

1904.
NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION: SECONDARY EDUCATION.

[In continuation of E.—12, 1903.]

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.
Whangarei High School	1878, No. 63, Local ..	Act may be repealed by <i>Gazette</i> notice under Act of 1885, No. 30.
Auckland Grammar School	1899, No. 11, Local.	
Auckland Girls' High School	1878, No. 55, Local ..	Under management of Education Board. Not in operation in 1903.
Thames High School	1878, No. 54, Local.	
New Plymouth High School	1889, No. 2, Local.	
Wanganui Girls' College	1878, No. 42, Local ..	Board identical with Education Board.
Wanganui Collegiate School	[Nil]	Endowment, Reg. I., fol. 52. See also D.—16, 1866, p. 9.
Wellington College and Girls' High School	1887, No. 17, Local.	
Napier High Schools	1882, No. 11, Local.	
Gisborne High School	1885, No. 8, Local ..	Not in operation in 1903.
Marlborough High School	1899, No. 27, Local ..	Board identical with Education Board.
Nelson College	1858, No. 38, and 1882, No. 15, Local.	
Greymouth High School	1883, No. 21, Local ..	Not in operation in 1903.
Hokitika High School	1883, No. 7, Local ..	Not in operation in 1903.
Rangiora High School	1881, No. 15, Local.	
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.
Christ's College Grammar School	Canterbury Ordinance, 1855	A department of Christ's College, Canterbury.
Akaroa High School	1881, No. 16, Local ..	Not in operation in 1903.
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 1903.
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 1903 FURNISHED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Credit balances on 1st January, 1903 ..	33,146	17 2	Liabilities on 1st January, 1903 ..	2,520	12 7
Endowment reserves sold	1,463	3 0	Expenses of management	3,332	16 2
Mortgage moneys repaid	527	14 8	School salaries	40,311	1 6
Rent of reserves	22,999	8 5	Boarding-school accounts	6,623	19 0
Interest on moneys invested	3,577	14 1	Examination expenses	478	17 4
Reserves Commissioners' payments	2,196	6 5	Scholarships and prizes	2,393	17 9
Government payments,—			Printing, stationery, fuel, light, &c. ..	3,858	12 10
For technical instruction	645	10 0	Buildings, furniture, insurance, rent, and rates	10,612	7 0
For free places	1,144	13 11	Expenditure on endowments	3,068	7 6
School fees (tuition)	31,203	16 3	Interest	877	7 9
Boarding-school fees	8,681	9 7	Sundries not classified	2,273	10 10
Books, &c., sold, and refunds	207	17 0	Credit balances, 31st December, 1903 ..	32,922	10 8
Sundries not classified	2,520	13 9			
Debit balances, 31st December, 1903 ..	958	16 8			
	£109,274	0 11		£109,274	0 11

INCOME OF CERTAIN SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1903.

Schools.	Cr. Balances on 1st Jan., 1903.	From Endowments.				From Government.		School Fees.	Boarding- school Fees.	Stationery and Books sold, and Refunds.	Sundries unclassified.	Dr. Balances, 31st Dec., 1903.	Totals.
		Sales and Mortgage Monies repaid.	Rents.	Interest on Monies invested.	Paid by School Commis- sioners.	For Technical Instruction.	Capitation for Free Places.						
	£ 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.
Whangarei High School	116 18 4	..	106 13 6	..	50 0 0	..	2 0 0	178 17 0	..	..	..	..	454 8 10
Auckland Grammar School	..	1,042 10 0	4,432 1 2	204 10 0	..	..	..	3,351 10 4	..	..	..	..	9,080 11 6
Auckland Girls' High School	10,465 8 8	..	..	409 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	144 6 11	10,874 8 8
Thames High School	661 14 3	..	568 11 9	6 5 0	50 0 0	..	48 0 0	260 14 0	..	63 0 0	..	..	1,802 11 11
New Plymouth High School	1,006 13 11	..	304 11 10	23 15 8	211 17 8	109 13 0	..	293 4 0	..	..	..	..	1,949 16 1
Wanganui Girls' College	*2,021 11 10	..	370 0 0	140 0 0	175 13 10	..	..	2,066 4 2	2,391 0 0	..	83 2 0	..	7,197 11 10
Wanganui Collegiate School	400 12 7	..	1,089 17 0	2 16 6	..	..	..	2,591 16 0	577 0 0	..	20 4 1	..	4,682 6 2
Wellington College and Girls' High School	943 8 9	..	2,942 6 6	..	215 19 8	15 0 0	..	5,256 12 8	..	10 0 0	10 16 6	..	8,794 4 1
Napier High Schools	3,858 15 0	..	1,335 11 6	150 19 3	24 7 7	..	..	1,409 15 0	390 16 0	120 1 3	..	..	7,290 5 7
Gisborne High School	*3,223 18 11	..	150 0 0	146 5 0	391 3 2	19 13 6	..	..	..	..	5 4 3	..	3,936 4 10
Marlborough High School	342 8 3	6 0 0	..	6 0 0	50 0 0	..	34 9 6	548 10 0	..	..	1406 0 0	..	1,893 7 9
Nelson College	..	527 14 8	916 10 0	273 18 1	56 5 0	326 5 0	..	3,753 14 2	4,956 12 5	..	205 0 0	619 12 6	11,637 11 10
Greymouth High School	1,102 17 7	..	63 17 0	56 11 11	150 1 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,973 8 0
Hokitika High School	1,609 16 6	..	62 0 2	81 16 6	150 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,903 13 2
Rangiora High School	154 9 8	..	157 5 6	..	..	..	120 0 0	259 8 0	..	..	0 15 0	..	691 18 2
Christchurch Boys' High School	101 9 3	..	3,235 18 4	..	..	..	..	1,956 3 0	..	8 8 9	2 10 2	..	5,355 11 0
Christchurch Girls' High School	235 12 1	..	288 7 2	238 16 2	..	..	..	1,535 3 0	..	..	12 17 3	..	2,336 6 10
Christ's College Grammar School	750 0 4	370 0 0	812 1 10	1,627 5 6	..	..	..	2,933 9 5	..	..	78 11 9	..	6,571 8 10
Akaroa High School	141 16 11	..	138 2 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	194 17 3	279 19 7
Ashburton High School	..	..	592 19 9	..	..	..	140 0 0	109 4 0	..	..	..	..	1,053 1 0
Timaru High School	2,216 17 8	..	1,618 12 8	70 5 0	..	..	175 0 0	603 10 0	..	5 0 0	..	..	4,825 12 7
Waimate High School	1,831 4 6	..	216 8 10	67 5 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,133 16 4
Waitaki High School	65 17 10	..	1,296 2 4	..	..	..	..	868 5 0	..	0 3 0	18 18 0	..	3,923 2 1
Otago High Schools	1,330 16 4	44 13 0	2,127 5 7	27 3 11	323 11 4	11 16 10	625 4 5	2,191 12 3	364 1 2	..	7 10 6	..	7,053 15 4
Southland High Schools	464 8 0	..	774 3 4	55 0 7	193 17 9	28 10 0	..	1,036 4 3	..	1 4 0	1175 11 0	..	2,728 18 11
Totals	33,146 17 2	1,990 17 2	822,999 8 5	3,577 14 1	12,196 6 5	645 10 0	1,144 13 11	31,203 16 3	8,681 9 7	207 17 0	2,590 13 9	958 16 8	109,274 0 11

* Including £2,800 invested on mortgage. † Including £2,825 invested on mortgage. ‡ Including annual Government grant, £400. § Including £1,449 granted by Government for a new girls' school.

|| Including £157 10s., subsidy in aid of gymnasium.

EXPENDITURE of certain SECONDARY SCHOOLS for the Year 1903.

Schools.	Liabilities on 1st Jan., 1903.	Expense of Boards' Management: Office and Salaries.	School Salaries.	Boarding-school Account.	Examiners' Fees and Expenses.	Scholarships, Exhibitions, Prizes.	Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Cleaning, Fuel, Light, &c.	Land, Buildings, Furniture, Insurance, Rent, Rates.	Expenditure on Endowments.	Interest.	Sundries unclassified.	Cr. Balances, 31st Dec., 1903.	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.
Whangarei High School	572 17 6	13 18 7	266 0 0	..	..	..	18 12 9	10 18 0	..	358 2 7	23 15 6	144 19 6	454 8 10
Auckland Grammar School	..	525 14 6	4,318 0 0	..	..	5 17 3	453 8 9	1,578 0 31	1,020 5 0	..	..	174 10 2	9,030 11 6
Auckland Girls' High School	..	0 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	22 6 2	..	..	*442 0 0	10,409 12 6	10,874 8 8
Thames High School..	..	36 0 0	638 5 8	..	3 3 0	..	76 4 6	25 0 11	1,023 0 4	0 17 6	..	..	1,802 11 11
New Plymouth High School	..	90 16 10	901 6 8	..	..	18 9 8	87 5 7	106 16 10	..	0 17 6	..	744 3 0	1,949 16 1
Wanganui Girls' College	..	134 8 9	2,047 19 0	2,441 11 8	40 2 5	30 0 0	72 4 5	560 0 7	25 0 0	42 3 6	132 17 1	1,671 4 5	7,197 11 10
Wanganui Collegiate School	..	205 15 8	2,865 7 8	57 3 10	75 2 2	35 0 0	144 7 5	1,076 5 6	..	40 14 3	..	182 9 8	4,682 6 2
Wellington College and Girls' High School	..	249 19 3	4,814 16 3	..	151 7 10	61 16 3	520 1 9	1,807 4 3	162 14 7	..	97 1 9	929 2 2	8,794 4 1
Napier High Schools..	..	90 17 0	1,811 1 10	101 8 0	33 18 8	404 14 7	171 14 9	249 12 4	..	..	92 9 6	4,384 8 11	7,290 5 7
Gisborne High School	..	36 17 4	..	..	..	16 11 3	1 2 8	..	..	..	+233 2 3	3,648 11 4	3,936 4 10
Marlborough High School	..	28 9 2	677 10 0	..	..	6 9 6	76 8 7	49 2 1	..	..	2 4 6	553 3 11	1,393 7 9
Nelson College	1,707 16 8	364 19 8	3,152 6 3	3,602 5 4	..	564 14 11	457 16 7	1,613 3 0	13 2 6	48 15 9	112 11 2	..	11,637 11 10
Greytown High School	..	26 16 0	..	..	..	..	12 17 0	..	12 0 0	1 8 0	+52 14 6	1,269 0 6	1,373 8 0
Hokitika High School	..	10 10 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	101 0 2	..	+200 0 0	1,590 15 0	1,903 13 2
Fangiora High School	..	6 11 1	450 6 8	..	..	..	26 0 10	86 15 10	..	..	30 3 11	91 19 10	691 18 2
Christchurch Boys' High School	..	275 0 0	3,926 10 2	..	62 17 0	40 9 0	214 11 9	94 19 10	317 9 2	200 0 0	67 11 1	156 3 0	5,355 11 0
Christchurch Girls' High School	..	60 0 0	1,582 12 0	50 0 0	38 8 0	266 4 0	103 15 11	29 13 10	7 3 1	..	33 18 1	164 11 11	2,336 6 10
Christ's College Grammar School	..	255 17 0	3,199 11 8	..	55 6 9	795 11 0	281 9 0	226 3 10	206 0 10	7 14 8	193 7 3	1,350 6 10	6,571 8 10
Akaroa High School..	..	25 13 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	+100 0 0	154 5 10	279 19 7
Ashburton High School	239 18 5	29 17 5	625 0 0	..	..	1 5 0	52 3 2	40 9 9	..	20 11 0	43 16 3	..	1,033 1 0
Timaru High School..	..	161 2 8	1,853 3 4	..	13 6 6	36 7 0	193 3 3	166 11 11	115 9 0	..	42 19 11	2,243 9 0	4,825 12 7
Waimate High School	..	16 12 0	..	..	5 5 0	74 5 0	16 12 9	..	..	..	\$147 10 0	1,873 11 7	2,133 16 4
Waitaki High School..	..	137 4 11	1,438 18 1	..	..	4 15 0	138 9 5	1,790 2 4	..	3 4 0	72 6 8	338 1 8	3,923 2 1
Otago High Schools	294 19 4	4,261 11 6	371 10 2	..	31 8 4	490 6 3	661 13 7	31 6 8	150 15 0	75 15 6	684 9 0	7,053 15 4
Southland High Schools	..	254 5 3	1,480 14 9	..	..	..	249 15 9	417 6 2	23 16 2	2 4 0	87 5 11	213 10 11	2,728 18 11
Totals	2,520 12	73,332 16	240,311 1	66,623 19 0	478 17	42,393 17	93,858 12	10,612 7	03,088 7 6	877 7 9	2,283 10	82,922 10 8	109,274 0 11

* Paid over to Auckland Grammar School.

Paid to Education Board for district high school.

† Including £50 paid to Education Board for district high school.

‡ Including £130 5s. paid to Education Board for

1.—EXTRACT FROM THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

The Secondary Schools Act of last session and the regulations under it carry forward the policy which was begun by the grants made in the previous year for free places in secondary schools.

All holders of Education Board Scholarships and of National or Queen's Scholarships, all who gain certificates of proficiency within the prescribed limits of age or who show proficiency in the National Scholarship examination, are eligible for free places, as are also a certain number of pupils who satisfy conditions drawn up by the secondary schools themselves, and approved by the Minister of Education. The free places are tenable for two years, at the end of which time they may be extended if the holders pass the Civil Service Junior or other approved examination.

All the secondary schools named in the schedule to the Act except four have elected to come under section 5—that is, to admit to free places all pupils qualified as above. The four schools that have not so far decided to adopt this course are meanwhile required by section 4 of the Act to give scholarships or free places to the total value of one-fifth of their net income derived from endowments.

One high school (that at Palmerston North) has already been established under section 6 of the Act to take the place of the district high school formerly existing.*

The grants payable under the Act vary from £4 to £10 15s. for each free place, according as the net income from endowments is large or small. The grants under the regulations previously in force were £6 for each free place. The increase of the grants to schools with poor endowments will enable such schools to admit qualified free pupils without fear of financial difficulties.

One effect of the granting of free places, as was pointed out last year, will be to enable Boards of Education to use their scholarship funds very largely for the maintenance of scholars from country schools who have to board away from home in order to obtain secondary education. The number of these "country scholarships" has still further been increased by the National Scholarships Act, and a very small further increase of such scholarships is probably required to give promising country boys or girls an absolutely equal chance of secondary education with those in towns. Indeed, how far such further provision may be required, if at all, cannot be ascertained until the Boards have adjusted their scholarship regulations to the new conditions.

The number of secondary schools giving free tuition to all qualified pupils at the end of the first term of 1904 was twenty, and the number of pupils holding free places was 1,605. There were besides about 209 holders of scholarships and exhibitions given by Boards of Education, or by the four secondary schools not coming under the conditions. Further, there were 1,709 pupils receiving secondary education in the secondary classes of the district high schools, which numbered forty-nine. On the whole, therefore, the education system of the colony as lately developed affords at the present time secondary education for some 3,523 children from the primary schools. At the end of the year 1901 the number was about 963.

If it should eventually appear that the concessions err on the side of liberality the conditions for the obtaining of a free place may be made somewhat more stringent; for instance, by admitting only those who qualify at the National Scholarship or other special examination. In any case the ladder from the infant school to the door of the university is now fairly complete. The sufficiency of the University Junior Scholarships and other scholarships to carry on all clever youths who merit higher education is a question that time only will afford the means of determining.

It will be seen from Table L1 that the number of qualified pupils attending the district high schools of the colony at the 31st December, 1903 (2,024), was

* The scheme for the control of the high school is given as an appendix to this report.

even higher than the figures already quoted for the first quarter of 1904. This must be explained partly by the fact of the closing of the school at Palmerston North, with 159 pupils, as a district high school, and its conversion into a high school under section 6 of the Secondary Schools Act, and partly by the number of children who generally leave school at the conclusion of the calendar year. The total amount paid to Education Boards by Government for capitation on attendance at district high schools and for grants in aid thereof amounted to £8,545 17s. 4d., and, in addition, the claims for the last quarter had to be met. The amount expended by the Boards was £10,399 10s. 8d.

