

1883.
NEW ZEALAND.

E D U C A T I O N .

SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

[In Continuation of E.—8, 1882.]

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

STAFF, ATTENDANCE, FEES, AND SALARIES AT CERTAIN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Schools.	Staff.		Attendance for Last Term or Quarter of 1882.		Ages for Last Term or Quarter of 1882.					Number of Boarders.	Annual Rates of Fees.		Annual Salaries at Rate for Last Quarter or Term of 1882.
	Regular.	Visiting.	Roll.	Average.	Under 10 Years.	10 to 15.	15 to 18.	Over 18 Years.	Total.		For Ordinary Day-school Course.	For Board, exclusive of Day-school Tuition.	
FOR BOYS ONLY.													
Auckland Grammar School	11	2	168	157	7	98	62	1	168	...	£ 10 10 0 8 8 0	£ ...	(¹) 3,650 0 0
Wanganui Industrial School	2	1	53	52	6	31	15	1	53	21	{ 12 0 0 9 0 0 }	42 0 0	690 0 0
Wellington College ...	7	3	149	112	5	104	40	...	149	52	{ 13 4 0 10 12 0 }	50 0 0	(¹) 1,500 0 0
Napier Trust School ...	3	2	53	49	5	34	14	...	53	18	{ 8 8 0 12 10 0 }	35 0 0	(¹) 330 0 0
Nelson College ...	5	4	113	104	...	61	42	10	113	43	{ 15 15 0 12 12 0 }	50 0 0	(¹) 1,650 0 0
Christ's College Grammar School ...	7	4	163	159	4	92	60	7	163	65	{ 15 15 0 12 12 0 }	52 10 0 45 5 0	(¹) 2,400 0 0
Christchurch Boys' High School ...	6	3	125	116	3	89	33	...	125	...	{ 12 12 0 9 9 0 }	...	(²) 2,365 0 0
Ashburton High School ...	3	...	23	19	4	15	4	...	23	...	{ 9 9 0 9 9 0 }	...	625 0 0
Otago Boys' High School...	(³)12	1	270	254	4	182	81	3	270	37	{ 8 0 0 35 0 0 }	{ 40 0 0 35 0 0 }	3,126 0 0
Totals...	56	20	1,117	1022	38	706	351	22	1,117	236	...	...	16,386 0 0
FOR GIRLS ONLY.													
Auckland Girls' High School	12	11	193	169	6	109	70	8	193	...	{ 8 8 0 12 12 0 }	...	(¹) 1,795 0 0
Christchurch Girls' High School ...	5	4	77	71	...	44	32	1	77	...	{ 9 9 0 10 0 0 }	...	(¹) 1,185 0 0
Otago Girls' High School...	(³)10	4	172	161	5	90	75	2	172	...	{ 10 0 0 8 0 0 }	...	(¹) 1,805 0 0
Totals...	27	19	442	401	11	243	177	11	442	...	...	...	4,785 0 0
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.													
Whangarei High School ...	1	...	{ b. 7 g. 5 }	7 5	...	1 1	3 4	3 ...	7 5	...	{ 8 8 0 ...	...	200 0 0
Thames High School ...	3	2	{ b. 25 g. 27 }	24 22	...	15 21	8 6	...	25 27	...	{ 8 8 0 ...	...	(¹) 870 0 0
Timaru High School ...	7	...	{ b. 68 g. 52 }	65 47	5 6	41 22	22 20	...	68 52	...	{ 10 10 0 ...	...	1,800 0 0
Southland High School ...	6	1	{ b. 55 g. 46 }	52 42	2 1	42 28	11 16	...	55 46	...	{ 10 0 0 8 0 0 }	...	(¹) 1,350 0 0
Totals { Boys } ...	17	3	{ 155 130 }	148 116	9	99	44	3	155 130	...	...	...	4,220 0 0
Grand totals { Boys } ...	96	42	{ 1272 572 }	1160 517	47	805	395	25	1,272 572	236	...	...	25,341 0 0

(¹) Exclusive of visiting teachers, who are paid by fees. (²) Exclusive of one visiting teacher, who is paid by fees.

(³) Including four teachers who are engaged at both boys' and girls' schools.

AUCKLAND COLLEGE AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

THE Board of Governors of the Auckland College and Grammar School have the honour to report that they have, during the year ended December 31st, 1882, held twenty-two regular and four special meetings for the despatch of business.

