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1. EXTRACT FROM THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Secondary Education.

Number of Schools.

The schools usually included in the list of secondary schools in this report which were open in 1909 were thirty-one in number, namely,—

(*a.*) "Endowed secondary schools" within the meaning of section 89 of the Education Act and included in the Eighth Schedule to the Act ...	26
(*b.*) Secondary schools within the meaning of the same section (89), but established by the Minister under section 94	3
(*c.*) Other endowed secondary schools not coming within the definition of section 89	2
Total	31

Four of the endowed secondary schools named in the schedule to the Act had not been established at the end of the year, although there were district high schools in the same places which were to some extent assisted by funds derived from the endowments of the secondary schools. A list of the schools is given in Table J3. The number of district high schools in operation during the year was sixty-two.

Roll and Staff.

The total number of pupils attending the thirty-one secondary schools in the last terms of 1908 and 1909 respectively were as follows :—

	1908.			1909.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Roll (exclusive of lower departments)	2,502	1,678	4,180	2,797	1,870	4,667
Number in lower departments ...	88	59	147	114	75	189
Total	2,590	1,737	4,327	2,911	1,945	4,856
Number of boarders (included above)	557	136	693	566	140	706

In the same years these schools were staffed as follows :—

	1908.			1909.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Regular staff	125	91	216	131	93	224
Part-time teachers	43	25	68	44	33	77

The average number of pupils per teacher (excluding part-time teachers) is thus seen to have been 20 in 1908, and 21·7 in 1909.

The average number of pupils on the roll of the secondary departments of district high schools in the two years, 1908, 1909, respectively, were—

	1908.	1909.
Boys	1,167	1,100
Girls	1,191	1,063
Total	2,358	2,163

If, instead of taking the average roll throughout the year, we take, as for the secondary schools, the roll at the end of the year, we find the numbers in the secondary departments of district high schools to have been as follows :—

	1908.	1909.
Boys	1,017	944
Girls	1,125	947
Total	2,142	1,891

Both in the secondary schools and in the secondary departments of district high schools there is a falling-off in the roll towards the end of the year; but the decrease is less marked in the secondary schools than in the secondary departments of the district high schools: in the latter the total roll at the end of the year was 2,142 in 1908 and 1,891 in 1909. The falling-off in the course of the year is more marked in the case of the boys than of the girls: this is due, no doubt, to the fact that more boys leave school to enter employment.

Besides the head teachers, who generally take some part in the secondary instruction, there were employed in 1908 in the secondary departments of district high schools 102 special assistants—55 men and 47 women—and last year 93 special assistants—namely, 43 men and 50 women. The average number of pupils per teacher was 23·1 in 1908 and 23·3 in 1909.

In addition to those in secondary schools and in the secondary departments of district high schools there should properly be included in the number of pupils under secondary instruction in the Dominion (*a*) the pupils attending certain day classes in connection with technical schools, which in this regard may be called technical high schools; and (*b*) the pupils in various institutions for the secondary education of Maori boys and girls.

The total numbers on the roll of technical day schools at any time during the years 1908 and 1909 were as follows:—

	1908.	1909.
Boys	307	345
Girls	392	501
Totals	699	846

The following was the average roll of pupils in secondary schools for Maoris (all of whom were boarders) for the respective years:—

	1908.	1909.
Boys	136	169
Girls	167	191
Totals	303	360

Summarizing all these figures, substituting in the case of the secondary schools the average roll for the roll at the end of the year, and excluding pupils in the lower departments of such schools, we obtain the following statement of the numbers receiving some form or other of secondary instruction during the year 1909 (as nearly as can be estimated):—

Secondary schools	4,834
District high schools	2,163
Technical day schools	846
Maori secondary schools...	360
Total	8,203

The corresponding estimated total for 1908 would be 7,742, so that the decrease in the number of secondary pupils at district high schools has been more than balanced by the increases in the three other groups of schools giving secondary instruction, the total net increase being about 460. The population of the Dominion (exclusive of the Cook Islands) was estimated as 1,008,373 at the 31st December, 1908, so that the proportion of persons receiving some form of secondary instruction in publicly recognized institutions during 1909 was thus 81·4 per 10,000 of the population, In 1906 the corresponding proportion was 72·7 per 10,000, so that there has been a considerable development of secondary education in the Dominion during the three years 1906–9. It may be interesting to note that in Württemberg (a typical German State), New York, and Chicago the latest available figures (1905–6) show the corresponding proportions to have been respectively 71·6, 51·8, 66·8 per 10,000 of the population; while in Switzerland the proportion reaches the astonishingly high standard of 203·1 per 10,000.

Salaries of Secondary Teachers.

The total amount of the salaries paid to the regular staffs of secondary schools as at the rates paid at the end of the year was £51,681. As might be expected, the salaries paid in the different secondary schools varied considerably; the average for principals and assistants, and that for men and women, respectively, are shown below to the nearest pound:—

Salaries in Secondary Schools.

	December, 1908.			December, 1909.		
	M.	F.	All.	M.	F.	All.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Principals ...	464	341	422	474	361	437
Assistants ...	224	147	190	230	153	196
Whole staff ...	261	168	222	269	175	230

NOTE.—The salaries of part-time teachers are excluded from the above comparison.

In the secondary departments of district high schools salaries are uniform in accordance with the Schedule to the Act. The average salaries actually paid to the assistants, in addition to the sums paid by way of extra salary to the head teachers, were, in December, 1908 and 1909,—

	1908.			1909.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Men	193	17	7	198	2	1
Women	145	4	3	154	10	0
All secondary assistants	171	9	1	174	13	2

(The scale of salaries is the same for men and women.)

The total amount paid in salaries from receipts from Government for the secondary departments of district high schools, including the special payments to head teachers, was £18,618; in 1908 it was £20,097.

The professional qualifications of the secondary teachers of the Dominion are shown below:—

Status of Secondary Teachers (Regular Staff only), December, 1909.

	Secondary Schools.	District High Schools (Secondary Departments).
Principals,—		
Graduates	29	21
Holding certificates or other qualifications (excluding graduates)	2	41
Assistants,—		
Graduates	151	61
Certificated (excluding graduates)	12	24
Uncertificated	30	3
Total	224	150

Further information in regard to the roll, and staff, and salaries of secondary schools is given in Tables J1, J2, and J3; and further information of the same kind for district high schools is contained in Tables K1 and K2.

Free Secondary Education.

At the end of 1909 the secondary schools giving free tuition to duly qualified pupils, and receiving grants therefor under the Act, were twenty-eight, as against twenty-seven for the preceding year. The total number of pupils on the roll of these twenty-eight schools, exclusive of pupils in the lower departments of the schools, was 4,088, and out of this total, 3,295, or 81 per cent., were given free places under the regulations. The total annual payment at the rate paid for the last term of the year would be approximately £34,629; the approximate average cost to the Treasury was therefore £10 10s. 2d. per free pupil.

In addition, free tuition was given to 157 others who were holders of scholarships or of exhibitions granted by these schools, or by endowed secondary schools not coming under the conditions for free places, making the total number of free places held at secondary schools 3,452, or 74 per cent. of the roll of all these schools. Further information in regard to the free places and scholarships held at secondary schools will be found in Table J4. Moreover, in reckoning the amount of free secondary education in the Dominion must be included the pupils in attendance at the secondary classes of district high schools, 1,891 in number, all but a comparatively small number of whom were free pupils, receiving free tuition at an average cost to the Government of £9 16s. 10d. per pupil. There should be added also those receiving free education in Maori schools, 124 in number, and the holders of certain free places in technical schools, numbering 846. There is thus an approximate total of 6,313 pupils receiving free secondary education, exclusive of those holders of free places in technical schools who were art students, or were evening students, or were taking courses which may be more approximately described as technical rather than as secondary.

The following table gives a summary of the various secondary free places at the end of the year for which payment was made by Government:—

Free Places in December, 1908 and 1909.

	1908.			1909.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
(i.) Secondary schools—						
(*a.*) Junior free pupils ...	1,083	839	1,922	1,326	1,004	2,330
(*b.*) Senior free pupils ...	479	346	825	571	394	965
Total	1,562	1,185	2,747	1,897	1,398	3,295
(ii.) District high schools ...	1,017	1,125	2,142	944	947	1,891
(iii.) Maori secondary schools ..	43	65	108	51	73	124
(iv.) Technical day-schools ...	307	392	699	345	501	846
Grand total ...	2,929	2,767	5,696	3,237	2,919	6,156

In the above table (in the case of the secondary schools and district high schools) the roll at the end of the year has been taken; a fairer estimate of the number of persons receiving free secondary education in public institutions would be obtained by taking the average roll throughout the year and including in the total the holders of foundation and private scholarships or exhibitions who received free tuition not paid for by Government. We obtain thus the following approximate figures:—

Number receiving Free Secondary Education in 1909.

Secondary schools	3,615
District high schools	2,163
Technical day-schools	846
Maori secondary schools	124
Total	6,748

The corresponding number for 1908 may be estimated as 6,244, showing an increase for the year 1909 of about 500 in the number in the Dominion who are receiving free secondary education.

The following paragraphs from last year's report are inserted here, with the necessary modifications, in explanation of the conditions upon which Junior and Senior Free Places are obtained:—

"Under the regulations for free places in secondary schools and district high schools boys and girls who qualify for Junior Scholarships, whether they obtain scholarships or not, or pass a special examination for free places, or who obtain certificates of proficiency at the completion of their primary course, become eligible generally for a Junior Free Place, which gives the privilege of two years' free tuition, with a possible extension to a third year without further examination."

"At the end of the period a Senior Free Place is obtainable to the age of nineteen by all who succeed in passing the Civil Service Junior Examination, either in its competitive form or, as slightly modified for the purpose in question, in the form of a qualifying examination only. The Matriculation Examination of the University may also be used for this purpose, and those qualifying for Senior Board Scholarships, whether by means of the Department's examination or not, are also eligible. As, however, various reasons exist in the interests both of the pupil and of the school for dispensing with an external examination whenever this can be done with convenience and safety, the new regulations, gazetted 2nd April, 1908, encourage the use, as a qualification for Senior Free Places, of a slightly modified form of the 'accrediting' system, which has for some time been growing in favour with educational authorities elsewhere, and which forms commonly a characteristic feature of Continental and American schools. Hereafter, on the joint recommendation of the principal of the school attended (or, in the case of district high schools, of an Inspector of the district) and of the Inspector-General of Schools, it will be possible for a free pupil who has gone through a satisfactory course of work of sufficient scope to secure, without the restrictions of an intermediate public examination, free secondary education throughout the whole course of his attendance at a secondary school up to the age of nineteen years."

The last-named method of gaining a Senior Free Place is gradually coming into favour: 351 were granted Senior Free Places in this way in December, 1909.

Scholarships held at Secondary Schools and District High Schools.

The scholarships at secondary schools and district high schools are of four kinds,—

(i.) Junior National Scholarships;
(ii.) Education Board Scholarships;
(iii.) Foundation or Governor's Scholarships, given by the governing bodies of secondary schools;
(iv.) Private scholarships, endowed by private donors.

(i.) *Junior National Scholarships.*—These scholarships are allotted to the several education districts practically on the basis of population, as in each district there is offered annually one scholarship for each 4,000 or part of 4,000 children in average yearly attendance. The scholarships are awarded by the Education Boards on the results of an examination conducted by the Education Department, and the Boards exercise a certain control over the holders, and pay over to them from time to time the amounts falling due. With the Junior National Scholarships are now incorporated the Junior Queen's Scholarships, which were established by the Victoria College Act, 1897, to enable pupils of public schools in the Victoria College University District to attend a secondary school as a stepping-stone to a course at Victoria College. Twenty Junior Queen's Scholarships, of a total annual value of £437, were held during 1909, but the last of them will come to an end in 1910.

The number and value of the Junior National Scholarships current in December, 1909, in the several education districts are shown in Table L1; the list may be summarized for the whole Dominion as follows:—

Number of scholarships,—	
Boys...	71
Girls...	37
Total	108
Number receiving boarding-allowance (included in the above total) ...	54
Number receiving travelling-allowance (similarly included)	1
Number held at secondary schools	95
Number held at district high schools...	13
Total annual rate of payment as in December, 1909 ...	£2,748

(ii.) *Education Board Scholarships.*—The scholarship funds of the Boards are provided by grants which, although not statutory, are of old standing, and amount to 1s. 6d. per head of the average attendance. The conditions of the scholarships are determined by regulations approved in the case of each Board by the Minister of Education. For the award of the Junior Scholarships all the Boards now use the Junior National Scholarship Examination, and for their Senior Scholarships nearly all use the Civil Service Junior Examination; but the awards themselves and the subsequent control of the holders are entirely in the hands of the Boards. The number and value of the Board scholarships in the various districts are shown in Table L2, the totals of which are for the whole of New Zealand :—

Number of scholarships,—	
Boys	326
Girls	207
Total	533
Total expenditure of Boards on scholarships in 1909	£8,694

The most common period of tenure is two years, but in one district the scholarships are tenable for three years, and in three districts scholarships may be in deserving cases extended for a third year if the funds of the Board admit. By the terms of the Act every Education Board scholarship is tenable at a secondary school, or its equivalent, approved by the Board. With very few exceptions Education Board scholars hold secondary free places. In last year's report it was remarked that "the value of the scholarships varies considerably, apparently according to the view taken by each Board, as the circumstances of the different districts hardly seem to explain the great variation." The variation still exists. Taking the whole of the districts we find that there are :—

At £40 per annum	86	scholarships.
At £35 "	8	"
At £30 "	30	"
At £27 "	7	"
At £26 10s. per annum	1	"
At £25 "	4	"
Under £25 and not under £20 per annum	12	"
At £17 per annum	2	"
At £16 "	8	"
At £15 "	12	"
Under £15 and not under £10 per annum	176	"
Under £10 and not under £5 per annum	116	"
Under £5 per annum	71	"
Total...	533	"

(iii.) *Foundation (or Governors') Scholarships.*—There are also a certain number of foundation scholarships given by the governors of the schools not offering free places under the Act, as well as extra scholarships given by the governors of schools providing such free places.

(iv.) The *private scholarships* are derived from funds provided by private donors at certain schools, by bequest or otherwise.

The number of foundation and private scholarships in the last term of 1909 was 191. Of the holders, sixty-four were also Government free pupils under the regulations. The total value of the scholarships in cash was £1,504 16s. In addition, free tuition was given by the schools to holders of foundation and private scholarships to the value of £683, the value of the Government free places already mentioned not being included in this amount.

Finances of Secondary Schools.

The income of secondary schools is derived from the following sources :—

(i.) Rents from the special reserves allocated to them by statute;
(ii.) Statutory grants, given in lieu of special reserves;

(iii.) Income from the secondary-school reserves controlled by the School Commissioners, divided among the secondary schools in the several land districts in proportion to the number of pupils, exclusive of lower departments;
(iv.) Interest upon moneys derived from the sale of reserves, and invested in accordance with the Education Reserves Act;
(v.) Statutory capitation upon free pupils under the Act;
(vi.) Capitation on pupils in classes recognized under the Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations;
(vii.) Special grants from Government for buildings and apparatus;
(viii.) Statutory subsidies on voluntary contributions;
(ix.) Tuition fees of pupils;
(x.) Boarding fees of pupils;
(xi.) Miscellaneous sources, such as interest on moneys other than those obtained by the sale of reserves, donations, and special endowments (for scholarships, prizes, &c.), rent of premises, &c.