TABLE L1.—NUMBER OF PUPILS RECEIVING SECONDARY EDUCATION AT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1903.

Education District.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.							Total Number of Pupils, 1902.	Amount paid by Government to Education Boards during the Year.		
		Passed Standard VI.			Others.			Total.		Capitation.	Grants in Aid.	Total.
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.					
Auckland ..	8	146	155	301	2	..	2	303	170	£ s. d. 912 5 0	£ s. d. 225 0 0	£ s. d. 1,137 5 0
Taranaki ..	1	34	19	53	2	..	2	55	34	233 0 0	30 0 0	263 0 0
Wanganui ..	7	211	175	386	54	10	64	450	378	1,582 0 0	210 0 0	1,792 0 0
Wellington ..	2	49	66	115	..	..	..	115	80	356 10 0	30 0 0	386 10 0
Hawke's Bay ..	3	60	55	115	..	2	-2	117	49	236 12 11	43 15 3	280 8 2
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	3	68	67	135	1	..	1	136	124	587 0 0	90 0 0	677 0 0
Grey ..	1	17	25	42	..	..	..	42	42	240 0 0	30 0 0	270 0 0
Westland ..	1	8	20	28	..	..	..	28	34	205 15 0	37 10 0	243 5 0
North Canterbury ..	9	125	147	272	1	..	1	273	30	370 6 8	92 10 0	462 16 8
South Canterbury ..	3	77	64	141	..	..	..	141	124	685 10 0	90 0 0	775 10 0
Otago ..	9	166	143	309	..	..	..	309	315	1,444 10 0	270 0 0	1,714 10 0
Southland ..	3	61	66	127	..	..	..	127	99	453 12 6	90 0 0	543 12 6
Totals for 1903 ..	50	1,022	1,002	2,024	60	12	72	2,096	..	7,307 2 1	1238 15 3	8,545 17 4
Totals for 1902 ..	38	745	681	1,426	39	14	53	1,479	1,479	4,382 3 8	817 10 0	5,199 13 8

The following table shows the number of Education Board scholarships held in December, 1903, with their tenure and annual value. The total expenditure of the Boards under this head amounted to £8,550 4s.; the total paid to the Boards for scholarship purposes by the Department was £8,914 5s. 11d.

TABLE L2.—NUMBER AND VALUE OF EDUCATION BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS.

Education Districts.	Number held in Dec., 1903.	Boys.	Girls.	Period of Tenure.	Boards' Expenditure on Scholarships in 1903.	Annual Value, &c.
Auckland ..	90	66	24	Years. 3	£ s. d. 1,905 18 9	7 at £30; 24 at £25; 23 at £20; 36 at £15.
Taranaki ..	11	7	4	2	244 3 4	5 at £35; 1 at £14; 4 at £10; 1 at £4 13s. 4d.
Wanganui ..	23	12	11	Varies	732 14 11	15 at £40; 1 at £32 10s.; 7 at £15.
Wellington ..	41	20	21	2	969 19 11	9 at £35; 32 at £15.
Hawke's Bay ..	30	13	17	2	598 4 6	9 at £30 4s.; 1 at £22 10s.; 1 at £16 4s. 19 at £10 4s.
Marlborough ..	8	1	7	2	169 0 0	3 at £35; 5 at £10.
Nelson ..	9	5	4	2	359 10 0	7 at £50 10s.; 1 at £25; 1 at £10.
Grey ..	4	1	3	2	108 5 0	£25.
Westland ..	5	1	4	Varies	76 17 6	2 at £24; 3 at £4.
North Canterbury ..	36	16	20	2	1,246 3 0	20 at £40; 1 at £30; 15 at £20.
South Canterbury ..	22	11	11	2	369 0 8	12 at £22 10s.; 1 at £17; 5 at £7 10s.; 4 at £2 10s.
Otago ..	53	35	18	2	1,278 17 8	10 at £40; 3 at £35; 23 at £20; 17 at £15.
Southland ..	18	15	3	2	551 8 9	12 at £35; 1 at £18; 5 at £15.
Totals, 1903..	350	203	147	..	8,550 4 0	
Totals, 1902..	355	206	149	..	8,395 11 5	

The reports of the secondary schools (subsidised or endowed) and further details in regard to district high schools and Education Board scholarships are given in a separate paper (E.—12).

The income of these secondary schools for 1903 from school fees, not including fees for boarding, was about £31,204; from rents and interest, about £26,577; from endowments administered by the School Commissioners, about £2,196; from fees and capitation paid by Government, £1,790.

The total number of pupils on the rolls in the last term or quarter of the year was 2,265 boys and 1,457 girls.

TABLE L3.—STAFF, ATTENDANCE, FEES, AND SALARIES AT CERTAIN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Schools.	Staff.		Attendance for Last Term or Quarter of 1903.						Number of Boarders.	Annual Rates of Fees.		Salaries at Rates paid at End of Year.	
	Regular.	Part-time.	Under 12 Years.	12 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.	Part-time Teachers.
Whangarei High School	3	..	{ b... g... }	14 9	10 6	.. ..	24 15	34	..	£ s. d. 8 8 0	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..
Auckland Grammar School	17	2	{ b. 6 g. 16 }	128 36	97 68	8 5	239 125	342	..	{ 10 10 0 9 9 0 8 8 0 }	..	4,065	0 0 110 0 0
Thames High School ..	3	..	{ b... g... }	30 14	11 11	.. ..	41 25	65	..	8 8 0	..	700	0 0 ..
New Plymouth High School	4	2	{ b. 1 g. 1 }	23 28	16 13	.. ..	40 42	75	..	6 6 0	..	815	0 0 Fees.
Wanganui Girls' College	12	7	12	52	78	7	149	135	55	{ 10 10 0 8 8 0 }	40 0 0	1,670	0 0 425 15 0
Wanganui Collegiate School	13	..	..	30	151	9	190	186	143	{ 9 9 0 12 0 0 }	45 0 0	2,550	0 0 ..
Wellington College (Boys')	13	1	10	71	199	13	293	267	77	{ 11 17 9 9 11 0 }	42 0 0	3,090	0 0 60 0 0
Wellington Girls' High School	8	3	9	48	120	5	182	163	..	{ 11 17 9 9 11 0 }	..	1,340	0 0 135 0 0
Napier Boys' High School	5	1	8	35	49	..	92	85	19	{ 9 9 0 8 8 0 }	40 0 0	865	0 0 30 0 0
Napier Girls' High School	5	2	10	35	44	..	89	82	10	{ 9 9 0 8 8 0 }	40 0 0	780	0 0 51 0 0
Marlborough High School	3	1	{ b. 2 g... }	25 25	21 14	3 3	51 42	82	..	8 11 0	..	620	0 0 20 0 0
Nelson College (Boys') ..	9	1	17	68	89	22	196	182	85	{ 10 10 0 8 8 0 }	40 0 0	1,800	0 0 40 0 0
Nelson Girls' College ..	7	1	9	59	73	9	150	134	40	{ 10 10 0 8 8 0 }	40 0 0	930 and fees	0 0 40 0 0
Christchurch Boys' High School	11	8	7	83	129	10	229	214	3	{ 10 10 0 7 10 0 }	40 19 0	3,240	0 0 456 17 6
Christchurch Girls' High School	6	8	4	68	56	2	130	120	..	{ 12 12 0 9 9 0 }	..	1,125	0 0 335 4 0
Christ's College Grammar School	11	3	34	78	85	11	208	199	54	{ 14 3 6 11 0 6 7 17 6 }	{ 45 0 0 42 0 0 }	3,015	0 0 236 0 0
Rangiora High School ..	3	..	{ b. 2 g... }	32 24	10 7	.. 1	44 32	71	..	{ 9 9 0 6 6 0 }	..	472	0 0 ..
Ashburton High School ..	3	1	{ b... g... }	28 29	8 7	.. 1	36 37	62	..	{ 6 6 0 10 0 0 }	..	625	0 0 14 0 0
Timaru Boys' High School	4	1	..	41	28	3	72	69	..	{ 8 0 0 10 0 0 }	..	1,050	0 0 21 0 0
Timaru Girls' High School	3	6	..	36	31	6	73	67	..	{ 10 0 0 8 0 0 }	..	715	0 0 101 0 0
Waitaki Boys' High School	4	1	..	44	61	..	105	95	63	{ 10 10 0 4 10 0 }	42 18 0	1,015	0 0 Fees.
Waitaki Girls' High School	3	2	..	17	26	6	49	45	..	{ 10 10 0 4 10 0 }	..	480	0 0 40 0 0
Otago Boys' High School	9	3	1	197	97	11	306	290	24	10 0 0	43 10 0	2,652	10 0 150 0 0
Otago Girls' High School	7	7	1	142	67	12	222	213	8	10 0 0	40 0 0	1,282	0 0 295 0 0 and fees.
Southland High School..	7	1	{ b... g... }	64 57	31 36	4 2	99 95	178	..	{ 10 0 0 }	..	1,475	0 0 150 0 0
Totals	..	173	62	6,888 19,62	991 679	1,092 657	94,265 591,457	3,455	581	..	..	36,371	10 0 2,710 16 6

^a Headmaster receives £75 and fees, and pays all expenses of assistants and school stationery. ^b Headmaster has residence. ^c Six teachers have board and residence. ^d Headmaster absent. ^e Two masters have residence and one board and residence. ^{ee} One assistant has board and residence. ^f Headmaster receives house-allowance. ^g Principal and five masters have board and residence. ^h Principal and four assistants have board and residence. ⁱ Headmaster and five others have houses. ^k Headmaster has residence; two masters have board and residence. ^l Lady principal and one mistress have board.

2.—ADDITIONAL STATISTICS.

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

The following table shows in detail the number of pupils who were attending the district high schools in the several education districts at the end of the year 1903 :—

Districts.	Schools.	Number of Pupils on Roll.							Totals for Districts.
		Passed Standard VI.			Others.			Totals.	
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.		
Auckland	Aratapu	12	12	24	24	303
	Cambridge	14	16	30	..	..	..	30
	Coromandel	8	12	20	..	..	..	20
	Hamilton West	13	15	28	2	..	2	30	
	Onehunga	46	45	91	..	..	..	91
	Opotiki	5	11	16	..	..	..	16
	Paeroa	21	27	48	..	..	..	48
Taranaki	Waihi	27	17	44	44	55
	Stratford	34	19	53	2	..	2	55	
Wanganui	Eltham	5	11	16	12	4	16	32	450
	Feilding	19	20	39	2	2	4	43	
	Hawera	29	48	77	..	3	3	80	
	Marton	21	15	36	3	..	3	39	
	College Street (P.N.)	86	73	159	8	1	9	168	
	Patea	7	8	15	..	..	..	15
	Wanganui Boys'	44	..	44	29	..	29	73	
Wellington	Masterton	43	53	96	96	115
	Pahiatua	6	13	19	..	..	..	19
Hawke's Bay	Gisborne	10	21	31	31	117
	Dannevirke	27	21	48	..	2	2	50	
	Woodville	23	13	36	..	..	..	36
Nelson	Motueka	16	16	32	1	..	1	33	136
	Reefton	12	14	26	..	..	..	26
	Westport	40	37	77	..	..	..	77
Grey	Greymouth	17	25	42	42	28
Westland	Hokitika	8	20	28	..	..	..	28
North Canterbury ..	Akaroa	17	13	30	1	..	1	31	273
	Amberley	8	10	18	..	..	..	18
	Darfield	15	15	30	..	..	..	30
	East Oxford	14	12	26	..	..	..	26
	Kaiapoi	12	13	25	..	..	..	25
	Kaikoura	7	6	13	..	..	..	13
	Lincoln	8	16	24	..	..	..	24
	Lyttelton	35	37	72	..	..	..	72
South Canterbury ..	Southbridge	9	25	34	34	141
	Geraldine	13	10	23	..	..	..	23
	Temuka	30	19	49	..	..	..	49
Otago	Waimate	34	35	69	69	309
	Balclutha	22	27	49	..	..	..	49
	Hampden	17	14	31	..	..	..	31
	Lawrence	39	14	53	..	..	..	53
	Mosgiel	15	14	29	..	..	..	29
	Naseby	9	12	21	..	..	..	21
	Palmerston	13	8	21	..	..	..	21
	Port Chalmers	13	18	31	..	..	..	31
Southland	Tapanui	16	12	28	28	127
	Tokomairiro	22	24	46	..	..	..	46
	Gore	34	27	61	..	..	..	61
Totals for the colony	Riverton	17	19	36	36	2,096
	Winton	10	20	30	..	..	..	30
Totals for the colony		1,022	1,002	2,024	60	12	72	..	2,096

The subjects of instruction in these schools are as follows, the numbers after each subject showing the number of schools in which it was taught : English, arithmetic, and algebra, 50 each ; Euclid, 48 ; Latin, 45 ; geography, 38 ; book-keeping, 35 ; French, 34 ; shorthand, 21, elementary science, 18 ; history, 16 ; botany, 13 ; drawing, 10 ; physics, 9 ; physiology, 7 ; sewing, 4 ; woodwork, 3 ; elementary chemistry, handwork, trigonometry, and typewriting, 2 each ; and ambulance and cookery, 1 each.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

The following table gives a list of the endowed secondary schools providing free places to scholars, in terms of section 5 of "The Secondary Schools Act, 1903":—

NUMBER OF SCHOLARS HOLDING FREE PLACES IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS DURING THE FIRST TERM, 1904.

School.	Number of Scholars enrolled.								Rate of Capitation for the Term.	Approximate Annual Payment.		
	Regulations, 1902.	Regulations, 1903.				Total Number of Scholars.						
		3 (a).	3 (b).	3 (c).	3 (d).							
						M.	F.	Total.	£	s.	d.	£
Whangarei High School ...	11	6	18	...	2	27	10	37	9	5	0	342
Auckland Grammar School...	...	35	68	...	38	96	45	141	8	0	0	1,128
Thames High School ...	30	...	6	...	5	26	15	41	8	0	0	328
New Plymouth High School	28	8	19	1	5	34	27	61	7	0	0	427
Palmerston North High School	117	...	3	...	...	66	54	120	10	15	0	1,290
Napier High Schools ...	33	22	33	11	1	56	44	100	6	10	0	650
Marlborough High School ...	25	9	30	5	2	32	39	71	10	0	0	710
Nelson College ...	60	4	46	...	...	59	51	110	10	15	0	1,183
Rangiora High School ...	43	1	15	...	2	32	29	61	10	0	0	610
Christchurch Girls' High School	1	4	41	1	8	...	55	55	8	10	0	467
Ashburton High School ...	38	...	28	...	6	30	42	72	7	0	0	504
Timaru High Schools ...	54	14	62	...	16	76	70	146	6	10	0	949
Waitaki High Schools ...	...	4	40	...	14	34	24	58	8	0	0	464
Otago High Schools ...	227	19	70	...	42	196	162	358	8	0	0	2,864
Southland High Schools ...	84	2	80	2	1	91	78	169	9	5	0	1,564
Totals ...	751	128	559	20	142	855	745	1,600	£8	7	3*	£13,480

* Mean rate.

Under section 4 of the Act, Wanganui Girls' College and Christchurch Boys' High School have awarded 16 and 50 scholarships respectively. Wellington College and Girls' High School has not made provision under either section of the Act.

3.—REPORTS OF GOVERNING BODIES, SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

WHANGAREI HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. Roger Lupton, Miss A. L. Gavey, and Miss A. L. M. Woolley.

1. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	116	18 4	Office salary	11	17 9
Endowments—			Other office expenses	2	0 10
Current income from reserves	106	13 6	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	266	0 0
Paid by School Commissioners	50	0 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	4	7 9
School fees	178	17 0	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	14	5 0
Government capitation, free-place scholar ..	2	0 0	Fencing, repairs, &c.	3	6 6
			Rates, insurance, and taxes	5	11 2
			School appliance, furniture, &c.	2	0 4
			Balance at end of year	144	19 6
	<u>£454</u>	<u>8 10</u>		<u>£454</u>	<u>8 10</u>

J. M. KILLEN, Chairman.

J. McKINNON, Secretary.

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

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin—De Senectute (extracts); Allcroft's Composition; Tutorial Grammar. English—Nesfield's English Past and Present; Chaucer's Prologue and Knight's Tale; Faerie Queen; Samson Agonistes. Geometry—Layng's Edition of Euclid, Books I.–VI. Algebra—Hall and Knight's Elementary. Arithmetic—Murray's Advanced. Trigonometry—Hall and Knight. French—Contanseau's Extracts, Weekley's Composition, Wellington College Grammar. Mechanics—The Tutorial. Heat—Stewart's.