The Board regret that, from want of a suitable site for a boarding-house, the Auckland Grammar School still remains without such an establishment. Of all the important schools in the colony it stands alone in this respect. The want of a boarding-house is severely felt throughout the entire provincial district, parents living in the country being compelled to send their sons to distant parts of the colony and to Australia for their education because the Auckland Grammar School is still unprovided with the means of boarding them. A portion of the Government House grounds, near the school, would be admirably suited for the purpose, and application was made to Parliament and to the Government during the year for an acre as a site for such a building, but without effect. The Board of Governors trust that Parliament will, at its next session, reconsider the matter and grant them the required site. Failing this being done the Board do not know how they are to supply the great desideratum of a boarding-house connected with their Grammar School and under the control of their masters.

Charles Frederic Bourne, Esq., M.A., of St. John's College, Oxford, arrived from England on the 30th January, and entered upon his duties as Headmaster at the Grammar School on the 6th February. Several changes in the teaching staff of the school have taken place during the year. M. Lenoir, French master, who left the school in the early part of the year, has been succeeded by Mr. E. R. Watkins; Mr. J. H. Tompson, natural science master, and Mr. C. A. Robertson, assistant master, resigned their respective positions; and the lamented death of Mr. W. E. W. Morrison caused another vacancy in the teaching staff of the school. The Rev. J. W. Alloway, B.A., was appointed assistant master, in the room of Mr. Robertson; the other two vacancies, occurring towards the end of the last term, were not filled up at the time. The visiting singing master, Mr. H. Gordon Gooch, having resigned during the last term, the teaching of singing has been discontinued for the present.

The number of pupils on the school roll during the year has been as follows:—

	Scholars.	Holders of Certificates.	Sons of Masters.	Capitation.	Total.
First term	22	14	2	128	= 166
Second term	20	13	2	130	= 165
Third term	19	11	2	134	= 166

As the scholars and holders of certificates from the primary schools all enter at the commencement of the year, but leave as circumstances direct, it is natural that the number of these should decrease as the year advances.

The evening classes were continued during the year, but the Board regret that they are unable to record any improvement in attendance at these classes, or to adduce any facts to show that they are adequately appreciated and made use of by the public. The following is a list of the classes, with the number of names entered for each, and average attendance during the third term of the year:—

Subject.	Names entered.	Average Attendance.
Arithmetic	12	8
Mathematics	14	7.6
English history	5	3
French	7	3.4
Latin	8	5

In all the classes the attendance was very irregular, no student having attended on more than nineteen out of twenty-seven evenings.

The annual examination of the Grammar School was held in August, and was conducted by the Rev. C. M. Nelson, M.A., and Neil Heath, Esq., Headmaster of the Girls' High School; the former gentleman in Latin, French, geography, English literature, composition, reading, and dictation; and the latter in mathematics, chemistry, history, mechanics, and physiology.

On the 24th of January F. M. P. Brookfield, Esq., one of the Senate's members, resigned his seat at the Board; Mr. E. K. Tyler was appointed by the other two Senate's members in his stead, and notice was subsequently received from the Chancellor of the University that the Senate had elected Mr. Tyler a member of the Board of Governors. Three of the Governors, Messrs. J. M. Dargaville, E. A. Mackechnie, and E. K. Tyler, retired by rotation on the 5th of April, and were re-elected.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

JOHN JAMES, Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash in hand, 1st January	2	2 0	Bank of New Zealand overdraft, 1st January	972	12 6
Rents received	2,287	7 7	Balance due to Treasurer	0	5 5
Interest	259	7 6	School salaries	3,159	0 0
School fees	1,167	3 3	Repairs to Grammar School	45	10 4
Securities realized	4,700	0 0	Books, prizes, and stationery	121	18 0
Grants from School Commissioners	69	0 3	Advertising and printing	101	16 2
Evening-class fees	42	15 6	Insurance	110	11 4
			City rates	112	6 7
			Repairs to property	1,833	15 2
			Miscellaneous	58	10 11
			Examinations, 1881 and 1882	131	6 3
			Evening-class salaries	241	0 8
			Interest on overdraft	112	17 0
			Office salaries and expenses	162	3 6
			Water and cleaning	68	5 10
			Law expenses	2	4 6
Carried forward	£8,527	16 1	Carried forward	£7,234	4 2

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1882—*continued.*

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Brought forward ...	8,527	16 1	Brought forward ...	7,234	4 2
			School furniture ...	91	3 0
			Property expenses ...	43	17 8
			Selection of headmaster ...	317	0 4
			Lighting and warming ...	30	5 10
			Elections of Governors ...	5	3 6
			Boarding-house plans ...	15	0 0
			Bank of New Zealand balance, 31st December	696	19 10
			Cash in hand ...	94	1 9
	<u>£8,527</u>	<u>16 1</u>		<u>£8,527</u>	<u>16 1</u>

Auckland, 26th February, 1883.

JOHN JAMES, Secretary.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Auckland College and Grammar School for the year ended 31st December, 1882, and that I find them to be correct.—L. A. DURRIEU, Auditor.—26th February, 1883.

