

1889.
NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION: REPORTS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

[In Continuation of E.—9, 1888.]

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS INCORPORATED OR ENDOWED.

Name.	Act of Incorporation or Institution.	Remarks.
Auckland College and Grammar School ..	1877, No. 51, Local.	Under management of Education Board. Not in operation at the end of the year.
Auckland Girls' High School	1878, No. 55, Local ..	
Thames High School	1878, No. 54, Local.	Not in operation in 1888. Act may be repealed by <i>Gazette</i> notice under Act of 1885, No. 30.
Whangarei High School	1878, No. 63, Local ..	
New Plymouth High School	1878, No. 52, Local ..	Under management of Education Board.
Wanganui High School	1878, No. 42, Local ..	Board identical with Education Board. Not in operation in 1888.
Wanganui Endowed School	[Nil]	Endowment, Reg. I., fol. 52. See also D.—16, 1866, p. 9.
Wellington College and Girls' High School	1887, No. 17, Local.	Not in operation in 1888.
Napier High Schools	1882, No. 11, Local.	
Gisborne High School	1885, No. 8, Local ..	Under management of Nelson College.
Nelson College	1858, No. 38.	
Nelson College for Girls	1882, No. 15, Local ..	Not in operation in 1888.
Greymouth High School	1883, No. 21, Local ..	Not in operation in 1888.
Hokitika High School	1883, No. 7, Local ..	A department of Christ's College, Canterbury.
Christ's College Grammar School ..	Canterbury Ordinance, 1855	
Christchurch Boys' High School ..	1878, No. 30, Local ..	Under management of Canterbury College.
Christchurch Girls' High School ..	[Nil]	Endowment, <i>Gazette</i> , 1878, Vol. 1, p. 131.
Rangiora High School	1881, No. 15, Local.	Not in operation in 1888.
Akaroa High School	1881, No. 16, Local.	
Ashburton High School	1878, No. 49, Local.	Not in operation in 1888.
Timaru High School	1878, No. 26, Local.	
Waimate High School	1883, No. 19, Local ..	Not in operation in 1888.
Waitaki High School	1878, No. 18, Local.	
Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools ..	1877, No. 52, Local.	Not in operation in 1888.
Southland Boys' and Girls' High Schools ..	1877, No. 82, Local.	

SUMMARY OF THE ACCOUNTS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1888 FURNISHED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
To Cr. balances on 1st January, 1888 ..		5,908	2	11	By Liabilities on 1st January, 1888 ..	13,160	0	3	
General Assembly's votes		2,577	2	9	Office management and expenses ..	2,291	10	9	
Endowment reserves sold		850	3	7	Teachers' salaries	32,165	13	2	
Rents of reserves .. £18,772	11 6				Boarding-school accounts	2,346	6	5	
Interest on investments	2,920 8 5				Examination fees and expenses ..	239	1	4	
Reserves Commissioners	1,818 8 0				Scholarships and prizes	1,039	1	3	
		23,511	7	11	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	1,037	2	3	
School fees		20,186	6	6	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	1,327	8	6	
Boarding-school fees		2,517	0	6	Buildings, furniture, rent, insurance, rates, &c.	5,804	14	3	
Books, &c., sold, and refunds ..		330	18	7	Interest	3,108	12	8	
Sundries not classified		5,044	10	10	Investments	2,334	10	0	
Dr. balances, 31st December, 1888 ..		14,706	1	10	Sundries not classified	4,025	3	7	
					Cr. balances, 31st December, 1888 ..	6,752	6	0	
		£75,631	15	5			£75,631	15	5
Receipts, excluding balances ..		£55,017	10	8	Expenditure, excluding balances ..	£55,719	9	2	