The revenue derived from the sources (i) to (iv) is the income derived from endowments, and the "net annual income derived from endowments" is the average for the three preceding years of this revenue, less the expenditure upon the endowments and investments and upon buildings, and less mortgage and other charges.

Table J gives a summary of the receipts under the several heads named above, and of the various items of expenditure for the year.

TABLE J.—SUMMARY OF THE ACCOUNTS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1909 FURNISHED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Credit balances on 1st January, 1909 ..	25,937	17	9	Liabilities on 1st January, 1909 ..	6,627	14	6
Endowment reserves sold and mortgage moneys repaid	1,064	12	5	Expenses of management	3,636	18	3
Rents, &c., of reserves	30,704	10	2	School salaries	56,493	12	8
Interest on moneys invested	2,307	10	7	Boarding-school accounts	14,663	7	6
Reserves Commissioners' payments ..	4,066	7	4	Scholarships and prizes	2,234	0	4
Government payments—				Printing, stationery, fuel, light, &c. ..	4,092	11	10
For manual instruction	900	15	9	Buildings, furniture, insurance, rent, and rates	41,911	7	2
For free places	33,489	14	8	On endowments	2,249	19	5
Subsidy on voluntary contributions ..	346	8	11	On manual instruction	953	10	7
Grants for buildings, sites, furniture, &c.	4,746	6	10	Interest	2,044	11	10
Statutory grant (Marlborough High School)..	400	0	0	Examination expenses	235	18	4
Technical instruction—				Repayment of loans	800	0	0
Government payments	6,521	6	0	Payments of High School Boards to Education Boards	300	0	0
From other sources	1,353	13	4	Sundries not classified	3,239	2	0
School fees (tuition)	18,887	8	5	On technical instruction	7,793	5	8
Boarding-school fees	17,715	9	5	Credit balances, 31st December, 1909 ..	22,793	8	5
Books, &c., sold, and refunds	209	10	5				
Borrowed on loan	5,850	0	0				
Special voluntary contributions, bequests, and local subsidies	6,684	12	5				
Sundries not classified	1,350	16	7				
Debit balances, 31st December, 1909 ..	7,532	7	6				
	£170,069	8	6		£170,069	8	6

It may be as well to compare the chief items of income and expenditure in 1907, 1908, and 1909.

	1907. £	1908. £	1909. £
Income from reserves and endowments ...	33,636	36,774	37,478
Grants from Government (exclusive of building grants)*	24,948	29,108	41,258
Building grants	9,473	16,164	4,746
Tuition fees	20,128	19,160	18,887
Salaries of staff	50,038	52,340	56,494
Expenses of management	3,421	3,412	3,637
Buildings, &c.	38,153	40,103	41,911

* These include, in addition to grants for secondary education properly so called, amounts paid to secondary schools as controlling authorities of technical classes: These amounts in the years 1907, 1908, and 1909 were respectively £1,307, £2,208, and £6,521.

As the free-place system is extended, the amount received in tuition fees will naturally diminish, and the capitation grants from Government will increase.

The Education Amendment Act of 1908, by the introduction of a higher scale of capitation on free pupils, benefits not only those secondary schools which have few if any endowments, but also the more numerous class of schools whose income from endowments is small in proportion to the number of pupils; further, it will relieve from anxiety those schools where a necessity arises for a large building expenditure in any year, as the effect of the new sliding scale is that in any year the total of the net annual income from endowments and the capitation—that is, of the moneys available for the payment of staff salaries and working-expenses—cannot, with due safeguards, fall below £12 10s. per pupil—a sum which past experience shows to be just sufficient. Generally speaking, the finances of the secondary schools are in a sound condition, notwithstanding the large expenditure under the head of buildings; indeed, it would be as well if the governing bodies of many of the schools would consider carefully the need for increasing the staffs of their schools, and of giving greater encouragement in the form of increased salaries to assistant teachers. At present there is no doubt that in many cases the salaries paid to assistants are far too low. Efficient work cannot reasonably be looked for in a secondary school unless the staff is sufficient and well paid.

For the whole Dominion, if there are taken into account only the secondary schools that admit free pupils under the Act, we find from Table J5 the following position:—

Total number of pupils, excluding lower departments	4,421
Total net income from endowments (average of three years ending 31st December, 1908)	£11,775
Net income from endowments per head	£2·66
Approximate annual rate of capitation	£10·40
Total available net income per free pupil for salaries and management	£13·06
Total expenditure on salaries of staff	£45,081
" management	£2,851
" staff salaries, and management	£47,932
Expenditure per head on staff salaries	£10·60
" on management...	£0·64
Total expenditure per head on staff salaries, and management ...	£11·24

The last figure given shows as nearly as may be the actual cost per annum for each pupil, exclusive of those in the lower departments. If we include all the secondary schools this average becomes £13·43 per head. Further details of the income and expenditure of the secondary schools will be found in Tables J6 and J7.

Lower Departments.—The Education Act provides that pupils who have not obtained a certificate of competency in the subjects of Standard V or a higher standard of the public-school syllabus may be admitted to a lower department of a secondary school if they are taught in a separate building or class-room and if no part of the actual cost of their instruction is met out of the endowments of the secondary school. There were lower departments in ten secondary schools during 1909; the total number of pupils in those departments was 189 (114 boys, 75 girls); the total cost of their instruction was £1,476; the total amount of fees received on their account was £1,499.

General Remarks.

Length of Time spent at Secondary Schools.—Table J2 shows the classification of pupils in secondary schools in 1909, according to years of attendance (exclusive of the time, if any, spent in the preparatory departments of such schools). The following is a summary of the returns, so far as they are available, for 1908 and 1909:—

School Age of Pupils in Attendance at Secondary Schools (exclusive of Christ's College) at the End of the Year.

School Age.	1908—28 Schools.			1909—30 Schools.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
First year	951	697	1,648	1,139	792	1,931
Second year	709	517	1,226	682	535	1,217
Third year	368	311	679	424	280	704
Fourth (or a higher) year ...	321	231	552	316	263	579
Total	2,349	1,756	4,105	2,561	1,870	4,431

A careful analysis of these figures, compared with those for the preceding years, shows that out of the total number of pupils entering the upper departments of secondary schools—

25·0 per cent. stay one year,
33·5 " two years,
6·9 " three years, and
34·6 " four years or more.

Hence, the average time spent at a New Zealand secondary school by each pupil who enters is a little over two years and a half, exclusive of any time spent in the lower department. This is greater than the average duration of a pupil's stay at a high school in New York or Chicago (where it is about two years), but less than the corresponding period in England, Scotland, Germany, or Switzerland. On the other hand, the proportion of the population receiving secondary education at any one time in New Zealand is larger than in Great Britain, although less than it is in Germany, Switzerland, and some other European countries. Economic reasons are, no doubt, to some extent at the root of the difference; indeed, for a young country, the average length of a pupil's course in our secondary schools may be considered fair. It is not, however, long enough to secure the greatest benefit to the community from the secondary-school system, and every effort should be made to extend it. Besides the economic reasons referred to, which lead parents to withdraw their boys and girls from secondary schools to enter employment, there are three main causes operating in New Zealand to shorten the average length of the secondary-school course. One of these has already been mentioned in another section of this report, where it has been pointed out that the undue length of time for which pupils are kept in the preparatory classes of the primary schools carries with it the consequence of an unduly high average age at which pupils gain a certificate of proficiency or otherwise qualify for entrance to a free place at a secondary school. A second cause tends to cut off the secondary course at the other end. Even for those who do not propose to enter the University the Matriculation Examination has come to be regarded as a kind of leaving-examination; but the standard of that examination has hitherto been so low that it has been quite easy for a girl or boy of average ability to pass it after spending three years at a high school, and many have taken only two years to do so. The University has now set as the standard of work expected the amount of work that might reasonably be covered in a four-years course at a secondary school; and, although this does not require actual attendance at a secondary school for four years, yet the new rule will almost certainly have the healthy result of prolonging the stay of pupils at such schools.

The last cause contributing to the shortness of secondary-school life is of a more general character; it is, in fact, the absence in the community of a hearty and thorough belief in the advantages of education, or, at all events, of secondary education. The average British parent can hardly be expected to grow enthusiastic over the intellectual training to be derived by his children from the study

of mathematics and foreign languages, or even over the moral training the schools afford; if he does not see clearly that his sons and daughters are being prepared for the technical work of their future life he is apt to be somewhat sceptical in regard to the advantages of any education beyond the primary stage. To some extent his scepticism has probably been justified in the past; but the present movement towards making the work of the high schools more vocational in character will, if properly carried out, meet this objection. There seems to be no reason to fear that a thorough mental training could not be obtained as well through the medium of a vocational course as from a course based on old-fashioned lines. Such a vocational course should embrace, *inter alia*, a sound study of English literature, history and civics, and a first-hand knowledge of the elementary scientific principles underlying the common facts of life, with emphasis upon applied science (including agriculture and commerce) in the case of boys, and upon domestic science and art in the case of girls. If the programmes of our secondary schools were adjusted in this direction, probably there would be a greater inducement for parents to keep their boys and girls longer at school; at all events, there would be less excuse if they did not do so. The present regulations for admission to senior free places (which have been current for more than two years) give full opportunity for the modification suggested; but, so far, not many schools have taken advantage of the options allowed. Briefly, it may be said that under the regulations the only compulsory subjects are English and arithmetic, and the optional subjects include (besides mathematics, foreign languages, and the ordinary branches of science) such subjects as the following: elementary practical agriculture; elementary hygiene (including elementary physiology, with instruction in "health" and in "first aid"); domestic science (including cookery, dressmaking or advanced plain needlework, and housewifery); shorthand, book-keeping, and commercial correspondence; woodwork or iron-work. To qualify for a senior free place, or for an "Intermediate Certificate," a pupil need not sit for an outside examination; it is sufficient if he or she gives evidence of having diligently and intelligently completed a satisfactory two-years course. Upon the completion of a similar satisfactory four-years course (that is, two years more) a Senior or "Leaving Certificate" is given.

The following subjects are common to all the secondary schools: English, French, Latin, arithmetic, and other branches of elementary mathematics, and science. In regard to other subjects the following remarks in last year's report still apply:—

Other subjects treated more or less commonly are commercial work, history, geography, drawing in various forms, woodwork for boys, and cookery or dressmaking for girls. In four of the schools German is taught to small classes of pupils, and in three Greek is reported as a subject of instruction. Advantage is taken in most cases to provide a commercial course, in which book-keeping and commercial correspondence and geography, or book-keeping and shorthand, supply the alternative. In general, all but a few pupils take French; in Latin the proportion pursuing the study varies very greatly in different schools, but probably not less than 60 per cent. of the aggregate enrolment are Latin pupils. In science the branches commonly observed are, for boys, physics (elementary physical measurements, electricity and magnetism, heat) and chemistry, with physiology in some cases; for girls, botany or physiology and elementary physics. In nearly all the schools adequate attention is bestowed on physical instruction, and the usual games are entered into with zest.

Except in the substitution of needlework, cookery, or dressmaking for some other form of manual instruction (or, in some instances, in lieu of a second language), in the less frequent provision of an alternative course for commercial work, and the selection made of science subjects, the curriculum in girls' schools cannot be said to differ in a marked degree from that found in schools for boys only.

It is significant that so far hardly a single girls' high school provides a full course in domestic science or hygiene; several of the schools are, however, taking steps to supply this omission. It is equally true in regard to the science of boys' schools that only in two or three cases does it appear that the science is chosen with a definite view to its bearing on agriculture. It would be well if there were more. In schools with suitable environment there seems to be no study that could be more profitably pursued or that could more worthily occupy the attention or enlist the enthusiasm of teachers and pupils alike.

District High Schools.—The course of instruction usually followed in the secondary departments of the district high schools of the Dominion has, hitherto, been drawn up largely with a view to prepare pupils for the Civil Service Junior, Matriculation, and Education Board Scholarship Examinations. In too many cases the curriculum itself and the methods of teaching have been dominated by examination results. It is, however, gratifying to note that in several education districts an earnest endeavour is being made to bring the course of instruction more into harmony with local conditions by providing suitable rural courses, based generally on the suggestive programme issued by the Department last year. Such courses, admittedly tentative in character, are now in operation in four districts, and there are indications that similar courses will be provided in other districts as soon as ways and means permit. The course for boys is not intended to fit them for carrying on agricultural and pastoral pursuits, but is intended to give them a knowledge of the scientific principles upon which the successful practice of these pursuits depends. Similarly, the course for girls is intended to fit them for the work which they, as members of families engaged in such pursuits, may have to perform or superintend. It is worthy of remark that it has been found possible, not only to provide reasonably full courses with a distinct bias towards rural and domestic pursuits, but also to secure adequate opportunities for pupils preparing for the various public examinations. The special payment of £5 10s. per annum provided by the Government for each pupil in the secondary department of a district high school taking an approved rural course has enabled Education Boards to augment the available teaching staff by the addition thereto of specially qualified itinerant instructors to teach the significant subjects included in the course.

While it is too early yet to judge of the effect of this departure from old-fashioned methods of secondary education, it will be a matter for surprise if it is not found to be altogether beneficial from the point of view both of the schools and of the pupils. It should at least have the effect of prolonging the period of secondary education in rural districts.

2. DETAILED TABLES.

TABLE J1.—Roll of Fees of Secondary Schools, as in December, 1909.