AUCKLAND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Board of Education, Auckland, 11th April, 1883.

In reply to Circular No. 99 I am directed to forward the following particulars of information relative to the Auckland Girls' High School for 1882:—

The number of pupils on the roll for the last quarter of the year was as follow:—Under ten years of age, 6; between ten and fifteen, 109; between fifteen and eighteen, 70; over eighteen years of age, 8: total, 193. The average attendance during the same period was 169.

The boarding department has been discontinued since 1880 for want of the necessary accommodation.

The annual fee for the ordinary course of instruction was eight guineas (£8 8s.), including cost of stationery.

An examination of the school was held in December, 1882. A summary of the report of the examination is appended.*

In reference to the question of a building, the Board again reminds Government that the lease of the premises now occupied will end in December next. Inquiry was made during the year with a view to acquiring the Howe Street Reserve as a site, and a promise was made by Government that a Bill should be introduced to set aside the reserve accordingly, in the event of the Board making no satisfactory arrangement for the purchase of the property in Upper Queen Street. The Board will report the result of those negotiations before the Assembly meets. In the meantime I am directed to urge the need of appropriation being made (1) for the erection of a suitable building, (2) for an adequate grant, in lieu of endowment, towards the cost of maintenance.

I have, &c.,

VINCENT E. RICE,
Secretary.

The Secretary, Education Department, Wellington.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

<i>Income.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in bank at 31st December, 1881 ...	606	2 2	Salaries ...	1,848	16 4
School fees ...	1,500	4 8	Rent of school-building and premises ...	200	0 0
Government grants, balance of 1881-82 ...	600	0 0	Furniture and repairs ...	160	8 6
" on account of 1882-83 ...	500	0 0	Stationery, advertising, and printing ...	101	15 6
Grants from School Commissioners ...	69	0 3	Cleaning, labour, water-supply, and sundries	60	6 11
			Balance in bank at 31st December, 1882 ...	903	19 10
	<u>£3,275</u>	<u>7 1</u>		<u>£3,275</u>	<u>7 1</u>

VINCENT E. RICE, Secretary.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers relating to the Auckland Girls' High School for the year ended 31st December, 1882, and that I find the same to be correct.—L. A. DURRIEU, Auditor.—22nd February, 1883.

THAMES BOYS' AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

DURING the past year the Governors are pleased to say that all matters in connection with the school have progressed in a fairly satisfactory manner. Financially they are in a much better position than in previous years, the head of receipts in every instance showing an increase. The number of pupils attending the school shows a slight improvement, the average number on the roll being 52. Owing to the resumption of mining operations on the Te Aroha Gold Field the income of the Board from that source has somewhat increased, and promises to be in the future an item of great importance. The Governors trust, should the hopes entertained regarding the permanence of Te Aroha as a mining district be realized, soon to be in a position to make the institution self-supporting, and thus avoid any further application to Government for assistance. The whole of the reserve suitable for agricultural purposes has now been let on lease for a period of twenty-one years, and produces an annual rental of £285 14s. 11d.

The Governors would again most earnestly call the attention of the Minister of Education to the very great necessity that exists for the appointment of a thoroughly competent examiner for the school. From the very commencement the Governors felt that it was imperative an examiner thoroughly independent, and one who would be able to make a searching examination of the pupils, should be appointed. The Governors and the Government would then have a reliable report of the status of the

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance on 1st January, 1882	578	13 2	School-building	404	11 9
Grant from Government	200	0 0	Masters' residence	616	12 6
Rents of endowment	245	0 0	„ salaries	452	0 0
Grants from School Commissioners	315	0 11	Care of school	15	11 6
School fees	163	0 0	Advances repaid	175	0 0
Advances from Education fund	350	0 0	Crown grant	6	14 0
Expense of leases repaid	13	13 0	Sale of leases	31	8 6
			Commission on sale of leases and collection of rents	18	7 6
			Legal expenses	15	7 0
			Globes, maps, &c.	61	0 2
			Grubbing furze	8	10 0
			Printing and advertising	22	17 7
			Stationery	3	2 1
			Cartage, portorage, &c.	3	1 0
			Sundries	3	6 0
			Balance	27	17 6
	<u>£1,865</u>	<u>7 1</u>		<u>£1,865</u>	<u>7 1</u>

ASSETS and LIABILITIES on 31st December, 1882.

<i>Assets.</i>			<i>Liabilities.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash	27	17 6	Advances	175	0 0
			Unpaid accounts	7	6 3
				<u>£182</u>	<u>6 3</u>

HENRY GOVETT, Chairman.
W. NORTHGROFT, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—C. RENNELL, Auditor.

WANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL.

Wanganui, 28th March, 1883.