INCOME OF CERTAIN SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

Schools.	From Endowments.						9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.		
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.							7.	8.
	Cr. Balances on Jan. 1, 1888.	Voted by General Assembly.	Sales.	Rents.	Interest on Moneys Invested.	Paid by School Commissioners.	Total Current Revenue from Endowments (viz., Columns 4, 5, and 6).	School Fees.	Boarding-school Fees.	Stationery and Books sold, and Refunds.	Sundries unclassified.	Interest on Current Account.	Dr. Balances, Dec. 31, 1888.	Totals.
Auckland College and Grammar School	£ s. d. 65 18 7	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 2,792 5 2	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 2,792 5 2	£ s. d. 1,299 13 6	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 9 7 11	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 9 14 9	£ s. d. 4,176 19 11
Auckland Girls' High School	..	1,000 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	521 17 0	..	1198 5 11	..	..	..	1,715 2 11
Thames High School	31 6 3	300 0 0	..	701 0 10	..	..	701 0 10	129 17 0	..	..	..	..	..	1,162 4 1
Whangarei High School	25 0 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	197 2 6	..	..	..	..	..	25 0 1
New Plymouth High School	..	100 0 0	..	338 4 1	..	103 4 6	441 8 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	738 11 1
Wanganui High School	259 16 6	..	..	123 0 0	470 7 0	..	593 7 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	853 3 6
Wanganui Endowed School	..	..	..	828 12 10	..	..	828 12 10	..	..	36 10 9	..	..	197 10 5	1,062 14 0
Wellington College and Girls' High School	..	350 0 0	..	1,290 2 4	49 0 0	..	1,339 2 4	2,753 2 6	..	3 2 6	22 10 0	..	2,378 9 7	6,846 6 11
Napier High Schools	..	..	..	1,031 3 6	220 19 8	..	1,252 3 2	1,115 13 6	..	..	34,430 0 0	..	..	6,797 16 8
Gisborne High School	..	..	..	17 10 0	..	825 11 4	843 1 4	..	..	..	..	..	8 0 6	851 1 10
Nelson College (Boys)	..	..	..	511 17 6	1,076 7 10	..	1,588 5 4	873 4 41	1,295 0 0	..	37 6 4	..	192 0 0	3,815 16 0
Nelson College (Girls)	770 10 0	300 0 0	..	..	..	138 12 8	138 12 8	1,358 18 10	325 0 0	..	30 12 0	..	3,107 13 1	5,460 16 7
Greymouth High School	..	..	..	..	65 1 0	..	65 1 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	835 11 0
Hokitika High School	1,117 13 1	..	..	..	51 18 0	..	51 18 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,169 11 1
Christchurch Boys' High School	..	..	..	2,679 9 11	..	..	2,679 9 11	930 6 0	..	..	..	..	463 17 10	4,073 13 9
Christchurch Girls' High School	859 19 6	..	..	232 0 6	332 11 0	..	564 11 6	1,587 12 0	..	4 12 0	..	..	..	3,016 15 0
Christ's College Grammar School	..	..	..	1,613 2 7	112 11 8	..	1,725 14 3	3,638 18 10	..	65 2 4	6 12 6	..	5,843 14	7,111,280 2 6
Rangiora High School	..	..	..	232 14 0	..	..	232 14 0	242 4 0	..	..	..	..	131 1 9	605 19 9
Akaroa High School	233 18 1	..	..	215 4 0	10 0 0	..	225 4 0	73 3 0	..	..	..	..	..	532 5 1
Ashburton High School	..	100 0 0	..	508 16 7	..	..	508 16 7	256 18 3	..	..	..	..	390 6 1	1,256 0 11
Timaru High School	..	..	..	1,216 4 1	167 1 8	..	1,383 5 9	514 10 0	..	..	3500 0 0	..	..	2,397 15 9
Waimate High School	382 10 2	..	..	239 0 0	16 16 0	..	315 16 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	698 6 2
Waitaki High School	46 4 1	250 0 0	..	878 19 10	49 7 1	64 14 8	993 1 7	517 19 8	..	..	10 10 0	..	205 13 2	2,023 8 6
Otago High Schools	..	..	649 13 7	2,541 14 10	210 8 8	496 9 1	3,248 12 7	3,607 7 3	867 0 6	..	..	..	1,778 0	1,40,150 14 0
Southeast High Schools	2,115 6 7	177 2 9	200 10 0	721 8 11	87 18 10	189 15 9	999 3 6	567 18 4	..	18 17 2	7 0 0	..	..	4,085 18 4
Total	5,908 2 11	2,577 2 9	850 3 7	18,772 11	62,920 8 5	51,818 8 0	23,511 7 11	20,186 6 6	62,517 0 6	330 18	75,044 10 10	..	14,706 1 10	75,631 15 5