Schools.	Total Roll for Last Term of 1909. Boys. Under 12 Years.	Boys. 12 to 15.	Boys. 15 to 18.	Boys. Over 18.	Boys. Total.	Girls. Under 12 Years.	Girls. 12 to 15.	Girls. 15 to 18.	Girls. Over 18.	Girls. Total.	Lower Departments included in Total Roll. Boys.	Lower Departments included in Total Roll. Girls.	Boarders included in Total Roll. Boys.	Boarders included in Total Roll. Girls.	Annual Rates of Fees. For Tuition.	Annual Rates of Fees. For Board exclusive of Tuition.
A. *Endowed Schools included in the Eighth Schedule to the Education Act*, 1908.															£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Whangarei High School ..	..	10	28	3	41	..	8	25	1	34	..	..	..	..	8 8 0	..
Auckland Boys' Grammar School	..	127	260	12	399	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 10 0	..
„ Girls' Grammar School	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	171	7	264	..	..	..	..	10 10 0	..
Thames High School ..	..	13	24	..	37	..	9	21	..	30	..	..	..	..	8 8 0	..
New Plymouth High School ..	..	24	27	2	53	..	15	33	..	48	..	..	..	..	6 6 0	..
Wanganui Girls' College ..	..	..	..	..	..	3	71	100	15	189	..	14	..	85	8 8 0 10 10 0	40 0 0
Wellington Boys' College ..	1	121	236	18	376	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	60	..	11 17 9 9 11 0	42 0 0
„ Girls' College ..	..	..	..	..	..	14	52	97	8	171	..	11	..	..	11 17 9 9 11 0	..
Napier Boys' High School ..	15	52	56	7	130	..	..	..	..	..	38	..	36	..	10 4 0	40 0 0
„ Girls' High School ..	..	..	..	..	..	5	37	46	1	89	..	32	..	21	8 8 0 9 9 0	40 0 0
Gisborne High School ..	..	23	23	1	47	..	16	25	..	41	..	..	..	..	9 0 0	..
Marlborough High School ..	..	13	33	6	52	..	17	36	4	57	..	..	..	..	8 11 0	..
Nelson Boys' College ..	4	65	97	20	186	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	87	..	8 8 0 12 0 0	42 0 0
„ Girls' College ..	..	..	..	..	..	8	51	92	4	155	..	13	..	34	8 8 0 12 0 0	4[illegible] 0 0
Christchurch Boys' High School	15	67	133	2	217	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	7 10 0 10 10 0	..
„ Girls' High School	..	..	..	..	..	4	81	132	9	226	..	5	..	..	9 9 0 12 12 0	..
Rangiora High School ..	..	21	20	2	43	..	19	8	..	27	..	..	..	..	9 9 0	..
Ashburton High School ..	..	23	34	2	59	..	21	34	1	56	..	..	..	..	6 6 0	..
Timaru Boys' High School ..	..	20	48	4	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	9 0 0	45 0 0
„ Girls' High School ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	36	4	60	..	..	..	..	9 0 0	..
Waitaki Boys' High School ..	5	77	94	15	191	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	137	..	7 10 0	46 1 0
„ Girls' High School ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	31	5	51	..	..	..	..	7 10 0	..
Otago Boys' High School ..	..	79	176	6	261	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	10 0 0	43 10 0
„ Girls' High School ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	166	4	182	..	..	..	..	10 0 0	..
Southland Boys' High School..	..	52	89	5	146	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 0 0	..
„ Girls' High School..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	87	5	139	..	..	..	..	10 0 0	..
Total	40	787	1,378	105	2,310	34	577	1140	68	1,819	114	75	346	140	..	..
B. *Secondary Schools established under Section 94 of the Education Act.*																
Palmerston North High School	1	52	47	1	101	..	29	27	1	57	..	..	15	..	10 0 0	41 19 0
Dannevirke High School ..	..	14	35	5	54	..	18	18	1	37	..	..	..	..	10 0 0	..
Gore High School	..	17	23	2	42	..	11	19	2	32	..	..	..	..	10 0 0	..
Total	1	83	105	8	197	..	58	64	4	126	..	..	15	..	..	..
C. *Endowed Secondary Schools not coming within the Definition of Section 89 of the Education Act.*																
Wanganui Collegiate School ..	1	50	99	18	168	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	131	..	12 0 0	51 0 0
Christ's College Grammar School	58	89	84	5	236	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	..	7 17 6 11 0 6 14 3 6	42 0 0 45 0 0
Total	59	139	183	23	404	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	205	..	..	..
Grand total for 1909 ..	100	1009	1,666	136	2,911	34	635	1204	72	1,945	114	75	566	140	..	..
Grand total for 1908 ..	84	879	1,522	105	2,590	32	642	965	98	1,737	88	59	557	136	..	..
Difference ..	16	130	144	31	321	2	*7	239	*26	208	26	16	9	4	..	..

* Minus.

TABLE J2.—CLASSIFICATION OF PUPILS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN 1909, ACCORDING TO YEARS OF ATTENDANCE (EXCLUSIVE OF PREPARATORY DEPARTMENTS).

Schools.	First Year.		Second Year.		Third Year.		Fourth Year and upwards.		Total.		Grand Total.
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	
A. Endowed Schools included in the Eighth Schedule to the Education Act, 1908.											
Whangarei High School ..	16	12	12	13	8	7	5	2	41	34	75
Auckland Boys' Grammar School	172	..	101	..	65	..	61	..	399	..	399
Auckland Girls' Grammar School	..	109	..	73	..	44	..	38	..	264	264
Thames High School	12	12	7	7	12	6	6	5	37	30	67
New Plymouth High School ..	20	21	16	18	13	5	4	4	53	48	101
Wanganui Girls' College ..	..	60	..	54	..	22	..	39	..	175	175
Wellington Boys' College ..	203	..	94	..	39	..	25	..	361	..	361
Wellington Girls' College ..	..	61	..	51	..	19	..	29	..	160	160
Napier Boys' High School ..	33	..	25	..	19	..	15	..	92	..	92
Napier Girls' High School ..	..	21	..	11	..	15	..	10	..	57	57
Gisborne High School	47	41	..	(School	opened	1909)	..	..	47	41	88
Marlborough High School ..	23	20	15	23	7	9	7	5	52	57	109
Nelson Boys' College	66	..	49	..	38	..	17	..	170	..	170
Nelson Girls' College	..	58	..	44	..	25	..	15	..	142	142
Christchurch Boys' High School ..	84	..	43	..	47	..	23	...	197	..	197
Christchurch Girls' High School ..	..	91	..	52	..	45	..	33	..	221	221
Rangiora High School	23	16	10	7	4	3	6	1	43	27	70
Ashburton High School.. ..	30	28	17	18	7	4	5	6	59	56	115
Timaru Boys' High School ..	25	..	22	..	15	..	10	..	72	..	72
Timaru Girls' High School ..	..	24	..	16	..	11	..	9	..	60	60
Waitaki Boys' High School ..	71	..	47	..	28	..	20	..	166	..	166
Waitaki Girls' High School ..	..	20	..	11	..	9	..	11	..	51	51
Otago Boys' High School ..	111	..	73	..	38	..	39	..	261	..	261
Otago Girls' High School ..	..	83	..	55	..	30	..	14	..	182	182
Southland Boys' High School ..	60	..	43	..	28	..	15	..	146	..	146
Southland Girls' High School ..	..	54	..	43	..	14	..	28	..	139	139
Total	996	731	574	496	368	268	258	249	2,196	1,744	3,940
B. Secondary Schools established under Section 94 of the Education Act.											
Palmerston North High School ..	45	24	26	21	18	3	12	9	101	57	158
Dannevirke High School ..	19	18	16	12	6	4	13	3	54	37	91
Gore High School	19	19	17	6	5	5	1	2	42	32	74
Total	83	61	59	39	29	12	26	14	197	126	323
C. Endowed Secondary Schools not coming within the Definition of Section 89 of the Education Act.											
Wanganui Collegiate School ..	60	..	49	..	27	..	32	..	168	..	168
Christ's College Grammar School..	..	..	..	(No	record	kept)	..	..	236	..	236
Total	60	..	49	..	27	..	32	..	404	..	404
Grand total for 1909 ..	1,139	792	682	535	424	280	316	263	2,797	1,870	4,667

TABLE J3.—STAFF AND SALARIES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS AS IN DECEMBER, 1909.*

Schools.	Staff.				Salaries at Rate paid at End of Year.				Notes.
	Regular.		Part-time.		Regular Staff.		Part-time Teachers.		
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	
A. Endowed Schools included in the Eighth Schedule to the Education Act.									
					£	£	£	£	
Whangarei High School ..	2	1	1	2	480	120	15	110	
Auckland Boys' Grammar School	12	..	2	..	3,694	..	200	..	
„ Girls' Grammar School	..	10	1	4	..	1,810	72	..	Part-time teachers receive fees.
Thames High School ..	2	1	1	..	500	150	..	..	Past-time teachers receive fees. Principal has residence.
New Plymouth High School ..	3	2	2	..	780	390	55	..	Principal has residence.
Wanganui Girls' College ..	..	11	1	6	..	2,195	130	140	Principal has residence. Part-time teachers receive fees.
Wellington Boys' College ..	19	..	4	..	4,555	..	80	..	
„ Girls' College ..	..	9	2	2	..	1,765	85	65	
Napier Boys' High School ..	8	..	..	..	1,627	..	..	..	Including £52 house allowance for second master; also, Principal has residence, and two assistant masters have board.
„ Girls' High School ..	..	7	..	1	..	1,135	..	30	Principal has residence.
Gisborne High School ..	3	1	1	1	705	150	..	..	Including £55 house allowance for Principal and first master. Part-time teachers receive fees.
Marlborough High School ..	2	2	..	..	650	310	..	..	Principal has residence.
Nelson Boys' College.. ..	8	..	2	..	1,925	..	100	..	Principal has board and residence, four assistants have board, and one assistant has residence.
„ Girls' College ..	..	8	..	2	..	1,080	..	75	Principal and five assistants have board and residence.
Christchurch Boys' High School	10	..	6	1	3,220	..	475	10	
„ Girls' High School	..	10	1	7	..	1,695	45	410	
Rangiora High School ..	1	2	2	..	400	282	9	..	Principal has residence.
Ashburton High School ..	2	2	..	..	650	330	..	..	
Timaru Boys' High School ..	4	..	3	..	1,260	..	38	..	
„ Girls' High School ..	..	4	..	1	..	810	..	15	
Waitaki Boys' High School ..	7	..	1	1	1,666	..	15	36	Five assistants have board and residence.
„ Girls' High School ..	..	3	1	1	..	575	10	50	
Otago Boys' High School ..	11	..	3	..	3,228	..	160	..	Principal has residence.
„ Girls' High School ..	..	9	2	2	..	1,685	100	60	Part-time teachers receive fees.
Southland Boys' High School ..	6	..	3	..	1,544	..	103	..	Principal has residence.
„ Girls' High School ..	..	6	2	1	..	1,000	77	15	
Total	100	88	41	32	26,884	15,482	1,769	1,016	
B. Secondary Schools established under Section 94 of the Education Act.									
Palmerston North High School	4	2	2	1	1,150	290	50	..	Including £100 house allowance for Principal. Part-time teachers receive fees.
Dannevirke High School ..	2	2	1	1	570	360	15	20	
Gore High School	2	1	..	..	575	150	..	..	
Total	8	5	3	2	2,295	800	65	20	
C. Endowed Secondary Schools not coming within the Definition of Section 89 of the Education Act.									
Wanganui Collegiate School ..	11	..	1	..	2,950	..	60	..	Four assistants have board.
Christ's College Grammar School	12	..	4	..	3,270	..	260	..	Five assistants have residence.
Total	23	..	5	..	6,220	..	320	..	
Grand total	131	93	49	34	35,399	16,282	2,154	1,036	

* In four cases no secondary school has been maintained by the governing body: these are the Greymouth High School, Hokitika High School, Akaroa High School, and Waimate High School; but in all cases the funds are applied, in whole or in part, to the establishment of scholarships or in aid of local district high schools or other secondary schools.

TABLE J4.—NUMBER OF PUPILS HOLDING SCHOLARSHIPS AND FREE PLACES IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS DURING THE LAST TERM, 1909.

School.	Number of Holders of Free Places. (Under Departmental Regulations.) Junior. Boys.	Junior. Girls.	Junior. Total.	Senior. Boys.	Senior. Girls.	Senior. Total.	Totals. Boys.	Totals. Girls.	Totals. Total.	Annual Rate of Capitation.	Approximate Annual Payment.	Scholarship-holders. Included amongst Free-place Holders (Column 10).	Scholarship-holders. Not also Holders of Free Places.	Pupils receiving Free Tuition, but not Holders of Government Free Places.
(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)	(9.)	(10.)	(11.)	(12.)	(13.)	(14.)	(15.)
A. *Endowed Schools included in the Eighth Schedule to the Education Act,* 1908.														
(i.) *Providing Free Places under Section* 93.														
										£	£			
Whangarei High School	24	24	48	11	9	20	35	33	68	12·5	850	3	..	..
Auckland Grammar School	249	160	409	115	71	186	364	231	595	10·69	6,361	94	..	2
Thames High School..	23	11	34	9	12	21	32	23	55	8·58	472	1	..	..
New Plymouth High School	33	31	64	12	10	22	45	41	86	6·64	571	13	..	..
Napier High School ..	49	30	79	25	16	41	74	46	120	6·57	788	38	..	1
Gisborne High School	38	36	74	3	2	5	41	38	79	6·86	542	11	..	..
Wellington Colleges ..	214	14	228	46	10	56	260	24	284	10·22	2,902	63	4	3
Marlborough High School	31	42	73	14	10	24	45	52	97	12·5	1,212	18	..	1
Nelson Colleges ..	68	80	148	48	35	83	116	115	231	11·95	2,760	23	2	..
Rangiora High School	31	18	49	12	5	17	43	23	66	12·29	811	5	..	..
Christchurch Girls' High School	..	139	139	..	66	66	..	205	205	11·81	2,441	32	..	3
Christchurch Boys' High School	67	..	67	51	..	51	118	..	118	6·00	653	25	..	..
Ashburton High School	42	39	81	10	7	17	52	46	98	12·5	1,225	3	..	12
Timaru High School	40	35	75	24	17	41	64	52	116	9·56	1,109	17	..	..
Waitaki High School	51	31	82	34	17	51	85	48	133	12·5	1,662	17	1	..
Otago High School ..	147	133	280	83	46	129	230	179	409	8·89	3,636	56	1	..
Southland High School	94	87	181	33	42	75	127	129	256	12·5	3,200	42	..	..
(ii.) *Not providing Free Places under Section* 93.														
Wanganui Girls' College	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15*	19
B. *Secondary Schools established under Section* 94 *of the Education Act.*														
Palmerston North High School	68	44	112	16	9	25	84	53	137	12·11	1,659	10	..	..
Dannevirke High School	23	25	48	21	7	28	44	32	76	12·5	950	16	..	..
Gore High School ..	34	25	59	4	3	7	38	28	66	12·5	825	2	..	..
C. *Endowed Schools not included in the Eighth Schedule.*														
Wanganui Collegiate School	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16*	10
Christ's College Grammar School	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	42
Total ..	1,326	1,004	2,330	571	394	965	1,897	1,398	3,295	10·509	34,629	489	64	93

* Not technically holding free places, but, for the greater part, Board or National Scholarship holders having fees paid.

TABLE J5.—NET INCOME FROM ENDOWMENTS, AND COST PER HEAD OF ROLL.

