

No. 224.—Petition of ANNIE J. P. DRIVER and 24 Others.

PRAYING that training hostels be established in connection with technical schools.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

19th September, 1912.

No. 237.—Petition of THOMAS WALKER.

PRAYING for compensation in respect of extra work and money spent by him while Manager of the Boys' Training Farm at Weraroa.

I am directed to report that the Education Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.

27th September, 1912.

No. 219.—Petition of the OTAGO UNIVERSITY PROFESSORIAL STAFF (per P. MARSHALL, Chairman).

I AM directed to report that, having considered the petition of the professorial staff of the University of Otago, and the report and evidence of the Government Actuary thereon, the Committee recommends that the definition of "Education service" in section 2 of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Amendment Act, 1908, be amended by the addition of the following paragraph:—

"(e.) Under the governing body of the University of New Zealand, Auckland University College, Victoria College, Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College, and the University of Otago."

And that the benefits of the Teachers' Superannuation Fund be extended to persons included in the foregoing paragraph on the following terms:—

- (1.) Pensions for future service shall be at the rate of sixtieth for each year of service, based on the average salary for the three years previous to retirement.
- (2.) Pensions for back service shall be at the rate of one one-hundred-and-twentieth.
- (3.) The maximum pension shall be £300 per annum.
- (4.) Persons now in the service shall have an option to join the fund, exercisable within six months, but it shall be obligatory on all future entrants to join the fund.
- (5.) In cases where under an agreement with a governing body any person is entitled to an allowance on retirement, such person shall not receive both such allowance and a retiring-allowance under the Teachers' Superannuation Fund, but the retiring-allowance under the fund shall be accepted in satisfaction, or *pro tanto* satisfaction, of the allowance payable under such agreement; and in such cases the governing body may on behalf of such person exercise his option to join the fund and may pay his contribution thereto out of its ordinary revenue.

11th October, 1912.

No. 330.—Petition of KENNETH McDONALD.

PRAYING that he be granted sixtieths in lieu of one-hundred-and-twentieths for his superannuation.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.

23rd October, 1912.

No. 146.—Petition of Dr. HENRY DECK and 122 Others.

PRAYING for grant of £1,000 for erection of school in brick at Motueka.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the Department's offer is adequate.

23rd October, 1912.

No. 329.—Petition of MRS. H. HOLLAND and 30 Others.

PRAYING that domestic economy be taught and training hostels established at technical high schools.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

23rd October, 1912.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS ON THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGES OF NEW ZEALAND.

I AM directed to report that the Education Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Inspector-General of Schools on the University Colleges of New Zealand, has the honour to report that the time at the disposal of the Committee is inadequate for the due consideration of this report, and the Committee recommends that consideration of the same be held over till the commencement of next session.

29th October, 1912.