1 Investment repaid.

2 From mortgage.

3 Sale of building and furniture.

EXPENDITURE OF CERTAIN SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

Schools.	Liabilities on Jan. 1, 1888.	Expense of Boards' Management, Office and Salaries	School Salaries.	Boarding-school Account.	Examiners' Fees and Expenses.	Scholarships, Exhibitions, Prizes.	Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c.	Land, Buildings, Furniture, Insurance, Rent, Rates.	Cleaning, Fuel, Light, &c.	Interest.	Sundries unclassified.	Endowments: Proceeds Invested.	Cr. Balances, Dec. 31, 1888.	Totals.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Auckland College and Grammar School	257 6 5	294 16 2	2,779 0 6	..	15 5 9	63 9 3	87 3 7	395 13 11	96 9 8	282 15 10	1162 5 3	..	..	4,176 19 11
Auckland Girls' High School	..	43 11 2	972 0 0	..	..	16 1 0	43 7 9	349 7 7	27 19 2	4 19 5	..	..	0 10 5	1,715 2 11
Thames High School	..	48 13 2	903 8 4	..	..	..	18 5 10	112 3 11	37 8 0	0 10 2	..	..	41 14 8	1,162 4 1
Whangarei High School	24 14 4	27 8 1	572 3 4	..	..	..	4 8 2	37 0 6	41 9 8	1 0 1	..	..	25 0 1	25 0 1
New Plymouth High School	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30 6 11	738 11 1
Wanganui High School	299 12 0	5 0 0	..	..	..	..	6 4 6	708 13 0	..	..	..	..	..	853 3 6
Wanganui Endowed School ²	1,419 17 2	184 3 10	2,787 1 8	..	43 13 0	129 8 0	181 11 5	725 4 2	132 14 11	1,201 0 1	..	634 10 0	213 13 6	1,062 14 0	
Wellington College and Girls' High School	2,800 10 3	82 5 2	1,782 16 1	..	..	..	20 14 6	281 1 6	122 11 7	116 9 0	41 12 8	..	..	6,846 6 11
Napier High Schools	..	9 18 4	3,112 10 0	..	..	..	..	28 13 6	..	..	..	..	..	6,797 16 8
Gisborne High School	394 16 0	297 7 0	1,871 3 0	907 6 6	20 0 0	315 0 0	161 6 10	278 14 9	55 19 10	..	14 2 1	1,000 0 0	612 9 8	3,815 16 0	
Nelson College (Boys)	2,895 17 2	160 5 0	1,121 9 5	653 10 10	21 0 0	100 0 0	79 3 2	83 17 2	46 14 1	337 16 0	21 3 9	..	..	5,460 16 7
Nelson College (Girls)	..	7 12 6	870 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	757 18 6
Greymouth High School	..	7 19 0	..	..	..	..	..	9 13 8	..	..	..	..	..	885 11 0
Hokitika High School	364 14 2	100 2 8	2,414 1 7	..	56 14 0	28 1 0	77 11 5	600 12 2	33 15 2	360 19 8	37 1 11	..	1,151 18 5	1,169 11 1	
Christchurch Boys' High School	..	83 13 10	1,647 8 3	..	60 12 0	238 6 0	58 0 3	203 4 8	24 6 2	..	33 7 10	..	667 16 0	3,016 15 0	
Christchurch Girls' High School	1,675 17 4	364 11 7	4,573 0 4	..	16 1 0	47 17 1	48 15 0	718 1 3	144 0 6	260 12 7	3,431 5 10	..	..	11,280 2 6
Christ's College Grammar School	178 11 6	..	363 12 3	..	..	..	11 9 3	12 19 11	17 1 0	18 6 10	3 19 0	..	..	605 19 9
Rangiora High School	504 5 6	0 12 0	275 0 0	..	..	..	4 14 0	53 10 0	17 14 6	4 8 2	6 0 7	..	170 5 10	532 5 1
Akaroa High School	421 11 1	86 13 4	1,528 0 0	..	..	8 3 0	16 18 9	37 0 7	31 17 10	42 12 0	75 3 3	..	..	1,256 0 11
Ashburton High School	..	16 0 0	337 10 0	..	..	..	..	45 0 0	100 0 0	44 6 6	162 3 2	..	..	10 1 8
Timaru High School	..	94 2 3	1,256 3 4	..	5 15 7	45 0 0	12 8 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,397 15 9
Waimate High School	1,982 7 4	219 5 7	5,844 2 1	785 9 1	..	..	50 18 1	291 13 8	79 9 0	243 2 10	7 19 4	..	581 11 10	698 6 2
Waitaki High School	..	109 5 7	1,215 8 0	..	..	11 19 6	44 4 3	147 19 11	68 2 7	..	..	..	..	2,023 8 6
Otago High Schools	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,150 14 0
Southland High Schools	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,085 18 4
Total	19,160 0	3,291 10	9,821 165 18	2,346 6 5	239 1	41,039 1	31,037 2	5,804 14	31,927 8	63,108 12	84,025 3	7	2,334 10	6,752 6	075,631 15

¹ Science school, £50. Liabilities of 1887 paid off, £112 15s. 3d. ² The principal receives the fees and pays all salaries and expenses. ³ Grant for salary of master in district school. ⁴ Including £3,250 transferred to deposit account. ⁵ Including £2,166 0s. 11d. on fixed deposit.

