D. M. STUART, D.D., Chairman.

The Hon. the Minister for Education, Wellington.

2. STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Endowments—			By Dr. balance at beginning of year	3,594	8 3
Capital account: Price of reserves sold	*2,067	7 6	Management—		
Current income from reserves	4,111	13 2	Office salary or salaries	170	0 0
Interest on moneys invested and on			Other expenses—Destroying rabbits	15	13 4
unpaid purchase-money	396	6 9	Other expenses of management	46	3 7
Paid by School Commissioners	142	18 10	Teachers' salaries and allowances	6,048	2 6
School fees	2,682	5 4	Boarding-schools account—		
Boarding-school fees	1,586	14 10	Boys	929	9 4
Dr. balance at end of year	1,982	7 4	Girls	600	9 7
			Legal expenses	106	4 1
			Prizes	29	11 7
			Printing, stationery, and advertising	163	8 3
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c., including		
			wages of two janitors	249	11 4
			County, city, and water rates	453	14 8
			Site and buildings, from current revenue—		
			Repairs	132	8 1
			Furnishing	124	1 6
			Insurance	52	0 6
			Interest on current account	101	8 5
			Discount on promissory notes	10	17 6
			Endowments, sales account—		
			Expenses of survey, reporting, sales,		
			management, &c.	49	8 6
			Expenses recovering run rents	92	12 9
	<u>£12,969</u>	<u>13 9</u>		<u>£12,969</u>	<u>13 9</u>

D. M. STUART, D.D., Chairman.

C. MACANDREW, Secretary.

Correct by Treasurer's books and vouchers.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

* This sum includes £266 10s. 8d., bill for instalment of purchase-money discounted by Board. The purchaser paid up in full before the bill matured. The £266 10s. 8d. has therefore been twice received, and is a debt due to the discounter when the bill matures. There is also a sum of £267 8s. 7d. due to the same discounter through a similar transaction last year.—H. L.

3. GRAY RUSSELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Amount invested on mortgage	750	0 0	By Capital	1,000	0 0
Balance in bank	293	17 6	Receipts available for expenditure	43	17 6
	<u>£1,043</u>	<u>17 6</u>		<u>£1,043</u>	<u>17 6</u>

D. M. STUART, D.D., Chairman.

C. MACANDREW, Secretary.

Correct.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

4. RICHARDSON CADET CORPS FUND.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Bank of New Zealand shares	150	0 0	By Capital	150	0 0
Amount advanced on mortgage	50	0 0	Receipts available for expenditure	166	6 9
Balance in bank	116	6 9			
	<u>£316</u>	<u>6 9</u>		<u>£316</u>	<u>6 9</u>

D. M. STUART, D.D., Chairman.

C. MACANDREW, Secretary.

Correct.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

5. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES, BOYS' SCHOOL.

Highest.—Latin: Translation—Horace (Odes, Satires, Epistles); Livy, Book II.; Virgil, Æneid, Book VI.; Cicero, De Officiis; unseen passages from various authors; composition, continuous prose from various sources; Latin prose sentences; Belcher, Part II.; grammar, Allen, Roby Donaldson, with books of reference in philology and antiquities. Mathematics: Arithmetic, the whole subject; algebra, to end of simultaneous quadratics; Euclid, Books I., II., III., IV., VI., with riders; trigonometry, to end of solution of triangles; mechanics and hydrostatics, as set for University scholarship examination. German: Translation, Deutsche Märchen, Freytag's Friedrich der Grosse; composition, Macmillan's Exercises, Part I., continuous prose (chiefly translations of portions of Macaulay's Essays); grammar, Macmillan. French: Translation from Manuel des Examens (Belcher et Dupuis); grammars, Eve and Baudiss, Brachet, Fasnacht; composition, Blouet, and Manuel des Examens; books of reference, Littré, Masson, Brachet. English: King Lear, Shakespeare; Prologue to Canterbury Tales, Chaucer; grammar, historical, Morris; language and literature, Meiklejohn. This class takes gymnastics in school time.

Lowest.—Latin: Macmillan, First Latin Grammar, declensions and conjugations. French: Macmillan, Progressive French Course, first year (simple accidence with exercises to *avoir* and *être*). English: Star Reader, No. 3; geography, Irvine's Textbook; history, Outlines of English History; grammar, spelling, and dictation. Arithmetic: The four simple Rules (No. 3 B). Drawing: Hutton's Course. Writing and set gymnastics.

6. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES, GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Highest.—English: Chaucer, The Knightes Tale; Bacon, selected essays; Shakespeare, A you like it; Milton, Samson Agonistes; English history, the Age of Elizabeth; Historical English Grammar, Morris; composition, &c. Latin, Senior Division: Virgil, *Æneid*, Book II., and part of Book V.; Livy, Book XI., 1 to 30; Horace, Book X., selected odes; at sight translation—Virgil's Georgics, I. and II., *Æneid*, Book XII. (part), and Horace, selected satires and epistles; Allen's Grammar; composition, Bradley-Arnold. Latin, Junior Division: Cornelius Nepos, selections; Principia Latina, Part III., selections; composition, Bennet's Latin Exercises; Allen's Grammar. French: Chardenal's Exercises for Advanced Pupils, Chardenal's Exercises on French Conversation, Saintine's Picciola; Souvestre, Au Coin du Feu (Un Secret de Médecin); composition. German: Fasnacht's Grammar, Herman's Deutsche Märchen. Mathematics: Arithmetic, the whole subject; algebra, to quadratic equations; geometry, Euclid, Division A, Books I., II., III., IV., VI., and Division B, Books I., II., III., IV.; trigonometry, Division A, Todhunter's Smaller, chap. 1 to 22, and Division B, Todhunter's Smaller, chap. 1 to 6. Science: Chemistry, the whole subject of inorganic chemistry, as required by junior scholarship regulations; botany, revision of subject, as laid down in junior scholarship examination.

Lowest.—Globe Reader, No. III. History: William I., Richard II. Geography: Australasia, British Isles; physical geography, explanation of geographical terms. Grammar: Simple analysis and parsing. Object-lessons: Simple lessons on common objects, with a view to subsequent composition on the subject of lesson. Arithmetic: Revisal of simple rules, compound rules in money.

7. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

Boys' School.

Otago Education Board.—At £40, 8; at £20, 14.

Westland Education Board.—At £50, 1.

Grey Education Board.—At £50, 2.

Girls' School.

Otago Education Board.—At £40, 6; at £20, 9.

Free education is given to the holders of Education Board scholarships, and also to candidates at the scholarship examinations who gain 50 per cent. of the attainable marks. The numbers attending the schools under the latter concession at the end of the year were—Boys' school, 7; girls' school, 4. Six children of members of the teaching staffs were receiving free education at the boys' school, and five at the girls' school.

8. REPORTS OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Boys' High School, Dunedin, 21st September.—This school has received a remarkably large accession of numbers this year. The organization appears to be singularly complete and perfect.

Girls' High School, Dunedin, 19th and 20th September.—The school is altogether in a very satisfactory condition, and it is very pleasant to observe that the elder girls have acquired thoroughly good habits of serious study.

SOUTHLAND HIGH SCHOOLS.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

SIR,—

Invercargill, 4th April, 1888.

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter supplying the information asked for in your circular of the 12th December, 1887. I have now the honour to report as follows in matters connected with the management of schools and endowments:—

At the beginning of 1887 the following gentlemen composed the Board: Messrs. Lumsden and Wilson, appointed by His Excellency the Governor; Messrs. Matheson and Preshaw, appointed by the Education Board; and his Worship the Mayor, Mr. J. L. McDonald. In August His Excellency appointed Messrs. G. Lumsden and H. Carswell, Mr. Carswell being appointed in lieu of Mr. Wilson; Mr. A. Tapper was elected Mayor. Mr. Lumsden has been Chairman throughout the year. The Board is therefore now composed of Messrs. Lumsden (Chairman), Matheson, Preshaw, Carswell, and Tapper (Mayor).

The only change in the teaching staff was in connection with the preparatory class, established two years since. This class has not met with the success which the Board anticipated, and it has therefore been discontinued, and the services of the teacher, Miss Bain, were dispensed with at the end of the year.

The matter of obtaining a suitable site on which to erect a boys' school has been kept steadily in view by the Board, and, although several properties have been inspected, as yet no decision has been arrived at.