Lowest.—Latin—Via Latina to verbs; Gradatim. Book-keeping—Thornton's Elementary. French—Oral lessons based on Hogben's Méthode Naturelle. English—Deserted Village, Lays of Ancient Rome, Laing's English Literature, West's English Grammar; Composition, mainly based on "How to write English." History—Norman and Plantagenet periods. Geography—Europe, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, physical geography. Arithmetic—Higher Rules and Contracted Methods. Algebra—Hall and Knight, chapters 1–10. Geometry—Baker and Bourne, Book I. Agriculture—Wright's Elementary. Physiology—Parts I. and II., Murché. Drawing—Freehand and elementary perspective.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS.

The scholarships held at the school were five, granted by the Auckland Education Board. The Governors gave free tuition to six pupils, and Government free places were held by seven.

AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. J. W. Tibbs, M.A.; Mr. W. J. Morrell, M.A.; Mr. J. H. Howell, B.A., B.Sc.; Mr. J. F. Sloman, B.A.; Mr. J. G. Trevithick; Mr. J. H. Turner, M.A.; Mr. H. J. D. Mahon, B.A.; Mr. J. P. Dakin, B.A.; Rev. J. King Davis, M.A.; Mr. R. A. McCullough, M.A.; Mr. P. Drummond, B.A.; Mr. E. Clarke, M.A.; Miss E. G. Wallace; Miss F. A. Haultain; Miss A. C. Morrison, M.A.; Miss B. Blades; Miss W. Picken, M.A.; Mr. Kenneth Watkins; Mr. W. M. Carroll.

1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

The School.—The school opened at the usual time—viz., the 8th February, 1903, with 397 pupils, being 260 boys and 137 girls, for the first term. The number of pupils was not quite maintained throughout the year, as it closed with 364 pupils, being 239 boys and 125 girls.

A sad loss befell the Board in the month of April by the death through accident of its collector of rents and school fees.

New Laboratories.—A new wing has been added to the school at a cost of £1,520, and will be completed for the opening of the first term in 1904. It consists of a large science class-room, a chemical laboratory, a physical laboratory, and a dark-room, all of which are completely furnished with benches and apparatus. The former science class-room has been converted into a botanical laboratory for the girls' side; and a piece of ground has been enclosed and planted as a botanical garden.

Distinctions.—Two pupils of the school won junior University scholarships, and six passed the Scholarship Examination "with credit." Sixteen passed Matriculation, three the Civil Service Senior Examination (one with distinction), and twelve the Junior Civil Service Examination, of whom six were appointed to cadetships. The Gillies Scholarship for Physical Science, tenable for three years at the Auckland University College, was won by D. E. Hansen. Of former pupils of the school, the Rev. W. St. Clair Tisdall received the honorary degree of D.D. from the University of Edinburgh, W. J. Barclay and L. Kingsford graduated M.D. at Edinburgh, and H. D. Bamford, LL.D. at the University of New Zealand.

AUCKLAND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	10,465	8 8	Bank commission	0	10 0
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	409	0 0	Auckland Grammar School—		
			Interest paid over	409	0 0
			" in advance	33	0 0
			Rates on endowment, Hobson County	22	6 2
			Balance at end of year—		
			On mortgage	5,000	0 0
			In debentures	5,000	0 0
			On fixed deposit	400	0 0
			On current account	9	12 6
	<u>£10,874</u>	<u>8 8</u>		<u>£10,874</u>	<u>8 8</u>

RICHARD HOBBS, Chairman.

VINCENT E. RICE, Secretary and Treasurer.

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

THAMES HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. James Adams, B.A. ; Mr. R. J. Thompson, B.A. ; Miss Mary R. Foy.

1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

This school has always severely felt the want of sufficient funds. One effect of this was that for the first term of the year the school-work had to continue to be carried on by two teachers. At the commencement of the second term a third teacher entered on his duties and much better work was done in consequence.

On the 1st of July thirty-three pupils who had passed the Sixth Standard were admitted in accordance with Government regulations. It may be remarked that the beginning of the year is a much more suitable time both for the school-work and also for the examinations such pupils are expected to pass after attending the school for two years.

Pupils.—The pupils of the school have done well at the Civil Service Examinations. There were four candidates for the Senior Examinations ; one passed in six subjects, and thus completed the examinations ; three others passed in five or in four subjects. At the Junior Civil Service Examination seven passed, all of whom gained good places.

Former Pupils.—During the year some former pupils have done remarkably well. W. Donovan, at Auckland University College, got a double first in science, in original research, in chemistry, and geology. Colin Fraser, at the same college, gained his degree of Bachelor of Science and a scholarship in geology. James Henry Adams gained first-class distinction of his year at Otago University in mathematics and science, and the highest place in the first-class in organic chemistry. Leslie Andrew gained the highest marks at the local school of mines, and won the President's medal. J. W. Johnson, who last year passed with credit at the Univeristy Junior Examination, succeeded this year (after three terms at the Auckland Grammar School) in gaining a University junior scholarship. These results fully bear out the excellent report that Inspector Pope gave of the school in June last.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	661	14 3	Office salary	30	0 0
Current income from reserves	481	8 7	Office expenses	6	0 0
Paid by School Commissioners	50	0 0	Teachers' salaries	638	5 8
School fees	260	14 0	Examiners' fees	3	3 0
Interest on fixed deposit	6	5 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising	8	15 6
Goldfields revenue	87	3 2	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	29	4 10
Government grant, free-place scholars	48	0 0	Fencing, repairs, &c.	12	2 11
Refunds, namely—			Rates	6	7 6
Half costs arbitration awards	35	4 0	Insurance	6	10 6
Sale of crop	21	10 0	Interest on current account	0	17 6
Rates	3	19 6	Expenses of survey, sales, management, &c.	67	3 11
Insurance	1	4 0	Compensation claims, &c.	955	16 5
Legal expenses	1	2 6	School requisites and miscellaneous	38	4 2
Overdraft at end of year	144	6 11			
	<u>£1,802</u>	<u>11 11</u>		<u>£1,802</u>	<u>11 11</u>

F. TREMBATH, Chairman.

JAS. KERNICK, Secretary.

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

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—English Grammar Past and Present (Nesfield), English Composition (Nichol), English Questions and Exercises (Nichol), How to write clearly (Abbott), Idylls of the King (Tennyson), Essays of Elia (Lamb), Henry IV., Part I. (Shakespeare), As you like it (Shakespeare), *Précis* (Cosmo

1. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance, 1st January, 1903 (on mortgage £2,800; Dr. balance at bank, £778 8s. 2d.)	2,021	11 10	Office salaries	65	0 0
Endowments—			Other office expenses	14	13 9
Current income from reserves	370	0 0	Teachers' salaries	2,047	19 0
Interest on moneys invested	140	0 0	Boarding-school Account	2,441	11 8
Paid by School Commissioners	175	13 10	Examinations—		
School fees	2,066	4 2	Examiners' fees	36	15 0
Boarding-school fees	2,391	0 0	Other expenses	3	7 5
Church sittings	33	2 0	Prizes	30	0 0
			Printing, stationery, and advertising	72	4 5
			Temporary advances	90	16 9
			Site and buildings from current revenue—		
			New works	102	12 6
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	50	0 10
			Rates and insurance	57	4 0
			Interest on current account and bank charges	42	3 6
			Other expenditure—		
			Caretaker	54	15 0
			Church sittings	33	16 0
			Furniture—		
			School	39	4 8
			House	247	3 7
			School fees refunded	8	4 4
			Rent of site	41	0 0
			" cottage	22	15 0
			Improvements to endowments	25	0 0
			Balance on 31st December, 1903—		
			£	s. d.	
			On mortgage	2,800	0 0
			Less balance at bank	1,128	15 7
				1,671	4 5
				<u>£7,197</u>	<u>11 10</u>
				<u>£7,197</u>	<u>11 10</u>

GEO. S. BRIDGE, Chairman.

W. J. CARSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

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

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—To University junior scholarship standard in English, French, Latin, mathematics, science (botany and heat), and German.

Lowest.—Approximately Standard III. with the addition of French. English is more advanced than for Standard III.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS.

The number of Education Board scholarship holders at the school was ten, to eight of whom the Governors gave free tuition as well. The Governors also gave a scholarship to one other and free tuition to six.

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. W. Empson, B.A.; Mr. J. R. Orford, M.A.; Mr. H. B. Watson, M.A.; Mr. E. G. Atkinson, B.A.; Mr. J. Harold; Mr. E. Jardine; Mr. J. E. Bannister, M.A.; Mr. W. A. Armour, M.A.; Mr. J. S. Lomas, B.A.; Mr. E. C. Hardwicke, M.A.; Mr. E. T. Norris, M.A.; Mr. C. F. Browne, M.A.; the Rev. P. Williams, M.A.; Mrs. Atkinson.

1. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	400	12 7	Management—		
Current income from reserves	1,089	17 0	Office commission	59	14 2
Interest on prize-moneys invested	6	5 7	Other office expenses	21	9 6
School fees	2,591	16 0	Other expenses of management, including costs inquiry	115	10 0
Boarding-school fees	577	0 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances	2,865	7 8
Interest on deposit	2	16 6	Boarding-school Account	57	3 10
Lease fees collected	10	10 0	Examinations—		
Refund of insurance premiums	3	8 6	Examiners' fees	55	0 0
			Other expenses	20	2 2
			Prizes	35	0 0
			Printing, stationery, and advertising	65	8 1
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	78	19 4
			Site and buildings, from current revenue—		
			Purchases and new works	262	7 0
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	242	17 2
			Rates, insurance, and taxes	91	5 10
			Interest on current account, &c.	40	14 3
			Law and lease fees	9	2 0
			Purchase of furniture	479	15 6
			Balance at end of year	182	9 8
				<u>£4,682</u>	<u>6 2</u>
				<u>£4,682</u>	<u>6 2</u>

FREDERIC WELLINGTON, Chairman.

ED. N. LIFFITON, Secretary and Treasurer.

I have examined the books, rent accounts, and vouchers, and certify the balance-sheet as correct.—
H. E. DYMCK, Auditor.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—The work is up to the standard of the University junior scholarships, and comprises Greek, Latin, English, French, arithmetic, geometry, algebra, trigonometry, science, and divinity.

Lowest.—English language (composition, reading, writing, and spelling), English history, geography, drawing, physical geography, and arithmetic equivalent to Standard IV.; and also Latin, divinity, and general knowledge.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

College.—Mr. J. P. Firth, B.A.; Mr. A. Heine, B.A.; Mr. J. Bee, M.A.; Mr. W. F. Ward, M.A.; Mr. A. C. Gifford, M.A.; Mr. G. G. S. Robison, M.A.; Mr. T. Brodie, B.A.; Mr. T. Jordan, B.A.; Mr. F. Renner, M.A.; Mr. R. E. Rudman, B.A.; Mr. H. O. Stuckey, M.A.; Mr. D. Matheson; Mr. J. A. Brailsford, B.A.

Girls' High School.—Miss M. McLean, M.A.; Miss M. Morrah, M.A.; Miss M. N. Gellatly, M.A.; Miss I. Ecclesfield, M.A.; Miss W. Fraser, B.A.; Miss Batham, B.A.; Miss Newman, B.A.; Miss M. B. Pickmere, M.A.; Mr. R. Parker; Mr. Harrison.

1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

The Board of Governors have to report that the Wellington College and Girls' High School continue to be successfully carried on, though want of funds prevents them from increasing the accommodation at either institution, or providing accommodation for boarders, which is urgently required, especially at the Girls' High School.

At the recent University examinations the passes were as follows:—Wellington College: One pupil gained a junior University scholarship, five passed the Junior Scholarship Examination with credit, one passed the Medical Preliminary, nineteen the Solicitors' General Knowledge, and six the Matriculation Examination; twelve passed the Junior Civil Service Examination; six passed the Students' Examination of the Institute of Accountants, two winning prizes offered to secondary schools. Girls' High School: Six pupils matriculated on the junior scholarship papers, nine passed the Matriculation Examination, one the Medical Preliminary, and fifteen the Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge Examination; six passed the Junior Civil Service Examination.

CHAS. P. POWLES, Secretary.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in hand and in bank at beginning of year	943	8 9	Office salaries	210	0 0
Current income from reserves	2,342	6 6	Other office expenses	34	0 0
Paid by School Commissioners	215	19 8	Teachers' salaries and allowances	4,814	16 3
School fees	5,256	12 8	Examinations—		
Government capitation for technical classes	15	0 0	Examiners' fees	98	14 0
Refunds	10	0 0	Other expenses	52	13 10
Other receipts, namely—			Prizes	61	16 3
Rents from buildings	2	10 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising	336	9 1
Donations for prizes	8	3 6	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	183	12 8
Discounts	0	3 0	Site and buildings, from current revenue—		
			New works	380	0 0
			Grounds	531	15 6
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	88	16 9
			Interest	584	2 0
			Insurance	78	0 0
			Furniture and apparatus	144	10 0
			Bank charge	0	10 0
			Endowments—		
			Interest on cost of reclaimed land	104	14 6
			Rates	1	1 9
			Expenses of survey	56	18 4
			Legal expenses	5	9 3
			Grant to Games Fund	97	1 9
			Balance at end of year	929	2 2
	<u>£8,794</u>	<u>4 1</u>		<u>£8,794</u>	<u>4 1</u>

A. DE B. BRANDON, Chairman.

CHAS. P. POWLES, Secretary and Treasurer.

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

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—*Boys' College:* Mathematics (junior scholarship standard)—Algebra, Hall and Knight's Elementary and Hall and Knight's Higher; Euclid, Hall and Stevens's I.–VI.; trigonometry, Loney's, Part I.; Arithmetic, general. Science (junior scholarship standard)—Jago's Advanced Chemistry; Wright's Advanced Heat. Latin—Livy, Book XXI.; Virgil, Æneid, Book VI.; Cicero, In Verrem,

Book I.; sight translation; composition, Bradley's Arnold, Bradley's Aids; grammar, Stedman's Examination Papers; history, Shuckburgh's Roman History. English—Literature, Shakspeare's King Lear, Lamb's *Elia*, Chaucer's Prologue; grammar, Nesfield's Historical English; composition, Nicol and McCormick's Exercises; essays and paraphrasing. French—Corneille, *Le Cid*; Sandeau, *Sacs et Parchemins*; composition, Duhamel's Advanced French Composition; grammar, Eve and de Baudiss (Part I.), Notes on Brachet's Historical French Grammar, Vecqueray's Examination Papers. *Girls' High School*: English—Nesfield's Grammar, Past and Present; Spenser's Faery Queen, Book I.; the Warwick Shakespeare, *Tempest*; Nichol's English Composition and Exercises; the Essays of *Elia*; Longmans' Handbook of English Literature, Part IV; Milton's English Sonnets, by Blakeney. French—Wellington College Grammar and Exercises; Sand's *La Mare au Diable*; Corneille's *Cinna*; Molière's *Le Misanthrope*; French Composition, Part II.; Contanseau's or Gasc's French Dictionary. Latin—Tacitus, *Agricola*; Historical and Political Odes of Horace (Upper VI.); Virgil's *Aeneid*, Book II.; History of the Romans (R. Horton); Bradley's Latin Prose Composition; Bryan's Latin Prose Exercises; Stedman's Latin Examination-papers; Latin Dictionary (Gepp and Haigh); Primer of Roman Antiquities (Wilkins); Rivington's Latin Unseens, Book VIII. Mathematics—Hall and Knight's Algebra; Hall and Stevens's Euclid; Pendlebury's Elementary Trigonometry; Pendlebury's Arithmetic. History—Gardiner's Student's History, Part III. Geography—Longmans' Geographical Series, Book III. Science—Dendy and Lucas's Botany; Furneaux's Physiology; Elementary Text-book of Botany, by Aitken; Draper's Heat; Wright's Physics. Scripture—Smaller Cambridge Bible for Schools; the Acts of the Apostles.

