

6. STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1884.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.
To Balance in hand, 1st January, 1884—			By Management—		
At fixed deposit in Bank of New Zealand		600 0 0	Office salary		30 0 0
Current account		285 9 11	Other office expenses		7 2 8
Current income from reserves		268 8 1	Other expenses		1 15 0
School fees		377 17 6	Teachers' salaries		962 17 8
Goldfields revenue		563 2 7	Examinations—		
Sale of township leases		908 8 4	Examiners' fees		33 12 0
Interest on fixed deposits		18 0 0	Other expenses		12 17 6
			Prizes		10 14 0
			Printing, stationery, and advertising		22 7 0
			Cleaning, fuel, and light		37 2 0
			Sites and buildings—		
			Purchase of land		85 0 0
			Fencing, repairs, &c.		116 7 8
			Rents, insurance, and taxes		15 11 3
			Interest on current account		0 12 3
			Endowment— expenses of survey and management		26 16 6
			School requisites		114 18 6
			Balance, 1st January, 1885—		
			At fixed deposit in Bank of New Zealand		1,200 0 0
			Current account		343 12 5
		<u>£3,021 6 5</u>			<u>£3,021 6 5</u>

W. FRASER, Chairman.

RICHARD A. HEALD, Secretary.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Thames Boys' and Girls' High School for the year ending 31st December, 1884, and that I find them to be correct.—L. A. DURRIEU, Auditor, 6th March, 1885.

WHANGAREI HIGH SCHOOL.

1. BOARD'S REPORT.

SIR,—

Whangarei, 25th April, 1885.

In accordance with section 8 of the Whangarei High School Act, I beg to forward the enclosed audited balance-sheet up to the 31st December, 1884.

I am instructed by the Governors to report that the school was closed on the 31st August, 1883, from the resignation of the Headmaster, Mr. Smeaton, from ill-health, and was reopened on the 28th January, 1884, under the mastership of the Rev. J. F. Hawkes, and continued open till the 31st December, 1884, when it was closed for a period, the funds at the disposal of the Governors being exhausted. Several applications have been made to the Commissioners of Reserves for aid to keep the school open, but without success.

The Governors are sorry to report that the school has not been supported by the public as well as they could have wished, the monthly average attendance being only 7·3. Under these circumstances, and the want of funds, the Governors closed the school for a period.

I have, &c.,

WM. BEDLINGTON,

Chairman.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

2. STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1884.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.
To Balance in hand, 1st January, 1884		261 6 2	By Teacher's salary and allowances		183 6 8
Current income from reserves		5 0 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising		7 9 6
School fees		28 17 10	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.		4 2 0
Books, &c., sold, and other refunds		5 1 6	Book and stationery account, and other temporary advances		6 15 4
			Rents, insurance, and taxes		48 8 0
			Sundries unclassified (law expenses, £2 17s. 6d.; cheque-book, 2s. 1d.)		2 19 7
			Balance, 1st January, 1885		47 4 5
		<u>£300 5 6</u>			<u>£300 5 6</u>

WM. BEDLINGTON, Chairman and Secretary.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Whangarei High School for the year ended 31st December, 1884, and that I find them to be correct. I find a (comparatively) large amount of school fees are in arrear.—L. A. DURRIEU, Auditor, 10th April, 1885.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

1. BOARD'S REPORT.

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 19th March, 1885.

I have the honour to forward the following report on the New Plymouth High School for the year 1884:—

The attendance has fallen off considerably, the number on the roll on the 31st December being thirty-six, against fifty-seven on the 31st December, 1883. The decrease is attributable to the closing of the preparatory class and to the opening of the New Plymouth Central School for primary education. The Board trusts that the new arrangements for teaching the junior classes will lead to a larger attendance.