Several leases of town sections have matured during the year, and these have been leased again for seven years. No other changes of importance have taken place in connection with the Board's endowments.

Owing to the severe depression which exists, the Board finds great difficulty in collecting rents for its endowments. Two village allotments sold on deferred payment have been abandoned.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

CHARLES ROUT, Secretary.

2. STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance at beginning of year ..	155	18 10	By Management, salary ..	56	5 0
Grant from vote of the General Assembly	750	0 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances, including fees paid to visiting teachers..	1,349	0 0
Bank of New Zealand, fixed deposit from last year ..	1,050	0 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	39	8 3
Reserves sold ..	297	2 6	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. ..	73	7 10
Current income from reserves..	579	9 2	Fencing, repairs, &c... ..	22	16 8
Interest on money invested and on unpaid purchase-money ..	60	10 0	Rents, insurance, and taxes ..	3	15 0
Paid by School Commissioners ..	118	7 4	Endowments, sales account—		
School fees, boys' school ..	459	18 1	Proceeds invested, fixed deposit, Bank of New Zealand ..	1,842	4 1
Books, &c., sold, and other refunds, boys' school, including fees received for extra subjects ..	52	12 7	Expenses of survey, sales, management, &c. ..	3	16 8
School fees, girls' school ..	188	8 11	Reserves—Rates, expenses of leasing, &c. ..	60	8 7
Books, &c., sold, and other refunds, girls' school, including fees received for extra subjects ..	20	9 3	Furniture and fittings ..	3	12 0
			Sundries, stamps, telegrams, &c. ..	5	0 1
			Balance at end of year ..	273	2 6
	£3,732	16 8		£3,732	16 8

GEORGE LUMSDEN, Chairman.

CHARLES ROUT, Secretary and Treasurer.

I have compared this abstract with Treasurer's books and vouchers, and I certify it to be correct.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

3. STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES, 31st December, 1887.

<i>Assets.</i>			<i>Liabilities.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Bank of New Zealand—			Outstanding accounts—		
Fixed deposit account ..	1,842	4 1	Farnie ..	3	15 0
Balance current account and cash ..	273	2 6	L. Rodgers and Co. ..	16	8 9
Rent of reserves due and unpaid ..	268	13 7	C. Rout ..	19	9 9
Reserves sold on deferred payment, instalments due and unpaid ..	163	19 0	Pearsey ..	4	14 6
School fees due and unpaid, including stationery ..	193	15 4	Hanan ..	1	0 0
Freehold property, Sections 27 and 28, Block XIII., Town of Invercargill.			<i>Southland Times</i> ..	0	9 0
Reserves vested in Board by Acts of General Assembly			<i>Southland News</i> ..	0	6 0

CHARLES ROUT, Treasurer.

The items cash in bank and hand, instalments of purchase-money, and overdue rents of reserves are correctly stated. The fees in arrear have not been checked, the copy of school-roll being imperfect.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

4. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest, Boys.—Latin: Virgil, *Æneid*, Book I.; Cicero, *De Senectute*; Bradley's *Arnold*, *Frost's Materials for Latin Prose*, *Latin Grammar*. French: *Selections from French Authors* (Macmillan); Brachet's *French Grammar*, *French composition*. English: *King Lear*, *Morris's Historical English Grammar*, *composition and essays*. History: *Edith Thompson*, with *Notes from Green*. Mathematics: *Arithmetic*; *Euclid*, Books I. to IV.; *algebra*, to end of *quadratic equations*. Chemistry: *The non-metallic elements* (Roscoe).

Highest, Girls.—Latin: *Cæsar*, Book III.; Cicero, *De Senectute*; Bradley's *Arnold*. French: *Macmillan's Reader No. II.*, Brachet's *French Grammar*, *French composition*. English: *King Lear*, *Morris's Historical English Grammar*, *composition and essays*. History: *Collier's*. Geography: *Mackay's*. Mathematics: *Arithmetic*, *Euclid*, Books I. to III.; *algebra*, to end of *simple equations*.

Lowest, Boys and Girls.—English: *Reader No. IV.*, *Morris's English Grammar*, *Primer*, *Curnow's Smaller History*, *Petrie's Geography*. *Arithmetic*: *Compound rules*. *Writing*, *spelling*, and *dictation*.

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