Lowest—Boys' College: Arithmetic—Southern Cross, IV. English—Standard V. Imperial Reader, Standard IV. Southern Cross Grammar and Composition, Standard IV. Zealandia's Geography, Standard IV. Southern Cross History. Physical Geography—Geikie's. Drawing—Freehand, geometrical, and scale. *Girls' High School*: English—Nesfield's Parts of Speech; Lamb's Adventures of Ulysses; Laureate Poetry, Part IV. (Arnold). French—Méthode Naturelle, Part I.; French Nursery Rhymes. Latin—Macmillan's Shorter Latin Course. Pendlebury's Smaller Arithmetic. History—Ship Historical Reader, Book IV. Geography—Longmans' First Book of Geography. Science—Edmond's Elementary Botany; Youmans's First Book of Botany; Murché's Elementary Physiology.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

The scholarships held were—*Boys' College*: Ten foundation, five Queen's (Victoria College), and twenty-two Education Board. Four boys held free places granted by the Governors. *Girls' College*: One foundation, three Queen's, and twenty-seven Education Board scholarships, and fifteen free places granted by the Governors.

NAPIER HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. A. S. M. Polson, B.A.; Mr. E. W. Andrews; Mr. E. J. Parr, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. G. V. Bogle; Mr. J. Drummond; Mr. R. N. Anderson.

Girls' School.—Miss A. E. J. Spencer, B.A.; Miss C. R. Kirk, B.A.; Miss F. J. W. Hodges, M.A.; Miss E. M. Shand; Miss J. Gillies; Miss H. A. Taylor; Miss J. E. Page.

I. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

The Board of Governors have the honour to report that there was a considerable increase in the number both of scholars and boarders attending the schools during the year. This required an increase of accommodation for teaching purposes, which has now been secured.

The following is a summary of the successes of the schools in the December and January examinations:—Boys: Twenty passes—Medical Preliminary, three passed (two of whom were fourteen years of age); Matriculation, two (one also passing Solicitors' General Knowledge); Senior Civil Service (partial), two; Junior Civil Service, thirteen (four in first fifty in the colony). Girls: Fourteen passes—Junior University Scholarship, one passed with "credit" and also passed Medical Preliminary; Matriculation, five passed (two also passing Solicitors' General Knowledge); Senior Civil Service, two (one pass and one partial pass); Junior Civil Service, five passed (one thirteenth on list and three in first seventy).

In the course of his report on the annual examination of the schools the examiner, Mr. T. W. Rowe, M.A., says, "The raising of the standard of the highest work attempted should commend itself to the Board of Governors and to parents . . . I have no hesitation in saying that both schools are in a thoroughly sound condition, are being managed with energy and skill, and are affording a good training both intellectual and moral to the pupils attending them . . . I have again to express my pleasure at the general neatness and excellent arrangement of the work sent in."

T. C. MOORE, Chairman.
DAVID SIDEX, Secretary.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	3,858	15 0	Management—		
Current income from reserves	298	1 6	Office salary	60	0 0
From property not a reserve	1,037	10 0	Other office expenses	18	13 6
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	150	19 3	Legal expenses	12	3 6
Paid by School Commissioners (Examiner's fee and expenses)	23	9 1	Teachers' salaries and allowances	1,811	1 10
School fees	1,409	15 0	Boarding-school Account	101	8 0
Board and coach-fares of scholarship children	390	16 0	Examinations—		
Books, &c., sold and other refunds	119	6 3	Examiners' fees	30	0 0
School Commissioners, Wellington, 18s. 6d.; Refund of Gas Account, 15s.	1	13 6	Other expenses	3	18 8
			Scholarships	390	15 3
			Prizes	13	19 4
			Printing, stationery, and advertising	51	15 3
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	119	19 3
			Books and stationery for sale to pupils, and other temporary advances	92	9 6
			Site and buildings, from current revenue—		
			Purchases and new works	97	17 9
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	72	4 5
			Rates, insurance, and taxes	79	10 2
			Balance at end of year—		
			Advanced on mortgage	3,050	0 0
			Fixed deposit	457	10 0
			Cash in bank	826	18 11
	<u>£7,290</u>	<u>5 7</u>		<u>£7,290</u>	<u>5 7</u>

T. C. MOORE, Chairman.
DAVID SIDEY, Secretary.

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

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Boys: Mathematics—Geometry (Hall and Stevens) to Senior Civil Service standard; Algebra, Hall and Knight; Trigonometry, Pendlebury; Arithmetic, Pendlebury. French—Bué, Book II.; La Première Croisade; prose (based on Andersen's Fairy Tales); Wellington College French Grammar and Stedman's Questions. Latin—Cicero, Selections (Charles); Virgil Æneid, II.; grammar (Kennedy's Primer), and prose to matriculation standard; sight translation, Shuckburgh's selections; Creighton's Rome and Wilkins's Antiquities. English—Shakespeare, Henry IV. Part I., and Henry V.; Tennyson, Idylls of the King; Chaucer, Prologue; Lamb, Essays of Elia; grammar, Nesfield's Manual; essay-writing and paraphrasing; *précis*-writing, abstracting, &c. History—Ransome, A.D. 1688-1837. Geography—Gill, Longmans' (New No. 3) to matriculation or Civil Service standard. Physiography—Macturk, Huxley, &c. Science—Physiology, Furneaux; physics (electricity and magnetism), Wright to Civil Service standard. *Girls:* English Grammar—Nesfield's Past and Present; junior scholarship syllabus. English Literature—Idylls of the King (Tennyson); Henry IV. Part I. (Shakespeare); Essays of Elia (Lamb). English History—Junior scholarship syllabus; Gardiner and Ransome. Geography—The World, Gill's Geography. Latin—Junior scholarship syllabus; Bradley's Arnold's Latin Prose; Abbott's Latin Prose through English Idiom; Via Latina (Abbott); Cicero, Tacitus, &c. French—Junior scholarship syllabus; Brachet's Elementary Grammar; Wellington College Grammar; Tartuffe (Molière); Un Philosophe sous les Toits (Souvestre), &c. Arithmetic—Pendlebury's. Algebra—Hall and Knight's Elementary Algebra. Euclid—Hall and Stevens's, Books I. to VI. Trigonometry—To Solution of Triangles (Pendlebury). Mechanics—Junior scholarship syllabus; Loney's Statics and Dynamics; Besant's Hydrostatics. Science—Botany, junior scholarship syllabus; Lowson's Text-book of Botany; Oliver's Botany.

Lowest.—Boys: Work equivalent generally to Standard III.; arithmetic, Standard II. *Girls:* Arithmetic—Simple and compound rules; Mental arithmetic. English—Nesfield's Parts of Speech; composition; Mrs. Wood's First Poetry-book; Longmans' Historical Reader, Book I. Geography—New Zealand; physical geography. Science—Object-lessons. French—Bué, Book I. Modelling in plasticine; Easy freehand and model drawing; Plain sewing.

GISBORNE HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

Secondary education has been satisfactorily carried on at Gisborne in the District High School during the past year. The Governors defray the cost of this education under special Act, but the School Committee under the Education Board of Hawke's Bay control the school.

A technical school and equipment, to cost about £2,000, is now under construction. By leave of the Education Board, the building is being placed in the District High School grounds. The Governors are providing the cost, aided by Government grant of £1 for £1.

The Governors hope that this school will enable the education given in the secondary classes at Gisborne to be adapted to the actual requirements of children who for the most part look forward to careers of practical usefulness as artisans or settlers developing the products of a singularly fertile district.

GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	398	18 11	Office expenses	0	11 4
Current income from reserves	150	0 0	Other expenses of management	0	12 6
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	146	5 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances	10	0 0
Paid by School Commissioners	391	3 2	Scholarships	12	3 3
Interest on current account at Post-Office Savings-Bank	5	4 3	Prizes	4	8 0
Other receipts, namely—			Printing, stationery, and advertising	1	2 8
Government capitation on technical classes	19	13 6	Typewriter for technical classes	16	0 0
Mortgages recharged	2,825	0 0	Technical classes	19	13 6
			Hawke's Bay Education Board	223	2 3
			Balance in hand and in bank at end of year—		
			In Union Bank	136	16 8
			In Post-Office Savings-Bank	136	14 8
			On mortgages	3,375	0 0
	<u>£3,936</u>	<u>4 10</u>		<u>£3,936</u>	<u>4 10</u>

W. MORGAN, Chairman.

C. A. DE LAUTOUR, Secretary and Treasurer.

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

MARLBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. John Innes, M.A., LL.D. ; Mr. V. White, B.A. ; Miss M. C. Ross, M.A.

I. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

There has been no change in the *personnel* of the Board since last year, the retiring members of the Education Board having been re-elected without opposition.

The Governors held sixteen meetings during the year—twelve ordinary and four special meetings. The average attendance of members at these meetings was seven.

The most noteworthy event of the past year, as affecting secondary education, has been the establishment of "free places" in the high schools available for all scholars who have passed the Sixth Standard in the primary schools. This new departure has been cordially received by the Governors, although, owing to the limited accommodation at the High School at the time, they found it impossible to at once grant admission to all who were qualified. However, they admitted sixteen, or as many as it was possible to accommodate with the existing staff and the limited space at their disposal.

The steady increase in the number of scholars on the roll is very satisfactory evidence of the estimation in which the school is held by the community. The number of scholars at the close of each of the three years of its existence was 32, 55, 77, and this year 93. Of this number 42 are boys, and 51 girls. There are only two pupils under twelve years of age, and these having passed Standard VI. a year ago, there are no pupils at a stage below Standard V.—the standard now fixed by the Secondary Schools Act as that of admission to a high school. During the year under review 2 scholars sat for the University junior scholarship, 7 for matriculation, 6 for the Junior Civil Service, 1 for the Senior Civil Service, and 1 for the E certificate.

The Principal, in his report to the Governors, says, with regard to the system of free places, "I am pleased to say that the system seems likely to prove a success from a teacher's point of view. The pupils are, as is to be expected from the qualifications on which they were admitted, bright and intelligent ; and, though they suffer from having lost the first third of the year's work, their progress has been very satisfactory."

Although confident of the continued and increasing success of the school, the Governors are temporarily placed in a somewhat difficult position through the introduction of free secondary education. It is to be expected that the influx of fee-paying pupils will be very much reduced, if not entirely stopped ; and, while it is hoped that the Government allowance for free places will ultimately be almost sufficient to compensate for the absence of paying pupils, the steps that must be taken, and have already been commenced, to cope with the number that may be expected to attend in the near future will strain the resources of the Governors to their utmost extent. An enlargement of the building has already been completed, and an additional teacher is to be added to the staff at the end of the first term of 1904. The Governors, moreover, must provide such salaries as will attract and retain the best teachers procurable in the colony. Already they have lost the services of a most competent teacher in the gentleman who filled the position of first assistant, but who accepted a more lucrative appointment elsewhere ; and, unless adequate salaries are paid, what has happened before is certain to occur again in the case of any efficient teacher who may enter the Governors' service.

As regards the building, the new wing, at the time of writing, is ready for occupation, but its erection has compelled the Governors to overdraw their account at the bank, and they venture to request that the hope held out to their Chairman by the Premier will soon be made good by a grant in aid of the said building.

Scholarships.—The recent changes under the Secondary Schools Act, &c., render necessary some alterations in the Governors' regulations respecting "endowment free places." A revision of these regulations is now under consideration, and will shortly be submitted for the approval of the Minister.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year ..	342	8 3	Office salary (Secretary) ..	25	0 0
Grant from the General Assembly ..	400	0 0	Teacher's salaries and allowances ..	677	10 0
Interest on moneys at fixed deposit ..	6	0 0	Prizes ..	6	9 6
Paid by School Commissioners ..	50	0 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	31	10 1
School fees ..	461	10 0	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. ..	44	18 6
Education Board (scholarships) ..	87	0 0	Fencing, repairs, &c. ..	24	19 8
Government, for free places ..	34	9 6	Rates, insurance, and taxes ..	7	16 0
Sale of old shed ..	6	0 0	Furniture and appliances ..	16	6 5
Rent of paddock ..	6	0 0	Books (for teachers' use) ..	3	9 2
			Sundries ..	2	4 6
			Balance at end of year—		
			Fixed deposit ..	200	0 0
			Cash in bank ..	353	3 11
	<u>£1,393</u>	<u>7 9</u>		<u>£1,393</u>	<u>7 9</u>

A. P. SEYMOUR, Chairman.

JOHN SMITH, Secretary and Treasurer.

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

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—Nesfield's English Past and Present; Shakespeare's Julius Cæsar; Milton's Minor Poems, Lycidas; Chaucer's Prologue; composition. Latin—Cicero, De Officiis, Lib. III.; Virgil, Georgics, II.; sight translation; grammar and composition. French—Sandeau, Mademoiselle de la Seiglière; About, Le Roi des Montagnes; grammar and composition; translation at sight. Mathematics, mechanics and physical science (heat) as for junior scholarship.

Lowest.—English grammar—Nesfield's Outline, Part I. English history—Gardiner's Outline, to James II. Arithmetic—Pendlebury's Shilling Arithmetic. Geography—As for Standard V. Elementary Geometry—Oral and practical. Latin—Macmillan's First Latin Course. French—Dent's First French Book.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Eight scholarships, given by the Education Board and supplemented by the School Commissioners, were held at the school. The Governors gave free tuition to ten pupils and the Government provided free places for twenty-one.

NELSON COLLEGE.

Staff.

Boys' College.—Mr. W. S. Littlejohn, M.A.; Mr. C. T. Major, M.A., B.Sc., D.S.O.; Mr. F. Milner, M.A.; Mr. C. H. Broad, B.A.; Mr. G. T. Palmer, M.A.; Mr. M. K. McCulloch, M.A.; Mr. E. H. Sverne, B.A.; Mr. P. D. Mickle; Mr. E. K. Mules, Mr. F. F. C. Huddleston.
Girls' College.—Miss A. C. Tendall, M.A.; Miss E. Gribben, B.A.; Miss E. Gibson, M.A.; Miss F. M. Kirton, M.A.; Miss H. Jenkins, B.A.; Miss M. McEachen, M.A.; Miss F. E. Livesay, B.A.; Mr. F. F. C. Huddleston.

I. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

During the year the term of office of Mr. John Sharp, Mr. C. Y. Fell, and Mr. J. H. Cock expired. Mr. Sharp, after thirty-five years' service on the Council, intimated that he did not seek reappointment. His place was filled by the appointment of Mr. F. W. Hamilton. Mr. Fell and Mr. Cock were reappointed for a further term.

The resources at the disposal of the Governors have been heavily taxed during the past year to meet the rapidly increasing needs of the institution. The large addition to the numbers upon the roll of both colleges, owing partly to their established and growing reputation, and partly to the operation of the recently passed Secondary Schools Act, has involved a proportionate increase in the staff, and also additions to the College buildings, the latter, with furniture, having lately cost over £6,000, of which about £3,500 has been incurred during the past year. The Governors, however, confidently relying upon maintaining and increasing the usefulness and popularity of the institution, have decided to meet the requirements of the times, and trust that their action will prove to be justified by the greater usefulness of the colleges.

Mr. W. S. Littlejohn, M.A., who has worthily and successfully filled the post of Principal for the past six years, and who has been a member of the College staff for the past twenty-two years, resigned his office, having been appointed Principal of the Scotch College, Melbourne. His successor is Mr. H. L. Fowler, M.A., Balliol College, Oxford, who has been Rector of Invercargill High School for the past ten years. The superintendence of the domestic arrangements, so ably carried out by Mrs. Littlejohn, is being undertaken by Mrs. Fowler.

Boys' College.—During the year the pressure in the class-rooms was relieved by the erection of two additional rooms well equipped and arranged for the Junior School.

This year has witnessed the continuation of the progressive increase in the attendance. The contingent of new pupils comprised ninety-seven boys, which constitutes another record in the history of the institution. The capacity of the boarding department has been taxed to its utmost, and the Governors had to provide additional accommodation by leasing a portion of a large house adjacent to the College. They trust shortly to be in a position to proceed with the erection of the contemplated new boardinghouse.

