Governors to South Canterbury Education Board, in support of teaching-staff for secondary education at Waimate District High School, £209 5s.; to scholarship holders, £32 10s.; High School pupils' fees, £51; prizes, £3 3s.

W. Coltman, Chairman.

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1896.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance	1,553	12	1
Current income from reserves ..	192	0	8
Interest on fixed deposits	56	4	0
	£1,801	16	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Management—			
Office salary	12	12	0
Other office expenses	1	0	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances to South Canterbury Education Board ..	209	5	0
Examinations—Examiners' fees ..	3	3	0
Scholarships	32	10	0
Prizes	3	3	0
Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	3	7	0
Other expenditure—			
High School pupils' fees paid ..	51	0	0
Members' travelling expenses ..	4	11	6
Exchanges, 3s. 6d.; cheques, 5s.; bank interest, 10s. 9d.	0	19	3
Balance	1,480	6	0
	£1,801	16	9

W. Coltman, Chairman.
G. H. Graham, Secretary.

Examined and found correct, except that the rents under existing leases of some of the Board's reserves have been reduced without the authority of law.—J. K. Warburton, Controller and Auditor-General.

3. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—Latin—Via Latina; Cæsarean Prose (Simpson); Cæsar, Book II.; Virgil, Æneid, Book IV. English—Nichol's Composition; Higher Grade English; Shakespeare, Julius Cæsar; Mason's Grammar; Nichol and McCormick's Composition Exercises. French—Macmillan's Second Course, to page 120; Contes des fées. Euclid, Books III. and IV. Algebra, to simultaneous equations and surds. Science—Chemistry.

Lowest.—Latin—Via Latina, fifty pages. English—Nichol's Composition; Higher Grade English; Shakespeare, Julius Cæsar; Mason's Grammar; Nichol and McCormick's Composition Exercises. French—Macmillan's First Course, to page 32. Euclid, Book I. to Proposition 25. Algebra—Four simple rules and brackets. Science—Chemistry.

WAITAKI HIGH SCHOOL.

1. Report of the Board.

During the year Mr. Craddock, first assistant, resigned his position, and Mr. D. A. Watt was appointed *pro tempore*, so that scholars who were preparing for examination did not suffer from any insufficiency in the teaching staff. During the past year the Governors have taken steps to renovate and ventilate the buildings. The grounds surrounding both schools have been carefully attended to.

George R. Hislop, Secretary.

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1896.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance	427	17	10
Endowments—			
Price of reserves sold	66	7	2
Current income from reserves ..	1,351	12	1
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	30	4	9
Paid by School Commissioners ..	58	6	8
School-fees	311	8	8
	£2,245	17	2

Expenditure.				£	s.	d.
By Management—						
Office salary				60	0	0
Other office expenses				10	0	0
Other expenses of management ..				11	4	9
Teachers' salaries and allowances ..				1,045	14	0
Printing, stationery, and advertising ..				19	19	3
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.				60	6	8
Books and stationery for sale to pupils, and other temporary advances ..				6	12	9
Site and buildings, from current revenue—						
Purchases and new works ..				96	14	3
Rents, insurance, and taxes ..				30	0	6
Interest on Current Account				62	4	3
Endowments, Sales Account—						
Solicitors' fees				23	8	4
Expenses of survey, sales, management, &c.				8	14	0
Cheque for fees dishonoured				10	11	0
Fixed deposit ..	£125	0	0			
Current Account	106	0	1			
Cash banked, Jan. 5, 1897 ..	44	9	8			
Deficit lodged, Feb. 18, 1897 ..	525	6	7			
" March 12, 1897	52	11	3			
	853	7	7			
Unpresented cheques £34 3 4						
Petty cash due Secretary 18 16 10						
	53	0	2			
Balance				800	7	5
				£2,245	17	2

Donald Borrie, Chairman.
George R. Hislop, Secretary.

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