

In reply, I am directed to inform you that, in the absence of the information (asked for by telegram of the 2nd instant) as to the particulars of the alleged misconduct on the part of the teacher at her interview with the Chairman of the School Committee at the school on the 17th November, the Board cannot express an opinion upon the suspension of the teacher, and deems it unnecessary to deal further with the matter.

It has been decided to remove Miss Wrigley to another school, and the Board will take an early opportunity to consult the Committee regarding the appointment of her successor.

I have, &c.,

VINCENT E. RICE, Secretary

The Chairman of the District School Committee, Fairburn's Road.

SIR,— Education Board, Auckland, 22nd December, 1893,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram and letter dated the 17th and 18th respectively, asking for copies of all correspondence addressed to the Board by Mr Christensen since the election of School Committee in April last, and also for all letters, if any, from the teacher.

In reply, I am directed to refer you to my letter of the 20th instant, and to state that, as the Board has already decided to give effect to the Committee's request for a change of teacher, further action is considered unnecessary.

I have, &c.,

VINCENT E. RICE, Secretary

The Chairman of the District School Committee, Fairburn's Road.

SIR,— Fairburn Road, Mangonui, 30th December, 1893.

"*Re* school-register in table-drawer. Whitehead refuses the keys of drawer, teacher having so instructed him. I await instructions."

I sent you the foregoing in telegram the 27th instant. No reply received yet.

Replying to your 1969/93, I have ascertained from Mr. Prosser that the number of his section is 103, Kaiaka.

I am, &c.,

THOMAS FISHER, Chairman.

The Secretary, Board of Education, Auckland.

SIR,— Fairburn Road, Mangonui, 30th December, 1893.

I acknowledge receipt of letters of 20th and 22nd instant, in which the Board now concedes the Committee's demand for a change of teacher. The Committee, however, have been up till now slandered systematically, and intimidated. An inquiry would establish the truth, and expose the parties who deserve exposure.

I deem it my duty to request that the Board grant an inquiry, or, at least, some arrangement by which the Committee are exonerated from blame.

I remain, &c.,

THOMAS FISHER, Chairman.

The Chairman, Board of Education, Auckland.

SIR,— Education Board, Auckland, 8th January, 1894.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters, dated the 30th ultimo, asking for an inquiry into matters relating to the Committee's request for a change of teacher, and to inform you that your letter will be submitted to the Board at its next meeting on the 30th January instant.

I have, &c.,

VINCENT E. RICE, Secretary

The Chairman of the District School Committee, Fairburn's Road.

SIR,— Education Board, Auckland, 8th January, 1894.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and telegram dated the 27th and 30th December ultimo respectively, relating to the school-registers.

In reply, I am directed to say that these documents are not the private property of the teacher; and that it was understood from Miss Wrigley that the drawer of the school-table in which they were left was not locked. The Board will therefore feel obliged if you will kindly cause the registers to be forwarded to this office as soon as possible, in order that the necessary return required by the Government may be prepared therefrom.

I have, &c.,

VINCENT E. RICE, Secretary.

The Chairman of the District School Committee, Fairburn's Road.

SIR,— Fairburn, 15th January, 1894.

Replying to 2169/93 letter from the Secretary of the Board of the 8th instant date, *re* school-registers in table-drawer, we cannot comply with your request to forward you the school-registers, for the very sufficient reason that we cannot get possession of them. Miss Wrigley surely could not have informed you that the drawers were open, because she knows they are locked, and we have both written and verbal refusals of the keys of these drawers. Miss Wrigley has informed me by letter that she has placed the keys in the hands of Thomas Whitehead here (her agent in the matter), so that Miss Wrigley is still in possession of the keys and drawers.

Together with another member of the Committee, I applied to Whitehead for these keys and he refused them. I then telegraphed you, and have since confirmed my telegram in letter of the 30th ultimo, asking for your instructions. You do not give any instructions. You seem not to understand, for you say, "It was understood from Miss Wrigley that the drawers of the school-table in which they were left was not locked." I can only repeat that it is locked, and the Committee has been unable to get possession.