Subjects taught.—The subjects taught in the Girls' High School during the year have been—English (including grammar, analysis, composition, dictation, derivations, study of an English classic), History of England, geography, botany, Latin, French, German, arithmetic, algebra, Euclid, singing, and drawing. In the Boys' High School the following subjects were taught: Greek, Latin, French, German, Euclid, algebra, arithmetic, English (in all its branches), geography, history, animal physiology, and drawing.

Teaching Staff.—In the girls' school Miss Spence was headmistress at the beginning of the year, and Miss Christie second teacher. In April Miss J. M. Tait was appointed junior assistant-teacher, and in July Mr. J. Von Tunzelmann was appointed teacher of German. In the month of September Miss Spence resigned her appointment as headmistress, terminating her engagement at the end of the year. Mr. W. H. Tait has been visiting teacher of drawing during the year. In the boys' school at the beginning of the year Mr. Blanchflower was headmaster, Mr. J. W. Martin second teacher, and Mr. Tait visiting teacher of drawing. In the month of July Mr. J. W. Martin resigned, and Mr. J. R. Maguire was appointed to fill his place.

Attendance.—The number of pupils on the roll of the girls' school has been as follows: First quarter, 55; second quarter, 60; third quarter, 48; fourth quarter, 48. The average daily attendance was as follows: First quarter, 47; second quarter, 54; third quarter, 38; fourth quarter, 43. The ages of pupils on the roll at the end of the year were as follows: Under ten years, 2; over ten and under fifteen, 26; over fifteen and under eighteen, 20. The school at the end of the year was divided into three classes, with the following numbers in each, viz.: In Class 1, 16 pupils; in Class 2, 21 pupils; in Class 3, 11 pupils. The number of pupils on the roll of the boys' school has been as follows: First quarter, 45; second quarter, 48; third quarter, 54; fourth quarter, 57: with an average daily attendance of—first quarter, 40; second quarter, 46; third quarter, 44; fourth quarter, 51. The ages of pupils on the roll at the end of the year were as follows: Under ten years, 4 pupils; over ten and under fifteen years, 44 pupils; over fifteen and under eighteen years, 9 pupils. The school was divided into three classes, with the following numbers in each: In Class 1, 23 pupils; in Class 2, 17 pupils; in Class 3, 17 pupils.

Fees.—The fees charged during the year have been as follows: Upper division, £10 per annum; lower division, £8 per annum; German, £4 4s. per annum, extra; drawing, £4 4s. per annum, extra.

Reserves.—In the month of June a portion of Section 21, Wairio District, was sold for £100 cash, and in September the remainder was sold by auction at £3 8s. per acre, realizing £1,670 2s. 8d., of which one-fourth, £417 10s. 8d., was paid in cash, the balance to be paid by annual payments extending over three years, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

Buildings.—The Board contemplated erecting a school building for the boys. It was thought that the amount realized by the sale of some of the Board's endowments would have supplied funds for this purpose, but a sufficient sum has not yet been obtained to warrant the Board in taking any steps in the direction indicated. It has therefore been necessary to continue the occupation by the boys of part of the school building originally intended for the girls exclusively.

Income and Expenditure.—A statement of the income and expenditure of the Board for 1881 is appended hereto.

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The Hon. the Minister of Education. GEO. LUMSDEN, Chairman.

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

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	20	3	6
Reserves, secondary	167	5	2
Reserves sold	517	10	8
Reserves, rents	430	0	5
School fees, boys'	466	17	6
School fees, girls'	486	4	10
Prizes, donations	5	5	0
Furniture and fittings	3	12	0
Stationery, boys'	12	16	3
Stationery, girls'	0	3	2
Extra subjects, boys' fees received	34	13	0
Extra subjects, girls' fees received	61	19	0
Balance	811	19	7
	£3,018	10	1

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Bank of New Zealand overdraft from last year	555	6	9
Building account	689	6	6
Current expenditure (on account, 1880)	83	6	1
Reserves	35	4	5
School furniture and fittings	84	13	10
Interest	35	5	8
Salaries, boys'	778	16	1
Salaries, girls'	493	4	1
Printing, &c., boys'	17	13	10
Printing, &c., girls'	12	0	8
Fuel and light	14	15	0
Sundry expenses	5	2	9
Cleaning	42	15	0
Secretary's salary, including office rent, fire, and light	30	0	0
Fees for extra subjects, boys'	34	13	0
Fees for extra subjects, girls'	61	19	0
Stationery, boys'	14	18	3
Stationery, girls'	3	6	2
Repairs to building	1	13	0
Insurance	4	10	0
	£3,018	10	1

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.