

Practising Department.

Class Teachers : Messrs. Lindsay, Kneen, Millar, and Hewat ; Misses Stevens and Huie. Mathematics : Mr. Lindsay. Book-keeping : Mr. Kneen. French : Mr. Montgomery. Sewing, &c. : Miss Fitzgerald. Drawing : Mr. Hutton, Miss Wright. Music : Messrs. Kneen and Millar. Military drill : Sergeant-Major Stevens.

REGULATIONS OF OTAGO NORMAL SCHOOL.

I. Candidates for training shall be arranged under the following classes :—

- (a.) Pupil-teachers who have attained their 18th year in the case of males, and their 17th year in the case of females, and who have satisfactorily completed their turn of apprenticeship, or whose transference to the Normal School has been approved by the Board.
- (b.) Untrained assistant teachers, and teachers who have been employed in the Board's schools, and have been recommended by the Inspectors of Schools for a course of training.
- (c.) Other persons, not over thirty-five years of age, who have furnished the Board with satisfactory certificates of good moral character and sound health, and who are free from any bodily infirmity likely to impair their usefulness as teachers. The Board does not bind itself to admit all candidates of this class who may pass the entrance examination, but only such numbers as may from time to time be specified.

II. Candidates of Classes A and C shall pass an entrance examination prior to their being admitted as students in training. The entrance examination shall be that prescribed for pupil-teachers of the first class in the Board's Regulations of 15th September, 1874.

III. Provision shall be made in the Normal School for the instruction of students in training ; but to all students who shall pass the matriculation examination of the Otago University permission shall be given to attend certain classes in that institution, under such regulations as may hereafter be made.

IV. Students of Classes A and C shall be examined at the end of the first and second years for provisional certificates of III. and II. Classes respectively, in accordance with regulations (September 15, 1874). If unsuccessful in passing either of these examinations, they may, on the recommendation of the Examiners, remain in training for another year ; but by a second failure they shall forfeit all claim to further aid from the Board.

V. Students of Classes A and C who succeed in passing the prescribed examinations, and whose conduct continues to give satisfaction, shall remain in training not more than two years. Students of Class B shall remain in training for the term prescribed, when recommended for training by the Inspectors of Schools.

VI. Students in training shall be paid monthly, or quarterly, at the rate of £ per annum in the case of males, and at the rate of £ per annum in the case of females. In no case shall any of the above payments be made unless certificates of attendance and good conduct, signed by the Rector of the Normal School, are produced.

VII. Every student shall, prior to admission to training, sign a declaration or bond containing the following provisions : That he intends *bonâ fide* to adopt and follow the profession of teaching ; that he shall attend regularly throughout the course of training until he shall have obtained the lowest-grade certificate, or shall have received permission from the Board to discontinue attendance, or until he shall have received notice of the withdrawal of maintenance allowance ; that he shall, on the successful completion of his course of study and training, teach in schools under the Board for a period of not less than two years ; and that in the event of his failing to comply with any of the foregoing conditions he shall refund to the Board all moneys expended on his behalf during his training. The Board may at any time require security for the refunding of such moneys.

The Practising School.

The Practising School shall be placed, as far as practicable, upon terms of perfect equality with the Dunedin district schools as regards the rates of school fees, the amount and quality of the instruction given, the school hours, holidays, &c.

COLLEGES AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

REPORT ON THE AUCKLAND COLLEGE AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SIR,—

The College and Grammar School, Auckland, 29th March, 1878.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25th instant, and in reply to submit the following brief report, as supplementary to the printed report dated 23rd July last.

While the average attendance for 1875 was 159, and that for 1876 171, the average for the past year was 191, and the number enrolled for the current quarter is 206.

The following is a summary of the work done during the year in the several departments of the Upper School :—