

	£	s	d.
Teacher at £5 per month	60	0	0
30 children at £6 each per annum	180	0	0
Repairs—Painting	10	0	0
“ Windows	10	0	0
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	£260	0	0

The above amount is not sufficient to enable the School to be carried on efficiently, and we believe the sum of three hundred and eighty-five pounds would be required, as shown by the following items:—

	£	s	d.
Teacher	75	0	0
30 children at £7 10s.	225	0	0
Matron or Housekeeper	35	0	0
Repairs.....	20	0	0
Extras	30	0	0
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	£385	0	0

We have here to remark on the above items that the Teacher's salary should not be less than seventy-five pounds per annum, inasmuch as that sum is not nearly equal to the wages of an ordinary Mechanic, and a smaller amount than that now recommended would most probably induce the present Teacher to resign his situation, when it would be very difficult to find a competent person to fill his place; the sum named for dieting and clothing boys at six pounds per head appears to us considerably too low; it is in our opinion a *sine qua non* that a Matron or Housekeeper should be obtained for the School, as not only would the necessary comforts of the pupils be then properly attended to but the modes of economically cooking food be taught the pupils. The sum of £20 only is placed on the Estimates this year for repairs but the buildings having been so long unoccupied have fallen much out of order and will require such repairs as can be only properly estimated by a regular survey. The sum of £30 for extras would be required for such articles as Soap, Firewood, Candles, &c.

In concluding our remarks we beg leave to suggest for the consideration of the Government the advisability of forming one or more Normal classes in Native Schools for the Education of Native Teachers.

We have, &c.,

P. WILSON, Colonial Surgeon
 JOSIAH FLIGHT, Resident Magistrate.

To the Honorable
 the Colonial Treasurer,
 &c, &c., &c.
 Auckland.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE "GREY INSTITUTION," NEW PLYMOUTH,
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1857.

For some years prior to the commencement of the present the state of the Native tribes of this Province had been such that the school had been closed and there was but little hope or prospect that any endeavors to reopen the establishment would be successful.

Towards the close of the year 1856, the hostilities which had so long prevailed seemed to be likely to cease; and the opinion was entertained at our Auckland District meeting in November, that when peace should have been restored we might be able again to collect children for a school and with that hope the Board of Education voted the sum of £225 from the Government Grant.

On returning from the district meeting it was found that the peace negotiations were progressing favourably, and of course I considered it a part of my duty to call the attention of the people to the importance of Education for their children. Various plans and proposals and promises were made with regard to their sending their children to the Institution, supplying them with food &c., but still there was evidently a feeling of misgiving on the part of the natives as to the permanency of the peace, and it was not until the latter end of February that any children were brought for the school.

I then at once opened the Institution and commenced school with two English children as day scholars, 2 half-castes and 4 natives as boarders; 2 other European children have since attended; and 1 half-caste; and the number of natives has gradually increased until the total entered on our books including all has reached 34. Of this number one death has taken place and various interruptions incident to Maori schools in general have occurred. Three or four for instance have gone to their homes to cultivate food, proposing to return by and by; and one or two have left. But my heart has been set upon making the undertaking successful. No language can set forth the importance of Education for the native youth, and I have been glad to make any sacrifice of personal comfort or of a pecuniary nature, as far as my circumstances would allow, in order that something might be done in this very essential department of Missionary duty.