School.	Total Roll at 1st March, 1909, exclusive of Lower Departments.	Total Net Income from Endowments (Average for Three Years ending 31st December, 1908.)	Net Income from Endowments per Head of Roll.	Annual Rate of Capitation.	Total Available Net Income per Free Pupil for Salaries and Management.	Total Expenditure on Salaries of Staff (exclusive of Lower Departments.)	Total Expenditure on Management (including Lower Departments.)	Total Expenditure on Staff Salaries and Management (Cols. 7 and 8.)	Expenditure per Head of Roll on Staff Salaries.	Expenditure per Head of Roll on Management.	Total Expenditure per Head of Roll on Staff Salaries and Management.
(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)	(9.)	(10.)	(11.)	(12.)
A. *Endowed Schools included in Eighth Schedule to the Education Act,* 1908.											
(i.) *Providing Free Places under Section* 93.											
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Whangarei High School ..	75	..	..	12·50	12·50	718	49	767	9·57	0·65	10·22
Auckland Grammar School	704	1,428	2·03	10·68	12·71	6,360	566	6,926	9·03	0·80	9·83
Thames High School ..	68	296	4·35	8·58	12·93	701	26	727	10·31	0·38	10·69
New Plymouth High School	109	841	7·71	6·65	14·36	1,249	79	1,328	11·46	0·72	12·18
Wellington Boys' and Girls' Colleges	566	1,435	2·54	10·22	12·76	6,302	262	6,564	11·13	0·46	11·59
Napier High Schools ..	172	1,350	7·85	6·58	14·43	1,946	153	2,099	11·31	0·89	12·20
Gisborne High School ..	92	670	7·28	6·86	14·14	721	92	813	7·84	1·00	8·84
Marlborough High School..	121	..	..	12·50	12·50	1,025	45	1,070	8·47	0·37	8·84
Nelson College	340	205	0·60	11·96	12·56	3,526	257	3,783	10·37	0·76	11·13
Rangiora High School ..	80	18	0·23	12·29	12·52	683	17	700	8·54	0·21	8·75
Christchurch Boys' High School	213	2,776	13·03	5·53	18·56	3,747	218	3,965	17·59	0·02	18·61
Christchurch Girls' High School	227	174	0·77	11·81	12·58	2,189	65	2,254	9·64	0·29	9·93
Ashburton High School ..	120	..	..	12·50	12·50	983	54	1,037	8·19	0·45	8·64
Timaru High School ..	147	481	3·27	9·56	12·83	2,057	142	2,199	13·99	0·97	14·96
Waitaki High School ..	230	..	..	12·50	12·[illegible]	1,904	189	2,093	8·28	0·82	9·10
Otago High School ..	505	2,027	4·01	8·89	12·90	5,247	327	5,574	10·39	0·65	11·04
Southland High School ..	310	..	..	12·50	12·50	2,748	107	2,855	8.86	0·35	9·21
Totals	4,079	11,701	..	..	..	42,106	2,648	44,754	10·32	0·65	10·97
(ii.) *Not providing Free Places under Section* 93.											
Wanganui Girls' College ..	175*	..	..	..	..	2,776	163	2,939	15·86	0·93	16·79
B. *Secondary Schools established under Section* 94 *of the Education Act.*											
Palmerston N. High School	173	74	0·43	12·12	12·55	1,449	150	1,599	8·38	0·87	9·25
Dannevirke High School ..	93	..	..	12·50	12·50	868	2	870	9·33	0·02	9·35
Gore High School ..	76	..	..	12·50	12·50	658	51	709	8·66	0·67	9·33
Totals	342	74	..	..	..	2,975	203	3,178	8·70	0·59	9·29
C. *Endowed Schools not included in the Eighth Schedule.*											
Wanganui Collegiate School	168*	..	..	..	..	3,358	279	3,637	19·99	1·66	21·65
Christ's College Grammar School	236*	..	..	..	..	3,804	279	4,083	16·12	1·18	17·30
Totals	404	..	..	..	..	7,162	558	7,720	17·73	1·38	19·11
Grand totals ..	5,000	11,775	2·66	10·40	13·06	55,019	3,572	58,591	11·38	0·71	12·09

* Roll at 31st December, 1909.

TABLE J6.—INCOME OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1909.

School.	Cr. Balances on 1st Jan., 1909.	From Endowments. Sales and Mortgage-moneys repaid.	From Endowments. Rents.	From Endowments. Interest on Moneys invested.	From Endowments. Paid by School Commissioners.	From Government. For Manual Instruction, Capitation, and Subsidies.	From Government. Capitation for Free Places and Subsidies.	From Government. For Buildings, Sites, Rent, Furniture, and Apparatus.	School Fees.	Boarding-school Fees.	Sundries unclassified.	Dr. Balances, 31st Dec., 1909.	Totals.	Technical Classes. (High School Boards which are also Controlling Authorities of Technical Classes.)
A. Endowed Schools included in the Eighth Schedule to the Education Act, 1908.														
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d
Whangarei High School ..	67 1 11	..	57 5 6	..	60 0 0	51 3 3	825 11 6	..	53 18 0	..	12 8 4	..	1,127 8 6	..
Auckland Boys' and Girls' Grammar School	4,104 17 9	..	5,417 19 8	200 0 0	289 17 0	..	5,999 0 2	1,000 0 0	614 13 3	..	13 14 7	..	17,640 2 5	..
Thames High School ..	331 7 4	..	773 13 4	12 15 3	28 18 0	28 5 10	499 16 2	..	62 0 0	..	17 16 0	..	1,754 11 11	..
New Plymouth High School	978 18 3	..	913 13 3	19 13 2	350 0 0	87 17 8	537 3 2	..	100 16 0	..	14 0 8	..	3,002 2 2	..
Wanganui Girls' College ..	223 3 11	..	354 13 6	80 0 0	168 16 8	221 7 6	..	..	3,005 8 8	3,349 5 5	908 11 4	..	8,311 7 0	..
Wellington College ..	914 10 1	..	3,236 9 5	..	481 16 0	32 6 3	2,701 17 4	729 0 0	3,249 17 5	..	11 10 10	..	11,357 7 4	..
Napier High Schools ..	4,280 17 1	..	2,711 2 0	208 9 0	528 12 6	25 12 6	884 12 11	..	396 6 5	..	193 6 10	..	9,228 19 3	..
Gisborne High School ..	4,003 0 9	..	150 0 0	220 9 8	351 5 6	50 10 9	401 2 3	..	89 10 0	..	897 2 10	..	6,163 1 9	372 7 11
Marlborough High School ..	580 19 3	..	..	..	20 0 0	44 16 9	1,552 1 8	6 17 3	89 5 0	..	57 7 0	..	2,351 6 11	..
Nelson College	..	957 12 5	814 15 8	87 16 8	435 0 0	43 7 6	2,772 5 6	..	1,707 17 9	5,741 1 6	167 0 0	934 13 3	13,661 10 3	..
Greymouth High School ..	1,534 16 2	..	..	78 10 2	100 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,713 6 4	..
Hokitika High School ..	1,724 3 7	..	45 0 0	66 5 0	100 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,935 8 7	..
Rangiora High School ..	181 5 2	..	189 6 4	..	..	..	754 8 2	337 0 0	19 19 0	..	26 10 0	..	1,508 8 8	..
Christchurch Boys' High ..	150 4 2	..	3,827 18 3	..	..	54 16 8	619 0 0	..	1,043 16 6	..	3 19 3	..	5,699 14 10	..
Christchurch Girls' High ..	..	..	254 5 11	132 16 11	..	54 4 7	2,192 8 10	19 16 0	178 10 0	..	25 10 4	2,090 18 7	4,948 11 2	..
Akaroa High School ..	372 2 2	..	160 5 3	25 13 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	558 1 2	..
Ashburton High School ..	..	..	754 6 4	..	..	27 7 6	1,062 9 2	..	39 18 0	..	3 2 9	1,284 8 8	3,171 12 5	..
Timaru High Schools ..	..	..	1,889 15 4	8 10 10	..	62 18 9	1,024 5 1	..	119 18 4	..	46 6 3	150 7 9	3,302 2 4	..
Waimate High Schools ..	2,656 3 6	..	354 3 6	138 19 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,149 6 5	..
Waitaki High Schools ..	..	..	1,528 11 8	..	107 11 8	4 17 6	1,405 13 4	2,050 0 0	852 10 0	..	76 12 6	1,112 7 1	7,138 3 9	..
Otago High Schools ..	951 10 7	57 0 0	2,520 6 6	23 15 5	425 0 10	60 2 6	4,422 18 5	225 0 0	441 19 6	..	291 0 10	..	9,418 14 7	..
Southland High Schools ..	948 14 8	..	1,125 13 8	..	137 8 2	89 11 0	3,177 18 8	..	313 6 8	..	254 1 4	..	6,046 14 2	..
Totals	24,003 16 4	1,014 12 5	27,079 5 1	1,303 15 3	3,584 6 4	939 6 6	30,832 12 4	4,367 13 3	12,379 10 6	9,090 6 11	3,020 1 8	5,572 15 4	123,188 1 11	372 7 11
B. Secondary Schools established under Section 94 of the Education Act.														
Palmerston North High ..	284 14 11	..	..	..	149 7 4	..	1,522 11 7	200 0 0	254 9 4	413 3 6	8 1 0	..	2,832 7 8	7,172 12 0
Dannevirke High School ..	34 18 2	..	..	..	301 7 6	33 0 0	902 11 8	63 5 9	124 13 4	..	9 10 0	..	1,469 6 5	329 19 5
Gore High School ..	67 11 5	..	..	..	31 6 2	83 17 3	823 0 0	115 7 10	93 4 6	..	93 13 7	..	1,308 0 9	..
Totals	387 4 6	..	..	..	482 1 0	116 17 3	3,248 3 3	378 13 7	472 7 2	413 3 6	111 4 7	..	5,609 14 10	7,502 11 5
C. Endowed Secondary Schools not coming within the Definition of Section 89 of the Education Act.														
Wanganui Collegiate School	..	..	1,530 2 0	..	..	..	..	..	2,886 6 6	8,211 19 0	5,009 15 8	..	17,638 3 2	..
Christ's College Grammar ..	1,546 16 11	50 0 0	2,095 3 1	1,003 15 4	..	..	..	..	3,149 4 3	..	5,953 17 6	1,959 12 2	15,758 9 3	..
Totals	1,546 16 11	50 0 0	3,625 5 1	1,003 15 4	..	..	..	..	6,035 10 9	8,211 19 0	10,963 13 2	1,959 12 2	33,396 12 5	..
Grand totals ..	25,937 17 9	1,064 12 5	30,704 10 2	2,307 10 7	4,066 7 4	1056 3 9	34,080 15 7	4,746 6 10	18,887 8 5	17,715 9 5	14,094 19 5 *	7,532 7 6	162,194 9 2	7,874 19 4
													£170,069 8 6	

* Including special voluntary contributions, bequests, and local subsidies, £6,684 12s. 5d.; borrowed on loans, £5,850.

TABLE J7.—EXPENDITURE OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1909.

School.	Liabilities on 1st Jan., 1909.	Expense of Boards' Management: Office and Salaries.	School Salaries.	Boarding-school Account.	Scholarships, Exhibitions, Prizes.	Expenditure on Manual Instruction.	Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Cleaning, Fuel, Light, &c.	Land, Buildings, Furniture, Insurance, Rent, Taxes.	Expenditure on Endowments.	Interest.	Sundries unclassified.	Cr. Balances, 31st Dec., 1909.	Totals.	Technical Classes (High School Boards which are also Controlling Authorities of Technical Classes).
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
A. Endowed Schools included in the Eighth Schedule to the Education Act, 1908.														
Whangarei High School	..	49 3 9	718 5 4	..	12 4 0	51 3 3	25 11 1	27 6 8	120 15 2	..	12 14 10	110 4 5	1,127 8 6	..
Auckland Grammar School (Boys' and Girls')	..	565 18 11	6,360 5 8	.	63 13 9	..	182 0 8	7,651 6 2	556 16 5	189 3 9	338 2 6	1,732 14 7	17,640 2 5	..
Thames High School ..	..	26 0 0	700 18 4	..	..	48 16 6	34 16 2	151 14 7	68 19 3	20 16 9	300 0 0	402 10 4	1,754 11 11	..
New Plymouth High School	..	79 1 7	1,249 4 8	..	32 8 0	62 18 6	125 5 5	219 4 2	7 12 6	0 2 6	8 18 6	1,217 6 4	3,002 2 2	..
Wanganui Girls' College	..	163 5 11	2,811 11 9	2,294 8 5	87 17 9	..	129 5 9	1,614 5 6	..	50 1 0	202 5 7	958 5 4	8,311 7 0	..
Wellington College ..	..	262 5 9	6,589 10 9	..	83 19 5	32 6 3	629 11 11	2,322 13 10	74 14 6	642 17 4	122 15 5	596 12 2	11,357 7 4	..
Napier High Schools ..	..	153 6 5	2,428 9 0	..	103 13 1	34 6 3	188 2 11	2,964 18 3	..	0 2 6	172 2 6	3,183 18 4	9,228 19 3	..
Gisborne High School ..	..	92 6 0	720 16 8	170 13 4	4 18 0	..	72 7 0	3,009 0 2	..	..	47 13 11	2,163 8 1	6,281 3 2	254 6 6
Marlborough High School	..	45 8 3	1,025 0 0	..	29 18 9	11 10 7	133 16 8	591 19 11	..	33 15 0	3 0 0	476 17 9	2,351 6 11	..
Nelson College ..	2,813 16 0	256 10 6	3,790 11 5	4,276 8 11	498 11 2	316 2 8	385 19 5	740 3 7	..	500 0 0	83 6 7	..	13,661 10 3	..
Greymouth High School	..	11 3 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,702 3 1	1,713 6 4	..
Hokitika High School ..	..	16 17 0	..	..	..	..	..	57 19 6	..	..	220 0 0	1,640 12 1	1,935 8 7	..
Rangiora High School ..	..	17 9 10	682 13 0	..	4 2 0	..	45 6 7	539 18 1	..	0 1 0	8 19 4	209 18 10	1,508 8 8	..
Christchurch Boys' High	..	218 3 2	3,916 3 10	..	66 15 11	38 1 8	162 11 8	233 19 2	172 4 5	200 0 0	223 13 8	468 1 4	5,699 14 10	..
Christchurch Girls' High	572 12 8	65 8 9	2,234 7 5	50 0 0	101 14 8	25 2 11	103 8 9	1,693 10 5	8 3 4	..	94 2 3	..	4,948 11 2	..
Akaroa High School ..	..	..	..	..	6 6 0	..	3 7 6	..	..	..	100 10 10	447 16 10	558 1 2	..
Ashburton High School	1,220 17 9	53 10 10	983 6 8	..	10 4 4	27 7 6	75 6 11	704 15 1	10 0 0	75 10 6	10 12 10	..	3,171 12 5	..
Timaru High Schools ..	36 0 11	141 16 2	2,057 1 8	..	66 9 5	58 3 7	200 18 11	712 2 0	25 19 8	..	3 10 0	..	3,302 2 4	..
Waimate High Schools	..	35 19 9	..	..	116 9 6	..	12 19 6	..	..	0 1 0	185 12 10	2,798 3 10	3,149 6 5	..
Waitaki High Schools ..	1,252 3 7	189 3 4	2,093 13 4	..	9 5 0	..	152 17 4	3,153 6 9	33 13 9	50 19 0	168 1 8	35 0 0	7,138 3 9	..
Otago High Schools ..	..	326 17 8	5,246 16 8	43 7 6	33 12 2	..	458 9 7	2,228 12 6	33 9 1	148 10 0	331 12 8	567 6 9	9,418 14 7	..
Southland High Schools	..	106 19 0	2,748 1 8	..	48 1 6	52 7 6	326 19 0	548 9 6	..	56 5 0	596 1 4	1,563 9 8	6,046 14 2	..
Totals ..	5,895 10 11	2,876 15 10	46,356 17 10	6,834 18 2	1,380 4 5	758 7 2	3,449 2 9	29,165 5 10	1,112 8 1	1,968 5 4	3,233 17 3	20,274 9 9	123,306 3 4	254 6 6
B. Secondary Schools established under Section 94 of the Education Act.														
Palmerston N. High School	..	149 13 2	1,449 3 8	412 16 6	57 14 4	22 19 5	78 7 3	359 19 9	..	..	14 3 3	221 13 3	2,766 10 7	7,238 9 1
Dannevirke High School	..	2 6 0	867 18 4	..	21 7 8	42 10 8	74 14 6	114 18 9	..	0 2 6	9 0 0	365 17 4	1,498 15 9	300 10 1
Gore High School ..	..	50 11 2	658 3 6	..	..	107 3 1	42 9 8	270 2 10	..	..	43 9 3	136 1 3	1,308 0 9	..
Totals ..	..	202 10 4	2,975 5 6	412 16 6	79 2 0	172 13 2	195 11 5	745 1 4	..	0 2 6	66 12 6	723 11 10	5,573 7 1	7,538 19 2
C. Endowed Secondary Schools not coming within the Definition of Section 89 of the Education Act.														
Wanganui Collegiate School	732 3 7	278 15 0	3,357 17 8	7,415 12 10	50 1 1	2 10 3	93 3 5	3,680 7 9	..	74 1 6	138 3 3	1,795 6 10	17,638 3 2	..
Christ's College Grammar School	..	278 17 1	3,803 11 8	..	724 12 10	..	354 14 3	8,320 12 3	1,137 11 4	2 2 6	1,136 7 4	..	15,758 9 3	..
Totals ..	732 3 7	557 12 1	7,161 9 4	7,415 12 10	774 13 11	22 10 3	447 17 8	12,001 0 0	1,137 11 4	76 4 0	1,274 10 7	1,795 6 10	33,396 12 5	..
Grand totals ..	6,627 14 6	3,636 18 3	56,493 12 8	14,663 7 6	2,234 0 4	953 10 7	4,092 11 10	41,911 7 2	2,249 19 5	2,044 11 10	*4,575 0 4	22,793 8 5	162,276 2 10	7,793 5 8
													£170,069 8 6	

* Including repayment of loans, £800 · payments by High School Boards to Education Boards, £300.

