WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL.

1. Report of the Board of Governors.

The year 1908 was an eventful year for this Board. The decease of Rev. G. Barclay, who for many years had presided as Chairman, was deeply felt as a severe loss; his long experience not only as Chairman of this Board, but also as member of other Educational Boards, and his devotion to the interests of education, contributed to render his services very valuable, and his loss a heavy one. Not only the vacancy caused by death of the Chairman, but the resignations of two attentive and experienced members of the Board—Messrs. W. B. Howell and W. Coltman—caused vacancies hard to be successfully filled by the elective bodies which they represented. Combined with these losses was the loss by death in 1907 of one of the oldest and most experienced members of the Board, Mr. G. Manchester. The Board now consists of the old members—the Rev. A. S. Morrison, Dr. Barclay, Mr. J. Sinclair, and Mr. W. H. Beckett—with the newly elected members—Messrs. N. M. Orbell, W. M. Hamilton, R. Inkster, and E. D. Sanders—Dr. Barclay being Chairman.

The high-school work of the Waimate District High School, as helped and subsidised by this Board, has been very successful in the progress and attainments of the pupils of the High School during the year. Nineteen holders of scholarships of this Board have done very well. Three female pupils were appointed as teachers in schools of South Canterbury Education District near the close of the year; and two male pupils obtained good situations after successful attendance.

The results of examination of candidates for the Board's scholarships for 1909 (not yet officially known in full) are expected to be successful.

This Board during 1908 paid its 19 scholarship-holders the sum of £158 2s. 6d. The three teachers under South Canterbury Education Board were subsidised by this Board to obtain higher-class teachers, to the extent of £90; and one assistant young teacher was paid by this Board £40. The Board recently changed the time for holding scholarships from one year to two years. It paid £38 11s. 9d. for books for High School pupils, being 50 per cent. of the price of the books; such books to be the property of the pupils. Other expenditure consisted of £10 to technical classes for High School scholars; £7 8s. 6d., prizes to High School scholars; £13 17s. 9d., printing, stationery, and advertising. The Board recently shifted its office quarters from the Courthouse, in which it meetings had been held since establishment of the Board in 1883, to a new office, for which £10 a year is paid. Other expenditure mentioned in the annual financial statement for the year, including Secretary's salary of £20, amounted to £29 6s. 2d., making the total expenditure £397 6s. 8d. during the year.

The Board, not having sufficient funds to erect and endow a school of its own, considers it is doing good educational work in paying scholarships, subsidising teaching staff of South Canterbury Education Board for High School works, providing books, prizes, &c., and encouraging education.

The Board wishes to mention to the Department the good work done in secondary education by Mr. Pitcaithley, headmaster; Mr. Laing, second master; and Mr. C. Foweraker, assistant, which has raised this High School to a high state of success and efficiency.

The total income of the Board has recently increased by rise in rental of endowments, and amounted in the year 1908 to £467 5s. 6d., including rents and investments.

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1908.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	2,582	8	8
Current income from reserves	354	5	6
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	109	10	0
Other receipts—			
Interest on fixed deposit	3	10	0
Refund	3	16	0
	£3,053	10	2

Expenditure.	£	s.	d
Management—			
Office salary, Secretary	20	0	0
Other office expenses—Rent	10	0	0
Postages	2	0	0
Grant towards teachers' salaries and allowances	130	0	0
Technical classes	10	0	0
Grant towards candidates' expenses ..	0	7	0
Scholarships	158	2	6
Prizes	7	8	6
Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	13	17	9
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	1	3	6
Books	38	11	9
Interest on current account	0	2	6
Other expenditure—			
Solicitor's account, 6s. 8d; merit board, £1	1	6	8
Members' travelling-expenses, £3 12s. 6d; bank charge, 10s.	4	2	6
Exchange	0	4	0
Balance at end of year	2,656	3	6
	£3,053	10	2

H. C. Barclay, Chairman.
G. H. Graham, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—J. K. Warburton, Controller and Auditor-General.

WAITAKI HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. F. Milner, M.A.; Mr. G. H. Uttley, M.A.; Mr. M. K. McCulloch, M.A.; Mr. D. S. Chisholm, M.A.; Mr. H. H. B. Allan, M.A.; Mr. R. C. Ongley; Miss M. McCaw; Sergeant-Major Bishop.

Girls' School. — Miss V. M. Greig, M.A., B.Sc.; Miss A. C. Finlayson, M.A.; Miss A. Watt, B.A.; Miss M. G. McCaw; Sergeant-Major Bishop.

1. Report of the Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors beg to report a successful year, and a continued increase in the number of scholars at the boys' school, the roll at the girls' school remaining about the same.

During the year the additions to the boys' school were completed, and are now ready for occupation. Notwithstanding the additions, the demand for admittance is considerably in excess of the accommoda-