

rally. The following extracts from the report of Messrs. Overton and Rennie, the farm examiners, speak for themselves, and show that good work is being done. Speaking of ploughing they state: "In August we inspected the ploughing and sowing, and we noticed a great improvement in this branch of farming since our last examination. Four of the students did so well with the double-furrow plough that we gave them as high as ninety points, which means that we considered their work better than ordinary farm-ploughing. Of shearing: We again visited the farm in November for the purpose of examining the students in shearing. We were much struck with the interest the students took in this part of their education. Of stacking: The corn was stacked with a view to wet weather, and we noticed at threshing time that the hearts of the stacks were so thoroughly filled up that it was almost impossible for rain to get in." Referring to the stock they say: "The draught and young stock are all looking well, also the dairy cows, and we had great pleasure in looking at a fine herd of about twenty breeding heifers. We had a good look round the sheep, and are pleased to report that they are all in good condition, and the lambs looking well." And conclude a long report as follows: "The Director seemed to have the whole institution well in hand, and to have laid down a good course of study for the students. We have no hesitation in saying that they have a chance of acquiring a large amount of useful knowledge—that is, if they care to avail themselves of it, and to become, not only theoretical but thoroughly practical farmers." They also suggested the advisability of occasionally changing the farm examiners. This met with the approval of the Board, and for the future one examiner will be changed annually. To show the opinion of others than those connected with the institution on the school, the following extract from the agricultural column of the *Weekly Press* will be of interest. Speaking of the results of the tests made at the school on imported grass and forage plants, experiments in crossing sheep, and also of analyses of manures, the writer—who is a well-known expert on agriculture—says, "In concluding this brief review, we believe our readers will join with us in recognising the valuable work which is being generally carried on at the Lincoln School of Agriculture, and in admitting that its value to the State is of no mean order."

2.—ABSTRACT of the ACCOUNTS of the CANTERBURY COLLEGE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at bank, 1st Jan., 1887	1,470	14 6	College—		
Rents—			Fees for Professors	1,405	8 6
Classical and superior schools	6,914	4 6	Salaries	5,260	11 11
Technical School	1,456	13 7	Maintenance	1,170	14 4
Boys' High School	2,682	15 1	Exhibitions	100	0 0
School of Agriculture	970	12 0	Buildings	1,345	1 0
Medical School	392	1 10	Boys' High School—		
Girls' High School	232	0 6	Salaries	2,357	4 10
Interest on loans	4,734	5 0	Maintenance	489	6 8
College—			Girls' High School—		
Fees of scholars	1,405	8 6	Salaries	1,297	14 8
Boys' High School—			Fees	359	15 3
Fees	766	10 0	Maintenance	336	2 9
Girls' High School—			Scholarships	74	0 0
Fees	1,548	15 0	School of Agriculture—		
Grant	100	0 0	Salaries	1,380	3 4
School of Agriculture—			Board of students	1,066	5 0
Fees	1,281	10 0	Students' travelling and labour	205	14 2
Produce and various	1,311	10 6	Farm labour	797	2 6
Public Library—			Live stock, seeds, manures, &c.	478	15 11
Subscriptions and fines	445	3 11	Maintenance, repairs, insurance rates	965	2 10
Subsidy	50	0 0	Public Library and Reference—		
School of Art—			Salaries	249	0 0
Fees	238	2 0	Books, maintenance and reference	613	15 5
Grant	300	0 0	Museum—		
Laboratory	16	13 7	Salaries	840	13 4
Land sales	59	15 9	Maintenance	433	14 7
			School of Art—		
			Salaries	652	7 3
			Maintenance	247	2 10
			Interest	3,080	0 0
			Laboratory	225	12 11
			Land sales	11	5 0
			Balance at bank	934	1 3
	£26,376	16 3		£26,376	16 3

I have audited this account, and have compared the items with the several vouchers, and find it correct.—J. OLLIVER, Provincial District Auditor. 17th February, 1888.