

5. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Auckland Girls' High School, 3rd and 4th August.—There is a very noticeable falling off in the number of pupils attending the school. I am disposed to attribute this to causes connected with the state of trade. I do not observe any diminution of efficiency in the school itself. The highest form has had improved provision made for its instruction in French. The services of a gentleman to whom French is more familiar than English have been engaged; and it seems to me that pupils in a senior class ought to derive great benefit from his custom of carrying on all the work of the class in French. The habit of hearing and speaking in French by way of question and answer is likely to be very useful to them. I have formed a high opinion of the value of the instruction given in drawing and also of the exercises in drill.

WHANGAREI HIGH SCHOOL.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance at beginning of year	31	2 7	By Ranger's salary	5	0 0
			Stationery, &c.	1	2 6
			Balance at end of year	25	0 1
	<u>£31</u>	<u>2 7</u>		<u>£31</u>	<u>2 7</u>

W. BEDLINGTON, Chairman and Secretary.

Examined and found to be correct.—L. A. DURRIEU, Auditor.

THAMES BOYS' AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance at beginning of year	324	11 9	By Management—Salary	22	0 0
Current income from reserves	133	10 10	Teachers' salaries and allowances	845	3 4
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	12	10 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising	12	17 0
Paid by School Commissioners	75	0 0	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	29	15 0
School fees	290	17 0	Fencing, repairs, &c.	34	18 8
Goldfields revenue	187	0 0	Rents, insurance, and taxes	8	2 2
Sale of house	3	10 0	Interest on current account	0	2 8
	<u>£1,026</u>	<u>19 7</u>	Expenses of survey, sales, &c.	17	17 6
			School requisites	24	17 0
			Balance at end of year	31	6 3
				<u>£1,026</u>	<u>19 7</u>

A. BRODIE, Chairman.

R. A. HEALD, Secretary and Treasurer.

Examined and found to be correct.—L. A. DURRIEU, Auditor.

2. WORK DONE BY HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—University junior scholarship examination.*Lowest.*—Arithmetic, elementary rules; elementary French; reading, writing, and dictation.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

Education Board Scholarships.—At £45, 1; at £20, 1. The school gave free education to these scholars, and also to two holders of Education Board's certificate of proficiency.

4. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Thames High School, 2nd August.—I think this school is doing very good work on an unpretending scale. Mental activity, rather than scholarship, must be the immediate end of the efforts put forth in the circumstances in which the school is placed. I had an interview with three gentlemen representing the Board of Governors, and answered several questions with more freedom than is allowed in writing a report that is to be published. I hope that my answers will serve to confirm the confidence of the Board with respect to the ability with which the school is conducted.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Grant from vote of the General Assembly	150	0 0	By Balance at beginning of year	80	4 11
Special grant for buildings	200	0 0	Expenses of management	10	2 6
Current income from reserves	350	14 6	Teachers' salaries and allowances	743	0 0
Paid by School Commissioners	139	9 3	Prizes	8	14 3
School fees	262	0 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising	19	1 3
Debit balance at end of year	24	14 4	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	32	13 8
	<u>£1,126</u>	<u>18 1</u>	Site and buildings—		
			Purchases and new works	207	17 3
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	11	7 5
			Rents, insurance, and taxes	7	12 6
			Apparatus	6	4 4
				<u>£1,126</u>	<u>18 1</u>

THOMAS KELLY, Chairman.

E. VEALE, Secretary and Treasurer.

Examined and passed.—C. RENNELL, Auditor.