

the Vice-Chairman is the Hon. Colonel Theodore Minet Haultain. The Board normally consists of ten members. The Mayor of the City of Auckland is a member of the Board *ex officio*. The present members of the Board are as follows:—*Ex officio*: Mr. John Henry Upton. Elected by the Auckland Board of Education: Mr. Theophilus Cooper, Mr. James M. Lennox, and Mr. Samuel Luke. Elected by the members of the Legislative Council usually resident within the Provincial District of Auckland and the members of the House of Representatives for the several electorates of the said district: Mr. Frederick D. Brown, M.A., B.Sc., Professor of Chemistry and Physics in the Auckland University College; Sir G. Maurice O'Rorke, B.A.; and Mr. John Henry Upton. Elected by the Senate of the University of New Zealand: The Hon. Colonel Haultain; the Rev. Charles M. Nelson, M.A.; and the Hon. J. A. Tole, B.A., LL.B. Mr. Upton is thus a member of the Board in two capacities.

Female Pupils.—In consequence of the closing of the Auckland Girls' High School, because of the cessation of the parliamentary grant for that institution, this Board of Governors, at the request of the Auckland Board of Education, made arrangements for having a department of the school of which the pupils should be females. This department was opened in September, 1888. It is under the supervision of the headmaster, who takes part in the instruction of the more advanced girls, as do also the masters for mathematics, natural science, and French. The girls' department is distinct from that of the boys, though for the present carried on in the same building. The classrooms on the southern side, to which there is a separate entrance, and the adjacent portion of the grounds, are set apart for female pupils, and are cut off from the rest of the premises by suitable partitions. It is considered, however, that additional endowments are needed, in order that the Board of Governors may be enabled to do full justice to the girls' department with reference to buildings and otherwise.

Roll.—In the last term of 1889 the total number of pupils was 222—viz., 134 male and 88 female. In the last term of the previous year the total number of pupils was 223—viz., 145 male and 78 female.

Scholarships, &c.—Three senior and three junior scholarships, called foundation scholarships, are annually offered for competition by the Board of Governors. These scholarships are open to all candidates of both sexes within the prescribed ages, but are not tenable with district scholarships maintained by the Board of Education. The foundation scholars are exempt from the payment of fees, and each holder of a senior foundation scholarship receives also an allowance of money at the rate of £20 per annum. A junior foundation scholar, if residing at a distance of more than two miles, is furnished with a railway ticket, purchased by the Board, if required. The senior foundation scholarships are awarded, for one year, to candidates for University junior scholarships who have failed to obtain such University scholarships, but have passed with credit for matriculation. The number of junior foundation scholars in the last term of 1889 was eight. Free tuition in this school is also granted in each year to six pupils who, in the examination held under the Board of Education for district scholarships, were unsuccessful as to obtaining scholarships, but were judged deserving of special certificates of proficiency. The number of such pupils in the last term of 1889 was 10. The total number of pupils receiving free tuition was 45—viz., 32 male and 13 female. Nine Rawlings scholars have been attending during the past year.

Drawing, Workshops, &c.—Attention has been paid, as heretofore, to freehand, geometrical, and (especially) mechanical drawing. Good results have been obtained in the workshops.

Gymnastics.—The practice of gymnastic exercises has continued to receive attention.

ROBERT KIDD, Secretary.

2. STATEMENT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1889.

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* This balance is subject to outstanding liabilities, £169 6s. 5d., reducing the actual available balance for 1890 to £302 0s. 4d.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE, Chairman.

ROBERT KIDD, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.