

GISBORNE HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

SIR,—

Gisborne, 9th April, 1895.

Up to the 31st December last there was no change to report since previous years in the position of secondary education in the Poverty Bay District.

In consequence of a decision arrived at during the year by the Education Board of Hawke's Bay, the District High School, as from the close of last year, has ceased to give instruction in the secondary subjects, and the assistant master employed by that Board for the past seven years has been withdrawn. My Governors therefore decided to establish tentatively for one year a high school exactly supplying the education previously afforded by the Hawke's Bay Education Board. The high school for the year 1895 will therefore be a separate school, administered by the Governors under "The Gisborne High School Act, 1885."

In consequence of the limited population of the Poverty Bay District, and the vast area of country through which that population is scattered, and the primitive nature of the communications opened up, it is impossible to hope that the school as a separate school can be as economically administered as has heretofore been the case, when the public school afforded the same secondary education under more advantageous circumstances. The Governors, however, hope to have your approval in making the best provision possible under the circumstances, and retain the hope that the Education Board of Hawke's Bay will see its way, under some equitable financial arrangement, to revert to the system which has proved effective and economical.

I am, &c.,

W MORGAN, Chairman.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

2. GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1894.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
To Balance—						By Teachers' salaries and allowances—					
On fixed deposits			1,494	11	4	Hawke's Bay Education Board			150	0	0
On current account				14	9	Scholarships			10	4	0
Current income from reserves	.			37	10	Exchange			0	9	0
Interest on moneys invested				53	2	Invested on mortgage—					
Paid by School Commissioners, Auckland	..		445	3	9	M. K. White	..		500	0	0
Interest on deposit receipts	.			67	4	T. H. Grayson			950	0	0
						Fixed deposits			475	0	0
						Balance			26	9	0
			<u>£2,112</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>				<u>£2,112</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

W MORGAN, Chairman.

C. A. DE LAUTOUR, Secretary

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

NELSON COLLEGE.

1. REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1894.

THE Governors regret to record the occurrence of two vacancies in their body during the year, caused by the resignation of the Hon. Mr Shephard, owing to continued ill-health, and the death of Mr Hodgson, which, however, have been filled by the appointment of Mr John Graham, M.H.R., and Mr G. A. Harkness, M.A., Chief Inspector of Schools. The term of office of three other members of the Council expired in the course of the year—namely, Mr Sharp, Mr Fell, and Mr Cock, but, as they were all reappointed by His Excellency the Governor, no vacancy occurred.

In the Boys' College, the number of pupils increased by one only, but the Governors notice with satisfaction a substantial addition to the roll during the current year. In the Girls' College there was an increase during the year of ten pupils, which increase is being maintained.

Mr Joynt, M.A., Principal of the Boys' College, having urgent need to visit England, applied for and was granted leave of absence without pay for the year 1895. His place will be ably filled in his absence by the Acting-Principal, Mr Littlejohn, M.A., the second master, and the staff has been strengthened for the time being by the appointment of Mr G. G. S. Robison, of Wellington, as an additional assistant-master.

The reports of the Examiners this year speak highly of the work done in both colleges, and the Examiners appear to have been well satisfied with the improvement which they notice in almost every department.

In the Boys' College, the following honours have been gained during the past year. For the second year in succession, two New Zealand Junior Scholarships were won by College boys, out of a total number of four candidates, and the other two passed, one of them on the credit list. For matriculation, there were five candidates, of whom four passed. For second-year's terms, only one candidate presented himself, and passed first-class in four subjects. In Senior Civil Service, there were three candidates, of whom one passed, and another failed in one subject only. In Junior Civil Service there were eight candidates, of whom seven passed, and also one old boy.