

2. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ending 31st December, 1896.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance	405	15 9	By Management—		
Endowments—			Office salary	70	0 0
Current income from reserves ..	1,296	2 10	Other office expenses	15	6 5
Interest on moneys invested and on			Other expenses of management ..	27	14 0
unpaid purchase-money	115	14 4	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	1,576	3 4
School fees	582	15 4	Scholarships	34	0 0
Refund, mortgage, S. McCullough ..	1,000	0 0	Prizes	18	0 0
			Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	70	11 9
			Cleaning, fuel, lights, &c.	99	14 0
			Book and stationery account, and other		
			temporary advances	21	17 3
			Site and buildings—		
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	42	12 8
			Rents, insurance, and taxes	29	17 9
			Endowments—		
			Protective works	119	17 6
			Expenses of management, &c.	22	1 0
			Erection of stables	32	0 0
			Balance	1,220	12 7
	<u>£3,400</u>	<u>8 3</u>		<u>£3,400</u>	<u>8 3</u>

HENRY W. HARPER, Chairman.

J. H. BAMFIELD, Secretary.

Examined and found correct—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.

3. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—Mason's Grammar; Morris's Historical Outlines; Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice; Milton, Samson Agonistes; Scott, Guy Mannering; Chaucer, Prologue; Selections from Morris and Skeat's Specimens of Early English; Abbott and Seeley's English Lessons for English People; Stopford Brooke's Primer of English Literature; Peile's Philology. Latin—Cicero, Pro Milone; Horace, selections from the Satires and Epistles; Horton's History of the Romans; Smith's Latin Grammar; Via Latina. French—Molière, Bourgeois gentilhomme; Racine, Athalie; About, Contes Choisis; Macmillan's Composition, I.; Brachet and Dussouchet's Grammaire, Cours supérieure; Vecqueray's Examination-papers. Mathematics—Pendlebury's Arithmetic; Hall and Knight's Algebra; Euclid, Hall and Stevens; Lock's Trigonometry. Science—Botany, electricity, and heat, to Junior Scholarship standard; text-books used, Thome and Bennett's Structural and Physiological Botany; Sylvanus Thomson's Electricity and Magnetism; Wright's Elementary Physics; Jones's Heat. Geography—British Empire; physical and commercial geography. History—General sketch of the world's history; history of the British Empire, with especial attention to the last hundred years.

Commercial Class.—Book-keeping; Pitman's Shorthand; tots; correspondence; and indexing of letters. Drawing—Freehand, model, geometrical, and mechanical.

Lowest.—Cook's First Latin Course (Macmillan). French—Hogben's Natural Method. Tennyson for the Young; Gatty's Parables from Nature; Longmans' History Reader No. 4; Southern Cross copybooks and arithmetics; Colonial drawing-books; Grimm's German Tales; Longmans' Junior Composition; Masterman Ready (Bell's Readers); Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome; Miall's Object-lessons from Nature.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Board gave free education to twenty-three holders of Education Board Scholarships, and to others who obtained more than half marks at the Scholarship Examination; to nine holders of Exhibitions at the High School, and to one junior scholar, who is paid £34 in addition to the school fees.

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF GOVERNORS.

THE Governors are pleased to be able to report another year of considerable progress in the work and results of the secondary department of Waimate District High School during 1896. The additional room erected in 1895 for pupils taking secondary education is of barely sufficient size for convenient accommodation of the increased number of pupils. The increase in the number of pupils is no doubt largely attributable to the care and attention of the headmaster and his assistant, and to their efficiency in the performance of their duties. Near the close of year 1896 the Governors made a change in the application of the means at their disposal. Heretofore, for some years, they have been paying the school-fees of such pupils taking secondary subjects as were successful in obtaining 60 per cent. of marks at annual examination. This was altered during the year under review, and now the Governors pay the school-fees and railway-fares of all pupils who pass a certain examination each year under the supervision of locally appointed examiners. The result of the new plan appears to be highly successful. There are now nineteen exhibitioners whose fees amounting to £19, and railway-passes amounting to £1 10s. per quarter, are paid by the Board. There is one scholarship holder who is paid £5 per quarter for this year, 1897.

The number of pupils attending for secondary subjects on commencement of the plan in 1897 was forty-one, which is an increase of eleven from the close of 1896, when the number attending was thirty; and the Governors consider the increase is in some degree caused by the new system of paying the fees. The subjects taken were algebra, Euclid, Latin, French, English, science, and higher arithmetic; the favourite subjects with pupils being algebra, Euclid, Latin, and English. The average percentage as result of last annual examination was 81.8: thirty pupils, five subjects. As shown in the general statement of income and expenditure for 1896, there was paid by the