

for pupils, and widening to 14ft. near each end to form a lobby and give room for a staircase to dormitories. Round the walls of these lobbies are small cupboards for the pupils' books, music, shoes, &c. On the opposite side of the corridor is a cloak-room with cupboards, lavatory, and offices to the left of dining-hall, and to the right is a corridor 8ft. wide leading to the domestic offices, its greater portion being of fireproof construction, so as to detach the main building. The left wing terminates in a gymnasium 30ft. x 24ft. On reaching the main stair landing, the mistress's bedroom and linen closets are opposite, the former having a bay window over entrance porch; and to the left and right are the two dormitories, each of which has a central passage, terminating in the lobby at the head of the staircase above mentioned. Each dormitory has a bathroom, and one of the latter has outside a housemaid's sink, &c. The dormitories are each 12ft. high, divided into cubicles by partitions about 8ft. high, with a door to each into the passage, accommodating one teacher and nine pupils, one or two being double, for sisters. Above the mistress's bedroom the tower breaks from square to octagon, with hipped angles, the main eaves being carried round, and the angle-posts cut and projecting above. This story finishes with eaves, the roof being domical, having at its base the eight angle-posts cut and projecting above, with a pierced parapet, and at its summit an octagonal main ventilator, with a hollow curved roof, finishing with a suitable vane. The entrance to the domestic offices is from Wicksteed Street, and the front door opens into a passage with a staircase to three bedrooms above; and on the ground floor has housekeeper's room and store, kitchen (18ft. x 16ft. x 15ft. high), servery and pantry, scullery, larder, storeroom, coal- and wash-houses, and offices. The inside finishing generally is simple in its character, but arranged with a view to continue for a long period in good order without renovating. The sanitary arrangements are of the most approved description at present known, it being a subject to which Mr. Atkins has devoted much attention. The drainage is conveyed to the Liverpool Street drain, and every waste-pipe and drain is separately trapped and ventilated, with a current of air continually passing through and having exit well above the roof in every case. Every part of the building is thoroughly ventilated with proper inlets, and with outlet shafts and exhaust ventilators above the roof. The water-supply from the town main is conveyed to a 2,500-gallon cistern in the tower, before entering which it is passed through a filter. From this, water is conveyed to the kitchen boiler, baths, lavatories, sinks, &c. As special arrangements for protection against fire, there are water-sprinklers over each staircase, and four taps with hose and reels judiciously distributed inside, also five similar ones outside, the building. For similar reasons, also, wherever in the building it has been considered advisable the doors open outwards, and the passages are all straight, the upper ones leading to the staircases, and the lower ones to the outside doors, to which latter the lower flights of the staircases face. A large proportion of the rain-water is conveyed to a 2,500-gallon concrete tank in the yard, for cooking and drinking; there is also a tank sufficiently high to supply rain-water for bedroom use. Gas is laid on over the building to such rooms as require it. The whole buildings are specially arranged with a view to convenient future extension, and we trust that the success of the institution may be such as to show the value of the arrangement at no very distant date.

2. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1889.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance, 31st December, 1888 ..	213	13 6	By Departmental expenses—		
Interest on mortgages ..	531	9 9	Secretary's salary ..	£5 0 0	6 12 7
Rent of leases ..	74	0 0	Members' expenses ..	1 12 7	
Loan refunded ..	1,897	19 6	Transferred to Investment Account ..		440 10 0
			Balance on 31st December, 1889 ..	2,270	0 2
	<u>£2,717</u>	<u>2 9</u>		<u>£2,717</u>	<u>2 9</u>

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance, 31st December, 1888—			By Mortgage paid off ..		1,897 19 6
Mortgage Account ..	£6,128	12 5	Balances on 31st December, 1889—		
Fixed deposit ..	1,724	10 0	Mortgages ..	£5,730	12 11
Transfer from General Account ..	440	10 0	Fixed deposits ..	665	0 0
	<u>£8,293</u>	<u>12 5</u>		<u>£6,395</u>	<u>12 11</u>

A. A. BROWNE, Secretary.

WANGANUI ENDOWED SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

THE Trustees of the Wanganui Collegiate School Estate have to report that, as will be seen by the statement of receipts and expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1889, the finances are in a satisfactory condition. The bank overdraft has been only slightly reduced; but certain repairs were found necessary during the year amounting to upwards of £100, and some areas of rates had to be paid. Mr. Liffiton, the business agent for the Trustees, has succeeded in getting a substantial reduction in the amount of borough rates, and in the charge made by the borough for water supplied to the school, and during the present year it is expected that the bank overdraft will be almost paid off. The debt on the buildings amounted at the 30th June to £2,086 2s., and additional liabilities (including a debt due to the widow of the late Dr. Harvey) to the extent of £1,020 3s. 5d., making in all £3,106 5s. 5d.; against which there are assets amounting to £312 6s. 4d., leaving a balance of liabilities amounting to £2,793 19s. 1d. The school continues to prosper under the able management of Mr. Empson.

Wellington, 12th September, 1889.

O. WELLINGTON, Chairman.