

2. GENERAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance	1,480	6 0	By Office salary	15	15 0
Current income from reserves ..	209	5 1	Postages, &c.	2	2 0
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	12	10 0	South Canterbury Education Board, for teachers' salaries	150	0 0
Interest on fixed deposits	38	8 0	Examinations—Examiners' fees ..	5	5 0
			Other expenses	3	3 0
			Scholarships	25	0 0
			Prizes	8	16 0
			Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	11	2 8
			Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	1	0 0
			Interest	0	7 0
			Endowments—Proceeds invested ..	500	0 0
			High School pupils' fees and railway passes paid by Board	62	10 0
			Members' travelling-expenses ..	8	10 0
			Solicitor	0	10 6
			Exchanges	0	3 6
			Balance	946	6 5
	<u>£1,740</u>	<u>9 1</u>		<u>£1,740</u>	<u>9 1</u>

W. COLTMAN, Chairman.

G. H. GRAHAM, Secretary.

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

WAITAKI HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

It is pleasing to note that the attendance at both schools shows a satisfactory increase.

There have been some changes in the teaching staff of the Boys' School. Mr. W. G. Grave was promoted to the position of first assistant *vice* Mr. D. A. Watt, who was appointed *pro tempore* in 1896. Mr. R. L. McIlroy, M.A., was chosen out of several applicants as second assistant. The Board decided to appoint a visiting sewing- and drawing-mistress at the Girls' School, and Miss McCaw was the successful applicant. Sergeant-major McPherson was also appointed drill-instructor.

The schools and outbuildings have undergone considerable repair. The gymnasium was fitted with additional appliances, and the floor covered with several loads of logwood. The grounds surrounding the schools have been carefully attended to, the gorse and plantations having been grubbed and thoroughly cleaned.

The Rector, with the assistance of the Governors, has during the past year fitted up a chemical laboratory at some considerable cost, and appliances for same were imported from England.

The swimming-baths were thoroughly cleaned, the bottom paved with shingle, and fresh water laid on from the Oamaru mains. A substantial fence was erected round them.

The Mayor and several citizens of Oamaru, with Mr. John Reid, of Elderslie, presented a set of meteorological instruments, including one maximum and two minimum wet- and dry-bulb hygrometers, a Tortin barometer, a Snowdon rain-gauge, and an anemometer. These have been placed in position at the Boys' School, and observations are taken by the scholars themselves, under Dr. Don's supervision, and monthly reports thereon supplied to the local newspapers for publication.

At the University examinations nine pupils of the school—five boys and four girls—qualified for matriculation, and one boy for the medical preliminary. Four boys passed the Junior Civil Service examination.

Two scholarships have been awarded, one to a boy and one to a girl, on the result of the last Junior Scholarship examinations.

The amount of £250 has been paid off the mortgage, which now stands at £750.

GEORGE R. HISLOP, Secretary.

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Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance	800	5 7	By Secretary	57	1 0
Current income from reserves ..	1,212	2 2	Valuator	19	19 6
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	13	8 0	Incidentals	23	1 10
Paid by School Commissioners ..	59	7 8	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	1,273	16 10
School fees	425	5 10	Prizes	2	2 0
Donation, laboratory	50	0 0	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	76	9 3
Interest, Macandrew Scholarship Fund ..	9	0 0	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	93	16 1
			Site and buildings	171	18 6
			Fencing, repairs, &c.	44	13 9
			Rents, insurance, and taxes	26	2 6
			Interest	61	12 0
			Solicitors' fees	23	18 8
			Expenses of survey, sales, management, &c.	14	8 8
			Loan	250	0 0
			Petty cash	18	10 6
			Rent overpaid	2	0 0
			Balance	405	0 0
	<u>£2,569</u>	<u>11 1</u>		<u>£2,569</u>	<u>11 1</u>

DONALD BORRIE, Chairman.

GEORGE R. HISLOP, Secretary.

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