The roll-number of individual students increased from 315 in 1908 to 481 in 1909, the average roll of weekly attendance being in the latter year 585.

The Director and teaching staff are keenly interested in the prosperity of the school, and the pupils themselves have contributed no little amount to the success of the institution by their enthusiasm and regular attendance.

Finance.—There will be a deficit on the cost of land and buildings over the amounts of grants, contributions, and subsidies, of approximately £160. Surely some concentrated effort could be made to obtain a further contribution of £80, which, with the Government subsidy of 1£ for £1, would put the finances of the technical department on a sound footing.

The only change in the *personnel* of the Board during the year has been the appointment of Mr. Hodder in place of Mr. Bennett (resigned); and it is worthy of some note that with this exception all the Governors have held office since the inception of the Board.

In conclusion, I desire to place on record my heartfelt thanks to my fellow-Governors for their unfailing support and assistance during my two years' occupancy of the chair of this important body, and I vacate the chair with an expression of thanks and goodwill to you all, and to the Principals and staffs of both schools.

WALTER RUTHERFURD, Chairman.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—Literature—Merchant of Venice, Julius Cæsar, period 1744–1800, Henry Esmond; grammar—Nesfield's Past and Present; *précis;* Anglo-Saxon and Middle English; essay. Mathematics (Junior University Scholarship standard)—Arithmetic, miscellaneous; algebra, Baker and Bourne; geometry, Baker and Bourne; trigonometry, Pendlebury's Shorter Course. Science (Junior University Scholarship standard)—Electricity and magnetism, Poyser; mechanics, Loney. Latin.—Prose, Arnold, Continuous Selected; translation—Cicero Book III, Virgil's Æneid Book VIII, miscellaneous; history, Merivale and Puller; Antiquities, Book II, Professor Wilkins. French—Wellington College French Grammar; Spier's Rapid Exercises; Polyeucte; Quatre-vingt-treize; unseen translation; proses; essays.

Lowest.—English—Literature—Goldsmith's Traveller, Scott's Talisman, Historical Reader, Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare; grammar, Nesfield's Manual, Parts I and II; history, Ransome, 1603; geography—Europe, trade-routes, British possessions, physical as in Longman II. Mathematics—Arithmetic, Standard VI, Zealandia; algebra, Baker and Bourne, page 158; geometry, Baker and Bourne, Books I and II. Latin—Macmillan's Shorter Course, Part I. French—Siepmann, Part I. Chemistry, or agriculture, or botany—Elementary. Drawing—Elementary design and colour-work. Woodwork or cookery.

3. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	284	14	11
Government grants—			
For sites, building, furniture, &c. (general purposes)	200	0	0
For buildings, furniture, fittings, and apparatus for recognised school classes for manual instruction	*5,455	12	0
Government capitation—			
For free places	1,522	11	7
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	*457	19	6
Subsidy on voluntary contributions (technical instruction)	*298	2	7
Grants on account rent (technical classes) ..	*100	10	10
Paid by School Commissioners	149	7	4
School fees	254	9	4
" Technical classes	*457	2	1
Boarding-school fees	413	3	6
Books, &c., sold and other refunds ..	8	1	0
Voluntary contributions on account of manual and technical instruction ..	*274	2	10
Other receipts—			
Technical account: Sale of lead, £9 7s. 11d.; wool, £13 16s. 3d.	*23	4	2
Contractors, for plans	*76	10	0
" for overtime on contract ..	*24	8	0
Rent	*5	0	0
	£10,004	19	8

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Office salary—Secretary, £30; Caretaker, £109	139	0	0
Other office expenses	27	17	7
Other expenses of management (technical)	*250	0	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances	1,449	3	8
Instructors' salaries (technical)	*742	17	8
Boarding-school Account	412	16	6
Refund, Wanganui Education Board ..	*23	2	5
Scholarships	40	19	0
Prizes	16	15	4
Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction	14	3	3
Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	*60	7	3
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	81	3	8
Books and stationery, printing and advertising, High School	68	3	3
Material, Technical School classes ..	*51	0	1
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction	22	19	5
Sewerage system (Government grant) ..	200	0	0
Buildings, furniture, &c.—Manual instruction (Government grant, £5,306 12s.; from current revenue, £588 18s. 4d.) ..	5,895	10	4
Purchases and new works	95	2	0
Fencing, repairs, &c.	49	11	11
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	15	5	10
Rent—Technical classes	*79	5	0
Other expenditure—Freights, cartage, and sundry expenses (technical)	*48	2	3
Balance at end of year	221	13	3
	£10,004	19	8

* Details of receipts and expenditure on account of Technical School are shown in supplementary statement.