TABLE J8.—SUMMARY OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNTS IN RESPECT OF SECONDARY EDUCATION RESERVES FOR THE YEAR 1909.

Provincial District.	Receipts from Secondary Reserve.			Paid for Secondary Education.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	1,110	5	4	1,012	2	2
Taranaki	570	0	5	350	0	0
Wellington	2,593	15	11	800	0	0
Hawke's Bay	826	0	11	830	0	0
Marlborough	38	0	0	20	0	0
Nelson	387	11	6	435	0	0
Westland	63	15	6	200	0	0
Canterbury	..			..		
Otago	940	4	1	980	13	7
Totals for 1909	6,529	13	8	4,627	15	9
Totals for 1908	6,929	7	11	4,154	4	3

TABLE J9.—LOWER DEPARTMENTS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

School.	Number of Pupils.	Proportion of Annual Rate of Salary of Teachers.			Total Fees Received for Year.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wanganui Girls' College	14	36	0	0	115	4	8
Wellington College (Boys')	15	168	0	0	151	10	10
Wellington College (Girls')	11	119	16	0	74	16	2
Napier High School (Boys')	38	252	13	4	255	9	6
Napier High School (Girls')	32	230	0	0	223	3	10
Nelson College (Boys')	16	175	0	0	156	8	0
Nelson College (Girls')	13	90	0	0	130	0	0
Christchurch Boys' High School	20	169	5	0	169	5	0
Christchurch Girls' High School	5	45	3	0	45	3	0
Waitaki Boys' High School	25	190	0	0	177	10	0
Totals	189	1,475	17	4	1,498	11	0

TABLE J10.—LIST OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS INCORPORATED OR ENDOWED.

Name.	Act of Incorporation or Institution.	Remarks.
Whangarei High School	1878, No. 63, Local	Act may be repealed by *Gazette* notice under Act of 1885, No. 30.
Auckland Grammar School	1899, No. 11, Local.	
Auckland Girls' Grammar School	1906, No. 18, Local.	
Thames High School	1878, No. 54, Local.	
New Plymouth High School	1889, No. 2, Local.	
Wanganui Girls' College	1878, No. 42, Local	Board identical with Education Board.
Wanganui Collegiate School	[Nil]	Endowment, Reg. I, fol. 52. See also D.-16, 1866, p. 9.
Palmerston North High School	1904, No. 20, section 88	Scheme of control, *Gazette*, 1904, Vol. i, p. 903.
Wellington College and Girls' High School	1887, No. 17, Local.	
Dannevirke High School	1904, No. 20, section 88	Scheme of control, *Gazette*, 1905, Vol. ii, p. 2, 407.
Napier High Schools	1882, No. 11, Local.	
Gisborne High School	1885, No. 8, Local	Scheme of control, *Gazette*, 1909, Vol. i, p. 1110.
Marlborough High School	1899, No. 27, Local	Board identical with Education Board.
Nelson College	1858, No. 38, and 1882, No. 15, Local.	
Greymouth High School	1883, No. 21, Local	Not in operation in 1909.
Hokitika High School	1883, No. 7, Local	Not in operation in 1909.
Rangiora High School	1881, No. 15, Local.	
Christchurch Boys' High School	1878, No. 30, Local	Under management of Canterbury College.
Christchurch Girls' High School	[Nil]	Under management of Canterbury College. Endowment, *Gazette*, 1878, Vol. i, p. 131.
Christ's College Grammar School	Canterbury Ordinance, 1855	A department of Christ's College, Canterbury.
Akaroa High School	1881, No. 16, Local	Not in operation in 1909.
Ashburton High School	1878, No. 49, Local.	
Timaru High School	1878, No. 26, Local.	
Waimate High School	1883, No. 19, Local	Not in operation in 1909.
Waitaki High School	1878, No. 18, Local.	
Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools	1877, No. 52, Local.	
Southland Boys' and Girls' High Schools	1877, No. 82, Local.	
Gore High School	1904, No. 20, section 88	Scheme of control, *Gazette*, 1908, Vol. ii, p. 1798.

TABLE K1.—DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS: ATTENDANCE, STAFFS, SALARIES, ETC., IN SECONDARY DEPARTMENTS, 1909.

Education District.	Number of Schools.	Average Attendance, 1909.	Mean of Average Weekly Roll of Four Quarters.			Number of Teachers (excluding Head-teachers).			Paid in Salaries from Receipts from Government.			Statutory Annual Rate at End of Year.		
			M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	11	284	167	156	323	7	7	14	2,827	1	8	2,810	0	0
Taranaki	1	85	51	47	98	2	1	3	551	2	4	545	0	0
Wanganui	8	223	137	116	253	8	5	13	2,255	0	0	2,335	0	0
Wellington	9	374	170	234	404	5	11	16	3,420	16	3	3,070	0	0
Hawke's Bay	3	99	50	53	103	3	1	4	857	1	8	780	0	0
Nelson	4	103	50	59	109	1	4	5	976	7	6	975	0	0
Grey	1	29	15	21	36	1	1	2	363	15	0	365	0	0
Westland	1	40	19	23	42	1	1	2	365	0	0	365	0	0
North Canterbury	8	282	197	122	319	7	5	12	2,686	0	1	2,627	5	1
South Canterbury	3	131	74	71	145	4	2	6	1,207	0	0	1,121	3	4
Otago	9	250	148	129	277	4	8	12	2,371	5	0	2,370	0	0
Southland	4	44	22	32	54	..	4	4	737	2	11	740	0	0
Totals for 1909	62	1,944	1,100	1,063	2,163	43	50	93	18,617	12	5	18,103	8	5
Totals for 1908	66	2,090	1,167	1,191	2,358	55	47	102	20,096	15	5	20,136	2	1

TABLE K2.—FURTHER DETAILS RELATING TO SECONDARY DEPARTMENTS OF DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

Staff and Pupils of Secondary Departments of District High Schools, 1909.

NOTE.—In the column for "Position on Staff," (7), "M" and "F" distinguish sex, "H" means Head of a School, and "A" Assistant in the Secondary Department.

The salaries set down in column (8) are in accordance with the rates in the table and paragraph (*a*) of Part V of Second Schedule of the Education Amendment Act, 1908.

Each of the four Normal Schools, although not a district high school, has a secondary department in accordance with the regulations for training-colleges.

1 School.	2 Average Attendance, 1909.	3 Mean of Average Weekly Roll of Four Quarters. M.	F.	Total	4 Amount paid in Salaries during year from Receipts from Government.	Staff. 5 Name of Teacher.	6 Classification or Degree.	7 Position on Staff.	8 Statutory Annual Rates of Salary at End of Year. £ s. d.
Auckland—									
Aratapu	23	12	12	24	185 0 0	Hockin, Harry	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Killen, John G.	C4	A.M.	150 0 0
Cambridge ..	21	15	10	25	248 15 0	Walker, William R. C. ..	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Gavey, Annie L. ..	C2	A.F.	180 0 0
Coromandel ..	22	13	13	26	215 0 0	Tanner, Thomas B. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Gatland, Alfred H. ..	D2	A.M.	185 0 0
Hamilton West ..	45	32	23	55	375 0 0	Worsley, William H. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Wilson, Ebenezer ..	M.A., A1	A.M.	205 0 0
						Collins, Edith C.	B.A., B4	A.F.	140 0 0
Normal	32	14	20	34	275 0 0	Cousins, Herbert G. ..	M.A., A1	H.M.	30 0 0*
						Shrewsbury, Elsie ..	M.A., A1	A.F.	245 0 0
Onehunga ..	35	22	19	41	448 15 0	McIntosh, William N. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Kenny, Arthur A. ..	D1	A.M.	220 0 0
						Patterson, Florence I. ..	M.A., B3	A.F.	165 0 0
Paeroa	34	15	22	37	280 8 4	Murphy, Francis ..	C1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Meredith, Charles ..	C2	A.M.	195 0 0
						Gibbons, Naomi ..	B.A.	A.F.	135 0 0
Pukekohe West ..	17	11	9	20	211 5 0	Flavell, Dennis R. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Dromgool, James C. ..	B.Sc., A3	A.M.	180 0 0
Tauranga ..	13	7	8	15	192 10 0	Bowden, Alfred N. ..	C1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Taylor, Fanny J. ..	B.A., C4	A.F.	150 0 0
Te Aroha ..	16	12	6	18	212 18 4	Burton, Alfred F. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Neve, Frederick ..	M.A., LL.B., B1	A.M.	180 0 0
Waihi	26	14	14	28	182 10 0	Benge, Alfred	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Robertson, May B. ..	B.A.	A.F.	150 0 0
Taranaki—									
Stratford ..	85	51	47	98	551 2 4	Tyrer, Florence A. R. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Heatley, Frederick J. ..	M.A., M.Sc., A2	A.M.	210 0 0
						Bollinger, Elsie	M.A.	A.F.	165 0 0
						Bowler, Frederick ..	..	A.M.	140 0 0
Wanganui—									
Bulls	16	5	14	19	180 8 4	Gray, Joseph H. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Rockel, Cecil T. ..	..	A.M.	150 0 0
Eltham	17	10	11	21	180 16 8	Thomas, Taliesin ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Gordon, William P. P. ..	B.A., B4	A.M.	150 0 0
Feilding	42	27	19	46	365 0 0	Hill, John C.	C1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Ritchie, James	M.A., M.Sc., A2	A.M.	195 0 0
						Wyatt, Gladys	C3	A.F.	140 0 0
Hawera	30	22	15	37	357 8 11	Strack, Conrad A. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Stewart, Alexander A. ..	..	A.M.	180 0 0
						Strack, Constance T. ..	B.A., B4	A.F.	140 0 0
Marton	19	12	10	22	187 11 1	Mossman, Edwin ..	C1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Johnson, John	B4	A.M.	150 0 0
Patea	25	17	11	28	360 0 0	Robbie, George A. ..	B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Martin, Frederick W. ..	B3	A.M.	195 0 0
						Clayton, Ruth L. G. ..	B.A., B4	A.F.	135 0 0
Taihape† ..	28	12	18	30	248 15 0	Thurston, James F. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Gray, James H.	B.A., C2	A.M.	180 0 0
						Bruce, Isabella D. ..	M.A.	A.F.	135 0 0
Wanganui ..	46	32	18	50	375 0 0	Aitken, James	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Rutherford, John R. ..	M.A., A1	A.M.	205 0 0
						Gordon, Jessie	B.A.	A.F.	140 0 0
Wellington—									
Carterton	32	22	12	34	452 10 0	Burns, Andrew N. ..	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Scott, Flossie	B.A.	A.F.	140 0 0
						Morton, Lucy	B.A., B5	A.F.	180 0 0
Greytown ..	32	18	15	33	205 0 0	Charters, Alexander B. ..	M.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Kidson, George R. ..	C3	A.M.	150 0 0
Hutt	18	8	13	21	246 17 11	Yeats, Duncan M. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Myers, Phœbe	B.A., B2	A.F.	150 0 0
Levin	37	23	18	41	360 0 0	McIntyre, James ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Harding, Albert J. ..	C2	A.M.	195 0 0
						Livingstone, Fanny R. ..	M.A.	A.F.	135 0 0
Masterton ..	75	45	35	80	565 0 0	Jackson, William H. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Bee, John G.	M.A., A1	A.M.	225 0 0
						Williams, Ethel ..	B.A., B2	A.F.	170 0 0
						McLandress, Isabella ..	M.A., B2	A.F.	140 0 0
Newtown ..	52	3	52	55	373 18 4	Parkinson, Henry A. ..	M.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Rowley, Elizabeth ..	M.A., A1	A.F.	180 0 0
						Wilson, Marion K. ..	M.A., A1	A.F.	165 0 0
Normal	48	14	36	50	430 0 0	Webb, J. Costin	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0*
						Caughley, John	M.A., B1	A.M.	280 0 0
						Hind, Edith	M.A., A4	A.F.	120 0 0

* Also included in Table No. 8, E.-2. † Opened 1st February, 1909.