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Board of Governors of the Wanganui High School, to forward you the balance-sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1882, and I am directed to state that, beyond having sold part of the endowment in accordance with permission obtained, they have not any report to make.

A. A. BROWNE, Secretary.

The Secretary, Education Department, Wellington.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1882.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Grants from School Commissioner	20	0 0	Departmental expenses	23	16 0
Deposit of 1s. 3d. per cent. cash on sale of			Deeds	26	10 8
Pikopiko endowment	1,839	13 4	Funds temporarily deposited on interest	1,839	13 4
Balance	30	6 8			
	<u>£1,890</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£1,890</u>	<u>0 0</u>

W. H. WATT, Chairman.
A. A. BROWNE, Secretary.

WANGANUI INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

(Account furnished by the Right Reverend Bishop Hadfield.)

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1882.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Rents	691	19 10	Salaries	692	1 0
School Fees	388	11 0	Interest	105	8 0
			Insurance	21	7 6
			Repairs	8	11 2
			School porter	6	10 0
			Rates	43	9 0
			Advertising, printing, &c.	51	6 6
			Gas	19	6 6
			Travelling expenses (trustees)	8	1 3
			Sundries, petty cash, &c.	11	7 3
			Commission	54	0 6
	<u>£1,080</u>	<u>10 10</u>		<u>£1,021</u>	<u>8 8</u>

Wanganui, 5th February, 1883.

E. CHURTON, Attorney to Trustees.

Abstract from rolls for 1881 and 1882.

	1881.	1882.
First quarter	141	116
Second quarter	141	117
Third quarter	120	116
Fourth quarter	120	113

The Governors have, in the course of the last year, found themselves in a position to carry out a purpose which they have for many years anxiously entertained, namely, the extension of the benefits of higher education to girls. In the past, however, they have feared that the attempt to do so with scanty funds might result not only in the failure of the new undertaking, but also in injury to the old and successful one. An offer from the Board of School Commissioners for the district, in the early part of the year, to give assistance from the endowments at their disposal for the encouragement of secondary education, induced the Governors to carefully reconsider the question, and they came to the conclusion that the improved state of the funds under their own management, resulting from the successful working for some years past of the boys' college, together with the promised contribution from the fund of the School Commissioners, justified them in the foundation of a like establishment for girls. A site which the Governors consider to be well adapted for the purpose was purchased, and a contract entered into for a building adapted for the reception of about 150 pupils, including from 40 to 50 boarders.

The Governors are satisfied that the staff whose services they have succeeded in engaging will secure the confidence of parents in all parts of the colony, and the consequent success and usefulness of the institution. The Lady Principal (Miss K. M. Edger) is a graduate of the University of New Zealand, and during five years' experience as second mistress in the Canterbury High School for Girls has established a high reputation for success as a teacher and for capacity in organization. Miss Lilian Edger has also graduated M.A. in the New Zealand University, and during a comparatively short term as a teacher in the same institution with her sister exhibited an amount of teaching power which gave very great satisfaction to its governing body. Miss Milne has for some time past been engaged in private teaching in this town, and the Governors felt that they could have no higher recommendation than the estimation in which she is held by both parents and pupils. In the selection of a lady to whom to intrust the charge of the boarding establishment the Governors felt a very special responsibility, and they believe that in the appointment of Miss Bell from amongst a large number of applicants they have done all that could be done to secure that best kind of domestic supervision which parents have a right to expect at their hands.

The number of pupils whose names have been entered in the girls' college for the term beginning on the 2nd February is 80.

The accompanying table shows the number and present position of the various scholarships in connection with the boys' college.

By order of the Council of Governors.

OSWALD CURTIS, Secretary.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the COLLEGE for the Year ending 31st December, 1882.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank of New Zealand on the 31st					Scholarships—				
December, 1881	1,063	13	2	Foundation ... ..	...	...	50	0	0
Interest on mortgage securities	1,043	16	4	Endowed ... ..	...	...	84	0	0
Rents from endowments	379	15	0	Governors' fees ... ..	...	...	50	0	0
Boarding account	2,247	16	0	Exhibitions ... ..	...	...	132	10	0
Tuition account	1,355	12	6	Simmons prize (two years) ... ..	...	...	12	0	0
Stationery accounts	51	6	5	Boarding account ... ..	...	...	1,845	6	0
Suspense account	9	18	9	Tuition account ... ..	...	...	1,779	3	0
Miscellaneous receipts	47	11	0	Stationery account ... ..	...	...	88	0	6
				Repairs account ... ..	...	...	150	18	1
				Suspense account ... ..	...	...	35	1	9
				Miscellaneous expenses—					
				Audit charges ... ..	...	...	9	8	0
				Examiners' fee ... ..	...	...	25	0	0
				Insurance from fire ... ..	...	...	68	5	9
				City rates ... ..	...	...	76	16	4
				Subscriptions to college sports, &c. ... ..	...	...	20	6	0
				Appliances for science classes ... ..	...	...	14	14	11
				Printing and advertising, and office rent					
				and expenses ... ..	...	...	51	18	5
				Sundry expenses ... ..	...	...	17	18	8
				Secretary's salary ... ..	...	...	225	0	0
				Balance at Bank of New Zealand on 31st					
				December, 1882 ... ..	...	...	1,433	1	9
				Cheque in hands of secretary ... ..	...	...	30	0	0
				<u>£6,199</u>			<u>£6,199</u>		
				9 2			9 2		