EXTRACT FROM TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

The high schools in operation during the year are named in the following table:—

TABLE Y.—STAFF, ATTENDANCE, FEES, AND SALARIES AT CERTAIN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Schools.	Staff.		Attendance for Last Term or Quarter of 1888.						Number of Boarders.	Annual Rates of Fees.		Salaries at Rates paid at End of Year.									
	Regular.	Visiting.	Under 10 Years.	10 to 15.	15 to 18.	Over 18 Years.	Total (Roll).	Average Attendance.		For Ordinary Day-school Course.	For Board, exclusive of Day-school Tuition.	Regular Staff.	Visiting Teachers. ^a								
										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Auckland College and Grammar School	b 12	2	2	125	84	11	{ b.144 g. 78 }	207	..	{ 10 10 0 8 8 0 }	..	..	£ 2,966	11	8	91	10	0	
Thames High School ..	3	1	..	33	24	..	{ b. 37 g. 20 }	55	..	8	8	0	..	675	0	0	50	0	0		
New Plymouth High School	2	..	..	23	14	2	{ b. 21 g. 18 }	36	..	5	5	0	..	d 489	0	0	..	..	..
Wanganui Endowed School	7	..	5	69	34	5	113	110	64	{ 12 0 0 9 0 0 }	42	0	0	e 1,350	0	0	..	..	..
Wellington College ..	6	3	5	92	30	..	127	123	19	{ 13 4 0 10 12 0 }	42	0	0	1,630	0	0	25	0	0		
Wellington Girls' High School	6	4	6	60	56	3	125	113	..	{ 13 4 0 10 12 0 }	..	..	1,110	0	0	..	..	..	..
Napier Boys' High School	5	1	5	34	27	..	66	60	12	{ 9 9 0 8 8 0 }	40	0	0	f 880	0	0	..	..	..
Napier Girls' High School	4	6	2	22	15	..	39	37	4	{ 9 9 0 8 8 0 }	40	0	0	750	0	0	80	0	0		
Nelson College ..	3	3	..	24	51	6	81	g 75	23	{ 12 10 0 8 10 0 }	50	0	0	h 1,050	0	0	..	..	..
Nelson Girls' College ..	i 3	8	..	25	34	8	67	63	11	{ 12 12 0 8 8 0 }	50	0	0	i 645	0	0	..	..	..
Christ's College Grammar School	j 10	2	..	87	77	10	174	167	50	{ 18 0 0 15 0 0 12 0 0 }	52	10	0	j 3,150	0	0	132	0	0		
Christchurch Boys' High School	k 7	4	6	76	41	4	127	122	..	{ 9 9 0 6 6 0 }	..	..	k 2,230	0	0	200	0	0	
Christchurch Girls' High School	7	8	2	78	52	4	136	128	..	{ 12 12 0 9 9 0 }	..	..	l 1,193	0	0	435	0	0	
Rangiora High School ..	2	..	..	12	8	1	{ b. 16 g. 5 }	18	..	{ 10 10 0 8 8 0 }	..	..	330	0	0	..	..	..
Akaroa High School ..	1	..	..	11	1	..	{ b. 6 g. 6 }	11	..	{ 10 10 0 9 9 0 8 8 0 }	..	..	m 275	0	0	..	..	..
Ashburton High School..	3	..	3	27	7	..	{ b. 18 g. 19 }	33	..	{ 9 9 0 7 7 0 }	..	..	525	0	0	..	..	..
Timaru High School ..	5	1	5	43	31	4	{ b. 41 g. 42 }	76	..	{ 10 0 0 8 0 0 }	39	0	0	1,340	0	0	25	0	0		
Waitaki High Schools—																					
Boys' ..	3	2	1	20	21	2	44	40	13	10	10	0	38	0	0	970	0	0	52	0	0
Girls' ..	2	..	1	18	16	1	36	33	..	8	8	0	..	275	0	0	..	..	..
Otago Boys' High School	11	1	12	139	110	12	273	268	26	10	0	0	44	0	0	n 3,215	0	0	450	0	0
Otago Girls' High School	o 8	4	2	72	97	9	180	171	22	10	0	0	40	0	0	p 1,906	0	0	450	0	0
Southland High School..	4	1	..	39	22	..	{ b. 47 g. 14 }	58	..	{ 10 0 0 8 0 0 }	..	..	1,200	0	0	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	114	51	57	1129	852	82	{ b. 1335 g. 785 }	2004	244	..	..	..	23,154	11	8	1190	10	0	

^a Visiting teachers paid by fees or capitation are not taken account of in these columns. ^b Exclusive of drill-instructor and janitor, £125 and house, &c. ^c Exclusive of drill-instructor, and inclusive of estimated value of headmaster's capitation. ^d Inclusive of headmaster's capitation. ^e Salary of principal estimated. Four masters receive board and lodging in addition to salary. ^f Including a pupil-teacher at £10 per annum and free education. Two masters have houses. ^g Estimated. ^h One master has board and residence in addition to salary. ⁱ Exclusive of matron, £100, with board and residence. Two mistresses have board and residence in addition to salary. ^j Staff and salaries as at reopening of school in 1889, after reorganisation. Five masters have residences in addition to salary. ^k Exclusive of caretaker, £90, and messenger, £25. ^l Inclusive of lady principal's capitation: exclusive of caretaker, £31. ^m With house. ⁿ Inclusive of estimated value of rector's capitation. Rector also has residence. One part-time master has board and residence only. Some of the masters are employed in Girls' School also, to which salaries are partly charged. ^o Exclusive of matron of boarding-school, £150, with board and residence. ^p Inclusive of estimated value of head-master's capitation. Some of the masters are partly employed in and paid by the Boys' School. ^q This is a subsidy paid to the Education Board for the part service of drawing-master.

There is again a falling-off in the aggregate number of pupils attending these schools. The number on the rolls for the quarter ending December, 1888, was 2,120, and the average attendance 2,004. The schools at which the attendance has improved during the year are: Thames High School, Wellington College, Nelson College, Christchurch Boys' and Girls' High Schools, Waitaki Girls' High School, and Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools. The income includes £23,511 7s. 11d.

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.

25th March, 1889.

ROBERT KIDD, Secretary,

WHANGAREI HIGH SCHOOL.