STAFF AND PUPILS OF SECONDARY DEPARTMENTS OF DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS, 1909—*continued.*

1 School.	2 Average Attendance, 1909.	3 Mean of Average Weekly Roll of Four Quarters. M.	F.	Total.	4 Amount paid in Salaries during year from Receipts from Government.	Staff. 5 Name of Teacher.	6 Classification or Degree.	7 Position on Staff.	8 Statutory Annual Rates of Salary at End of Year. £ s. d.
Wellington—*contd.*									
Pahiatua ..	26	10	22	32	266 13 4	Thomas, Joseph	C1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Baker-Gabb, Mrs. Mary ..	B.A., B1	A.F.	195 0 0
Petone	54	27	31	58	472 10 0	Horne, James	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Lynskey, James H. ..	C1	A.M.	240 0 0
						Ross, Christina	B.A.	A.F.	135 0 0
Terrace*	..	..	..	..	48 6 8	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay—									
Gisborne† ..	..	..	..	..	62 10 0	..	..	..	..
Hastings ..	43	19	25	44	364 11 8	Pegler, Leonard F. ..	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Atkinson, Thomas S. ..	C5	A.M.	180 0 0
						Hodgson, Ruth J. ..	C3	A.F.	140 0 0
Waipawa ..	30	15	16	31	215 0 0	Watson, John D. ..	M.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Keane, Jeremiah P. ..	D3	A.M.	185 0 0
Woodville ..	26	16	12	28	215 0 0	Stevenson, Andrew ..	C1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Hoult, William H. ..	M.A., A4	A.M.	185 0 0
Nelson—									
Motueka ..	22	8	6	14	185 0 0	Griffin, Thomas J. ..	C1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Stoddart, Francis ..	B.A., B1	A.F.	155 0 0
Reefton	20	12	11	23	181 7 6	Austin, William S. ..	B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Ironside, Anne F. ..	M.A.	A.F.	150 0 0
Takaka	22	11	16	27	215 0 0	Boyes, William H. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Ainsworth, Emma F. ..	B.A., B2	A.F.	165 0 0
Westport ..	39	19	26	45	395 0 0	Harkness, James H. ..	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Gifford, Arthur J. ..	M.A., A1	A.M.	225 0 0
						McElwee, Elizabeth ..	D3	A.F.	140 0 0
Grey—									
Greymouth ..	29	15	21	36	363 15 0	Adams, Alan A... ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Talbot, Arthur	M.A., D2	A.M.	195 0 0
						Thompson, Marion ..	D1	A.F.	140 0 0
Westland—									
Hokitika ..	40	19	23	42	365 0 0	Wake, Hugh G... ..	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Williams, Henry ..	B.A., C1	A.M.	195 0 0
						Olliver, Margaret F. L. ..	M.A., M.Sc.	A.F.	140 0 0
North Canterbury—									
Akaroa*	16	12	7	19	215 0 0	Hall, Charles	C2	H.M.	30 0 0
						Gray, Alexander ..	B.A., A1	A.M.	185 0 0
Christchurch West	154	112	53	165	985 14 4	Hardie, Charles D. ..	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Waller, Francis D. ..	B.A., B1	A.M.	315 19 4
						Malcolm, Thornton G. ..	B1	A.M.	211 0 0
						Hansard, George A. ..	C4	A.M.	190 0 0
						Finlayson, Annie C. ..	M.A., A3	A.F.	165 0 0
						Hassall, Edith G. ..	B.A., B3	A.F.	135 0 0
Darfield‡ ..	..	..	..	..	120 0 0	..	..	..	..
Kaiapoi	20	9	14	23	210 0 0	Bean, William D. ..	C1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Mayne, Arthur J. ..	M.A., B2	A.M.	180 0 0
Kaikoura Town ..	18	11	12	23	185 0 0	Allison, Herbert H. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Herriott, Elizabeth M. ..	M.A.	A.F.	155 0 0
Lincoln	12	4	10	14	185 0 0	Cookson, Arthur ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Osborn, Mabel E. ..	B.A., B3	A.F.	155 0 0
Lyttelton ..	20	18	4	22	265 5 9	Just, Emile U.	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Burley, William E. ..	B.A., B2	A.M.	235 5 9
Normal	17	13	10	23	305 0 0	Aschman, Christopher T. ..	C1	H.M.	30 0 0§
						McIlwraith, James W. ..	M.A., LL.B., A2	A.M.	275 0 0
Southbridge ..	25	18	12	30	215 0 0	Gates, Thomas A. ..	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Glanville, Gertrude M. ..	C1	A.F.	185 0 0
South Canterbury—									
Geraldine‡ ..	..	..	..	..	92 10 0	..	..	..	..
Pleasant Point ..	37	16	27	43	348 15 0	Thomas, William ..	M.A., A1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Tait, Allan G.	C3	A.M.	195 0 0
						McKibbin, Harriet ..	B.A.	A.F.	135 0 0
Temuka	41	26	18	44	365 0 0	McLeod, Murdoch ..	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Gilmour, William O. ..	C2	A.M.	195 0 0
						Reid, Jessie B.	B.A., B3	A.F.	140 0 0
Waimate ..	53	32	26	58	400 15 0	Pitcaithly, George ..	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Laing, Thomas M. M. ..	B.A., B1	A.M.	231 3 4
						McKenzie, George ..	D4	A.M.	135 0 0
Otago—									
Balclutha ..	34	22	15	37	350 16 8	McElrea, William B. E. ..	B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Robertson, Thomas G. ..	C4	A.M.	180 0 0
						Dare, Olive	B3	A.F.	140 0 0
Lawrence ..	39	21	24	45	375 0 0	Stenhouse, John ..	C1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Strachan, James E. ..	M.A., B2	A.M.	205 0 0
						Patterson, Janet ..	M.A., B1	A.F.	140 0 0
Mosgiel	29	22	10	32	215 0 0	Moir, John H.	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Bressey, Florence F. ..	M.A., A2	A.F.	185 0 0
Naseby	12	7	7	14	184 3 4	Jack, James A.	B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Jennings, Margaret A. ..	B.A., B5	A.F.	150 0 0

* Closed 31st January 1909. † Closed 28th February, 1909. ‡ Closed 30th June, 1909. § Also included in Table No. 8, E.-2.

STAFF AND PUPILS OF SECONDARY DEPARTMENTS OF DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS, 1909—*continued.*

1 School.	2 Average Attendance, 1909.	3 Mean of Average Weekly Roll of Four Quarters. M.	F.	Total.	4 Amount paid in Salaries during Year from Receipts from Government.	Staff. 5 Name of Teacher.	6 Classification or Degree.	7 Position on Staff.	8 Statutory Annual Rates of Salary at End of Year. £ s. d.
Otago—*continued.*									
Normal	42	21	24	45	375 0 0	Pinder, Edward	M.A., A1	H.M.	30 0 0*
						Hardy, James W. ..	B1	A.M.	265 0 0
						Kenyon, Helen McG. ..	B.A., B3	A.F.	120 0 0
Palmerston ..	25	15	14	29	215 0 0	Patterson, Thomas A. ..	M.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Cox, Annie H.	M.A., A3	A.F.	185 0 0
Port Chalmers ..	20	9	12	21	185 0 0	Booth, George F. ..	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Ward, Emily R. ..	M.A., A4	A.F.	150 0 0
Tapanui	24	15	10	25	215 0 0	Mackie, William W. ..	C1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Campbell, Eliza ..	M.A., A2	A.F.	185 0 0
Tokomairiro ..	25	16	13	29	256 5 0	Graham, Walter B. ..	C1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Ferguson, Albert J. ..	M.A., B2	A.M.	195 0 0
Southland—									
Arrow	12	6	8	14	185 0 0	Orr, James	D1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Copland, Catherine ..	C4	A.F.	155 0 0
Lumsden ..	14	8	8	16	185 0 0	Clark, William H. ..	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Steel, Annie	..	A.F.	155 0 0
Riverton ..	11	4	10	14	182 2 11	Hewat, Ebenezer C. ..	B.A., B1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Hamilton, Janet A. ..	D2	A.F.	155 0 0
Winton	7	4	6	10	185 0 0	McKillop, David S. ..	C1	H.M.	30 0 0
						Dalrymple, Helen K. ..	B.A., B4	A.F.	155 0 0
Total, 1909 ..	1,944	1,100	1,063	2,163	18,617 12 5	..	..	..	18,103 8 5

* Also included in Table No. 8, E.-2.

TABLE L1.—NUMBER AND VALUE OF JUNIOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

Education District.	Total Number held in December, 1909. Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Receiving Boarding-allowance (included in Total Number). Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Receiving Travelling-allowance (included in Total Number). Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Number held at Secondary Schools.	Number held at District High Schools.	Total Rate of Annual Payment as at December, 1909. £
Auckland	14	6	20	9	1	10	..	..	..	20	..	500
Taranaki	2	2	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	70
Wanganui	7	3	10	2	2	4	..	..	..	9	1	258
Wellington	8	..	8	2	..	2	..	..	..	6	2*	140
Hawke's Bay	6	4	10	5	3	8	..	..	..	10	..	340
Marlborough	..	4	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	70
Nelson	3	3	6	3	2	5	..	..	..	6	..	210
Grey	2	1	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	2	1	90
Westland	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	30
North Canterbury ..	9	5	14	4	4	8	..	..	..	14	..	380
South Canterbury ..	3	1	4	1	..	1	1	..	1	2	2	80
Otago	9	4	13	3	2	5	..	..	..	12	1	280
Southland	6	3	9	4	3	7	..	..	..	9	..	300
Totals, 1909 ..	71	37	108	36	18	54	1	..	1	95	13	2,748
Totals, 1908 ..	57	32	89	25	15	40	..	..	..	75	14	2,130

* One at Technical School.

NOTE.—Fifteen Junior Queen's Scholarships were held at the end of 1909—10 by boys and 5 by girls. The last of these scholarships will expire in 1910; they are now incorporated with the Junior National Scholarships.

TABLE L2.—NUMBER AND VALUE OF EDUCATION BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS.

Education District.	Number held in December, 1909. Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Period of Tenure. Years.	Boards' Expenditure on Scholarships in 1909. £ s. d.	Annual Value, &c.
Auckland ..	62	30	92	3	2,038 4 9	34 at £40, 58 at £10.
Taranaki ..	11	5	16	2	341 6 9	8 at £35, 4 at £10, 4 at £5.
Wanganui ..	24	13	37	2 or 3	788 9 9	10 at £40, 4 at £23 10s., 6 at £21, 17 at £10.
Wellington ..	48	35	83	2	1,220 18 7	18 at £40, 1 at £8 5s., 1 at £7 2s. 6d., 1 at £9, 3 at £6 7s. 6d., 7 at £6 5s., 52 at £5.
Hawke's Bay ..	40	22	62	2	586 5 0	13 at £30, 1 at £12 10s., 6 at £10, 1 at £8 10s., 2 at £7 10s., 39 at £2 10s.
Marlborough ..	6	6	12	2	118 14 0	3 at £25, 3 at £10, 6 at £2.
Nelson	13	18	31	2	333 15 0	7 at £40, 1 at £25, 23 at £1 5s.
Grey	2	3	5	2	64 0 0	1 at £26 10s., 4 at £8.
Westland ..	2	4	6	1 or 2	70 0 0	2 at £24, 1 at £10, 3 at £4.
North Canterbury	34	21	55	2	940 14 10	2 at £17, 8 at £16, 12 at £15, 15 at £14, 15 at £13, 3 at £12.
South Canterbury	13	12	25	2	340 0 10	7 at £27, 2 at £12, 16 at £7.
Otago	46	22	68	2 or 3	1,207 2 0	17 at £40, 51 at £10.
Southland ..	25	16	41	2 or 3	644 8 3	17 at £30, 24 at £5.
Totals, 1909..	326	207	533	..	8,693 19 9	
Totals, 1908..	286	198	484	..	8,282 16 4	

3. REPORTS OF GOVERNING BODIES.

WHANGAREI HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. R. Lupton; Mr. H. G. Smith; Miss H. M. L. Woolley; Miss B. Blumhardt; Miss B. Griffiths; Mr. G. Jump.

1. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—English—Nesfield, Past and Present; Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice; Thackeray's Esmond; selections from Chaucer and Spenser. Latin—Cicero, De Officiis, III; Vergil, Ænid, VIII; Cicero, Pro Lege Manilia; Postgate's Latin Grammar; Bryan's Latin Prose; Bradley's Arnold; Wilkins, Roman History. French—Quatre-vingt-treize, Victor Hugo; Rousseau, Le Contrat Social; Corneille, Polyeucte; Wellington College French Grammar; Weekley's French Prose Composition; Chardinal's Advanced Course. Mathematics—Geometry, Hall and Stevens; algebra, Hall and Knight's Higher Algebra; trigonometry, Hall and Knight; mechanics, Bryan and Briggs. Science—Heat, Stewart; physiology, Coleman. Geography—Commercial, Chisholm, as for Senior Civil Service.

Lowest.—English—Nesfield's English Grammar and Composition, Parts I and II; Evangeline; Lay of the Last Minstrel; dictation and essays. History—General Introduction; The Struggle for Freedom. Latin—Shorter Latin Course, Part I. French—Siepmann's First Year. Mathematics—Arithmetic, general revision; algebra, Hall and Knight, to simultaneous equations; geometry, Hall and Stevens, Book I. Book-keeping—Thornton's First Lessons. Drawing—Freehand; brush, from nature; plane and solid geometry. Manual—Woodwork for boys; cookery and hygiene for girls.

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	67	1	11
Government capitation—			
For free places	813	5	0
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	51	3	3
Subsidy on voluntary contributions, secondary schools	12	6	6
Endowments—			
Current income from reserves	57	5	6
Paid by School Commissioners	60	0	0
School fees	53	18	0
Voluntary contributions on account of general purposes of the school	12	6	6
Other receipts, sundries	0	1	10
	£1,127	8	6

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Office salaries	46	4	5
Other expenses of management	2	19	4
Teachers' salaries and allowances	718	5	4
Prizes	12	4	0
Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction	12	14	10
Printing, stationery, and advertising	7	1	6
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	18	9	7
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction	51	3	3
Fencing, repairs, &c.	7	5	6
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	7	3	2
Site or buildings	120	15	2
Other expenditure—Construction of cricket and tennis grounds	12	18	0
Balance at end of year	110	4	5
	£1,127	8	6

J. M. Killen, Chairman.
J. McKinnon, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. Collins, Controller and Auditor-General.

AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. J. W. Tibbs, M.A.; Mr. J. H. Turner, M.A.; Mr. H. J. D. Mahon, B.A.; Mr. F. Heaton, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. J. Drummond, M.A.; Mr. J. G. Trevithick, M.A.; Rev. J. K. Davis, M.A.; Mr. P. Drummond, B.A.; Mr. J. D. Dinneen, B.A.; Mr. F. W. Gamble, M.A.; Mr. D. A. Watt, B.A.; Mr. H. W. King; Mr. A. G. Marshall, B.A.; Mr. P. S. Bridson, B.A.

Girls' School.—Miss A. W. Whitelaw, M.A.; Miss E. G. Wallace; Miss A. C. Morrison; Miss F. E. A. Grellet; Miss F. E. Macdonald, B.A.; Miss F. V. J. Jacobsen, M.A.; Miss E. M. Griffin, M.A.; Miss J. V. Harcourt, M.A.; Miss M. A. Dive, B.A.; Miss D. R. Robertson, M.A.; Mr. K. Watkins; Miss S. Heap; Miss K. Grellet; Miss A. Walker; Miss E. Whitelaw.

1. Report of the Board of Governors.

Cadet Corps.—The following extract from the headmaster's annual report has reference to the school battalion of Defence cadets: "As soon as we had settled down to our year's work we numbered our cadet force, and found that exactly four-fifths of the boys had volunteered for service. It seemed a fitting opportunity to bring the whole school into the scheme, and the Board passed a resolution making cadet work obligatory on all. I happened to be writing to Lord Roberts later about another

matter, and I informed him of the Board's resolution and its ready acceptance by the parents and boys. In his reply he said, 'I am greatly pleased to learn from your letter that cadet-training has been made universal in your school. You are teaching the Old Country a much-needed lesson, and I can only hope that some day our schools may follow your example; but it is uphill work combating Old World prejudices.' The services of the eight companies were accepted by the Defence Department, and the corps formed into a battalion with a present establishment of 410. All the companies have been supplied with uniforms from the funds of the corps; but the two junior companies will not receive their arms till next year."

Mistresses.—The staff was joined in February, 1909, by Miss Vernon Harcourt, M.A., Trinity College, Dublin, who took the Natural Sciences Tripos at Girton College, Cambridge. In April it was joined by Miss D. R. Robertson, M.A., who took her degree in 1907 at the Otago University.

Distinctions.—Boys: At the December examination of the University of New Zealand, Junior Scholarships were won by A. B. Jameson, C. J. Hosking, R. H. Melville; and Senior National Scholarships by W. M. Jones (under age) and P. S. Smale. Four boys passed with credit, and thirty-nine others passed matriculation. In the Civil Service Junior Examination forty-seven passed, of whom nineteen obtained credit. Nine gained Senior District Scholarships under the Auckland Education Board.

