

EXTRA SUBJECTS.

All the classes will be examined in singing and drill, and the two upper classes in elementary drawing.

V.—SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES, &c.

(1.) The Government has in contemplation the drawing up of a scheme under which Maori children may receive scholarships to enable them to prosecute their studies after leaving the village schools. Whatever plan may be finally adopted, one of its chief features will be, that the scholarships will be given to the most proficient of the children who have regularly passed all the Native School Standards.

(2.) Prizes for regular attendance shall be given to the children belonging to Native Schools. The allowance shall be at the rate of 3s. per child (on the strict average attendance for the year.) The prizes shall consist of useful articles of clothing. No child that has been absent from school for more than one-tenth of the whole school time shall be entitled to a prize.

(3.) Every child passing the examination for the Third or for the Fourth Standard shall receive from the Inspector a certificate of his having so passed. This certificate shall be pasted on the inside of the cover of a strongly bound book of tales or fables such as are likely to be interesting to young Maoris. The book shall be called a "Reward Book," and shall be the property of the child.

(4.) The Government will give a subsidy of £1 for £1 to a reasonable amount, for the purpose of providing the material for such games as cricket, quoits, foot-ball, croquet, and lawn-tennis. This material is to be used by the scholars only. The master will be expected to take charge of it and to see that it get fair usage.

(5.) Books and material that are no longer fit for use in school may be condemned in the presence of some Government officer. They may then be stamped, and distributed among the children for use at home.

(6.) It is desirable that Maori children should learn singing and acquire a taste for music generally. The Government will therefore grant a subsidy of £1 for £1 to districts in which the Maoris subscribe money for the purchase of an harmonium.

VI.—MATERIAL FOR SEWING.

(1.) The Government will send to every sewing mistress a stock of material, such as calico, prints, wincey, flannel, and dungaree, and of implements such as needles, thimbles, scissors, &c. This material shall be made up into useful articles of dress by the girls at their sewing lessons. These articles shall then be sold to the Maoris, for cash, at the cost price of the materials. The sewing mistress of each school will be required to keep a Dr. and Cr. account of materials received and articles sold. At the end of the year this account must be closed, and the value of the balance of materials on hand must be carried forward to the next year's account.

VII.—GIRLS MAY BOARD WITH TEACHERS.

(1.) Married teachers may receive into their houses, one by one, the girls belonging to their schools, if the Department is satisfied that proper arrangements are made for their reception. Girls so received into a teacher's house shall learn to do the work of the house, but shall attend school regularly, and shall be treated as boarders and not as servants. They shall remain in the house for three months each, and the teacher will receive from the Department an allowance of £2 for the board and lodging of a girl for that period. In special cases the time may be extended to six months, and the allowance to £4.

VIII.—PERIODICALS SUPPLIED.

(1.) The Department will be prepared to supply to any Native School the "Illustrated London News," the "Graphic," or "Harper's Weekly." The papers are to be kept at the school for one month for the use of the children. They are then to be handed over to the Chief of the district in order that the Maoris in the settlement may have an opportunity of seeing them. The Chief will return them before receiving a fresh supply. These periodicals will be forwarded regularly to the Masters that send in applications for them. The papers must be cut and stitched as soon as they arrive at the school.

IX.—CLASSIFICATION OF TEACHERS.

(1.) The Teachers of Native Schools shall be divided into five classes, viz.:—Uncertificated Teachers; Fourth Class, Third Class, Second Class, and First Class Certificated Teachers.

(2.) Teachers already employed by the Department will be classified according to their efficiency as gauged by their past success. Any such teacher objecting to the classification offered him may undergo an examination and try to gain a higher position. In the event of his being unsuccessful, he will in no case lose the position already assigned to him.

(3.) Teachers wishing to be examined may at any time give notice to the Department to that effect. Arrangements will be made for holding the examination within six months after the date of such notice.

(4.) The subjects of examination with the marks assigned to each subject are the following:—

<i>Reading</i> .—To read a passage from an English author with proper emphasis and expression, and to give the meanings of the words and sentences therein contained...	MARKS. 200
<i>Writing, Spelling, and Composition</i> .—To write a neat legible hand, to spell correctly from dictation, and to write a short essay on a familiar subject	200
<i>Arithmetic</i> .—The Simple and the Compound Rules, and Reduction; Fractions, vulgar and decimal; Practice, Interest, and Proportion, with easy problems founded on these rules	200