The results of the various public examinations have been creditable to the College. In the Junior scholarship examination, W. H. Pettit headed the list for the whole colony. This is the third time that this high honour has fallen to Nelson College. Seven boys passed the Medical Preliminary Examination, and thirteen matriculated. Three of the senior boys kept first year's terms, and passed the Victoria College examination very creditably. A. F. Hamilton and H. G. Grace, officers in the cadet corps, were successful in the military examinations, and have been gazetted to British regiments. They will join the First Royal Scotch, stationed in India.

Many of the old *alumni* of the institution have distinguished themselves during the year, among whom may be named Professor Rutherford and Dr. Wollaston. The scholastic successes won by old boys have been recorded in the *Nelsonian*, and on the Honours Board.

Girls' College.—During the year a commodious gymnasium was built on the site of the old studio, and a contract was entered into for extensive alterations and additions to the main building. These include four class-rooms, twenty bedrooms, work-room, sick-room, and bath-rooms. Entirely new kitchens have been built, and full provision has been made for the health and comfort of the inmates.

The roll again shows an increase on that of the preceding year. The average number of pupils was 152, of whom forty were boarders.

The examinations of the Nelson School of Music were passed by twelve girls. College boarders, as well as day girls, are permitted to join the orchestra of the Harmonic Society when sufficiently advanced. Cookery was taken up by ninety-three pupils, and the work was done with the utmost eagerness and enthusiasm. A class was also held in shorthand, and the singing class did good work under Herr Lemmer.

In the Matriculation Examination nine girls passed, six of these qualifying for the solicitors' pass. Six passed the Junior Civil Service Examination.

Amongst old girls Ida Crump again distinguished herself. She held the John Tinline Scholarship at Otago University, and has recently taken her M.A. degree, with first-class honours in English and German.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

		<i>Endowment Account.</i>							
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Rents .. .. .	..	916	10	0	Rates and taxes .. .. .	..	10	11	1
Interests .. .. .	..	273	18	1	Insurances .. .. .	..	7	4	0
School Commissioners' subsidy .. .. .	..	56	5	0	Printing and advertising .. .. .	..	7	6	6
Miss C. A. Barnicoat for prize .. .. .	..	3	0	0	Stationery .. .. .	..	7	2	8
Materials sold .. .. .	..	2	0	0	Repairs .. .. .	..	0	12	6
					Governors' and auditors' fees .. .. .	..	35	16	8
					Office-rent .. .. .	..	25	0	0
					Office-cleaning and gas .. .. .	..	10	9	6
					Interest on bank overdraft .. .. .	..	48	15	9
					Clearing properties .. .. .	..	12	10	0
					Telephone and letter-box .. .. .	..	6	3	6
					Secretary .. .. .	..	55	10	8
					Petty cash postage, and sundries .. .. .	..	34	2	10

		<i>Boys' College.</i>							
Boarding fees .. .. .	..	3,381	13	1	House expenses .. .. .	..	2,379	10	3
Tuition fees .. .. .	..	2,055	0	2	Tuition expenses .. .. .	..	1,828	2	11
Education Department—					Scholarships—				
Grant for buildings and fittings, science classes .. .. .	..	269	18	6	Foundation .. .. .	..	71	13	4
Grant for furniture and fittings, technical classes .. .. .	..	31	11	6	Endowed .. .. .	..	113	0	0
					Free tuition .. .. .	..	157	10	0
					Governors' and auditors' fees .. .. .	..	37	6	8
					Stationery .. .. .	..	89	9	1
					Prizes .. .. .	..	28	7	2
					Printing and advertising .. .. .	..	82	16	10
					Gas .. .. .	..	100	13	9
					Rates and taxes .. .. .	..	15	0	0
					Insurance .. .. .	..	49	4	0
					Repairs .. .. .	..	95	13	1
					Furniture .. .. .	..	424	12	0
					Subscriptions to sports and magazine .. .. .	..	57	2	0
					Chemicals .. .. .	..	20	19	2
					Telephone .. .. .	..	6	0	0
					Valuation .. .. .	..	6	2	6
					Grounds .. .. .	..	4	0	0
					Secretary .. .. .	..	55	11	4
					Sundries .. .. .	..	10	7	0

Girls' College.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Boarding fees	1,576	19 4	House expenses	1,222	15 1
Tuition fees	1,698	14 0	Tuition expenses	1,324	3 4
Education Department—Grant for cookery classes	24	15 0	Scholarships—		
			Foundation	63	0 0
			Endowed	26	13 4
			Free tuition	91	0 0
			Governors' and auditors' fees	37	6 8
			Stationery	42	8 5
			Prizes	13	11 1
			Printing and advertising	43	6 2
			Gas	74	3 8
			Rates and taxes	15	0 0
			Insurance	27	19 6
			Repairs	41	3 1
			Furniture	204	15 6
			Telephone and letter-box	6	0 0
			Valuation	4	7 6
			Subscriptions to magazine	3	3 0
			Secretary	55	11 4
			Sundries	17	0 0

Capital Account.

Repayments of mortgages	500	0 0	Enlargements—		
Repayments on account of mortgages	27	14 8	Boys' College	437	0 9
"Nelson College Old Girls' Scholarship,"			Girls' College	285	0 0
per Miss W. Hunter Brown	200	0 0	Bank overdraft, 1st January, 1903	1,707	16 8
Bank overdraft, 31st December, 1903	542	1 9			
Add unpaid cheques	77	10 9			
	<u>£11,637</u>	<u>11 10</u>		<u>£11,637</u>	<u>11 10</u>

JAS. BLAIR, Secretary.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts, and compared them with the several vouchers relating thereto, and have found them correct.—JOHN KING and AMBROSE E. MOORE, Auditors.

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Boys' College: English—Nesfield's English Grammar Past and Present; Nichol's English Composition and Exercises; Lamb's Essays of Elia; Shakespeare's Henry IV.; Selections from Wordsworth, Browning. Latin—Bradley's Arnold and Bradley's Aids; Roby's Latin Grammar; Ramsay's Antiquities; Georgics, II.; Livy, XXI. and XXII.; Cicero, De Officiis, III. French—Wellington College French Grammar; Duhamel's Advanced French Prose; Bué's French Idioms; L'Abbé Daniel; Berthom's Selections from French Prose and Verse. Mathematics—Hall and Stevens's Euclid, I.–VI.; Hall and Knight's Trigonometry; Briggs and Bryan's Middle Algebra. Science—Loney's Statics, Dynamics, and Hydrostatics; Newth's Inorganic Chemistry; Thorpe's Practical Chemistry. *Girls' College:* English—Sweet's Anglo-Saxon Primer; Sweet's First Middle English Primer; Sweet's Second Middle English Primer; Nesfield's Historical English and Derivation; Shakespeare's Henry IV., Parts I. and II.; Shakespeare's Henry V.; Lamb's Essays of Elia; Literature of the Queen Anne Period. French—Eve's Wellington College Grammar; Bonet's French Idioms; Le Cid (Corneille); Tartuffe (Molière); Discours sur le Style (Buffon); Period of French Literature, 1660–1700; Prose and French sentences. Latin—Bradley's Latin Prose Composition; Cicero, De Officiis III., and De Amicitia; Virgil, Georgics II.; School History of Rome (Merivale and Puller); Wilkins's Primer of Roman Antiquities. German—Meissner's Grammar; Buchheim's Prose Composition; Goebel's Herrman der Cherusker; Schiller's lyrical poems and Wilhelm Tell; Kurz's Die Humanisten. Arithmetic—Pendlebury's Larger Arithmetic, matriculation standard. Euclid—Hall and Stevens's Euclid, Books I.–VI. Algebra—Todhunter's Larger Algebra, junior scholarship standard. Trigonometry—Lock's Trigonometry to the end of solution of triangles. Botany—Dendy and Lucas's Botany, matriculation standard. Physics—Wright's Heat. Physiology—Murché's Physiology, matriculation standard. Geography—Longmans' Geography, Part II., matriculation standard. History—Epochs of English History, matriculation period.

Lowest.—Boys' College: English—Junior Temple Reader; Children's Treasury of Song; Nesfield's Parts of Speech; Graphic Copybooks 9 and 10; spelling and dictation; composition; Nelson's Brief History of the British Empire. Arithmetic—Pendlebury's Shilling Arithmetic up to easy fractions. Drawing—Plasticine and easy freehand. Nature-study—Oral lessons. German—Oral lessons, and reading from Grammar without Tears. *Girls' College:* English—Imperial Reader, Standard IV; Dictation and Spelling from Reader; writing, Collins's Copy-books; composition; Selections from Tennyson for the Young; Nesfield's Uses of the Parts of Speech. French—Chardenal's First French Course. German—Elementary Rules; text-book, Meissner's Grammar. Latin—Bell's Latin Course, Part I. Arithmetic—Standard II. Work; text-book, Pendlebury's Shilling Arithmetic. Geometry—Hall and Stevens's Euclid, Book I., first twenty propositions. Algebra—Hall and Knight's Algebra to

simple equations. Elementary trigonometry—Lock's Trigonometry. Science—Elementary physiology, Murché's Physiology, Part I.; elementary botany (notes). Physics—Elementary heat (notes). History—Ransome's Elementary History, William I. to Richard II. Geography—Longmans', Part I.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Boys' College.—The number of Education Board scholarships held at the school was four, of foundation scholarships five, and of Government free places twenty-four. Free tuition was given by the Governors to seventeen.

Girls' College.—There were three Education Board Scholarships held, and twenty-seven Government free places. The School Commissioners provided free tuition for six, and the Governors for thirteen.

GREYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance on 31st December, 1902—				Grant to Grey Education Board	50	0	0
On hand and in bank ..	377	17	7	Secretary's salary ..	10	0	0
On mortgage ..	725	0	0	Law costs ..	16	16	0
Westland School Commissioners ..	150	1	6	Miscellaneous ..	2	14	6
Rent ..	63	17	0	Advertising and Auctioneer ..	12	17	0
Interest ..	56	11	11	Survey fees ..	12	0	0
				Balance at bank on 31st December, 1903..	502	7	1
				Balance at Post-Office Savings-Bank ..	466	13	5
				Loan on mortgage ..	300	0	0
	<u>£1,373</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£1,373</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

F. W. RIEMENSCHNEIDER, Secretary.

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

HOKITIKA HIGH SCHOOL.

GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Balance at beginning of year	1,609	16	6	Office salary	10	10	0	
Endowments—				Grant to Westland Education Board ..	200	0	0	
Current income from reserve and building				Fencing, repairs, &c.	90	14	0	
(rent)	62	0	2	Rates, insurance, and taxes	10	6	2	
Interest on moneys invested	81	16	6	Interest, &c., on current account ..	1	8	0	
Paid by School Commissioners	150	0	0	Deposit returned	5	0	0	
Deposit on tender	5	0	0	Balance at end of year—				
				Hokitika Borough debentures	£600	0	0	
				Kumara Borough debentures	200	0	0	
				Fixed deposits	650	0	0	
				Hokitika Savings-bank	203	6	6	
					1,653	6	6	
				Less current account (Dr.)	62	11	6	
						1,590	15	0
	<u>£1,908</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>			<u>£1,908</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>

H. L. MICHEL, Chairman.

CHAS. KIRK, Secretary.

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

RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. T. R. Creswell, M.A.; Miss C. S. Howard, M.A.; Miss G. E. Rogers.

1. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	154	9 8	Office expenses	6	11 1
Current income from reserves	157	5 6	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	450	6 8
School fees	259	8 0	Sports fund	5	0 0
Government capitation for free places (first and second terms)	120	0 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	7	14 6
Sale of old woodwork	0	15 0	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	18	6 4
			Bicycle shed and pump	20	10 0
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	38	4 7
			Insurance	3	18 9
			Desks and chairs	24	2 6
			Half cost of street kerbing and channelling paid to Borough Council	16	10 2
			Microscope, &c.	7	0 9
			Sanitation	1	13 0
			Balance in bank at end of year	£94	19 10
			Less unrepresented cheque, £2 19s. 1d.; due to Chairman, 11d.	3	0 0
					91 19 10
					£691 18 2
					£691 18 2

J. JOHNSTON, Chairman and Secretary.

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

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—Nesfield's Manual; Milton's Comus; Stevenson's Treasure Island. French—Chardenal, Part II.; sight translation. Latin—Via Latina; Caesar, De Bello Gallico, Book I.; sight translation; Kennedy's Latin Primer. Arithmetic—Pendlebury. Geometry—Layng's Euclid, Books I.-III. Algebra—Hall and Knight, to quadratics. Science—Botany, Murché and Edmonds. History—English, Meiklejohn, A.D., 1603-1857; Roman, Shuckburgh. Geography—Physical, Mathematical, and Commercial; Longmans' Geography, III. Book-keeping—Thornton's Manual. Drawing—Freehand and Scale.

Lowest.—English—Longmans' Grammar. Arithmetic to fractions. Geography—Longmans', Part I. Drawing—Freehand. History—Warner's Brief Survey. Botany—Murché. Book-keeping—Thornton's Primer.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS.

One Education Board and one foundation scholarship were held at the school, with forty-seven Government free places, and three free places given by the Governors.

CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. C. E. Bevan-Brown, M.A.; Mr. B. K. S. Lawrence, B.A.; Mr. W. Walton, B.A.; Mr. R. M. Laing, M.A.; B.Sc.; Mr. R. Speight, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. O. T. J. Alpers, M.A.; Mr. A. Merton; Mr. T. H. Jackson, B.A.; Mr. J. H. Smith, M.A.; Mr. T. W. Cane, M.A.; Mr. R. E. Hall, B.A.; Mr. G. J. Lancaster, M.A.; Sergeant-Major F. Farthing; Mr. J. Balfour; Mr. W. S. Malaquin; Mr. A. J. Merton; Mr. W. H. Gundry; Mr. T. S. Tankard; Miss E. E. Digby.

1. REPORT.

The roll-number at the end of the year was 229.

During the year 1903 fifty-nine pupils in all have held scholarships or free places at the Boys' High School, of whom thirteen held scholarships from the Board of Education, and forty-six held free places provided by our own Board of Governors. We had difficulty in filling up the latter, and during the year four holders of exhibitions left before their exhibitions had expired; in two instances the exhibitions had another eighteen months to run, and in the other two more than a term.

A memorial to old boys who fought in South Africa was erected in March last and unveiled by His Excellency the Governor. It contains the names of fifty-six who fought in South Africa, and underneath a brass commemorates the names of four who died in the war.

Mr. A. Merton has removed to Harewood Road, Papanui, and takes boarders there; he began the year with six boarders, but they were reduced to three by the end of the year. The house and grounds are excellently adapted for boarders, the air being good, the grounds extensive, and the distance the house is from the streets of the town is a distinct advantage.

The physical-training system was modified at the beginning of 1903 by the partial introduction of the Sandow system. Complete measurements were taken at the beginning of the year and again at the end, and it was found that the average chest-measurement for the whole school had increased, for the normal chest $1\frac{1}{2}$ in., and for the expanded chest 2 in. It may be added that two medical men, old boys, kindly examined the boys at the beginning of the year, and specially weak boys had exercises

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Thirteen pupils held Board of Education scholarships, and forty-six held free places granted by the Governors.

CHRISTCHURCH 'GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Miss M. V. Gibson, M.A. ; Miss C. K. Henderson, B.A. ; Mr. G. J. Lancaster, M.A. ; Miss F. Sheard, M.A. ; Miss K. Gresson, M.A. ; Mrs. C. Langton, M.A. ; Miss L. L. Bing, B.A. ; Miss H. L. Smith ; Miss N. Gard'ner ; Miss A. Rennie ; Miss E. Easterbrook ; Miss M. Cook ; Sergeant-Major Farthing ; Mr. C. H. Gilby.

1. REPORT.

The school year has been, on the whole, uneventful, and, in consequence, salutary for purposes of steady work. The free places given at the Rangiora and Ashburton High Schools, and the district high schools opened in other centres, such as Lyttelton, Amberley, Southbridge, Darfield, and Kaiapoi, have slightly affected the attendance, but not so much as might have been anticipated, the roll for the third term of the year being 130, as against 140 for the same term in 1902 (which was unusually high), 127 in 1901, and 119 in 1900. The health of the staff and pupils has been generally excellent, and this in spite of the prevalence of somewhat serious epidemics in the city and suburbs during the winter and spring months.

