NELSON COLLEGE.

1. Report of the Governors.

The Governors, in publishing the accounts of both colleges for the year just ended, have little to add to what may be learned from them in conjunction with the comparative return of the number of pupils upon the rolls during the last and preceding year, and the tabular statements of the number, yearly value, and tenure of the scholarships attached to each college.

The number of pupils attending the Boys' College fell off to some extent, it will be seen, during the earlier quarters of the year, but the return for the last quarter shows a number exactly corresponding with the roll for the same period in the previous year.

The roll of the Girls' College shows a somewhat marked decrease in the numbers for the latter quarters; but the decrease is owing, the Governors believe, to then existing circumstances of quite a temporary character.

At the close of the September quarter the Governors accepted with much regret the resignation of Miss Lilian Edger, the Second Mistress. They also, about the same time, lost the valuable services of the Matron, Miss Bell. The vacancies thus occurring have been filled up by the appointment of Miss C. E. M. Harrison, B.A., as an assistant teacher, and of Mrs. Joseph Mirams as Lady Matron.

The reputation of the College, the Governors are glad to be able to report, has been fully maintained at the late Civil Service Examination.

The accounts appended to this report show that the finances of the College are in a satisfactory condition, and the Governors do not feel that any comment upon them is required on their part.

By order of the Council of Governors.

Oswald Curtis, Secretary.

2. Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending the 31st December, 1884.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank of New Zealand on the 31st December, 1883	737	14	3
Interest Account	886	4	2
Rent Account	424	15	0
Boarding Account	1,697	17	8
Tuition Account	1,089	18	4
Stationery Account	41	16	3
Miscellaneous receipts	95	10	6
Suspense Account	44	17	6
	£5,018	13	8

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Scholarships—			
Foundation	60	0	0
Endowed	84	0	0
Governors' fees	62	10	0
Exhibitions	97	10	0
Simmons Prize	6	0	0
Boarding Account	1,518	5	8
Tuition Account	1,689	16	3
Stationery Account	90	6	10
Repairs Account	257	3	1
Suspense Account	19	1	0
Audit charges	7	9	0
Examiners' fees	29	8	0
Insurance from fire	75	18	3
City rates	41	9	2
Subscriptions to sports	14	0	0
Printing and advertising	20	11	6
Piano	38	0	0
Law costs	5	1	0
Office-rent and expenses	65	14	7
Sundry expenses	28	19	10
Secretary's salary	200	0	0
Balance at the Bank of New Zealand on the 31st December, 1884	607	9	6
	£5,018	13	8

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.

3. Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure of the College for Girls for the Year ending the 31st December, 1884.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank of New Zealand on the 31st December, 1883	297	6	11
Tuition Account	1,403	18	0
Boarding Account	1,131	14	0
Government subsidy	500	0	0
School Commissioners' subsidy	150	0	0
	£3,483	8	11

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Tuition Account	1,332	3	6
Boarding Account	850	14	3
Stationery Account	65	12	4
Printing and advertising	52	19	11
Insurance from fire	44	2	0
City rates	16	2	3
Gas	36	8	6
Proportion of office expenses	40	0	0
Examiners' fees	17	17	0
Auditors' fees	5	5	0
Interest on loan	336	0	0
Secretary's salary	100	0	0
Sundry expenses	42	8	1
Balance in reduction of overdraft at the Bank of New Zealand	543	16	1
	£3,483	8	11

Oswald Curtis, Secretary.

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