

The Board appointed as headmaster Mr. Ernest Pridham, M.A., of Trinity College, Dublin, and the school was opened on the 30th January with an attendance of thirty scholars. The headmaster's salary at present is £300 per annum with residence and a capitation allowance of £1 per head.

The scholars' fees are to be £4 each for one in a family, and £2 each for each additional boy of the same parents.

The master has already urged the great want that he feels of an assistant-master, owing to the very different attainments of the scholars; but the funds at the Board's disposal are at present insufficient to allow of one being appointed.

I have, &c.

The Hon. the Minister for Education, Wellington.

HENRY GOVETT, Chairman.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1881.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st January, 1881	...	...	388	0	10	Building High School	...	...	1,530	16	0
Grant from Government	...	...	400	0	0	Furniture	...	...	80	0	0
Deposit from Bank of New Zealand	...	...	1,500	0	0	Plans and working drawings	...	...	113	0	0
Interest on ditto	...	...	65	9	6	Making drain	...	...	26	0	0
Rent of cottage	...	...	6	10	0	Legal expenses	...	...	9	19	6
						Insurance	...	...	1	17	6
						Grubbing furze on site	...	...	6	11	0
						Advertisements and telegrams	...	...	9	11	2
						Trap-hire and cartage	...	...	1	0	0
						Books	...	...	0	12	0
						Allowance to country members of the Board	...	...	2	0	0
									1,781	7	2
						Balance	...	...	578	13	2
									£2,360	0	4

ASSETS and LIABILITIES on 31st December, 1881.

<i>Assets.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Liabilities.</i>			£	s.	d.
Cash	...	...	578	13	2	Contracts	...	...	707	0	0
						Unpaid accounts (estimated)	...	...	50	0	0
									£757	0	0

WM. NORTHCROFT, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—C. RENNELL, Auditor.—New Plymouth, 31st January, 1882.

WANGANUI INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

(Account furnished by the Right Reverend Bishop Hadfield.)

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<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
Rents	...	...	587	17	5	Salaries	...	...	595	16	8
School fees	...	...	158	15	0	School porter	...	...	26	0	0
Balance	...	...	90	14	8	Prizes, &c. (two years)	...	...	48	4	6
						Firewood	...	...	11	10	0
						Repairs	...	...	41	5	1
						Rates	...	...	18	3	0
						Advertising, &c.	...	...	17	3	0
						Interest on overdraft	...	...	29	11	0
						Trustees' travelling expenses	...	...	4	4	0
						Insurance	...	...	7	12	6
						Postage and exchange	...	...	0	10	9
						E. Churton's commission on £746 12s. 5d., at 5 per cent.	...	...	37	6	7
									£837	7	1

Amount of school fees accrued during the year, £172 15s.