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the COLLEGE for GIRLS for the Year ending 31st December, 1882.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Overdraft at Bank of New Zealand on the					Purchase of land for site ... ..	...	1,000	0	0
31st December, 1882	3,144	4	5	On account of building and architect's fees	...	...	2,088	19	6
				Legal expenses, conveyances, &c. ....	...	...	9	5	4
				Miscellaneous expenses ... ..	...	...	7	7	1
				Insurance from fire ... ..	...	...	24	7	6
				Advertising ... ..	...	...	14	5	0
				<u>£3,144</u>			<u>£3,144</u>		
				4 5			4 5		

OSWALD CURTIS, Secretary.

We hereby certify that we have examined the above accounts, and compared them with the several vouchers relating thereto, and found them correct.—H. C. DANIELL, J. T. CATLEY, Auditors.

ABSTRACT of the LOAN ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1882.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Amount outstanding upon loan on 31st December, 1881	14,004	17	6	Amount outstanding upon loan on 31st December, 1882	11,950	17	6
Balance to credit of loan account at Bank of New Zealand on 31st December, 1881 ...	1,067	12	9	Balance to credit of loan account at Bank of New Zealand on 31st December, 1882 ...	3,121	12	9
	<u>£15,072</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£15,072</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>

OSWALD CURTIS, Secretary.

ASSETS and LIABILITIES on the 31st December, 1882.

Assets.		Liabilities.		£	s.	d.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Mortgage securities—								
General endowment	9,850	17	6	Governors of college—				
Scholarship endowments ...	1,000	0	0	Amount of fees invested	1,000	0	0	
Simmons prize	100	0	0	Balance of fees due 31st December, 1881 ...	420	17	6	
Governors' fees	1,000	0	0	Fees payable for the year 1882	100	0	0	
	<u>11,950</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>	Outstanding accounts	100	0	0	
Balance of loan account at Bank of New Zealand ...	3,121	12	9	Estimated loss in collection of arrears included in assets	500	0	0	
				Balance of assets over liabilities	35,179	17	3	
Freehold property, exclusive of buildings			10,650	0	0			
College buildings	7,653	7	5					
Add repairs during 1882	150	18	1					
	<u>7,804</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>					
Less depreciation, 5 per cent. ...	390	4	3					
			7,414	1	3			
College furniture			919	1	1			
Interest due upon loans	1,091	8	0					
Rents due from endowments	261	10	0					
Board and tuition fees due	429	2	5					
			1,782	0	5			
Balance of current account at the Bank of New Zealand ...	1,555	0	9					
Less cheques not presented	121	19	0					
	<u>1,433</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>					
Cheque in hands of secretary	30	0	0					
			1,463	1	9			
			<u>£37,300</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>			
						<u>£37,300</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>

We hereby certify that we have examined the above accounts, and compared them with the several vouchers relating thereto, and found them correct.—H. C. DANIELL, J. T. CATLEY, Auditors.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Scholarships.	Tenable for	Amount per Annum.	When Obtained.	Name of Holder.	Expires.
Endowed—		£ s. d.			
Newcome	3 years	24 0 0	Christmas, 1881 ...	Andrews ...	Christmas, 1884.
Richmond	"	24 0 0	"	Johnson ...	"
Stafford	"	20 0 0	Christmas, 1882 ...	Wratt ...	Christmas, 1885.
Fell.	"	16 0 0	"	Caro ...	"
Foundation—					
1st classical	1 year	20 0 0	"	Harkness ...	Christmas, 1883.
2nd "	"	10 0 0	"	Fookes ii. ...	"
3rd "	"	5 0 0	"	Mules i. ...	"
1st mathematical	"	20 0 0	"	Talbot ...	"
2nd "	"	10 0 0	"	not awarded ...	"
3rd "	"	5 0 0	"	Heaps ...	"
Governors' fees—					
1st modern languages	"	12 10 0	"	Buckeridge i. ...	"
2nd "	"	12 10 0	"	Buckeridge ii. ...	"
1st English literature	"	12 10 0	"	Gibbs i. ...	"
2nd "	"	12 10 0	"	Kelly ...	"
Provincial—					
Nelson Town	2 years	12 10 0	Christmas, 1881 ...	Kelly ...	"
"	"	12 10 0	"	Johnson ...	"
"	"	12 10 0	Christmas, 1882 ...	Nalder ...	Christmas, 1884.
"	"	12 10 0	"	Sadd ...	"
Country	"	52 10 0	Christmas, 1881 ...	Painton ...	Christmas, 1883.
"	"	52 10 0	Christmas, 1882 ...	Deck ...	Christmas, 1884.
"	"	52 10 0	"	Plank ...	"
"	"	52 10 0	Christmas, 1881 ...	Rutherford ...	Christmas, 1883.
Marlborough	"	52 10 0	Christmas, 1882 ...	Hodson ...	Christmas, 1884.
"	"	52 10 0	Christmas, 1881 ...	Doulin ...	Christmas, 1883.
Simmons Prize	Annual	6 0 0	Christmas, 1882 ...	Buckeridge i. ...	"

