

from endowments, £22,703 7s. from fees, and £2,577 2s. 9d. from parliamentary grants. The parliamentary grants were voted in 1887, but payment was not made till 1888. In 1888 no money was voted for secondary schools.

AUCKLAND COLLEGE AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Board.—Of the Board of Governors of the Auckland College and Grammar School the Chairman is the Hon. Sir George Maurice O'Rorke, B.A., Speaker of the House of Representatives; and the Vice-Chairman is the Hon. Colonel Theodore Minet Haultain. The Board consists in all of ten members. The Mayor of the City of Auckland is a Member of the Board *ex officio*. Three members are elected by the Auckland Board of Education; three are elected by a constituency made up of the members of the Legislative Council usually resident within the Provincial District of Auckland, and the members of the House of Representatives of the same Provincial District; and three are elected by the Senate of New Zealand. The present members of the Board are as follows: *Ex officio*: Mr. Albert E. T. Devore, Mayor. Elected by the Board of Education: Mr. Theophilus Cooper, Mr. James M. Lennox, and Mr. Samuel Luke. Elected by Members of the General Assembly: Sir G. Maurice O'Rorke, B.A.; Mr. Frederick D. Brown, M.A., B.Sc., Professor of Chemistry and Physics in the Auckland University College; and Mr. John H. Upton. Elected by Senate: Colonel Haultain; the Reverend Charles M. Nelson, M.A.; and the Hon. Joseph A. Tole, B.A., LL.B.

Female Pupils.—In consequence of the closing of the Auckland Girls' High School, because of the cessation of the Parliamentary grant for that institution, this Board of Governors, at the request of the Auckland Board of Education, made arrangements for having a department of the school of which the pupils should be females. This department was opened in September, 1888. It is under the supervision of the head-master, who takes part in the instruction of the more advanced girls, as do also the masters for mathematics, natural science, and French. The girls' department is distinct from that of the boys', though for the present carried on in the same building. The class-rooms on the southern side, to which there is a separate entrance, and the adjacent portion of the grounds, are set apart for the female pupils, and are cut off from the rest of the premises by suitable partitions. It is considered, however, that additional endowments are needed in order that the Board of Governors may be enabled to do full justice to the girls' department with reference to buildings and otherwise.

Roll.—In the last term of 1888, the total number of pupils was 223,—viz., 145 male and 78 female. In the last term of the previous year the number was 166. On the roll of the Girls' High School, in the last term of its operation, the number of pupils was 80.

Scholarships, &c.—Free tuition in this school is given to six pupils who, in the examinations held under the Board of Education for district scholarships, were unsuccessful in obtaining scholarships, but were judged deserving of special certificates of proficiency. During the past year free tuition has been given also to ten boys who, having passed the Sixth Standard in district schools, were successful in competitive examination held under the Board of Governors for this purpose. Three senior and three junior scholarships are maintained by the Board of Governors. These scholarships are open to all candidates of both sexes within the prescribed ages, but are not tenable with district scholarships. The foundation scholars are exempt from the payment of fees. Each holder of a senior scholarship receives also an allowance of money at the rate of £20 per annum. A junior foundation scholar, if residing at a distance of more than two miles from the school, is furnished with a free railway ticket, if required. Nine Rawlings scholars have been attending during the past year.

Inspection.—The Inspector-General has visited the school, and his report is, as before, satisfactory.

Examinations.—During the past year the school has been very successful in public examinations. Pupils of the school obtained the first and the fourth of the University junior scholarships; and several others passed in the junior scholarship and matriculation examinations. Of the 15 candidates from the whole of the colony who passed in the Senior Civil Service Examination, 8 were from this school. Pupils from the school obtained the three entrance scholarships awarded in the Auckland University College.

Night-school.—For the free night-school instituted by the Auckland Board of Education in Newton East (a portion of Auckland) this Board of Governors continues to provide the services of a teacher of science, Mr. Carson, natural science master in the Auckland College and Grammar School. The average attendance at his classes has been 70.

Drawing, Workshops, &c.—Attention has been paid, as heretofore, to freehand, geometrical, and especially mechanical drawing. Good results have been obtained in the workshop.

Gymnastics.—The practice of gymnastic exercises has continued to receive attention. Mr. Francis, assistant-master, has conferred the important favour of holding voluntary classes (free) for boys and also for girls. These classes have been well attended, and are much appreciated.

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ROBERT KIDD, Secretary,