

From the foregoing estimate it may be seen that the higher boys of a school might be examined for £20 examiners' fees; add for printing, &c., £10, giving a total of £30—a very moderate burden on the resources of a school if the examination occurs only every second year.

10. The whole expense of examination shall be borne by the school examined, and shall be payable to the Registrar of the University of New Zealand as soon as the report of the examiners has been received, and the Registrar shall proceed immediately to distribute, without any deduction whatever, their fees to the examiners. The Senate shall keep a list of persons qualified to examine, selected from men and women actually engaged in secondary teaching of University rank, always provided that no member of the Senate shall, under the scheme, be an examiner of schools.

11. The Senate (or a Committee), assisted by such persons as they may call to their counsels, shall arrange such a syllabus of subjects and such a scale of marks as may secure approximate uniformity in these school examinations, and shall issue to every pupil who shall have attained a certain minimum of marks severally in not less than five subjects a leaving-certificate, which the University of New Zealand shall accept, in lieu of the matriculation examination, providing that the existing regulations of the University have been complied with as to certain compulsory subjects.

12. No pupil shall receive his leaving-certificate until he has forwarded a fee of £1 to the Registrar of the University.

13. The schools which avail themselves of this examination shall be enumerated as A, B, C, in the order of their application; but this enumeration shall be known to the Registrar only: while in the school classes everybody shall be enumerated 1, 2, 3, &c., and this enumeration shall be known only to the principal of the school examined.

14. All papers, as soon as the examination is completed, shall be arranged in order of enumeration in each class, and the whole of the papers of each class shall be packed up together as one parcel, and sent to Wellington, where the Registrar shall, on receipt of all the papers of the examinations wherever conducted throughout the colony, redistribute them to the examiner according to subjects, *e.g.*, as the Latin papers of school A, B, C, &c.

15. The examiners shall retain the papers for three months after the sending in of their report, after which they shall destroy them; and they shall report on each school in each subject severally, that is to say, Latin of School A on a folio marked School A, Latin of School B on a folio marked School B, and remit their several reports to Wellington, where the Registrar, combining all the reports in the several subjects of the several classes in School A, School B, &c., shall send such reports on to the principal of School A, School B, &c., to be dealt with as may be locally determined.

16. No report shall be reprinted for publication unless it is printed *in extenso*.

AUCKLAND COLLEGE AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Board of Governors; Meetings; Attendance.—The Board at present consists of the following gentlemen: Elected by members of the Legislative Assembly for the Provincial District of Auckland: The Hon. Sir G. M. O'Rorke, Chairman; Messrs. Graves Aickin and J. H. Upton. Elected by the Senate of the New Zealand University: The Hon. Colonel Haultain, Vice-chairman; the Rev. C. M. Nelson, and the Hon. J. A. Tole. Elected by the Auckland Board of Education: Messrs. W. S. Aldis, Theo. Cooper, and S. Luke. *Ex officio*: Mr. A. Devore. Messrs. Aickin, Devore, and Luke are new members, the first having been elected upon the resignation of Mr. F. D. Fenton, the second having succeeded Mr. W. R. Waddel as Mayor of Auckland, and the third having been elected upon the expiration of Mr. J. M. Clark's term of office. During the year twelve ordinary and ten special meetings have been held.

Staff.—At the close of 1885 the staff was reduced by one master. The resignation of Mr. A. H. Highton, M.A., who had been elected to the headmastership of the Southland High Schools, and the promotion of Mr. H. J. Carson to be master for natural science in his place, left a vacancy, to which another was added during the Christmas vacation in consequence of the death by accident of Mr. W. Tomlinson, B.A. To meet the emergency, two masters were appointed for one term only. On the resignation of one of these, Mr. B. E. S. Stocker, under medical advice, after serving for three weeks, and the expiration of the engagement with the other, Mr. W. Wright, LL.B., further reductions were made. In April Mr. J. Anderson having vacated his mastership, Mr. A. Inkersley, B.A., formerly Scholar of B.N.C., Oxford, was appointed. Yet another reduction was made in August, when Mr. G. V. Cox, B.A., left, to take up a more lucrative appointment at Hobart; and, Mr. Inkersley having recently resigned, the question whether the vacancy shall be filled has been reserved for consideration after the commencement of term. The staff at present consists of the following: Headmaster, C. F. Bourne, M.A., sometime Exhibitioner and Scholar of St. John's College, Oxford. Assistant masters: J. W. Tibbs, M.A. Oxford, sometime Tasmanian Scholar, Chief Mathematical Master; J. G. Trevithick, N.A., Drawing and Writing Master, Instructor in the Workshop; E. R. Watkins, French Master; H. J. Carson (Univ. Coll., London), Natural Science Master; J. P. E. Francis, M.A., sometime Scholar Melb. Univ.; R. Dickson, M.A. Edin.; R. H. Kirby, B.A., sometime Scholar of Cavendish College, Cambridge. Drill Instructor: J. P. Birley, formerly Sergeant, Grenadier Guards.

Roll.—The number of pupils has continued to decrease. In the first term of 1886 it was 237, in the second 207, in the third 202.

Fees.—Before the commencement of the second term it was resolved that the higher fee of £10 10s. per annum (reduced in favour of brothers to £9 9s.) should be paid not only, as previously, for boys in the upper school, but also for those in the lower school who had attained the age of thirteen years.

Scholarships, Free Education, &c.—It was also resolved, for financial and other reasons, to substitute two senior foundation scholarships of the value of £30 for one year, to be open to boys under the age of seventeen years, for the three of the value of £40 per annum, tenable for three