Shortly after the beginning of the second term the school was visited by the Inspector-General of Schools, who expressed himself as satisfied with the general organization and arrangements.

The death of Mrs. Macmillan Brown in February last has removed one who took a deep interest in the higher education of girls, and to whom the school owes a special debt of gratitude. Mrs. Brown was a member of the teaching staff for over fifteen years—that is, from January 1878 (shortly after its inception) until 1894—and for the last eleven years of this period she held the position of Lady Principal. It was under her control that the school was first properly organized as a training school for a future university career, and the main details of her organization are still in force. At the time of her death Mrs. Brown was president of the Old Girls' Association, and in other ways showed a continued interest in the welfare of the school.

Thirty-nine pupils have held scholarships, exhibitions, or free places at the school. Of these, twenty have received them from the Board of Governors, eighteen from the North Canterbury Board of Education, and one from the South Canterbury Education Board.

In the December University examinations, two pupils were awarded Junior University Scholarships, and two others were placed in the Credit List of the same examination, one being awarded a Gammack Scholarship. Eleven pupils were also entered for matriculation, and all were successful, one also passing the Medical Preliminary Examination.

In the examination for senior Board of Education scholarships, five out of the six scholarships were gained by pupils of this school. In the Junior Civil Service Examinations one headed the list for the colony, while three other pupils who took this examination all passed successfully.

Notable successes of past pupils of the school during the year are the degrees of B.A. conferred on Maude Herriott, Rachel Kain, and Wilhelmina Sievwright ; while Ada O'Callaghan gained an exhibition in mathematics at Canterbury College, and in the annual examination was awarded first-class honours in mathematics, a distinction which has not previously been gained by a lady student at Canterbury College.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year ..	235	12	1	Office salary ..	60	0	0
Current income from reserves ..	288	7	2	Teachers' salaries ..	1,582	12	0
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money ..	228	16	2	Grant in aid of boardinghouse ..	50	0	0
School fees ..	1,535	3	0	Examinations—			
Government grant for technical classes ..	35	11	2	Examiners' fees ..	30	17	0
Proceeds from cooking classes ..	12	17	3	Other expenses ..	7	11	0
				Scholarships ..	245	0	0
				Prizes ..	21	4	0
				Printing, stationery, advertising, and books ..	85	16	11
				Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. ..	17	19	0
				Site and buildings, from current revenue—			
				New works ..	9	0	0
				Fencing, repairs, fittings, &c. ..	9	14	5
				Insurance ..	10	19	5
				Inspecting reserves ..	7	3	1
				Expenses of cooking class ..	13	2	8
				Sewing-machine ..	10	2	6
				Sundries ..	10	12	11
				Balance at end of year ..	164	11	11
	£2,336	6	10		£2,336	6	10

CHARLES LEWIS, Chairman.

A. CRACROFT WILSON, Registrar.

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

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Mathematics—Hall and Knight's Algebra; Loney's Trigonometry, Part I.; Hall and Stevens's Euclid; Hall and Knight's Graphic Algebra. Latin—Horace's Odes, Book III.; Virgil's *Æneid*, Books VI. and III.; Cicero's Orations in *Catilinam*, 1, 2, and 3; Livy, Book IX., chapters 1–19; Bradley's Prose Composition; Kennedy's Revised Latin Primer; Stedman's Examination-papers; Horton's Roman History; Wilkins's Roman Antiquities Primer. English—Shakespeare, Henry IV., Part I.; Lamb's Essays, First Series; From Blake to Arnold; Handbook of English Literature (Longmans'), Part IV.; Nesfield's Grammar Past and Present and Manual of English Grammar and Composition; Chaucer, Selections (Bilderdeck). French—Racine, *Athalie*; Balzac, *Eugenie Grandet*; Musset, *Pierre et Camille*; Chardenal's Advanced Course. Science—Draper's Heat; Evans's Botany. All work to the standard required for Junior Scholarship Examination.

Lowest.—Arithmetic—As for Standard IV. English—Selections from Wordsworth; Coleridge's *Ancient Mariner*; Gatty's Parables from Nature, First Series; Dickens's Christmas Carol (abridged); Nesfield's Outline of English Grammar; Stronach's English Literature; spelling and composition. French—Chardenal's First Course. Dent's First French Book. English History—Ransome's Elementary History (William I. to Henry VII.). Geography—Southern Cross Geography, No. VI., Asia and North America. Science—Elementary Botany (without text-book). Drawing—Brushwork. Writing—Southern Cross Copy-book No. 9, or Public Service Copy-book No. 9.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Nineteen pupils held Education Board scholarships at the school, and twenty received free tuition granted by the Board of Governors.

CHRIST'S COLLEGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. C. F. Bourne, M.A.; Rev. F. A. Hare, M.A.; Mr. E. G. Hogg, M.A.; Mr. W. D. Andrews, B.A.; Mr. C. Harling; Mr. J. U. Collins, B.A.; Mr. A. E. Flower, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. E. Jenkins, B.A.; Rev. F. G. Brittan, M.A.; Mr. G. H. Merton, B.A.; Mr. C. L. Wiggins; Mr. A. J. Merton; Mr. J. M. Madden; Sergeant-major F. Farthing.

1. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 15th May, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	750	0	4	Office salary and expenses	255	17	0
Endowments—				Teachers' salaries and allowances	3,199	11	8
Capital Account—Price of land sold	370	0	0	Examination fees and other expenses	55	6	9
Current income from land	1,627	5	6	Scholarships	733	18	5
Current income from scholarships endowments	812	1	10	Prizes	61	12	7
School fees	2,933	9	5	Printing, stationery, and advertising	75	0	0
Payment on account buildings	18	11	3	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	206	9	0
Sinking fund, transferred from income	50	0	0	Site and buildings, from current revenue—			
Sundries unclassified	10	0	6	Purchases and new works	50	0	0
Overdraft at end of year	149	13	2	Fencing, repairs, &c.	111	6	4
				Rates, insurance, and taxes	64	17	6
				Interest on current account	7	14	8
				Investments on mortgage	1,500	0	0
				Boys' Games Fund	160	6	0
				Boys' Cadet Fund	23	1	3
				Coronation celebrations	10	0	0
				Expenses in connection with land estate	206	0	10
	<u>£6,721</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£6,721</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

C. CHRISTCHURCH, Warden.

W. G. BRITTAN, Bursar.

Examined and found correct.—A. A. M. McKELLAR, Auditor.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin, French, English, Greek, geometry, algebra, trigonometry, arithmetic, chemistry, heat, as for Junior Scholarship Examination, together with divinity.

Lowest.—Reading and Spelling—Imperial Reader III., Southern Cross Series. Repetition—Twell's. Grammar—Public School Grammar III., Southern Cross Series. Composition. Geography.—Zealandia II. and III. History—Blackwood's Stories. Divinity—Ainslie's Gospel Lessons, and the Catechism to the end of "Duty to your Neighbour" (Mrs. Francis). Arithmetic—The simple and compound rules to long division.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS.

There are many scholarships so arranged that, taken in succession, they cover the whole period of school life from an early age until the higher limit of age for junior University scholarships has been reached. The entrance scholarships are open to all boys who have not already entered the school; the others, both to boys already attending it and to those from other schools. For Some Scholarships a preference is to be given *ceteris paribus* to the kin of the foundress, Mrs. Maria Some, or of her husband, the late Joseph Some; and candidates must be members of the Church of England, or of some church in communion with it. This restriction does not apply to entrance scholarships, or to the special grants of free education sometimes made by the governing body to meet special cases.

In 1903 the number of scholarships held was fifty-six (foundation).

AKAROA HIGH SCHOOL.

GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year ..	141	16 11	Expenses of management ..	25	13 9
Current income from reserves ..	138	2 8	Grant to North Canterbury Education Board	100	0 0
			Balance at end of year—		
			Current account ..	4	5 10
			Fixed deposit ..	150	0 0
	£279	19 7		£279	19 7

H. C. JACOBSON, Chairman and Secretary.

ASHBURTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. J. S. Tennant, M.A., B.Sc. ; Miss C. E. MacGregor, M.A. ; Mr. C. F. Salmond, M.A.

1. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Current income from reserves ..	592	19 9	Overdraft at beginning of year ..	239	18 5
School fees ..	109	4 0	Office salary ..	26	6 0
From Government—			Other office expenses ..	3	11 5
Capitation for free places ..	140	0 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	625	0 0
Capitation for woodwork classes ..	16	0 0	Prizes ..	1	5 0
Overdraft at end of year ..	194	17 3	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	12	9 11
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. ..	39	13 3
			Fencing, repairs, &c. ..	24	16 8
			Grounds, &c. ..	10	2 7
			Rates, insurance, and taxes ..	5	10 6
			Interest on current account ..	20	11 0
			Other expenditure—		
			Woodwork classes ..	33	8 0
			Disinfecting ..	1	0 0
			School library ..	3	0 0
			Rent of cricket ground ..	2	0 0
			Sundries ..	4	8 3
	£1,053	1 0		£1,053	1 0

W. B. DENSHIRE, Chairman.

CHARLES BRADDELL, Secretary and Treasurer.

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

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—Nesfield's Manual of English Grammar and Composition ; Nesfield's English Grammar Past and Present ; Higher Grade English (Dalglish) ; English Literature (Stronach) ; Tennyson's Princess, and Shorter Poems ; Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream. Latin—Bradley's Arnold's Latin Prose Composition ; Latin Prose from Bryan's Latin Prose Cæsar, and miscellaneous ; Livy, Book XXII., paragraphs 16–38 ; Virgil, Book II. ; sight translation. French—Hogben's Méthode Naturelle revised ; Chardenal's Second French Course ; Exercises from Chardenal's Advanced French Course ; sight translation from Hachette's Reader ; Prose as for Junior University Scholarship Examination. Mathematics—As for Junior University Scholarship Examination (Brent's Euclid, Hall and Knight's Algebra and Graphic Algebra, Lock's Trigonometry, Pendlebury's Arithmetic). Geography and History—As for matriculation. Drawing—Freehand and Geometrical as for matriculation. Science—Botany as for matriculation.

Lowest.—English—Nesfield's Grammar, Parts I. and II. ; Nature in New Zealand (Drummond) ; As you like it. Latin—Principia Latina, Part I., to end of irregular verbs. French—Méthode Naturelle. Mathematics—Euclid, I., to 32, and geometrical drawing ; algebra, to simple equations ; arithmetic, advanced Sixth Standard. Geography—Mill's Commercial Geography. History—Green's Historical Reader, Part II., Roman History (Merivale and Pullen). Science—Botany, elementary ; physiography, advanced Sixth Standard. Book-keeping—Cash-book, day and invoice book and ledger ; commercial letter writing. Shorthand—Pitman's Teacher. Drawing—Freehand, simple studies in flowers and animals ; Geometrical, covering Euclid, I. and III. Woodwork (Boys)—Sandford's exercises for first- and second-year students. Needlework (Girls)—First- and second-year work in plain sewing and cutting-out.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS.

There were four Education Board scholarships held at the school and twelve free places granted by the Governors.

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Boys: Latin—Cicero, De Finibus, Book III.; Virgil, Georgic II.; Bradley's Latin Composition; Bryans' Latin Prose. French—Corneille's Le Cid; Molière's Tartuffe; Buffon's Essai Sur le Style; prose and translation from Macmillan's Composition, II.; Wellington College Grammar. German—Siepmann's Public School German Primer, to lesson 28. English—Nesfield's Grammar and Composition; Nesfield's Historical English, to page 127; Shakespeare's Henry V.; Scott's Heart of Midlothian; Chaucer's Prologue; Sweet's Anglo-Saxon Primer. Mathematics—Work for Second year University terms; Text books—Hall and Stevens's Euclid I.–VI., Hall and Knight's Algebra, the Tutorial Algebra, Lock's Elementary Trigonometry, Loney's Trigonometry. *Girls:* English—Chaucer, Prologue; Shakespeare, As you like it, Merchant of Venice; Milton, Minor Poems; Lamb, Selected Essays of Elia; Wordsworth's Wanderer; Ruskin, Sesame and Lilies; Great Authors, Part III.; Nesfield's Historical English Grammar. Latin—Bryans' Latin Prose Exercises; Arnold's Latin Prose Composition; Cicero, De Officiis, Book III.; Selections from Ovid; Virgil, Æneid V.; Roman History. French—Macmillan's French Composition, Part II.; Wellington College Grammar and Exercises; Bué's Idioms; Corneille's Le Cid; Boiëlle's French Poetry; Voltaire's Charles XII. Mathematics, Botany, and Mechanics, to junior University scholarship standard.

Lowest.—Boys: Latin—Via Latina, to end of relative pronoun. French—Hogben's Méthode Naturelle. English—Scott's Ivanhoe; Great Authors, Part III.; Nesfield's Grammar and Composition, selected portions. Arithmetic—Pendlebury, to end of decimals. Algebra—Hall and Knight. Euclid—Hall and Stevens, Book I., to proposition 24. Elementary Science—Botany, Examination of Specimens, and Notes; Chemistry, Lecture-table experiments and notes. Geography—Longmans' Geographical Series, "The World"; physical geography. History—Buckley's History, A.D. 1688 to 1815. *Girls:* English—Parables of Nature (Margaret Gatty); Selections from Children's Treasury of English Song; English History, to Edward I. Geography—Pictorial Geographical Reader, Australasia and Africa. Latin—Via Latina, to beginning of verb. French—Méthode Naturelle; Scenes of Child-life (Mrs. Frazer). Arithmetic—Fractions, decimals, interest, proportion. Euclid—Book I., propositions 1–25. Algebra—End of simultaneous equations. Book-keeping. Drawing—Freehand and brush. Botany—Youmans's First Book of Botany.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Boys' School.—Seven Education Board scholarships were held at the school, nine boys were given free tuition by the Governors, and twenty-eight held Government free places.

Girls' School.—Eight Education Board scholarships were held, the Governors granted free tuition to six girls, and twenty-seven held Government free places.

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

The secondary department of the Waimate District High School continues to be the chief object of care on the part of the Waimate High School. The Governors still keep up their payments (shown in the annual financial statement) towards the salaries of the first and second masters, exhibitions (fifteen in number) to a certain number of pupils (carefully selected by competitive examinations) who under the regulations of the Department are not entitled to "free" places, scholarships (at present six), prizes, &c.

The pupils at the close of 1903 taking secondary subjects were seventy-eight. The new year, 1904, commenced with eighty-nine. In the judgment of the Governors, the secondary section of the Waimate District High School is doing excellent work. It is held in very high estimation by the Education Board's Inspectors. It is furnishing, from time to time, a good proportion of those who obtain Matriculation and qualify for the Civil Service, and, altogether, by the residents of this locality it is regarded as a very great educational boon. For a considerable number of the more advanced pupils in the surrounding ordinary primary schools it is becoming the great converging centre at which to prosecute their studies in higher English, Euclid, algebra, Latin, French, &c.

The present Governors consist of Dr. Barclay, Messrs. Beckett, Coltman, Howell, Manchester, Sinclair, with the Rev. Messrs. Morrison and Barclay.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	1,831	4 6	Clerk's salary	12	12 0
Current income from reserves	216	8 10	Petty cash	1	0 0
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	67	5 0	South Canterbury Education Board	100	0 0
Interest on fixed deposits	18	18 0	Physical culture	20	5 0
			Technical classes	10	0 0
			Examiners' fees	5	5 0
			Scholarships and Exhibitioners' fees	59	17 6
			Prizes	14	7 6
			Printing, stationery, and advertising	15	12 9
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	1	0 0
			Members' travelling-expenses	3	0 0
			High School Cadets	16	10 0
			Interest on current account, 1s.; bank charge, 10s.; exchange, 4s.	0	15 0
			Balance at end of year—		
			Fixed deposit	407	1 1
			Less overdraft	33	9 6
				373	11 7
			On mortgage	1,500	0 0
				£2,133	16 4
				£2,133	16 4

G. H. GRAHAM, Secretary.

Examined and found correct, except that the payment "High School cadets, £16 10s." made for prizes to cadet corps is without authority of law.—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.