This Board, being greatly discouraged and crippled by the smallness of the endowment, and being without a building of any kind, have been unable to realize the object anxiously desired by a considerable portion of the inhabitants. This Board sought help from the Government last session, and also the temporary use of a public building in the borough, to enable them to make a start in a humble way, relying to some extent on local aid. The Government reply was that no assistance could be given at present.

At a recent meeting of the Board such anxiety was evinced for a school that it resolved to appeal to the public for help, to enable the Board to rent a place in which to make a beginning—the Board still trusting that the Government will shortly see its way to assist in erecting a suitable building, on the principle, recommended by the Royal Commission in their report on secondary education, of Government first helping those who helped themselves. In a few days the sum of £97 was subscribed, and this is being added to.

The Auditor's account is herewith enclosed.

The Minister of Education, Wellington.

A. H. CUNNINGHAM,

Chairman of Board of Governors.

RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

1883.	<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	1883.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Mar. 31.—	Rent received ...	240	19	9	Mar. 31.—	Advertising and petty expenses ...			6 10 11
	Interest ...	2	13	6		Balance—			
						Fixed deposit ...	155	2	3
						Current account ...	82	0	1
									237 2 4
									<u>£243 13 3</u>
									<u>£243 13 3</u>

I have audited this account, and find it correct. The balance at the bank is accurately set forth.—
J. OLLIVIER, Provincial District Auditor.—April 25, 1883.

AKAROA HIGH SCHOOL.

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th ultimo, and, in reply, enclose a copy of the accounts of the Akaroa High School Board for the past year. Our operations have been confined to sending round a circular to the residents on the Peninsula, in order to arrive at an estimate of the number of pupils likely to attend the high school. This circular was issued in February, 1882, but the answers were not sufficiently satisfactory to induce us to take any steps to open the school at that time. On the 8th of this month a meeting of the Board was held, when it was determined to take immediate steps towards opening the school, provided we could get the use of the old immigration barracks as a class-room. Application has accordingly been made for their use, and should it be granted we are prepared to commence proceedings at once.

I have, &c.,

The Minister of Education, Wellington.

WILLIAM B. TOSSWILL, Chairman.

ACCOUNTS OF AKAROA HIGH SCHOOL BOARD.

1882.	<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	1882.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Grant from School Commissioners ...		10	10	0	Cheque-book ...		0	4	0
1883.					Stationery, printing, &c. ...		3	3	0
Rent of reserve ...		21	0	0	Clerical work ...		1	15	0
					Expenses of Act ...		1	18	8
					Balance ...		24	9	4
									<u>£31 10 0</u>
									<u>£31 10 0</u>

[NOTE.—There is a further sum of £191 10s. due to the Board for rent.]

WILLIAM B. TOSSWILL, Chairman.

ASHBURTON HIGH SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Year ending 31st December, 1882.

	<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.		<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance ...		390	8	4	Advertising, printing, &c. ...		5	0	9
Rent ...		270	15	6	Salaries—				
Grant from School Commissioners ...		100	0	0	Secretary ...		25	13	11
Interest ...		33	13	6	Headmaster ...		320	16	8
School fees ...		162	11	9	Secondmaster ...		206	5	0
Sale of books ...		20	15	5	Insurance ...		2	0	0
Balance due to bank ...		27	4	5	Mortgage ...		360	0	0
					Books, stationery, &c. ...		40	11	0
					Legal expenses, cleaning, &c. ...		29	14	2
					Scholarship examination ...		10	10	0
					Postage ...		0	7	5
					School furniture ...		4	10	0
									<u>£1,005 8 11</u>
									<u>£1,005 8 11</u>

I have audited this account, and have compared the items with the vouchers, and find it correct.—
J. OLLIVIER, Provincial District Auditor.—April 3, 1883.

