

Drawing.—Upper Drawing School—Easel-work: Painting in oils—jars, drapery, and other objects of still-life, flowers from nature, copies of heads; painting in monochrome—casts; chalk-drawing—casts, drapery, geometrical objects, copies of cartoon heads. Copy-book work: Pencil drawing—Exercises in elementary perspective, Poynter's Outlines of Human Figure, outlines from nature. First and second forms: Pencil-drawing—Outlines, &c., from black-board.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Thirty-three scholarships of the Education Board were held at the Boys' School, and seventeen at the Girls' School.

SOUTHLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

SIR,— Invercargill, 28th March, 1892.
In terms of your circular I have the honour to present the following report for the year ending 31st December, 1891:—

At the beginning of the year the following gentlemen constituted the Board of Governors: Messrs. Lumsden and Carswell, appointees of the Government; Messrs. Matheson and Bain, representing the Southland Education Board; and His Worship Mr. W. H. Hall, Mayor of Invercargill.

Mr. H. L. Fowler, to whom reference was made in the last annual report as having been appointed to succeed Mr. Austin, entered upon his duties at the beginning of the year. Miss Pitcaithly resigned her position at the end of 1891, having decided to retire from the profession; and Miss Billing, of the Methodist College, Melbourne, was appointed her successor.

The Collegiate Classes Association, referred to in last year's report, continue to occupy a portion of the High School building for their classes.

Towards the end of the year a suitable building was leased, and a boarding establishment for boys opened under the personal supervision of the second Assistant-Master, Mr. W. Macalister. Although the Board retains control over this branch, and gives some pecuniary assistance in paying part of the rent and cost of furniture, the teacher who conducts the establishment collects the fees and pays to the Board a certain proportion as rent and interest on outlay for furniture. As it will take some time to assert in the minds of the public the advantage of such an institution, the Board can only report at present a partial success. The want of an institution of this kind has been long felt to be a hindrance to the advancement of the High School. The Board considers that a similar establishment for girls is highly desirable, although at present this is financially impracticable.

By a reference to the accompanying return it will be seen that the number of pupils on the roll has increased, although not to a very marked extent. The Board expects that the advancement in this direction will be more pronounced during the current year.

A copy of the annual balance-sheet for 1891, and replies to your queries in your circular, are appended hereto.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

GEO. LUMSDEN, Chairman.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1891.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance in bank at beginning of year ..	235	10 4	By Office—salary ..	75	0 0
Bank of New Zealand, fixed deposit from last year ..	2,193	12 11	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	1,280	0 0
Bank of New South Wales, fixed deposit from last year ..	403	0 0	Boarding establishment, boys', ..	58	4 9
Endowments—			Prizes ..	6	17 9
Capital account, price of reserves sold ..	150	0 0	Printing, stationery, and advertisements ..	53	9 3
Current income from reserves ..	671	7 6	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. ..	67	18 5
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money ..	198	19 4	Books and stationery account and other temporary advances ..	27	15 8
Paid by School Commissioners ..	167	13 3	Site and buildings from current revenue, fencing, repairs, &c. ..	20	8 4
School fees, Boys' School ..	292	0 5	Insurance and taxes ..	18	15 0
Books, &c., sold and other refunds, Boys' School ..	20	5 0	Reserves—Expenses of leasing, &c. ..	108	13 5
School fees, Girls' School ..	162	15 8	Thomas Green, amount valuation of improvements on Section 8, Block VI., Gore, payable to out-going tenant ..	120	0 0
Books, &c., sold and other refunds, Girls' School ..	11	3 0	Stamps, telegrams, &c. ..	8	17 7
Boarding establishment, boys' ..	18	8 3	Balance in Bank of New Zealand on fixed deposit ..	2,219	14 9
Repairs ..	0	18 0	Balance in Bank of New South Wales on fixed deposit ..	453	0 0
W. S. Hurd, amount valuation of improvements on Section 8, Block VI., Gore, payable to outgoing tenant ..	120	0 0	Balance in hand and in bank at end of year ..	126	18 9
	<u>£4,645</u>	<u>13 8</u>		<u>£4,645</u>	<u>13 8</u>

GEORGE LUMSDEN, Chairman.

CHARLES ROUT, Treasurer.

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