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
To balance	..	£25	0	1	By balance	..	£25	0	1
		<u>£25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>£25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

W. BEDLINGTON, Chairman and Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.

THAMES BOYS' AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
To Balance	..	31	6	3	By Management (16 months)	..	40	0	0
Grant from vote of the General Assembly	..	300	0	0	Other expenses of management	..	8	13	2
Current income from reserves	..	268	3	10	Teachers' salaries and allowances (13 months)	..	903	8	4
School fees	..	129	17	0	Printing, stationery, and advertising	..	3	16	9
Goldfields revenue	..	432	17	0	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	..	37	8	0
					Site and buildings—Purchases and new works	..	50	0	0
					Rents, insurance, taxes, and legal expenses	..	36	8	9
					Interest on current account	..	0	10	2
					Endowments—Expenses of survey, sales, management, &c.	..	25	15	2
					School requisites	..	14	9	1
					Balance in hand and in bank at end of year	..	41	14	8
		<u>£1,162</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>£1,162</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

WM. CARPENTER, Chairman.

R. A. HEALD, Secretary and Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—University junior scholarships examination.—Subjects: Latin, French, mathematics, English, chemistry and electricity.*Lowest.*—Fourth Standard (district school) with French and Latin.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

Free education was granted by the school to five holders of Education Board's certificates of proficiency, twenty-three Sixth Standard pupils from primary schools, and three children of members of the staff.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
To Grant from vote of the General Assembly	..	100	0	0	By Dr. balance at beginning of year	..	24	14	4
Current income from reserves	..	338	4	1	Management	..	17	1	0
Paid by School Commissioners	..	103	4	6	Teachers' salaries and allowances	..	572	3	4
School fees	..	197	2	6	Printing, stationery, and advertising	..	4	8	2
					Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	..	41	9	8
					Fencing, repairs, &c.	..	15	13	0
					Rents, insurance, and taxes	..	21	7	6
					Interest on current account	..	1	0	1
					Law charges	..	10	7	1
					Balance	..	30	6	11
		<u>£738</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>£738</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>

THOMAS KELLY, Chairman.

E. VEALE, Secretary and Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin: Principia; and Cæsar, Bell. Gall. One pupil did higher work in translation and composition. French: De Fivas' Grammaire des Grammaires, and Molière's Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme; Dictation. Mathematics: Algebra, to end of quadratics, involving one unknown; Euclid, Books I. and II. Arithmetic: The subject generally. English: Smith and Hall's Grammar; Parsing and analysis; Tennyson's Princess. Geography: General, and Mackay's Physiography. History: Collier, with notes from other sources.*Lowest.*—Latin: Principia, Part I., exercises 1 to 20. French: Ahn's First Course, exercises 1 to 90. Mathematics: Arithmetic to fractions; Algebra, the first elements. English: Royal Reader, Book VI.; Dictation; Morrison's Grammar. Mapping. Geography: Cornwell's. History: Collier's; Stuart period and part of Brunswick period.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

Education Board Scholarships.—Seven at £4 15s. The school gives free education to these scholars.

WANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance, 31st December, 1887—			By Salary of Secretary	5	0 0
Current Account	259	16 6	Transferred to Investment Account ..	1,924	10 0
Fixed Deposit	490	0 0	Balance on 31st December, 1888 ..	213	13 6
Rent of leases	123	0 0			
Interest on mortgages	470	7 0			
Loan refunded	800	0 0			
	<u>£2,143</u>	<u>3 6</u>		<u>£2,143</u>	<u>3 6</u>

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance, 31st December, 1887 ..	6,728	12 5	By Mortgage paid off	800	0 0
Transfer from General Account ..	1,924	10 0	Balances on 31st December, 1888—		
			On mortgage	6,128	12 5
			On fixed deposit	1,724	10 0
	<u>£8,653</u>	<u>2 5</u>		<u>£8,653</u>	<u>2 5</u>

A. A. BROWNE, Secretary.

Examined and found correct—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.

WANGANUI ENDOWED SCHOOL

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Wanganui Industrial School Estate have to report that, during the past year, the school suffered a great loss by the death of the late headmaster (Rev. Dr. Harvey), to whose untiring zeal and energy the high position to which the school has attained is mainly due.

The appointment has been conferred upon Mr. W. Empson, M.A., and the Trustees have every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which the school is conducted by him; it still maintains its high character, and the number of pupils attending it is as large as at any time since its foundation.

The late Dr. Harvey collected certain moneys for the purpose of erecting a chapel for the school, and this he was enabled to accomplish with the assistance of a grant of £200 from the Trustees.

The whole of the land belonging to the School Estate is now let, the gross annual rental being £780.

This rental is chargeable with the repayment of moneys borrowed by the late Dr. Harvey for school buildings, and with interest thereon. That debt, at the 30th June last, amounted to £2,270 16s. of which a sum of £700 is due on the 1st January, 1892; the remainder is being paid off by monthly instalments.

O. WELLINGTON, Chairman.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Current income from reserves	828	12 10	By Dr. balance at beginning of year ..	299	12 0
Law costs refunded	0	10 6	Management—		
Insurance refunded	1	3 3	Salary	40	13 6
Insurance Company <i>re</i> fire	34	17 0	Other expenses	7	11 0
Dr. balance at end of year	197	10 5	Survey	6	0 0
			Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	6	4 6
			Site and buildings—		
			Purchases and new works	179	5 0
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	98	11 4
			Insurance and taxes	169	5 6
			Interest on current account	255	11 2
	<u>£1,062</u>	<u>14 0</u>		<u>£1,062</u>	<u>14 0</u>

O. WELLINGTON, Chairman.

CHAS. P. POWLES, Secretary.