TIMARU HIGH SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1882.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from 1881	309	2 8	Salaries for year	1,886	4 11
School Commissioners	133	0 0	Sundry expenses, including stationery, coals, wood, prizes, planting, and general improvements	461	14 6
Sale of reserves	2,442	11 6	Land purchase account	587	19 8
Refund of interest	51	5 11	Invested on freehold security	1,500	0 0
Interest on invested capital (half-year) of £1,500, at 7 per cent.	52	10 0	Cash in hand and bank	92	12 5
Rent of reserves for year	1,021	4 11	Cash in bank for investment	500	0 0
School fees for year	1,018	16 6			
	<u>£5,028</u>	<u>11 6</u>		<u>£5,028</u>	<u>11 6</u>

Timaru, 3rd May, 1883.

G. CHATER MILES, Secretary.

WAITAKI HIGH SCHOOL.

Oamaru, 20th April, 1883.

SIR,—

I now have the pleasure of forwarding you a report of the Board's proceedings for the past year. I may at first state that the building that was in course of erection when I last reported to you has now been fully completed. It is a very handsome and commodious structure, and reflects great credit on the architects and contractors. Owing to the fine building stone which is easily obtained in this district, the premises have been erected at a comparatively low figure. The plans have been so prepared that the present building can be easily added to when occasion requires. Due attention has been given to the laying-out of the grounds, which have been securely fenced, and suitable plantations of trees have been made. During the year twelve acres of the adjoining land have been sold, at prices varying from £100 to £171 per acre. The Board expects to dispose of some more of this property before long. In the meantime, in order to cover the expense of building operations, the Board has found it necessary to borrow £3,500 for a short period, making provision for its repayment by the establishment of a sinking fund with the proceeds of the sale of the allotments above referred to.

In order that the services of a suitable headmaster could be insured, it was resolved that applications should be sent in to the Agent-General, who was requested to associate himself with two Professors of Oxford and Cambridge.

The selection, the Board believes, has been most carefully made out of a very large number of applicants, Mr. John Harkness being the successful candidate. That gentleman is now daily expected to arrive at Oamaru, when it is intended to immediately open the school. The thanks of the Board are due to the Agent-General for the great trouble he has evidently taken in the matter, as also to Mr. Kennaway.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE SUMPTER,
Honorary Secretary.

The Secretary, Education Department, Wellington.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Year ended 31st December, 1882.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from 31st Dec., 1881—			Balance from 31st Dec., 1881—Bank overdraft	890	15 11
Bank, fixed deposit	100	0 0	Payments on account of school-buildings	2,911	19 6
Petty cash in hand	0	9 4	Ploughing, harrowing, fencing, and labour at site	96	19 0
Amount of rents collected	502	12 0	Surveys and valuations	61	16 6
Amount of purchase-money received account sale of reserves	324	4 0	Commission and charges on sales of reserves	69	17 9
Balance forward, overdraft at Colonial Bank of New Zealand	3,414	19 6	Legal expenses	62	12 10
			Printing, advertising, and stationery	21	19 0
			Interest paid Colonial Bank of New Zealand	185	15 0
			Insurance paid on buildings	9	0 0
			Clerk's salary	15	0 0
			Wages	10	0 0
			Incidental expenses	1	19 4
			Balance forward, petty cash in hand	4	10 0
	<u>£4,342</u>	<u>4 10</u>		<u>£4,342</u>	<u>4 10</u>

I certify the above to be a correct statement of the Treasurer's transactions during the period stated.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 31st December, 1882.

<i>Assets.</i>			<i>Liabilities.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance of petty cash in hand	4	10 0	Overdraft at Colonial Bank of New Zealand	3,414	19 6
Rents uncollected	287	13 7	Balance of contract for building	16	10 0
High School buildings, estimated	4,411	19 6	Balance of contract for blinds	75	14 4
Reserves vested in Board by "Waitaki High School Act, 1878"					
				<u>£3,507</u>	<u>3 10</u>

Correct.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

OTAGO BOYS' AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOLS.

Dunedin, 24th April, 1883.

SIR,—

In accordance with section 8 of "The Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools Act, 1877," and with letter No. 99, of the 29th January, 1883, from the Secretary to the Education Department, Wellington, I have the honour to forward the report of the Board of Governors of the Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools for the year ended 31st December, 1882.

Lumsden, nominated by the Governor in terms of the Southland Boys' and Girls' High Schools Act; the last-named being appointed Chairman for the year.

