

MONDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1880.

The Commission met at Canterbury College at 10 a.m.

Present: Professor Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, Professors Sale, Shand, and Ulrich, and, later, the Hon. G. M. O'Rorke (Chairman).

On the motion of Professor Sale, the chair was taken by the Rev. W. E. Mulgan.

On the motion of Professor Shand, seconded by Professor Cook, *Resolved*, That the question of further provision for secondary schools (Topic II.—F) be considered to-morrow morning.

The following paper was laid on the table:—A letter from the Auckland College and Grammar School, enclosing a statement of accounts for the year 1879.

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, seconded by Professor Cook, the Commission resolved itself into a Committee for the further consideration of the draft reports on Topic III. (Medical Schools), Topic X. (Endowments), Topic I., and Topic VI.

The Commission having resumed, progress was reported, and the Committee obtained leave to sit again.

The Hon. G. M. O'Rorke here entered and took the chair.

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, seconded by the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, the Commission went into Committee to consider Topic X.

The Commission having resumed, progress was reported, and the Committee obtained leave to sit again.

On the motion of Professor Shand, seconded by Professor Ulrich, *Resolved*, That the Secretary send a telegraphic message to the Rev. T. Buddle, asking him to explain an apparent discrepancy between the evidence given at Wellington by Mr. W. Clark, and the statement of accounts made by the authorities of the Three Kings Institution, with regard to a sum of £206.

The Commission adjourned, to meet again at the same time on the 17th instant at 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1880.

The Commission met at Canterbury College at 11 a.m.

Present: The Hon. G. M. O'Rorke (Chairman), Professor Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, Professors Sale, Shand, and Ulrich.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A reply was read from the Rev. G. Cotterill, Bursar, Christ's College Grammar School, stating that there are two Junior Somes Scholarships, offered every year, one for boys under thirteen and the other for boys under twelve, and both tenable for three years; that their annual value is £35 for pupils boarding at the College, and £15 for non-residents; and giving particulars as to the other scholarships offered at the school.

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, the Commission resolved itself into a Committee for the further consideration of Topic II.—F and Topic VII.—I.

The Commission having resumed, progress was reported, and the Committee obtained leave to sit again.

The Hon. G. M. O'Rorke moved the following resolution: (a.) That, whenever the residents in a district can satisfy the Minister of Education that, if a grammar school were established in such district, there would be an attendance of not less than forty pupils, paying fees of not less than £10 each, the promoters or governors of the school shall be entitled to receive out of the Consolidated Fund the sum of £2 for every £1 so paid in fees, provided that no such school shall be erected within five miles of an existing grammar school. (b.) That the primary schools within the district should be entitled to send to such grammar school, free of cost, one pupil annually for every ten pupils paying fees; admission to be granted by means of scholarships tenable for three years. (c.) That such grammar school should be provided with a classical and English master at not less than £400 per annum, a mathematical master at £400 per annum, and a junior master at £200 per annum. (d.) That the Government should, to the extent of £500, contribute pound for pound towards the erection of such grammar schools.

The Chairman having put the resolution as a whole, the Commission divided:—Ayes, 2: Hon. G. M. O'Rorke, the Rev. W. E. Mulgan. Noes, 4: The Rev. W. J. Habens, Professors Sale, Shand, and Ulrich.

The motion was accordingly negatived.

The Hon. G. M. O'Rorke moved, and the Rev. W. E. Mulgan seconded, That accommodation for boarders should be provided for in the headmaster's house at all secondary schools, the boarding charge to be £50 per annum, and to be paid direct to the headmaster.

The motion was put, and negatived.

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, the Commission adjourned, to meet again at the same place on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1880.

The Commission met at Canterbury College at 3 p.m.

Present: The Hon. G. M. O'Rorke (Chairman), Professors Brown and Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, and Professor Ulrich.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A telegram, in reply to the Commission's inquiry, was read from the Rev. Thomas Buddle, Principal, Wesley College, Three Kings, stating that "£106 is shown as received from the Trustees of Educational Properties, in the Treasurer's Account, 1878, page 29, Appendix to the Interim Report;"