Audited and found correct—A. FILMER, Accountant, 7th January, 1889.

WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Latin: Cicero; Virgil; Livy; Horace. Greek: Thucydides; and passages from Tragedies. Mathematics, including Euclid, algebra, and trigonometry. English. French. Science, including biology and mechanics. Divinity. Drawing. Shorthand. The standard aimed at is that of the Junior University Scholarship.

Lowest.—Elementary Latin; arithmetic; English, including reading; history and geography; writing.

SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

Headmaster's Scholarships.—Four valued at £33; one valued at £21; two valued at £12.

Education Board's Scholarships.—At £40, three; at £20, one.

Bishop of Wellington's Scholarship.—At £12, one.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

THE Governors of the Wellington College and Girls' High School have to report that in terms of the Wellington College and Girls' High School Act of 1887 a new Board has taken office, and the funds of the two institutions, excepting such as are held specially in trust for either of them, are now amalgamated.

Both the institutions have done good work during the past year, but, as mentioned in the last report, the Governors have been greatly hampered by want of funds and by the burden of interest which they have had to bear through the exceptional treatment to which Wellington has been subjected by having to provide its own school-buildings. They are not only prevented from working the institutions to the best advantage, but their position is so seriously embarrassed that they will have to consider whether they can carry on their work unless the Government will relieve them by paying off the moneys borrowed for buildings. The pledge given by Sir Robert Stout when Premier and Minister of Education, that the Government would assist the Board, has never been carried out, and the Board would urge that something may be done next session to put their finances on a better footing.

The Governors take this opportunity of referring to the report of the Provincial District Auditor on the Girls' High School accounts for 1887, which is full of inaccuracies. The Auditor states that a sum of £141 12s. 8d. was charged against the ordinary income, but should have been charged against a Loan Fund Account. This is manifestly absurd. There was no Loan Fund Account, and the Governors had a right to spend income on the new buildings if they thought fit. The sum of £104 4s., expended on account of the new building, was paid out of the Building Fund—not nominally charged against it, as the Auditor says; and this was explained to him. His statement, that "there is a balance of a sum transferred from the Ordinary Account to a so-called Building Account," is not correct. There was a Building Account, a balance of the first grant from Government for the expenses of starting the Girls' High School, which was kept separate, and the £104 4s. was charged against it. There is nothing in the Wellington College Acts prohibiting the Board from incurring an overdraft. The remarks of the Auditor about the arrangements under which the Girls' High School building was erected are extraordinary. The whole matter was explained to him. The Governors had proper control over the expenditure. Their architect was in charge of the building, and upon his certificate the contractors from time to time took credit for sums expended, and from the dates of such certificates interest began to accrue. The Auditor says, "The course pursued by the Trustees in this matter is considered to be in direct contravention of law." So it may be, in the Auditor's opinion; but the action of the Governors is supported by the opinions of several of our best lawyers, such as Sir R. Stout, Mr. H. D. Bell, and Mr. A. de B. Brandon. The Governors have not gone outside the law. The Act authorises them to mortgage the rents and profits, but not to give the power of sale over the land; this is what they have done: they have mortgaged the land without giving power of sale to the mortgagees. This enables the mortgagees, in case of default, to enter on the land and take the rents and profits, but gives them no power over the land beyond that; and therefore the land is not alienated or assigned over to any person in the sense stated by the Auditor. The action of the Governors with reference to the real estate intrusted to them was not extraordinary, but simply in accordance with the powers given them by the Act of 1878, under which they established the Girls' High School. The Auditor invites the attention of the Government to the "peculiar construction" of "The Wellington College and Girls' High School Act, 1887," and states that it was evidently not the intention of the Legislature that the incomes of the Wellington College and Girls' High School should for the future form one common fund. Here again the Auditor's opinion is at variance with that of two of the above-mentioned lawyers—Sir R. Stout and Mr. Bell; and the Governors can hardly be blamed if they have followed their advice instead of Mr. Macalister's.

The Board ask that this report may be printed in the parliamentary papers, as that of the Provincial District Auditor appeared in the papers laid before the House last session.

CHAS. P. POWLES, Secretary to the Board.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Boys' High School.

Highest.—Latin: Cicero, De Senectute; Virgil, Æneid, V.; Bradley. French: Waterloo; composition, Chardenal, Part II. Euclid: six books. Algebra: To the binomial theorem. Trigonometry: To the end of solution of triangles. Chemistry: Organic. History: 1689 to 1837. Geography: Physical and general. English: Morris's Historical English Grammar; Shakespeare, Henry IV. and Henry V. Arithmetic: General. Drawing: Geometrical, perspective.

Lowest.—About Third Standard work.

Girls' High School.