The number of meetings held during the year was twenty-five, and the attendance of the members as follows: Lumsden, 25 meetings; Matheson, 25; Watson, 23; Jaggers, 19; Wade, 6.

The average attendance at the boys' school for the year was 56, and at the girls', 44.

At the commencement of the year Mr. Charles McLean was appointed second master, and Mr. A. G. Stewart third master, in the boys' division. At the same time Miss Purnell was appointed head-mistress in the girls' school. At the close of the year Miss Tait, assistant in the junior class in that division, resigned, and the Board are now considering the matter of the appointment of her successor, and are offering a higher salary in order to secure a teacher with larger experience.

The Board, having in the past felt the want of provision for the inspection and annual examination of the two schools, are glad to report their having secured, with the consent of the Education Board, the services of Mr. Gammell, the School Inspector for the district, for the examination of their schools at the close of the year, whose report they expect to receive shortly.

As has before been stated in the Board's annual reports, the present school-building, although originally intended only as the girls' school, has been utilized so as to serve for both the girls' and the boys' divisions. This has been done at a disadvantage in many ways, both schools being deprived of adequate playground and other conveniences which are essential in such institutions. The Board have therefore, for some time past, been giving their attention to the matter of securing a separate school for the boys, and for this purpose received the consent of the Government to the sale of certain lands vested in the Board, with the view of providing funds for the above purposes to the full extent allowed by law.

In addition to Section 21, Wairio, sold last year, Section 41, Wairaki, has been sold on deferred payment at 20s. per acre; and part of Section 8, Wairaki District, for £500 cash. Sections 1 and 17, Block III., Gore, were also sold on terms. Sections 37 and 38, Wairio, were twice offered for sale—for cash at 20s. and 25s. per acre respectively, and on deferred payments at 25s. and 30s.; but in both cases failed to find a purchaser. The Board now propose to offer these latter properties on lease for pastoral purposes, the rabbit pest, in connection with which the Board are heavily taxed, rendering it desirable they should be in the occupation of some settler.

The lease of Section 21, Block LXVIII., Invercargill, having expired lately, the section has been again leased, at the increased rental of £30 per annum. The lease of Run 214, another of the Board's endowments, expiring in March next, the Board thought it advisable to get a report from the Crown Lands Ranger as to the capabilities of that run for pastoral and agricultural purposes. That report gave a very unsatisfactory account of the value of the property as a source of revenue to the Board, the run, with the exception of some 1,200 acres, being poor pastoral land, and being to a great extent wasted as such by the rabbit pest. The report was forwarded to the Government, with a proposal submitted by the Board suggesting the sale of some portions of the land suitable for agricultural purposes, and the leasing of the balance as two runs containing about 8,000 acres each. The Government, however, adhered to a proposal of their own, viz., to divide the run into six areas of from 1,000 to 5,000 acres each, to be offered on long leases. The Board expressed its doubts about the success of such a policy. It is a piece of extremely poor pastoral country: the whole run, 18,000 acres, only carries, as reported by the Ranger, some 4,000 sheep, and the flock is in very poor condition. The Board fears that the result will be that one or two of the best divisions of the run will be taken up, the poorer parts being left unoccupied. As, however, its early disposal was a matter of financial necessity with the Board, they felt it necessary to leave in the hands of the Government the responsibility of their own policy in dealing with that run.

I have, &c.,
GEO. LUMSDEN, Chairman.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS for Year ending 31st December, 1882.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Disbursements.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Grants from School Commissioners	107	16 2	Bank overdraft from last year	811	19 7
Reserves, rents	421	11 7	Reserves, poisoning	31	4 2
Reserves sold	1,034	15 8	Reserves, charges on sales	88	12 0
School fees, boys'	500	0 0	Stationery, boys'	27	10 10
Stationery, boys'	45	19 11	Extra subjects, boys'	46	4 0
Extra subjects, boys'	46	4 0	Cleaning, boys'	29	17 0
School fees, girls'	417	10 0	Printing and advertising, boys'	10	1 9
Stationery, girls'	28	18 9	Fuel and light, boys'	10	5 1
Extra subjects, girls'	28	7 0	Salaries, boys'	840	17 8
Interest	25	11 2	Stationery, girls'	22	16 10
Prizes, donations	4	4 0	Extra subjects, girls'	34	13 0
Balance, overdraft	170	16 9	Cleaning, girls'	29	17 0
			Printing and advertising, girls'	16	10 8
			Fuel and light, girls'	10	5 1
			Salaries, girls'	579	3 6
			Building Account	81	11 6
			Furniture	17	9 0
			Repairs	12	6 0
			Insurance	3	15 0
			Secretary's salary, including office rent, fire, and light	45	0 0
			Interest	59	11 6
			Sundries	22	3 10
	£2,831	15 0		£2,831	15 0

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

