College, and Mr. J. Wilson Martin, of the Scotch College, Hobart Town, Tasmania, were appointed to the respective offices of head master and second master of the Boys' High School.

Duties of Teachers.—In the Girls' High School the lady-principal instructs the highest classes, and directs and supervises the teaching throughout the school; the first assistant takes the second division of the school in the various branches of English; the mistress of languages instructs in French, German, and Latin; the second assistant teaches the lowest division of the school; and the visiting teachers instruct in drawing, and instrumental and vocal music respectively.

Attendance.—The number of pupils on the roll of the Girls' High School for the first term of the year was 46; for the second term, 43; for the third term, 42. The average daily attendance was as follows: For the first term, 40·579; for the second term, 40·161; for the third term, 37·174. The ages of the pupils on the roll during the month of December were as follows: Under 10 years, none; over 10 years and under 15 years, 23; over 15 years and under 18 years, 19.

Classes.—The Girls' High School is divided into three classes, viz., A (the highest), B, and C. Classes A and B have each two divisions, and C is undivided. This arrangement existed in the month of December. In that month the numbers of pupils in these classes were as follows: In class A1, 4; in class A2, 13; in class B1, 10; in class B2, 9; in class C, 6. The subjects of study in the month of December were as follows: In class A (both divisions), arithmetic, algebra, English composition, dictation, drawing, Euclid, English grammar (including analysis), French, geography (local and physical), history (English and European), Latin, needlework (plain and fancy), science (elementary), singing, and writing. In class B1 the subjects of study were the same as class A, omitting Euclid. In class B2 the subjects were the same as class A, omitting algebra, analysis, Euclid, and Latin. In class C the subjects taught were arithmetic, grammar, geography (local), history (given by oral lessons), object-lessons, reading, dictation, composition (very elementary), spelling, singing, writing, poetry, needlework (plain and fancy).

Inspection.—The Girls' High School was inspected by the Inspector-General of Schools in the month of November. When the Board was apprised of the intended visit of the Inspector-General, it was supposed that the school would be examined as well as inspected by him, and accordingly no arrangements were made by the Board for any examination. When it was found that Mr. Habens had confined himself to the inspection of the school, there was not sufficient time before the close of the school to admit of arrangements for an examination being made.

Scholarships.—There are no scholarships attached to the schools, and none of the pupils hold any of the scholarships established by the Southland Education Board.

Pupil-boarders.—No arrangements have yet been made for the accommodation of pupil-boarders.

Fees.—The following is the scale of charges for the day pupils of both schools: Upper division, £12 per annum; lower division, £9 per annum; German, £4 10s. per annum extra; drawing, £4 10s. per annum extra.

School Buildings.—Reference was made in the Board's Report for the year 1879 to the commencement of the building intended for the Girls' High School. That building is now approaching completion, and it is anticipated that it will be fit for occupation at the beginning of the first term of 1881. The accommodation which that building will afford being much more at present than is absolutely required for the Girls' High School, the Board has resolved to carry on the boys' school there temporarily, and a division of the premises is being made for that purpose. This, however, is entirely a temporary measure, as the Board proposes to erect a boys' school as soon as funds from the sale of some of its rural reserves have been obtained. The Board also contemplates erecting houses for the accommodation of the head master of the Boys' High School, and the head mistress of the Girls' School respectively, and probably also for accommodating pupil-boarders for each school.

Income and Expenditure.—A statement of the income and expenditure of the Board for the year 1880 is appended.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

Charles Rout, Acting Secretary.

Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1880.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To School fees	688	18	9
Rents of reserves	480	11	11
School Commissioners (for secondary reserves)	52	8	4
Paymaster-General, for buildings ...	2,000	0	0
Donation for prizes	2	2	0
Deposits on contracts	19	0	0
Balance overdraft	556	6	9
	£3,798	7	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought forward from last year ...	71	18	7
Teachers' salaries	867	13	2
Music and drawing teachers' fees ...	178	12	0
Stationery and prizes	36	11	4
Printing and advertising	55	11	6
School furniture and fittings	6	10	0
School appliances	44	16	6
Rent	201	10	0
Cleaning	43	8	0
Fuel and light	8	3	0
Inspection and examination	22	1	0
Building account	2,178	9	10
Legal expenses (reserves account) ...	7	4	6
Secretary's salary, including office rent, fire, and light	30	0	0
Sundries	16	16	0
Interest on overdraft	8	18	10
Cash in hand	20	3	6
	£3,798	7	9

I have examined this account and compared it with the Treasurer's books and vouchers, and I certify it to be correct.

H. Livingston, Auditor.

By Authority: George Didsbury, Government Printer, Wellington.—1881.