WAITAKI HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Dr. J. R. Don, B.Sc., M.A., F.C.S., F.G.S.; Mr. W. Grave, B.A.; Mr. T. A. Hunter, M.A.; Mr. G. A. Uttley, M.A.; Sergeant-Major Kibblewhite.

Girls' School.—Miss C. Ferguson, M.A.; Miss V. M. Greig, M.A.; Miss M. O. Cunninghame, B.A.; Miss M. McCaw; Sergeant-Major Kibblewhite.

1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

Girls' School.—The Governors have again to thank the Minister for the liberal grant for the erection of the new Waitaki Girls' High School, and report that the building has been completed, and the school will be opened in the new building at the beginning of the new year. The contract for the erection of the school has been faithfully carried out, and the class-rooms and internal arrangements are quite up to date and are admired by all who have seen them. The laying-out of the splendid grounds is in hand, and will be completed early in the new year.

Boys' School.—The class-room accommodation in the school is quite inadequate for the number of pupils who are now wishing to take advantage of secondary education in this district.

In conclusion, the Governors have great pleasure in recording the continued excellent work done in both schools during the year, and it is their earnest hope that the class accommodation at the boys' school will at an early date be brought into line with that now provided at the girls' school.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	65	17 10	Office salary	75	0 0
Grant from Government for girls' new school	1,449	0 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances	1,438	18 1
Current income from reserves	1,296	2 4	Drill-instruction	22	1 8
Paid by School Commissioners	153	8 11	School appliances	48	11 5
School fees—Boys, £657 5s.; girls, £211	868	5 0	Prizes	4	15 0
J. M. Brown	0	3 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising	52	8 9
Contractor's deposit	40	0 0	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	86	0 8
Valuation for improvements	50	5 0	Purchases and new works	36	6 6
			Rates, insurance, and taxes	50	5 11
			Interest on current account	3	4 0
			Progress payments, girls' new school (including refund of deposit, £40)	1,654	18 6
			Incidental expenses, £7 7s. 6d.; Petty cash, £10; Ranger, £15; solicitor's fees, £29 17s. 5d.	62	4 11
			Valuation paid	50	5 0
			Balance in bank at end of year, 31st December, 1903	338	1 8
				£3,923	2 1
				£3,923	2 1

DONALD BORRIE, Chairman.

A. McKINNON, Secretary.

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

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Boys: English—Taine's History of English Literature, Vol. II.; Macaulay, Essays (selected); Lamb, Essays of Elia; George Eliot, Romola; Stead's Penny Poets, Keats, Shelley, Coleridge; Nesfield's Grammar Past and Present; Nichol's English Composition and Rhetoric. Latin—Via Latina; Bradley's Arnold's Latin Prose; Virgil, Æneid, Book V.; Horace, Odes; Livy, Book I.; Cæsar, Roman History, Book II. French—Hogben's Méthode Naturelle; Molière's Le Misanthrope and Les Femmes Savantes. Arithmetic—Goyen's Higher Arithmetic. Algebra—Hall and Knight's Advanced Text-book; Hall and Knight's Graphical Algebra. Trigonometry—Lock's, Hall and Knight's. Euclid—Hall and Stevens's, Books I.-IV., and Book VI. Physics—Glazebrook's Heat, Deschanel's Heat. Chemistry—Roscoe and Harden's Inorganic Chemistry; Newth's Inorganic Chemistry. Geology—Bird's Geology, Geikie's Field Geology. *Girls:* English—Nesfield's Past and Present; Morell's Literature; Macaulay's Essay on Warren Hastings; Shakespeare's Hamlet; Chaucer's Prologue, Knight's Tale, &c.; Skeats's Specimens of Early English (selections); and Miscellaneous Selections from Standard Authors. Latin—Bradley's Arnold; Bryans's Cæsar (exercises in prose); Readings from Virgil, Cæsar, Horace, Livy, Cicero, Ovid; Roman History (Merivale). French—Blouët's Composition, Part II.; Saintine's Picciola, Book I.; Chardenal's Advanced Course; Bué's Idioms; Stedman's Examination-papers; Wellington College French Grammar. Arithmetic, algebra, Euclid, trigonometry, mechanics, botany, as for junior University scholarship.

Lowest.—Boys: English—Chambers's Graduated Reader, Book VI.; Bowen's Studies in English; Dunlop's English Grammar; Yoxall's Word Builder and Speller; Nesfield's Oral Composition. Arithmetic—Layng's Arithmetic, Part I. French—Chardenal, Part I. Latin—Elementa Latina, Morris. Algebra—Hall and Knight's Elementary Algebra. Geometry—Eggar's Practical Geometry. Nature-study. *Girls:* Arithmetic—Hamblin Smith's, to decimals; English—Relfe's Sixth Reader; Nesfield's Manual; composition, spelling. History—Miss Buckley's (Henry VII. to George II.). Geography—Longmans', II. Science—Lessons in botany and physiology. Latin—Via Latina, to active verbs. French—Chardenal's First Course, to exercise 80.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Three Education Board scholarships and one free place granted by the Governors were held at the boys' school, and two Education Board scholarships and one free place granted by the Governors at the girl's school.

OTAGO BOYS' AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. A. Wilson, M.A.; Mr. M. Watson, M.A.; Mr. T. D. Pearce, M.A.; Mr. J. S. S. Cooper, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. J. Macpherson, F.E.I.S.; Mr. F. H. Campbell, M.A.; Mr. R. T. Wood, B.A.; Mr. J. Reid, B.A.; Mr. J. G. Fullarton, B.A.; Mr. J. Hanna; Mr. G. E. Butler; Mr. D. Sherriff.

Girls' School.—Miss M. E. A. Marchant, M.A.; Miss F. M. Allan, M.A.; Miss H. Alexander, B.A.; Miss S. C. C. McKnight, M.A., B.Sc.; Miss E. E. Little; Miss F. Campbell, M.A.; Miss L. A. Downes, B.A.; Miss F. M. Wimperis; Miss M. Salmond; Miss S. E. Albert; Miss E. B. Miller; Mr. J. Hanna; Mr. W. E. Taylor, F.R.C.O.; Miss J. C. Longford.

1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

It is gratifying to find that the acceptance of the Government's offer to provide free places at the high schools under the regulations of last year has, notwithstanding disabilities incidental to the initiation of such an important scheme, been fully justified by the large increase in the attendance at both schools, which are now enabled to give the full benefits of a secondary education to all classes of the community.

While expressing satisfaction with the scheme generally, with the scale of grants under "The Secondary Schools Act, 1903," which will enable it to maintain the efficiency of the teaching staff, the Board is strongly of opinion that the age qualification should be removed, as it bears very hardly on a great number of pupils, especially from the country districts, many of whom, whilst able to pass the education test, are excluded by the age test. The Board is also of opinion that the uniform examination test for all secondary schools referred to in section 12 of the regulations governing free places is not only unsuitable for the great majority of pupils, but that it is undesirable as tending to perpetuate the examination tests that have worked injuriously in the primary schools. The Board suggests that the fitness for continuance should be determined by the Minister from the results of examination-papers set by the several principals of the schools in conjunction with examiners appointed by the Minister.

The Board would again bring under your notice the hardship which is inflicted on the parents of pupils from country districts who have to travel daily by rail past district high schools on their way to the Dunedin High Schools, through the refusal of the Railway Department to grant them passes, and to respectfully urge that steps be taken to remove the disability. We may be permitted to point out that the restriction is unreasonable, inasmuch as some of the pupils in question are offered free education under the Government regulations, but are refused the privilege conceded to other children.

The Board has made arrangements for the readjustment of the school course with a view to suit the requirements of boys who propose to follow commercial or industrial pursuits, and also of those who desire to proceed to the University without taking Latin.

In the girls' school three classes of forty pupils each received instruction in cookery, the work being arranged so as to make a two-years course of thoroughly practical work. In addition to cookery, a fully graded course of technical training has been provided in the sewing and dressmaking classes.

The Board desires to take this opportunity of again calling attention to the unsuitable condition of the building occupied by the Girls' High School and boarding establishment. The main portion of this building was erected over forty years ago for a boys' high school and Rector's residence; and the internal arrangements of class-rooms and boardinghouse alike are incapable of being adapted to the altered requirements. The Board feels it therefore to be its duty to request the Minister to make provision for erecting new school buildings. Although the Board's income is sufficient to cover its working-expenses, it has no money available for building purposes. The Hon.^{ble} the Minister of Justice recently went over the building and knows its condition.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year		1,330	16	4	Office salaries		165	0	0
Price of reserves sold		44	13	0	Office rent		10	0	0
Current income from reserves		2,127	5	7	Printing and stationery		16	3	9
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money		27	3	11	Teachers' salaries and allowances—				
Paid by School Commissioners		323	11	4	Boys		2,703	9	8
School fees (including £625 4s. 5d. paid by Government for free pupils)—					Girls		1,558	1	10
Boys		1,789	18	1	Boarding-school account—				
Girls		1,026	18	7	Boys		43	7	6
Boarding-school fees (girls)		364	1	2	Girls		328	2	8
Interest on fixed deposit (Prize Fund) ..		1	13	6	Stamps, telegrams, and telephone ..		24	17	6
Grant from Treasury for technical classes ..		11	16	10	Sundries and incidentals		55	10	4
Sale proceeds, cooking classes		5	17	0	Prizes		31	8	4
					Printing, stationery, and advertising schools		156	14	2
					Cleaning, fuel, light, &c., including wages of two janitors (£233 14s. 8d.) ..		333	12	1
					Expenditure on laboratories		57	11	1
					Water rates		83	10	0
					Repairs		268	13	9
					Insurance		52	19	5
					Interest on debentures		150	15	0
					Furnishing		198	19	4
					Expended on cookery classes		58	5	6
					Travelling-expenses		23	7	9
					Expenses of sales, management, &c. ..		31	6	8
					Amount transferred to Sinking Fund ..		17	10	0
					Balance at end of year		684	9	0
		£7,053	15	4			£7,053	15	4

C. MACANDREW, Secretary and Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, except that the payment of £16 7s. 11d. for expenses of a visit to Wellington of a member and the secretary is without the authority of law, and is therefore disallowed.—
J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Lowest.—*Boys*: English—Ship Literary Reader, No. 6; grammar and composition. English History—1714-1820. Geography—Asia and New Zealand. Latin—Welch and Duffield's Accidence. French—Chardenal's First French Course; Grammar and composition, to page 25. Mathematics—Arithmetic (whole subject); Algebra, to division; Geometry—Book I. to proposition 10, Baker and Bourne. Science—Elementary heat and sound, elementary chemistry. Book-keeping—Thornton's Easy Exercises. *Girls*: English—Reader, Longmans' New Zealand, No. 6; Grammar and Composition, Meiklejohn's to page 56; Geography, New Zealand; History. French—Chardenal, Part I., to exercise 50. Mathematics.—Arithmetic, Reduction, practice, fractions, decimals. Science—Elementary lessons in science.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Boys' School.—There were twenty-eight Education Board scholarships held at the school, twenty-one free places granted by the Governors, and 153 Government free places.

Girls' School.—The number of Education Board scholarships was fifteen, free places granted by the Governors twenty-nine, and 114 Government free places.

SOUTHLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. H. L. Fowler, M.A.; Mr. F. W. Hilgendorf, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. J. McKinnon; Mr. J. G. Mackay; Miss E. Stevenson, M.A.; Miss J. R. Barr, M.A.; Miss B. Ayton, A.A.; Mr. J. Hanna.

1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

At the commencement of the year the Governors comprised Messrs. J. L. McGill, Watson and A. F. Hawke, appointed by His Excellency the Governor; Messrs. W. Macalister and J. C. Thomson, elected by the Southland Board of Education; and Mr. G. Froggatt, Mayor of Invercargill. Mr. Macalister was re-elected Chairman.

Owing to the large increase of pupils, which rose from 112 in December, 1902, to 188 in January, 1903, it was necessary to increase the school accommodation, as the school buildings were already taxed to the utmost. The only course open was to utilise a large room in the Rector's residence, which was very inconvenient, and interfered very considerably with the comfort and ease in the changing of the classes for the different lessons. It involved also additional work on the part of the teachers. This difficulty has since seriously increased with the additional number of pupils which are now in attendance. The use of a hall at a little distance from the school was secured, as the pupils now attending could not possibly be taught in the school buildings. The arrangement is exceedingly inconvenient, and it is absolutely indispensable that the school accommodation be extended.

The schools were separated at the end of the year, the Rector having charge of the boys only, and a Lady Principal being appointed for the girls' school. At the beginning of the year 1903 Miss Brown resigned, her place being filled by Miss J. R. Barr, M.A. (N.Z.).

It was also found necessary to appoint another assistant mistress, and in March Miss B. Ayton, A.A. (Tasmania), received the appointment. At the end of the year Mr. Fowler resigned the rectorship; Mr. T. D. Pearce, M.A., was appointed Rector of the Boys' School. Mr. J. McKinnon was appointed assistant master of the boys' side in March.

The cadet corps is still maintaining the state of efficiency that has characterized it for the past two or three years.

The Board, in conjunction with the Southland Board of Education and the Southland Farmers' Union, inaugurated for last winter a series of lectures on agricultural science; Mr. Hilgendorf delivered the lectures on agricultural chemistry, which were much appreciated.

The gymnasium erected by the Board a year or two since is supplying a felt need, and is being satisfactorily availed of by all the schools for which it was specially built and also by the citizens of Invercargill.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year ..	464	8	0	Office salary	75	0	0
Endowments—				Other office expenses	9	5	3
Current income from reserves ..	774	3	4	Other expenses of management ..	20	0	0
Paid by School Commissioners ..	193	17	9	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	1,480	14	9
School fees	1,036	4	3	Instructor, gymnasium school, salary ..	150	0	0
Books, &c., sold, and other refunds ..	1	4	0	Athletics	9	10	6
Interest on current account ..	12	0	0	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	98	13	10
Rents from freeholds	55	0	7	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	151	1	11
Donations for prizes	6	1	0	Site and buildings, from current revenue—			
Subsidies in aid of gymnasium ..	157	10	0	Purchases and new works	190	10	8
Technical school and fees	28	10	0	Fencing, repairs, &c.	98	3	2
				Rates, insurance, and taxes	33	5	7
				Interest on current account	2	4	0
				Expenses of survey, sales, management, &c. ..	23	16	2
				Chemicals and appliances	18	0	9
				Technical classes []	59	14	8
				Furniture and fittings]	95	6	9
				Balance at end of year	213	10	11
	£2,728	18	11		£2,728	18	11

W. MACALISTER, Chairman.
CHARLES ROUT, Secretary.

Examined and found correct, except that the expenditure "Other expenses of management, £20" is the allowance which has been made to two members of the Board for their expenses of visiting Wellington, but for which there is no authority of law.—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Boys : English—Shakespeare's Henry IV., Part I.; Hales's Longer English Poems; Bain's Rhetoric and Composition; English Lessons for English People; historical grammar; essays. Latin—Tacitus, Agricola; Horace, Selections; Cicero, In Catilinam; unseen translations; prose composition. French—Gautier's Scenes of Travel; Macmillan's Second Reader; Brachet's Grammar, Blouet's Composition. Mathematics—Arithmetic, the subject; algebra, to the binomial theorem; Euclid, Books I.–IV., with exercises; trigonometry, to solution of triangles. Science—Heat and chemistry, to junior scholarship standard. *Girls :* English—Tennyson's Coming of Arthur and Passing of Arthur; Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice; Skeat's Specimens of English Prose; Nesfield's English Grammar and Composition; composition, parsing, analysis, &c.; a sketch of English literature from 1603 to 1800. Latin—Via Latina; Cæsar, Gallic War, IV.; Ovid, selections. French—Hogben's Méthode Naturelle. Mathematics—Arithmetic, the subject; algebra, to quadratic equations; Euclid, Books I. and II. Science—Botany and physiology as for matriculation.

