

AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

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Distinctions.—At the examination held in December, 1898, five University Junior Scholarships were won by boys of this school. Two other pupils of the school passed “with credit,” and four matriculated on the examination. Eleven girls and eight boys passed the ordinary matriculation examination. Thirteen pupils passed the Civil Service junior examination, of whom one was placed first on the list. Of former pupils of the school, two graduated B.A., one B.Sc., three M.A. at the University of New Zealand; two M.D. at Edinburgh, and one at Brussels; and one, W. J. Barclay, M.B., C.M., at Edinburgh. Mr. Barclay also gained the Ettles and Buchanan Scholarships at the University of Edinburgh. Mr. R. C. Maclaurin, a former scholar, has been appointed Professor of Mathematics at Victoria College, Wellington.

Improvements.—A janitor's lodge was erected in the school grounds at a cost of £340. The workshop was moved from the playground to the position designed for it. The repairs of houses on the Board's properties involved a good deal of expenditure during the year, and may be set down at £936 13s. 9d., including the salaries of two carpenters constantly employed. The leases of several properties expired during the year. These leases were for twenty-one years, and under the conditions of the leases the lessees were entitled to payment for value of the houses at the expiration of the leases. £708 16s. 8d. as valuation or compensation had to be paid on these properties. The ground-rent under the leases amounted to £40, and the houses are now let for £235 per annum.

Change of Name of School.—The school, which was founded in 1867 by the Provincial Legislature under the name of the Auckland Grammar School, had the name altered to Auckland College and Grammar School when it became affiliated to the New Zealand University. The school was disaffiliated when the Auckland University College was established in 1883. Under an Act passed last session of Parliament—"The Auckland Grammar School Act, 1899"—the school reverts to its original name. The chief object of this Act was to bring into one statute all the Acts bearing on the school. These were eight in number, and it is a great convenience to have the whole of the law affecting the school in a single statute, which consists of only thirty clauses. Doubts having arisen as to whether the Board had power to borrow money for improvement of its property by building houses for letting, the doubts have been removed by authority being given under the Act to borrow not exceeding £6,000 for building houses for the purpose of letting. Of this sum a portion may be expended in purchasing a playground, which is much needed. The old borrowing powers of the Board are also enlarged by allowing money to be borrowed for building a boarding-school. In addition to the old leasing powers of the Board, there is introduced the power established under the Public Bodies' Powers Acts to lease land for twenty-one years, renewable for ever, but at rents to be fixed by the Board on each renewal of twenty-one years.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
Balance	618	7	6	Management—					
Ground rents	2,257	6	4	Office salary	110	0	0
Weekly rents	1,509	5	0	Other office expenses	53	0	5
School fees	2,916	17	0	Commission to collector, &c.	231	8	6
Education Board loan	1,000	0	0	Teachers' salaries	3,988	0	0
Paid by Education Board for Section 23..			137	0	0	School requisites	76	14	2
Paid by School Commissioners	80	0	0	Election expenses	3	5	10
Fixed deposit, interest..	10	0	0	Legal expenses	94	11	8
						Scholarship expenses	18	0	0
						Prizes	60	9	3
						Printing and advertising	113	1	0
						Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.—					
						School	15	11	0
						Property	30	1	0
						Stationery allowance	117	2	8
						Fencing, repairs, &c.—					
						School	607	1	8
						Property	986	13	9
						Insurance and taxes—					
						School	60	17	9
						Property	276	10	6
						Interest on loans	250	0	0
						Compensations	708	16	8
						Plans for playground	20	14	0
						Contribution to athletic sports	10	0	0
						" swimming sports	5	0	0
						" domain wickets	3	0	0
						Balance	688	16	0
			£8,528	15	10				£8,528	15	10

Examined and found correct.—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.