Highest.—English: Milton, Lycidas; Shakespeare, Henry IV. and Henry V.; Morris's Historical English Grammar. History: George I. to Victoria (Bright, Vol. iii.). Literature: Elizabeth to Anne. Geography: Europe and America. Latin: Cicero, De Officiis; Virgil, Æneid, II.; Principia Latina, IV. Arithmetic: Whole subject. Algebra: To binomial theorem. Geometry: Euclid, Books I., II., and III. French: Macmillan's Third French Course; Gèriezery, Histoire de la Littérature Française, Vol. ii.; Molière, Les Femmes Savantes; Erckmann-Chatrian, Le Conscrit. Astronomy: Second-year course. Chemistry: Second-year course, non-metallic elements. Physiology and Laws of Health. German: Otto and Die Karavane.

Lowest.—Reader No. 3. Grammar: Parts of sentences, parts of speech, easy analysis and parsing. History: Richard II. to William III. Geography: Asia and North America. Physical Geography: Rivers, lakes, rain, &c. French sentences; verbs *avoir* and *être*; Bué, Exercices i. to xvi. Arithmetic: Simple and compound rules. Needlework. Freehand drawing. Botany. Drill.

GISBORNE HIGH SCHOOL.

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£ s. d.
To Current income from reserves ..	17 10 0	By Management ..	9 18 4
Paid by School Commissioners ..	825 11 4	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	17 18 0
Dr. balance at end of year ..	8 0 6	Cash on fixed deposit ..	700 0 0
		Rates ..	10 15 6
		Grant for salary of assistant master in Public School, Gisborne, in terms of section 4 of "The Gisborne High School Act 1885 Amendment Act, 1887"	112 10 0
	£851 1 10		£851 1 10

W. L. WILLIAMS, Chairman.
C. A. DE LAUTOUR, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.

NELSON COLLEGE.

1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

THE Governors are unable to make a very favourable report of the progress of either college for the year just ended, as the number of pupils in the Boys' College has remained stationary, and the number in the Girls' College has sensibly decreased, while the reductions in expenditure which they felt themselves compelled to make at the commencement of the year could only begin to take effect in the last half of it, and to a large extent in the last quarter.

The same state of things exists to an equal, if not to a greater, extent in almost every secondary school in the colony, and appears to arise from three causes: the first being the greatly-increased competition caused by the recent establishment of colleges or high schools in almost every town of any considerable size in the colony; the second being the want of private means to pay for higher education, arising from the long-continued depression in almost every pursuit and industry; and the third being the reduction in the subsidies heretofore granted by the Legislature, as in the case of the Nelson College for Girls.

The reduction in the Principal's salary, which, amongst other retrenchments, the Governors found it necessary to make, induced Mr. Ford to resign his appointment with a view to return to England. Mr. J. W. Joynt, M.A. of Trinity College, Dublin, has been appointed to supply his place, and will enter upon his duties at the end of March. The very high testimonials which he has placed in the hands of the Governors as to his attainments, teaching power, and personal character, convince them that Mr. Joynt will make a most efficient head of the Nelson College.

The division of the school year into three terms instead of four quarters has now come into operation, and it is hoped that the change will prove satisfactory to parents and advantageous to pupils.

By order of the Council of Governors.

OSWALD CURTIS, Secretary.

GREY RUSSELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

1888. Receipts.			1888. Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
1 Jan. Balance brought forward ..	43	17 6	Paid J. Watt, half-year's instalment of scholarship ..	20	0 0
Rent from farm on Signal Hill ..	4	7 6	Ditto ..	20	0 0
Interest	54	1 7	31 Dec. Balance in bank ..	28	5 0
			Cash in hand, received after bank hours ..	54	1 7
				82	6 7
			Less unpaid cheques ..	20	0 0
				62	6 7
	<u>£102</u>	<u>6 7</u>		<u>£102</u>	<u>6 7</u>

Capital Account.

To Amount invested on mortgage			By Capital		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in bank, 31st December, 1888 ..	750	0 0	.. .. .	1,000	0 0
	250	0 0			
	<u>£1,000</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£1,000</u>	<u>0 0</u>

D. M. STUART, Chairman, High School Board.
C. MACANDREW, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.

RICHARDSON CADET CORPS FUND.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

1888. Receipts.			1888. Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
1 Jan. Balance brought forward ..	166	6 9	Paid Otago High School Cadet Corps	26	10 0
			31 Dec. Balance—		
			In Colonial Bank of New Zealand	89	16 9
			Invested on mortgage ..	50	0 0
	<u>£166</u>	<u>6 9</u>		<u>£166</u>	<u>6 9</u>

Capital Account.

To Amount deposited in Colonial Bank of New Zealand			By Original capital		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
.. .. .	179	12 0	.. .. .	150	0 0
			in shares sold current	29	12 0
			year, profit..		
	<u>£179</u>	<u>12 0</u>		<u>£179</u>	<u>12 0</u>

D. M. STUART, Chairman, High School Board.
C. MACANDREW, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.

3. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Boys' School.