Lowest.—Boys : English—Scott's Lay of the Last Minstrel; parsing, analysis, composition, correction of sentences. Latin—Via Latina, to end of verbs; Gradatim. French—Hogben's Méthode Naturelle. Mathematics—Arithmetic, fractions, decimals, practice, time-work, irregular distribution, equations; Algebra, up to equations; Euclid, Book I., with deductions. Science—General course. History—To end of Tudor period. Geography—Africa and Europe, political and commercial; physical; mapping. Shorthand—Pitman's Teacher. Bookkeeping—Thornton's Primer. Commercial—Mental arithmetic; long tots; Letter-writing, bills, &c. *Girls :* English (A)—Downie's Extracts from Modern Authors; Macmillan's Advanced Reader; selections. English (B)—Nature in New Zealand, edited by Captain Hutton; Nesfield's English Grammar and Composition; composition, parsing, analysis, &c.; a sketch of English literature to 1660. Latin—Via Latina, to the end of passive verbs; Gradatim. French—Hogben's Méthode Naturelle, first 60 lessons. Mathematics—Arithmetic, to interest; algebra, to factors; Euclid, Book I. to proposition 34. Science—Physiology and botany, preparatory.

All Classes, Girls.—Drawing—Junior freehand; senior freehand and perspective. Needlework, Dress-cutting, and Cooking.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

The number of Education Board scholarships held at the school was eighteen, Government free places ninety-four, and free places granted by the Governors, seventeen.

APPENDIX.

SCHEME FOR THE CONTROL OF PALMERSTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
(ESTABLISHED 1904, UNDER SECTION 6 OF "THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS ACT, 1903").

IN accordance with the provisions of "The Secondary Schools Act, 1903" (hereinafter called "the Act"), and with the powers thereunder, the following shall be the scheme for the Palmerston North High School (hereinafter called "the school"), which is established under section 6 of the Act.

1. The school shall be controlled by a Board of Governors under the name of "The Board of Governors of the Palmerston North High School" (hereinafter called "the Board"). The Board shall be a body corporate, shall have a perpetual succession and a common seal, and may acquire and hold lands, and sue and be sued, and may do and suffer all such things as corporate bodies may do and suffer.

2. There shall be nine Governors, of whom a group of three shall be appointed by His Excellency the Governor, a group of three by the Wanganui Education Board, and a group of three shall be elected by the parents of the pupils.

3. The Governors appointed by the Wanganui Education Board shall be appointed by a resolution of such Board, and the first appointment shall be made not later than thirty days after the first publication of this scheme in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

4. In regard to the election of Governors by the parents of the pupils the following provisions shall apply:—

(1.) The first election shall be held on a date to be appointed by the Minister, and thereafter every such election shall be held on a date to be fixed by the Board in accordance with this scheme.

(2.) The Returning Officer shall, in the case of the first election, be a person appointed by the Minister, but thereafter the Secretary to the Board of Governors shall be the Returning Officer.

(3.) For the purposes of the election of Governors by the parents of the pupils the Returning Officer shall prepare a roll, and shall enter therein the name, occupation, and address of every person qualified to be enrolled as a parent of a pupil of the school.

"Parent" means the father, if he be living, or, if not, the mother, or, if neither the father nor the mother be living, the guardian, of a pupil of the school.

A "pupil of the school" means, in the case of the first election, a pupil as referred to in subsection (1) of section 6 of the Act, and thereafter a pupil whose name is on the school roll, and who has been in actual attendance at the school at any time within the three months immediately preceding the closing of the roll. The roll shall be closed at 5 o'clock on the fourteenth day next before the day on which any election is to be held, and shall continue to be closed until the election is completed.

(4.) The Returning Officer shall, by advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the district, publicly notify, not less than fourteen days before each election—

(a.) The day and hour for the closing of the election;

(b.) The total number of candidates to be elected;

(c.) The day and hour for the closing of nominations.

- (5.) Every candidate shall be nominated in writing by one or more parents entitled to vote for his election.

Each such parent may nominate any number of candidates not exceeding the number to be elected.

- (6.) Every nomination-paper shall be in the form or to the effect following :—

I, [*Name and address*], being a parent duly entered on the roll, do hereby nominate [*Name and address*] as a candidate for election to the Board of Governors of the Palmerston North High School at the election to be held on the day of

Dated this day of

.....

Candidate's Consent, to be subscribed at Foot of Nomination-paper.

I hereby consent to my nomination.

[*Signature of candidate nominated.*]

- (7.) If the nomination-paper does not bear the written consent of the candidate nominated such consent may be given by him to the Returning Officer before the nominations are closed, and every nomination-paper shall be void in so far as concerns any candidate whose consent is not duly given as aforesaid.
- (8.) Nominations shall close at noon on the tenth day before the day of the election.
- (9.) Forthwith after the nominations are closed the Returning Officer shall prepare and post to each elector at his address as appearing on the roll a printed voting-paper containing in alphabetical order of surnames a list of all the duly nominated candidates for whom such parent is entitled to vote ; and such voting-paper shall be in the form or to the effect following :—

VOTING-PAPER for use at Election to be held on the day of , 19 ,
of Governor of the Palmerston North High School.

CANDIDATES.

[*Set out in alphabetical order of surnames the full name of every duly nominated candidate.*]

DIRECTIONS.

The number of candidates to be elected is [*Specify the number*].

The voter may draw a line through the name of every candidate for whom he does not intend to vote ; and the number of candidates whose names are left uncanceled must not exceed the total number of candidates for whom the voter is entitled to vote.

This voting-paper must be signed by the voter and enclosed in a sealed envelope, and if posted to the Returning Officer must be posted on or before the day of election, or not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day.

The vote of [*Name of voter*] is hereby recorded as above, this day of 19 .

[*Signature of voter.*]

- (10.) The voting-paper if delivered to the Returning Officer must be delivered in a sealed envelope before the day of election, or not later than 5 o'clock of the afternoon of that day, and if posted to him must be posted in a sealed envelope on or before that day.
- (11.) The poll shall close at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of the day of election ; but all voting-papers shall be included and counted which are received by the Returning Officer in due course of post before the close of the sixth day after the day of the election.
- (12.) A voting-paper shall be informal in any of the following cases, that is to say,—
- (a.) If it is not duly signed by the parent ; or
 - (b.) If the candidates whose names are left uncanceled exceed in number the total number of candidates for whom the parent is entitled to vote ; or
 - (c.) If, being delivered to the Returning Officer, the sealed envelope containing the voting-paper is not delivered at his office before the close of the poll ; or
 - (d.) If, having been forwarded by post, the sealed envelope containing the voting-paper is not received at the office of the Returning Officer before the seventh day after the day of election, or if, from the post-mark on the envelope or otherwise, the Returning Officer is satisfied that it was not posted until after the day of the election.
- (13.) On the seventh day after the day of the election the Returning Officer shall open and examine all voting-papers duly delivered to him or received by him through the post as aforesaid, and, after rejecting all informal voting-papers, shall ascertain the candidates (not exceeding the total number to be elected) who have received the greatest number of votes of such parents, and shall declare such candidates to be elected.
- (14.) If, by reason of an equality of votes given for two or more candidates, the election is not complete, the Returning Officer shall decide by lot, in the presence of the Chairman of the Board, which candidate or candidates shall be elected, and thereby conclude the election.
- (15.) Forthwith after the completion of the election the Returning Officer shall notify to the Board and to the Minister the names of the persons elected.
- (16.) If any dispute or question shall arise touching the regularity of any election, such dispute or question shall be determined by a Stipendiary Magistrate in manner provided by "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," all the provisions of which shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply in so far as the same are applicable.
5. The Governors appointed or elected in the year 1904 shall take office immediately on their appointment.
6. One Governor out of each group shall retire on the 31st December in each year, beginning with the year 1904. The Board shall at its first meeting determine by lot the order in which the Governors

shall retire, but, with these exceptions, the ordinary term of office of each Governor shall be three years, or until the appointment or election of his successor.

Retiring Governors shall be eligible for reappointment.

7. (1.) If any Governor—

- (a.) Dies, or, by letter to the Board of Governors, resigns his seat; or
- (b.) Becomes bankrupt or of unsound mind; or
- (c.) Fails, without leave of absence previously granted, to attend at three consecutive ordinary meetings of the Governors—

he shall thereupon cease to be a Governor, and the vacancy thereby occurring shall be deemed to be a casual vacancy.

(2.) Every casual vacancy shall be filled up in the same manner and by the same appointing authority as in the case of the vacating Governor: Provided that the member appointed shall hold office only for the residue of the term of the vacating member.

(3.) Whenever a casual vacancy occurs it shall be the duty of the Board forthwith to report the fact to the Minister of Education if the vacancy is to be filled by the Governor, or to the Secretary to the Wanganui Education Board if the vacancy is to be filled by such Board.

8. (1.) The appointment of a Governor to fill up a vacancy caused by the expiry of the ordinary term of office shall be made in the first week of the month of December next preceding such expiry, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, but shall not take effect until such expiry.

(2.) The appointment of a Governor to fill up a casual vacancy shall be made not later than sixty days after the vacancy occurs.

9. The Board shall hold an annual meeting in the month of February or March in each year, at such time and place as the Board shall direct.

10. At its first meeting, and from time to time thereafter as may be necessary, the Board shall appoint a Secretary, and shall appoint him or some other person with authority to receive and to pay moneys on its account. The Board shall in each case forthwith inform the Minister of such appointment.

11. (1.) The Board shall hold its first meeting at such time and place as the Minister shall appoint.

(2.) At such meeting, and thereafter at the annual meeting, and at such other times as may be necessary, the Board shall elect a Chairman.

(3.) During the first election of Chairman a person appointed by the Minister shall preside, and during every subsequent election of Chairman the Secretary to the Board of Governors shall preside. The person presiding shall have no vote; ties shall be decided by lot.

(4.) The Chairman's ordinary term of office shall be one year, and he shall be eligible for re-election.

(5.) If the Chairman shall from any cause cease to be a member of the Board or resign the office of Chairman, the Board shall as soon thereafter as conveniently may be elect another member of the Board to be Chairman in his stead, who shall hold office only until the next annual election of a Chairman as hereinbefore provided.

12. At all meetings of the Board the Chairman, or in his absence such member of the Board as the majority of the members assembled shall choose, shall preside, and such Chairman or presiding member shall have a deliberative vote, and in all cases of equality of votes shall also have a casting vote.

At all meetings of the Board a majority of all the Governors then in office shall constitute a quorum.

13. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, there shall be vested in the Board the whole control and management of the Palmerston North High School, and also the entire superintendence over all the affairs, concerns, and property thereof, with full power to appoint and dismiss all masters, teachers, lecturers, examiners, and other necessary officers and servants; and in all cases unprovided for by the Act and the regulations thereunder, or by this scheme, it shall be lawful for the Board to act in such manner as shall appear to it best calculated to further the purposes intended to be served by the establishment of such school; and the Board shall, subject to the Act and the regulations thereunder, and to this scheme, have full power from time to time to make, alter, and rescind by-laws and regulations for defining the course of study and education in the school, and also for regulating the discipline and examination of the same, the conditions upon which the scholars shall be admitted, and the fees to be paid in respect of such admission, and, in general, touching all other matters, purposes, and things regarding the school.

14. (1.) The curriculum shall be framed so as to provide suitable secondary education for pupils intended for professional, agricultural, commercial, technical, and domestic occupations, and may include, subject to clause 15 hereof, with the sanction of the Board, any or all of the subjects named in the regulations under the Act, and such other subjects as the Minister may from time to time approve.

(2.) The programme of each pupil shall be determined by the headmaster of the school after consultation with the parents or guardian of the pupil; but no pupil shall be compelled to take Latin or to take more than one language besides English.

(3.) The net fees to be charged to those who are not holders of scholarships or free places shall be £10 per annum.

(4.) The school year shall consist of three terms of about thirteen weeks each.

(5.) The headmaster shall examine the school at the end of each term, provided that it shall not be necessary for him to examine the school in any term in which it is examined by some other person appointed by the Minister or the Board.

15. Subject to the general direction of the Governors—

(1.) The headmaster shall have control of the school buildings and premises and of the apparatus and furniture thereof.

(2.) He shall have the power to recommend the appointment or dismissal of assistant teachers or of other officers of the school, and to allot their several duties; and no assistant teacher or other officer of the school shall be appointed until the headmaster has been consulted.

(3.) He shall have the power in case of grave neglect of duty or of gross misbehaviour to suspend any assistant teacher or other officer, but shall forthwith report his action to the Chairman, who shall thereupon confirm or overrule his action until the next meeting of the Board, when the matter may be determined; but the action of the headmaster shall hold good until the Chairman or the Board has determined the matter.

- (4.) He shall be supreme over the discipline, and may suspend any pupil, reporting his action to the Board at their next meeting, and the action of the headmaster shall hold good until the Board has come to some determination in regard to the matter. He shall not expel any pupil without the sanction of the Board.
- (5.) He shall regulate all text-books, methods, and organization in accordance with clause 14 hereof, and, subject to the same clause and to the regulations under the Act, shall determine the course of study for each pupil. No prize shall be awarded without his approval.

16. The Board may license hostels or boardinghouses for the accommodation of pupils that have to live away from home, and may place such hostels or boardinghouses under the charge of teachers of the school or other suitable persons, and may provide for the inspection of such hostels or boardinghouses by any person appointed by the Board.

17. The Board may appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer, and define the duties attached to such positions.

Subject to the provisions of this scheme, the Board shall make, and may from time to time revoke, vary, and make fresh regulations for the conduct of business at its meetings, for determining how meetings shall be convened, and for such other like matters as may be requisite for the conduct of the business of the Board.

18. Minutes of the proceedings of the Board shall be regularly entered in a proper book to be kept for that purpose, and at every meeting of the Board the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read over and signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the same shall be read, and the minutes when so signed shall be held to be a true statement and record of the proceedings of the Board for all purposes whatever.

19. The Board shall keep full and accurate accounts of all its receipts, disbursements, assets, liabilities, and engagements, and shall, on or before the 31st day of January of each year, cause the same to be audited by such person as His Excellency the Governor appoints; and copies of such accounts, when audited, shall be forwarded to the Minister of Education, together with a report of the proceedings of the Board during the previous year.

20. All things required by the Act or this scheme to be done by the Board shall be done in accordance with and in pursuance of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board, and no act of the Board shall be invalid or liable to be questioned on the ground that one or more than one of the members thereof was or were incapacitated, or had ceased to hold office, or on the ground that the seat of any member was vacant.

21. The rents, profits, and income of all real and personal estate which may be vested in the Board, or granted or acquired as a site or sites or otherwise for the benefit of the school, or given, devised, or bequeathed to the Board for the benefit of the school without any trusts or powers of a different nature being expressed in the instrument so giving, devising, or bequeathing to the Board, and all reserves of land that may be hereafter made for the benefit of the school, shall be held and dealt with by the Board under and subject to the provisions of "The High School Reserves Act, 1880."

22. The rents, profits, and annual income of all real and personal estate that may be vested in the Board, together with all funds which may from time to time be derived from fees or payments made in respect of pupils attending the school, together with any annual or other allowance that may be made by the General Assembly or the Government of New Zealand, shall be applied by the Board for the maintenance of the school, and the payment of the salaries and expenses connected therewith, and for prizes, exhibitions, and scholarships for the pupils therein: Provided that the Board shall have power to set apart, if it see fit, out of the said rents, profits, and annual income such part as it considers advisable, either as an addition to the capital fund, which shall then be invested in the manner hereinafter mentioned and dealt with as part of such capital fund, or as reserve fund to meet extraordinary expenses, which shall be invested and dealt with in such manner as the Board directs.

23. With respect to any moneys bequeathed or given to the Board for the school, and with respect also to all rent, profit, and annual income set apart under the preceding section, the Board shall have power to invest the same in the purchase or upon first mortgages of freehold land in New Zealand, or upon the stocks, bonds, bills, or debentures of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, or issued by any local authority therein under any Act of the General Assembly, and may from time to time vary such investments.

24. The Board may, out of such moneys as may come into its hands by virtue of this Act or otherwise for the benefit of the school, expend any sum or sums in purchasing land and erecting and maintaining suitable buildings and premises thereon for use as school buildings, and may, subject to the approval of the Minister, expend any sum or sums in purchasing land and erecting and maintaining suitable buildings thereon for use as boardinghouses, or residences for the masters, teachers, or other officers employed in connection with the school.

25. (1.) The school shall be open at all times to inspection by the Inspector-General of Schools, and by any other person directed by the Minister to inspect the same.

(2.) Such inspection may include examination of the pupils in the subjects of instruction taught in the school.

Approved.

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