In regard to the junior classes, I may be permitted to draw attention to the fact that little boys are often heavily handicapped in an examination on paper, owing to their want of ability to handle and systematically arrange their knowledge.

Although I am unable to give any formal marks for spelling, yet I had occasion to notice that many of the papers were deficient in this respect.

The marks gained by the boys in their respective classes have been already placed in the hands of the Headmaster.

I have, &c.,
E. H. Gulliver, M.A.,
Late Scholar of Pembroke College, Cambridge.

The Governors of the Auckland College and Grammar School.

3.—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1884.

[Note.—This statement was received after the Appendix to the Eighth Annual Report of the Minister of Education was printed; hence the discrepancy between tables 9 and 10 in that report, and similar tables printed at the end of this paper.]

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand, 1st January, 1884 ..	44	14	0
Leasehold rents collected	3,464	0	10
Weekly rents collected, less due for 1885	610	2	0
School fees	2,505	15	0
Old buildings sold	180	10	0
Loan for addition to Grammar School buildings	2,000	0	0
Balance due Bank of New Zealand, 1st January, 1885	1,285	3	2
	£10,090	5	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Overdraft, 1st January, 1884	705	19	4
Office salary and expenses	222	6	11
Elections expenses	7	3	10
School salaries	4,021	5	0
Ditto, Ponsonby branch	267	14	9
Examinations—			
Examiners' fees	67	16	0
Other expenses	32	16	6
Scholarships	40	5	4
Books, prizes, &c.	129	7	10
Advertising and printing	13	11	6
Lighting, &c.	32	13	11
Water, &c., school	36	10	7
Ditto, property	31	17	11
School-buildings—new works ..	1,970	15	3
Repairs to buildings, &c.	51	2	3
Insurance	49	11	0
City rates	103	6	2
Parnell rates	52	5	10
Interest on loan	40	0	0
Ditto, on overdraft	40	19	0
Repairs and improvements	66	9	9
Law expenses	10	18	0
Property expenses	145	18	10
School furniture, &c.	255	12	0
Miscellaneous expenses	15	0	0
Embezzlement by late Secretary ..	1,678	17	6
	£10,090	5	0

G. von der Heyde,
Accountant.

Auckland, 5th June, 1885.

I have examined the books and vouchers as corrected for the year ending 31st December, 1884. The item of "weekly rents" cannot be accurately stated, owing to irregularities and want of details during the latter part of the year; consequently the amount of deficiency stated is approximate only, and to be taken as that ascertained to date. With these exceptions, I certify the accounts and statement of receipts and expenditure to be correct.—L. A. Durrieu, Provincial District Auditor.

Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Engagements, 1st January, 1885.

Assets.	£	s.	d.
Value of endowments	40,000	0	0
Value of Grammar School, buildings .. and furnishings	8,000	0	0
Value of other buildings, let to weekly .. tenants, old, say	1,200	0	0
Rents outstanding	235	11	3
School fees outstanding	98	0	0
	£49,533	11	3

Liabilities.	£	s.	d.
Bank of New Zealand overdraft ..	1,285	3	2
Loan for additions to school-buildings	2,000	0	0
Balance due contractors for school buildings	100	0	0
Other outstanding claims, per schedule	614	1	5
	£3,999	4	7

Engagements—Agreement with Headmaster for ten years, at £700 per annum, besides capitation allowance; seven years unexpired.

G. von der Heyde,
Accountant.

Seen.—L. A. Durrieu, Auditor, 5th June, 1885.

AUCKLAND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

1. Board's Report.

The Board presents the following report of the school for the twelve months ending the 31st December, 1884:—

The number of pupils on the roll for the last term was 228. In 1883 the number was 225. The classification of pupils according to age is as follows: Under ten years, 6; between ten and fifteen, 119; between fifteen and eighteen, 92; and over eighteen years, 11: total, 228. The average attendance for the last term of the year was 201.

The annual fee for instruction was increased to £10 10s. for the upper Forms. The fee for the lower Forms remained at the rate of £8 8s. a year.

There is no boarding department attached to the school.

The school-year was divided into three terms of equal length as follows: (1) January 30th to April 26th, (2) May 19th to August 16th, (3) September 15th to December 15th.