Highest.—Latin: Translation of passages unseen; selected portions of authors; continuous prose; grammar, philology, and criticism. English: English language and literature—King Lear; Chaucer's Prologue to Canterbury Tales; philology and criticism. French: Translation—selected portions and passages taken from authors of repute; composition and grammar. German: Translation—selected portions and passages taken from authors of repute; composition and grammar. Mathematics: Euclid, first six books; algebra, to end of quadratics, indices, and surds; arithmetic, the whole subject, problems; trigonometry, to end of solution of triangles. Science: Chemistry and physics, complete course of elementary inorganic chemistry, with practical laboratory work; mechanics and hydrostatics, elementary, as required for the Medical Preliminary and Junior Scholarship Examinations.

Lowest.—Latin: Declensions of nouns, substantive and adjective; comparison of adjectives; conjugations of regular verbs; rules on gender, &c. English: Reading, spelling, and dictation; outline of British history from B.C. 55. Elementary physical geography. French: Rules for number and gender, &c.; conjugation of *avoir, être*, and the regular verbs; translation and retranslation of easy sentences. Arithmetic: The four simple rules, and easy questions on the money-tables. Drawing: Freehand. Gymnastics: According to a fixed course. Object Lessons: According to a fixed course.

Girls' School.

Highest.—English: Chaucer, The Nonne Prestes Tale; Shakespeare, King Lear; Johnson, Rasselas; Macaulay, Essay on Boswell's Life of Johnson; History, the Roman Republic; Historical English Grammar, Morris; composition, &c. Latin: Virgil, Æneid, Book V.; Cicero, De Senectute and Somnium Scipionis, passages from De Amicitia; Horace, Selected Odes and Satires; at sight translation—Æneid, Book VII., Sallust's Catiline; grammar, composition, &c. French: George Sand, L'Enfance; Chardenal's Exercises for Advanced Pupils; grammar, etymology, and composition. German: Fasnacht's Grammar; Meissner's Lesebuch. Mathematics: Arithmetic, the whole subject; algebra, to quadratic equations; geometry, Euclid, Division A, Books I.—IV., and VI., Division B, Books I.—III.; trigonometry (Lock's), Division A, the whole, Division B, Chapters I.—XI. Science: Botany, the Morphology and Physiology of the Botanical Types specified in the Junior Scholarship Schedule; Chemistry, the Non-metallic Elements, Revision of the Metals. The Senior Division have revised the whole of Organic Chemistry.

Lowest.—English: Reader, Globe, No. IV.; History, William I. and Henry VI.; Geography, Australasia, British Isles; Physical Geography, explanation of geographical terms, &c.; Grammar, simple analysis and parsing; Object Lessons, simple lessons on common objects, with a view to subsequent composition on the subject of lesson. French: Chardenal's First French Course. Arithmetic: Division A, compound rules in money, avoirdupois, apothecary, troy, lineal, and square tables, mental arithmetic; Division B, simple and compound rules in money, and mental arithmetic.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

Boys' School.

Otago Education Board.—At £40, ten; at £20, sixteen.

Grey Education Board.—At £50, two.

Girls' School.

Otago Education Board.—At £40, seven; at £20, nine.

Free education is given to the holders of Education Board scholarships, and also to candidates at the scholarship examinations who gain 50 per cent. of the attainable marks. The numbers attending the schools under the latter concession at the end of the year were—Boys' school, 8; girls' school, 6.

SOUTHLAND HIGH SCHOOLS.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

SIR,—

Invercargill, 29th April, 1889.

I have the honour to forward the following report of the operations of the Board during the year 1888:—

When the year began the Board comprised Messrs. Lumsden and Carswell, appointed by His Excellency the Governor; Messrs. Matheson and Preshaw, elected by the Southland Education Board; and Mr. Tapper, the Mayor for the time being. The only change during the year was the election of Mr. T. Fleming as Mayor of Invercargill, who is now, therefore, a member of the Board, the other members having been reappointed by His Excellency the Governor and the Education Board respectively. Mr. Lumsden was re-elected Chairman.

The Board has, during the year, been constituted a leasing authority under the provisions of "The Public Bodies Powers Act, 1887," and has exercised its right to reduce the amount of rent in one or two instances in which excessive rents were paid.

The Board has for some time contemplated making a change in the curriculum of the schools with the view of giving parents and guardians a choice of either a classical or modern course of education; and also of including chemistry in the subjects taught. In order to effect this it was necessary that a change should be made in the staff of teachers; all the assistant teachers therefore received notice that their services would be dispensed with at the end of 1888, and a new staff was advertised for. A great number of applications was sent to the Board, and a very efficient staff has been secured. Mr. W. E. P. Austin, B.A., of Oxford, was appointed first assistant on the boys' side, and Mr. W. Macalister, B.A., of New Zealand, second assistant. Miss E. Pitcaithly, M.A., of New Zealand, was elected to the position of first assistant in the girls' school, and Miss A. E. Waterhouse second assistant. A scientific lecture hall and chemical laboratory has been erected and fully equipped, and the Board has every reason to expect that the change will prove of great advantage to the school. It is hoped also that, with renewed commercial prosperity which is now becoming manifest, parents will avail themselves of the superior education offered at our high schools.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

CHARLES ROUT, Secretary.

