

which is irksome both to them and to the teachers. It is disagreeable to be constantly sending written complaints about this matter, and I feel sure that a little more knowledge by the parents of what is required would do away with the difficulty. This might be attained by a visit to the school now and then.

I have to thank my fellow-teachers for their continued and willing help in the management and conduct of their respective classes.

The Education Board, as usual, gave a gold and a silver medal, and books for the class prizes. I return my cordial thanks to several kind friends of the school for prizes given by them for special subjects. These were—Miss Dalrymple, Victoria and Fanny prizes; the Hon. Sir John Richardson's two prizes for diligence, order, and punctuality; his Worship the Mayor's prizes for English composition; Mr. Maurice Joel, two prizes for diligence; Mr. James Smith, of Greenfield, a silver medal and a silver locket; Messrs. Brown, Ewing, and Co., a silver medal; Mr. D. Brent, two gold crosslets; Mr. James Wilkie and Mr. John Reith, each two handsome books; Messrs. Kohn and Co., two prizes for writing; and another friend, a silver brooch and pendant, for German. The teachers' special prizes were—Miss Huie for French and German, Miss McGregor for improvement, Miss E. M. Huie for improvement and neatness in home-work, Misses Smith and A. M. Burn for class-work, Mr. Thomson for science, and Mr. Peattie for writing, printing, and illumination. I gave, as usual, a silver medal.

Miss Montgomery was dux of the school this year, and has eminently fulfilled the expectations formed of her when she gained the District School Provincial Scholarship three years ago. I may mention, in this connection, that three out of the seven former duces of the school were also Provincial scholars, and had laid the foundation of their education in the district schools.

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MARGARET GORDON BURN,
Lady Principal.

The Secretary to the Education Board.

REGULATIONS OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

I. *Regulations for auditing Accounts of School Committees.*—Dated 23rd January, 1878.

[Vide *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 9, 24th January, 1878.]

1. Every School Committee shall, not less than three days before the fourth Monday in the month of January in the present and every succeeding year, submit its accounts for audit to some qualified person appointed by the Committee.

2. Such person shall have access to all the books and accounts of the Committee and any of its officers, and shall examine the general statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Committee and verify the same with the accounts and vouchers relating thereto, and shall either certify under his hand the same as found by him to be correct, duly vouched, and in accordance with law, or specially report to the Education Board of the district in what respects he finds it incorrect, unvouched, or not in accordance with law.

3. This regulation shall apply to the accounts of every School Committee constituted prior to or after the coming into operation of "The Education Act, 1877."

II. *Regulations for auditing Accounts of Education Boards.*—Dated 13th March, 1878.

[Vide *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 25, 21st March, 1878.]

1. Every Education Board shall, during the month of March in the present and every succeeding year, cause its accounts to be made up for the year ending the thirty-first day of December previous, and shall submit the same for audit to the Auditor appointed for the purposes of the said Act in or for the district for which such Board is constituted.

2. Every such Auditor shall have access to all the books and accounts of the Board and any of its officers, and shall examine the general statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Board, and verify the same with the accounts and vouchers relating thereto, and shall either certify under his hand the same as found by him to be correct, duly vouched, and in accordance with law, or specially report to the Minister of Education holding office for the time being under "The Education Act, 1877," in what respects he finds it incorrect, unvouched, or not in accordance with law.

3. These regulations shall apply to every Education Board constituted prior to or after the coming into operation of "The Education Act, 1877," and shall come into force upon the thirteenth day of March instant.

III. *Regulations for calculating Attendance at Public Schools.*—Dated 28th May, 1878.

[Vide *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 49, 30th May, 1878.]

1. The head teacher of each school shall keep a register of attendance in a form which shall be furnished by the Minister of Education; and all the teachers in the school shall assist in making up weekly and quarterly summaries of attendance.

2. The attendance of the scholars in each school shall be registered *every* morning and *every* afternoon at a convenient time within the school hours.

3. The average daily attendance shall be ascertained by dividing the total number of morning and afternoon attendances taken together by the total number of times (morning and afternoon reckoned separately) that the school has been open during the period for which the computation is made. The