Girls: At the examinations of December, 1909, two girls (T. Tompkins and H. Adlington) gained Junior University Scholarships. H. Adlington was awarded the Sinclair Scholarship for biology and mathematics. D. Burrow, B. Battersby, and E. Hames obtained Senior District Scholarships under the Auckland Education Board. Twenty-five girls passed matriculation, 162 passed Junior Civil Service, and 29 others gained senior free places. A. Wilson has won the second of two prizes given in the North Island by the British and Foreign Sailors' Society for an essay on Captain Cook. Several girls won prizes at the oral examination held by the Auckland French Club.

Library.—One of the boys' class-rooms has been set apart as a school library, and suitably fitted and furnished by the Board for that purpose. It was opened in June with about 600 volumes, which have been purchased from subscriptions given by old boys of the school.

The School.—During the first term of the year 424 boys and 287 girls were in the two schools, of whom 388 boys and 260 girls held free places under the regulations, and for whose tuition the Government paid at the rate of £3 11s. 3d. a term. £16,675 2s. 1d. has now been spent upon the new girls' school in Howe Street, of which the Government provided £6,000.

The usual distribution of prizes took place in the Choral Hall on the 16th December, 1909: 59 prizes were given to the boys and 52 to the girls; their total cost was £63 13s. 9d. Two prizes were again given by Mr. J. P. Hooton for English essays, and one for practical chemistry by Mr. P. M. Mackay, J.P.

G. Maurice O'Rorke, M.A., LL.D., Chairman.

2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest—Boys' School: English—Nesfield, English Past and Present; Tennyson, Webb and Rowe's Selections; Shakespeare, Henry IV, Part I, and Macbeth; Spenser, Faerie Queene, Book I; Chaucer, Clerke's Tale. Latin—Sergeant's Easy Passages for Latin Prose; Ovid, Metamorphoses; Livy, Book V; Cicero, Letters (Tyrrell); Horace, Odes, Book II; Cicero, Pro Marcello. French—Wall's Concise French Grammar; Rey's French Composition and Idioms; Travailleurs de la Mer; Poèmes Choisis (Arnold).. Mathematics—Todhunter and Loney's Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Geometry; Hall and Knight's Trigonometry. Science—Edser's Heat for Advanced Students; Shenstone's Chemistry; Tilden's Practical Chemistry. *Girls' School:* Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Geometry; Borchardt's Trigonometry, Parts I and II; Tohunter and Loney's Algebra; Borchardt's Algebra, Part I; Ward's Exercises in Trigonometry; Jones and Cheyne's Algebraic Exercises. Science—Heat, Glazebrook; mechanics, Jessop, Loney; botany, Scott's Flowering Plants, Scott's Flowerless Plants. English—Hamlet; Burke's Speeches on American Taxation; Bacon's Essays; Addison's Essays (Arnold's edition); Faerie Queene, Spenser, Book I, Canto 5; Golden Treasury; Chaucer's Knight's Tale; historical grammar, Nesfield, Past and Present. History—Tout and Powell; Colonies and Colonial Federation. Roman history—Wilkins's Roman Antiquities; Shuchburgh's Elementary Roman History. Geography—Longmans, Part II. French—Maitres Mosaïstes; Rey's Composition. Latin—Livy, Book XXI; Horace, Odes, Book III; Bradley's Arnold; Postgate's First Latin Primer; Horace, Satires and Epistles; Cicero, De Senectute.

Lowest.—Boys' School: English—Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar; Temple Reader; Scott, Lay of the Last Minstrel; Kingsley, Heroes. Latin—Elementa Latina, Morris; Invasion of Britain; Postgate's Shilling Primer. French—Macmillan's Progressive French Course, First Year; Bell's French Course, Part I. Mathematics—Loney and Greville's Shilling Arithmetic; Longmans' Junior School Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Geometry. Geography—Longmans' Geographical Series, No. 2. *Girls' School:* Mathematics—Borchardt's Junior Arithmetic; Borchardt's Junior Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Geometry. English—Nesfield's Outlines; Temple Reader; Lady of the Lake. History—Arabella Buckley. French—Macmillan, Part I Contes et Légendes Guerbet. Latin—Macmillan, Parts I and II; Scalæ Primæ; Postgate's First Latin Primer. Geography—Longmans, Part II.

3. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	4,104	17	9
Government grant for sites, building, furniture, &c. (general purposes), girls' school	1,000	0	0
Government capitation for free places ..	5,999	0	2
Current income from reserves	5,135	10	8
" Maungaru ..	282	9	0
Paid by School Commissioners	289	17	0
School fees	614	13	3
Interest	200	0	0
Other receipts—			
Sale of old buildings	2	0	0
Interest on deposit in Post-Office Savings-Bank, 1907–9.	11	14	7
	£17,640	2	5

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Secretary's expenses	164	0	0
Commission, &c., to collector	323	1	1
Other expenses	78	17	10
Teachers' salaries—			
Masters	4,140	9	4
Mistresses	2,219	16	4
Election expenses	2	2	9
School requisites—			
Boys	107	12	3
Girls	609	5	0
Prizes	63	13	9
Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction	48	16	3
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.—			
School	93	7	11
Property	18	13	6
Stationery allowance—			
Boys	10	10	0
Girls	10	13	0
Insurance—			
Boys' school	23	7	5
Girls' school	15	5	4
Property	73	8	9
Girls' school—Building	5,595	16	8
Fencing, repairs, &c.—			
School	249	4	3
Property	574	8	5
Rates on property	402	18	1
Girls' school property at Maungaru ..	402	13	3
Interest on girls' school building ..	125	8	9
Interest on loans to property	63	15	0
Bank of New Zealand, for collecting debenture interest	1	2	3
Other expenditure—			
Cricket coach	20	0	0
Swimming sports—			
Boys	3	0	0
Girls	2	0	0
Athletic sports—Boys	17	0	0
Cricket-wickets—Boys	3	0	0
Passage-money, &c., *re* French mistress ..	73	5	6
Girls' High School Trust Account—			
Expenses Maungaru property, 1908 ..	154	3	2
Amount transferred to General Account, 1908	216	12	0
Balance at end of year	1,732	14	7
	£17,640	2	5

Statement of Balances, Girls' Grammar School Scholarship Trust Account.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st January, 1909—City Council debentures	5,000	0	0
	£5,000	0	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Transfer to General Account	5,000	0	0
	£5,000	0	0

John Williamson Scholarship Trust Account.

Capital Account.

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st January, 1909	1,300	0	0
	£1,300	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 31st December, 1909—			
Public buildings debentures	200	0	0
Auckland Gas Company shares.. ..	210	0	0
Property, Symonds Street, Auckland ..	700	0	0
Auckland Savings-bank deposit ..	90	0	0
Post-Office Savings-Bank deposit ..	100	0	0
	£1,300	0	0

Income Account.

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st January, 1909	176	5	10
Rent	62	10	0
Interest on debentures, Public Trustee ..	19	17	7
Dividend, Auckland Gas Company ..	17	15	6
Interest on deposit, Auckland Savings-bank	3	16	9
Interest on deposit, Post-Office Savings-Bank	1	18	6
	£282	4	2

	£	s.	d.
Scholarships	20	3[illegible]	4
City rates	[illegible]7	10	9
Insurance	[illegible]1	8	0
Repairs	[illegible]4	9	4
Balance, 31st December, 1909	248	12	9
	£282	4	2

Contractors' Deposit Account.

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st January, 1909	15	0	0
Deposit received	12	0	0
	£27	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Refunded	17	0	0
Balance, 31st December, 1909	10	0	0
	£27	0	0

Statement of Balances, 31st December, 1909.

Accounts.	£ s. d.	*Bank.*	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Credit, Contractors' Deposit Account ..	10 0 0	Auckland City Council debentures	5,000 0 0	
,, John Williamson Income Account ..	248 12 9	Less Overdraft, Bank of N.Z..£2,997 12 10		
,, General Account	1,732 14 7	Add unpresented cheqnes .. 36 0 9	3,033 13 7	1,966 6 5
		Auckland Savings-bank ..	.. ..	10 6 10
		Post-Office Savings-Bank	.. ..	14 14 1
	£1,991 7 4			£1,991 7 4

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December, 1909.

Assets.	£ s. d.	*Liabilities.*	£ s. d.
Bank balances,—		Debit, Grammar School Account	2,997 12 10
Deposit in Post-Office Savings-Bank ..	114 14 1	Unpresented cheques	36 0 9
,, Auckland Savings-bank ..	100 6 10	Contractor's deposit	10 0 0
Fees outstanding	2,183 11 6	Loan from Auckland Diocesan Pension Board, under Auckland Grammar School Act, 1899, section 27, due 1906	1,000 0 0
Rents outstanding—		Loan from C. F. Jahn, Esq., under Auckland Grammar School Act, 1899, section 27, due 1919	500 0 0
Ground	512 5 2		
Weekly	108 0 10		
John Williamson Trust	1,110 0 0		
City Council debentures	5,000 0 0		
	£9,128 18 5		£4,543 13 7

Rent Account Balance.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Arrears, 1908	544 2 9	Collected	5,417 19 8
Charges, 1909	5,490 7 11	Williamson	62 10 0
Williamson	66 5 0	Arrears, 1909	620 6 0
	£6,100 15 8		£6,100 15 8

W. Wallace Kidd, Secretary.

THAMES HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. N. A. Winter, B.A.; Mr. C. A. Stewart, M.A.; Miss M. R. Foy; Staff Sergeant-major McDonnell.

1. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—English—Manual of English Grammar and Composition (Nesfield); Scott's Waverley. Geometry—Hall and Stevens, Parts I–IV. Algebra—Hall and Knight's Elementary Algebra. Arithmetic—Lock. Latin—Via Latina (Abbott); Ovid's Metamorphoses, selections; Ovid's Elegiacs, selections. French—Macmillan's French Course, II; Monte Cristo, Part I. Geography—Longmans, Book II. Book-keeping—Thornton's First Lessons.

Lowest.—English—Nesfield's Manual of English Grammar; Merchant of Venice. French—Dent's First French Book. Latin—Macmillan's Shorter Latin Course, I; Scalæ Primæ. Geometry—Hall and Stevens, I and II. Algebra—Baker and Bourne's First Algebra. Geography—Longmans, Book II. Book-keeping—Thornton's First Lessons. Arithmetic—Pendlebury and Robinson's First Arithmetic.

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	*Expenditure.*	£ s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	331 7 4	Management—	
Government capitation—		Office salary	20 0 0
For free places	499 16 2	Other office expenses	6 0 0
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	28 5 10	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	700 18 4
Refund	0 19 0	Material for classes	15 6 0
Current income from reserves	715 3 7	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	10 14 3
Goldfields revenue	57 10 9	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	24 1 11
Paid by School Commissioners	28 18 0	Purchases and new works	136 3 11
School fees	62 0 0	Fencing, repairs, &c.	2 19 6
Interest on current account	12 15 3	Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	12 11 2
Voluntary contributions on account cadet uniforms	15 0 0	Interest on current account	1 6 9
Other receipts—Rent	2 16 0	Endowments—Management, &c. ..	68 19 3
		Other expenditure—	
		Cadet uniforms	28 6 6
		Technical instruction..	5 4 0
		Repayment special loan	300 0 0
		Interest on special loan	19 10 0
		Balance at end of year	402 10 4
	£1,754 11 11		£1,754 11 11

Frank H. Claxton, Chairman.
Jas. Kernick, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. Collins, Controller and Auditor-General.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. E. Pridham, M.A.; Miss C. D. Grant, M.A.; Miss G. A. Drew, M.A.; Mr. H. H. Ward; Mr. G. H. Wills; Mr. E. P. Fenton; Mr. W. Lints.

1. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—Latin—For Junior Scholarship—Virgil, Book VIII; Cicero, In Catilinam Book I: Matriculation—Selections from Latin Authors, pages 1–62, 116–135, and 164–175; Ramsay's Latin Prose Exercises, 1–87. French—For Junior Scholarship—Wellington College Grammar; Rey's French Composition; Eve and Baudiss's Accidence; Pellissier's Unseens for Upper Forms; Rousseau's Contrat Social. Arithmetic—Workman's School Arithmetic (University Tutorial Series). Algebra—Hall and Knight, the whole; and Borchardt. Geometry—Hall and Stevens, Books I–VI. Botany—Junior Scholarship standard—from various text-books. Mechanics—Dynamics, Statics, and Hydrostatics (Correspondence College Series). English—Grammar and composition, Junior University Scholarship work; literature, Julius Cæsar, Merchant of Venice, and various extracts.

Lowest.—Latin—Scott and Jones, First Course (the whole), Second Course (commenced). French—Méthode Naturelle, Lessons 1–41, 140–147, 160. Arithmetic—Seventh Standard, except stocks. Algebra—Hall and Knight, to simultaneous problems, exercise 14. Geometry—Hall and Stevens, Theorems 1–22, Theorem A, Problems 1–10; deductions, to end of Theorem 22. Grammar—Seventh Standard, parsing, analysis, grammar. Composition—Seventh Standard requirements. Literature—Westward Ho, Childe Harold. Botany—First Studies in Plant-life in Australasia, pages 1–147.

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	978	18	3	Management—			
Government capitation—				Office salary	60	0	0
For free places	537	3	2	Other office expenses	13	3	7
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	87	17	8	Other expenses of management ..	5	18	0
Endowments—				Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	1,249	4	8
Current income from reserves	910	18	3	Prizes	32	8	0
Royalty on gravel	2	15	0	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	43	0	3
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	19	13	2	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	82	5	2
Paid by School Commissioners ..	350	0	0	Drainage	51	1	6
School fees	100	16	0	Purchases and new works	55	15	4
Refunds—Travelling expenses, £5 9s. 2d.; overpaid accounts, £8 11s. 6d. ..	14	0	8	Fencing, repairs, &c.	50	13	7
				Insurance (fire and accident)	12	1	9
				Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	42	8	6
				Buildings, equipments, &c., for manual instruction	7	3	6
				Interest on current account	0	2	6
				Endowments—Miscellaneous (surveys, &c.)	7	12	6
				Other expenditure—			
				Law	8	18	6
				Taranaki Education Board (Technical)..	62	18	6
				Balance at end of year	1,217	6	4
	£3,002	2	2		£3,002	2	2

W. Fraser, Chairman.
Walter Bewley, Secretary.

Examined and found correct, except that the payment of £12 16s. 2d. for travelling-expenses of teachers interviewing Governors is without authority of law, and is therefore disallowed.—R. J. Collins, Controller and Auditor-General.

WANGANUI GIRLS' COLLEGE.

Staff.

Miss M. I. Fraser, M.A.; Miss S. E. Gifford, M.A.; Miss J. Knapp, B.A.; Miss J. R. Currie, M.A.; Miss A. Blennerhassett, B.A.; Miss E. M. McIntosh, M.A.; Miss J. O. Abernethy, M.A.; Miss F. J. Grant, B.A.; Mrs. Blandford, L.R.A.M.; Miss J. Cherrett; Miss J. W. Gow, L.A.B., A.T.C.L.; Miss L. Reichert; Miss V. H Bayly; Miss M. Browne; Mr. D. Seaward; Miss B. A. Mollison; Mrs. Clampitt; Madame E. Briggs.

1. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—English, French, Latin, mathematics, German, as for degree of B.A. First-year work in mechanics and mental science.

Lowest.—Beginning French—100 exercises, Chardenal. Latin—Declensions and conjugations; easy translation. Arithmetic—Revision of Standard work. English—(for extensive reading) general history; (for intensive reading) Scott, Tennyson. Geometry—Book I, Baker and Bourne. Algebra—Elementary rules. Physiology—Simple outline, with practical illustration.

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	223	3	11
Government capitation under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulation	146	7	6
Subsidies	75	0	0
Endowments—			
Current income from reserves	354	13	6
Interest on money invested	80	0	0
Paid by School Commissioners	168	16	8
School fees	3,005	8	8
Boarding-school fees	3,349	5	5
Books, &c., sold	14	18	0
Voluntary contributions	80	0	0
Rent of site	15	0	0
Church sittings	48	13	4
Rees Bequest Fund, transfer from	700	0	0
Contractor's deposit	50	0	0
	£8,311	7	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Office salaries	140	0	0
Other office expenses	18	0	11
Telephone subscription (part)	4	15	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances	2,811	11	9
Boarding-school account	2,294	8	5
Prizes and prize-giving	59	17	9
Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction	28	17	0
Printing, stationery, and advertising	63	10	3
Cleaning, &c.	10	14	6
Purchases and new works	988	12	3
Fencing, repairs, &c.	156	16	9
Rates, rent, &c.	132	5	10
Buildings, equipment, &c.	300	8	5
Other expenditure—			
Church sittings	42	12	0
Bank interest	50	1	0
Bank charge	0	10	0
Fire insurance	36	2	3
Caretaker	55	1	0
Legal	3	3	0
Accident insurance	0	17	9
Refunds	40	6	0
Fire-alarm	2	0	0
Examination expenses	28	4	10
Scholarship	28	0	0
Contractor's deposit	50	0	0
Miscellaneous	6	5	0
Balance at end of year	958	5	4
	£8,311	7	0

Fred Pirani, Chairman.
W. J. Carson, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. Collins, Controller and Auditor-General.

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Staff.

Rev. J. L. Dove, M.A.; Mr. J. E. Bannister, M.A.; Rev. C. Price, M.A.; Mr. J. A. Neame, B.A.; Mr. F. L. Peck; Mr. J. Allen, M.A.; Mr. H. B. Watson, M.A.; Mr. G. F. McGrath, M.A.; Mr. C. H. Crombie, M.A.; Mr. B. D. Ashcroft, M.A.; Mr. H. M. Butterworth; Mr. C. T. Cox.

1. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—Up to University Junior Scholarship standard.

Lowest.—Latin; English, including grammar, composition, history, and geography; French; arithmetic; algebra; geometry; science; drawing.

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Current income from reserves	1,530	2	0
Prize funds	9	15	8
School fees	1,933	0	0
Boarding-school fees	6,164	11	3
Sundry school fees	638	6	6
Music fees	315	0	0
Boys' extras	1,949	10	3
Medical-attendance fees	97	17	6
Loan for estate-development, new College building, &c.	5,000	0	0
	£17,638	3	2

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	732	3	7
Management—			
Office salary	150	0	0
Other office expenses	101	16	0
Other expenses of management	26	19	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances	3,016	15	4
Medical attendant	70	0	0
Boarding-school account	5,727	10	8
Music-teachers	316	2	4
Prizes	50	1	1
Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction	138	3	3
Printing, stationery, and advertising	25	4	8
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	67	18	9
Boys' extras	1,618	2	2
Engineering class	25	0	0
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction	22	10	3
Purchases and new works	1,346	17	0
Fencing, repairs, &c.	268	12	8
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	203	3	11
Interest on current account	15	13	0
Other expenditure—			
On estate-development, &c.: Expenditure in connection with new College	1,861	14	2
Interest on loan	58	8	6
Balance at end of year	1,795	6	10
	£17,638	3	2

A. G. Bignell, Chairman.
J. P. Williamson, Secretary.

Audited and found to be correct.—W. Rodwell, F.I.A.N.Z., Auditor.

PALMERSTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. J. E. Vernon, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. F. Foote, B.A., B.Sc.; Mr. J. Murray, M.A.; Miss C. B. Mills, M.A., B.Sc.; Miss M. Ronaldson, B.A., B.Sc.; Mr. O. Reischer; Miss Fergus; Mr. C. J. Gill; Mr. G. H. Elliott.

1. Report of the Board of Governors.

As it has been customary at the annual meeting of the Board for the Chairman to report on the work done during the year, I now crave your indulgence while a brief retrospect of the past year's work is given.

With respect to the High School, it is highly satisfactory to find that the number on the roll continues to increase. The year 1908 closed with a roll-number of 140; the school reopened in February, 1909, with a roll-number of 170, closing with 158. A satisfactory commencement has been made for the present year, the roll-number to-day being no less than 181—up till now the high-water mark of the school.

The excellence of the work done by the Rector and his staff still continues, as is proved over and over again not only by the splendid educational results, but also by the principles inculcated—a combination which cannot but result in the greatest good for the girls and boys who are fortunate enough to pass an important period of their life at the school. The examination results are as follows: Passed Junior Scholarship Examination with credit, 2; Matriculation, 10; Junior Civil Service, 6; Senior Free Place Examination, 17; gained Wanganui Education Board's Scholarship, 2.

The number of pupils who are remaining for more than one or two years continues to increase, and doubtless this is due to the recognition by the parents of the benefits derived by their children at the High School. There is, however, room for still further improvement in this direction.

The teaching staff has altered in respect of Miss Mills, whose place has been filled by Miss Lynch a former member of the staff. The position formerly occupied by Mr. Reischer, who has left the Dominion, has been filled by Mr. Anderson, and an additional lady teacher, Miss Arnott, has been appointed.

The most important change in the school-work has been the carrying into effect of the Rector's proposal to have separate class-rooms for girls and boys in the lower forms. As the roll increases it is to be hoped that this change will be carried into effect throughout the school.

The boardinghouse erected by Mr. Vernon (under agreement with the Board) has been opened, and has proved a valuable adjunct of the school, the average number of boarders being fifteen. The Board should not lose sight of the fact that by Mr. Vernon's efforts in this direction its revenue has been increased by about £150 per annum.

After the old woodwork-room was vacated by the technical classes, alterations were effected, converting this room into a gymnasium. Although the equipment of the gymnasium has yet to be obtained, the accommodation has been found most useful and beneficial: at the least, the boys have some place of shelter in the wet weather.

The old art-room has been converted into a science-room, and the room formerly used for science purposes has been converted into a class-room. During the vacation the quadrangle has been renovated, and now presents a creditable appearance.

The new sewerage system has been completed at a cost of £200, a special grant being made by the Government for this work. All the alterations and improvements have given good results.

The grounds are at present in very fine order, but I can see no alternative to redraining the football-ground. Time has decidedly proved that the original pipe drains were laid at too great a depth, and accordingly have not given the best results.

Finance.

From the balance-sheet you will see that the finances of the High School are thoroughly sound, and there need be no apprehension of any shortage during the coming year either for salaries or maintenance.

The position of the High School Account at the end of the financial year showed a balance of £102 9s. 2d. in the bank, and capitations on last year's work amount to £151 2s. 6d. to be received from the Education Department. This gratifying position is mainly due, in my opinion, to the wise provisions made by the Education Department by which adequate funds are now provided for unendowed secondary schools such as the one now under our control.

Technical School.

During the last year the new Technical School buildings have been completed, and the classes removed from their various habitations to the new buildings. The total cost of the Technical School site, buildings, and fittings has up to date been £7,755, and of this amount £5,598 was provided by special Government grants. The classes are increasing both in numbers and attendance. Care should be taken that technical work proper be not put to one side for the more easily controlled and, from a financial point of view, more profitable continuation classes, however desirable and necessary these may be.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT, PALMERSTON NORTH TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
For buildings, &c.	5,455	12	0	Management	250	0	0
Capitation	457	19	6	Salaries	742	17	8
Subsidy on voluntary contributions	298	2	7	Refund	23	2	5
Grant on account of rent	100	10	10	Printing, stationery, &c.	60	7	3
Fees	457	2	1	Material for classes	51	0	1
Voluntary contributions	274	2	10	Sites, buildings, furniture	5,424	8	4
Sales of material	23	4	2	Rent	79	5	0
" plans	76	10	0	Freight and sundries	48	2	3
Contractors, for overtime on contract	24	8	0				
Rent	5	0	0				
	£7,172	12	0		£6,679	3	0

W. H. COLLINGWOOD, Chairman.
WILLIAM HUNTER, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE.

Staff.

Boys' College.—Mr. J. P. Firth, B.A.; Mr. A. Heine, B.A.; Mr. A. C. Gifford, M.A.; Mr. G. G. S. Robison, M.A.; Mr. T. Brodie, B.A.; Mr. F. M. Renner, M.A.; Mr. R. E. Rudman, M.A.; Mr. W. T. Martyn, M.A.; Mr. H. B. Tomlinson, M.A.; Mr. E. Caradus, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. O. Williams, M.A.; Mr. D. Matheson, B.A.; Mr. M. H. Dixon; Mr. H. A. Smithson; Mr. W. Alexander, M.A.; Mr. H. W. Monaghan, M.A.; Mr. J. C. Pope, B.A.; Mr. J. G. Castle, B.A.; Mr. A. H. Robinson; Mr. G. R. Pitkethly; Mr. W. S. La Trobe, M.A.; Mr. J. Ellis; Mr. B. Dovey.

Girls' College.—Miss M. J. McLean, M.A.; Miss M. C. Morrah, M.A.; Miss M. N. Gellatley, M.A.; Miss I. Ecclesfield, B.A.; Miss W. S. Fraser, B.A.; Miss A. M. Batham, B.A.; Miss E. A. Newman, M.A.; Miss V. L. Dall, B.A.; Miss R. M. Collins, B.A.; Mr. L. F. Watkins; Mr. J. W. M. Harrison; Dr. E. Gunn; Miss K. Lawson.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Board of Governors have to report good work done by the Wellington College and the Wellington Girls' College during last year.

With reference to the work of the two institutions, the results of the University, Civil Service, and Education Board's Examinations were as follows:—

Wellington College: Junior University Scholarship, 1; Senior National Scholarship, 2; Gillies Scholarship, 1; credit on Junior University Scholarship, 4; Civil Service Senior, 2; ditto (3 subjects), 1; Matriculation, Medical Preliminary, and Solicitors' General Knowledge, 25; Senior Education Board Scholarship, 10; Civil Service Junior (credit), 11; ditto, 16; Senior Free Place, 48.

Wellington Girls' College: Senior National Scholarship, 3; ditto (credit), 1; Matriculation, 7; Matriculation on Junior Scholarship papers, 3; Junior Civil Service, 10; Senior Civil Service, 2; Senior Education Board Scholarship, 5.

The numbers at the colleges were—Wellington College, 406; Girls' College, 170.

Free-place pupils have been received at the Girls' College to the extent of the present accommodation. Plans have now been approved of an addition to the building in brick, and the work will be put in hand without delay.

CHAS. P. POWLES, Secretary.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Boys' College: English—Nesfield's Historical English, selected portions; Words and their Ways (Greenough and Kittredge); Chaucer's Squire's Tale; Golden Treasury, Part IV; Twelfth Night. French—L'Avare; Tartarin de Tarascon; Fasnacht, Part III; Rey's Composition; Notes on Eteyn Grammar. Latin—Livy, Book V; Notes on Antiquities, &c.; Horace, Odes, III; Bradley. XVII–XXXXVIII; Bradley's Aids to Latin Prose; Roman History to death of Cæsar (Horton's). Mathematics—Hall and Knight's Higher Algebra; geometry, trigonometry, &c., as for Junior Scholarship. Science—Chemistry, Shenstone; Electricity and Magnetism, Poyser; practical qualitative analysis as for Junior Scholarships. *Girls' College:* English—Chaucer's minor poems; Spenser's Faerie Queene; the Warwick Shakespeare; the Merchant of Venice; Romola; Longmans' Handbook of English Literature, Part III; Nesfield's Historical English and Derivation; Nichol's English Composition and Exercises. Latin—Odes of Horace, Book I; Tristia, Book I; De Senectute; Germania; Hints on Latin Prose; Bradley's Latin Prose Composition; Stedman's Latin Examination-papers; Res Romanæ; Primer of Latin Antiquities; Rivington's Unseens, Book X. French—Monte Cristo; L'Avare; Spier's Rapid French Exercises; French Idioms and Proverbs; Wellington College Grammar (Nutt). Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Geometry; Ward's Trigonometrical Papers; algebraical exercises; Hall and Knight s Algebra; Workman's Arithmetic. Botany—Dendy and Lucas's Manual; Thompson's No. 2 Botany. Physics—Draper's Heat; problems in heat, light, and sound.

Lowest.—Boys' College: English—Reader, Standard VI Crown Reader; Geography, Standard VI Imperial; Grammar, Notes; History, Simple Studies in English History (Normans and Plantagenets). French—IVc, to end of exercise 18 in Siepmann. Latin—Inglis and Prettyman, to page 30. Mathematics—Algebra, Baker and Bourne, I–VII; geometry, to page 59, Godfrey and Giddons; arithmetic, Standard VI, Southern Cross. Science—Animal Physiology, to page 100 (muscle). *Girls' College:* Longmans' British Empire Readers, Book V; Stories from Faerie Queene; Laureata; Méthode Naturelle; Macmillan's Junior History Reader; Longmans' Geographical Series, Book I; Pendlebury's Shilling Arithmetic; Eyes and No Eyes, Books III and II; elementary design and brushwork.

3. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	914	10	1
Government grants for sites, building, furniture, &c.	729	0	0
Government capitation,—			
For free places	2,701	17	4
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	32	6	3
Current income from reserves	3,236	9	5
Paid by School Commissioners	481	16	0
School fees	3,249	17	5
Books, &c., sold, and other refunds ..	2	0	0
Other receipts—			
Donations for prizes	9	9	0
Discount	0	1	10
	£11,357	7	4

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Office salaries..	230	0	0
Other office expenses	32	5	9
Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	6,589	10	9
Prizes	83	19	5
Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction	0	16	11
Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	875	6	1
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	254	5	10
Books	5	18	0
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction	32	6	3
Sites, buildings, furniture, &c. (Government grant)	729	0	0
Purchases and new works	40	4	3
Repayment of loan on building	535	6	10
Fencing, repairs, &c.	1,018	2	9
Interest	537	11	10
Interest on current account and bank charge	0	11	0
Interest on cost of reclaimed land ..	104	14	6
Rates	54	4	1
Miscellaneous (surveys, &c.)	20	10	5
Other expenditure—			
Grant to Games Fund	100	0	0
Legal expenses	16	0	6
Balance at end of year	596	12	2
	£11,357	7	4

A. de B. Brandon, Chairman.
Chas. P. Powles, Secretary.

Examined and found correct, except that moneys amounting to £11 17s. 1d. of the Turnbull, May Liverton, Cocks, and Mary Izard Trusts have been used for the purpose of the Moore, Rhodes, and Levin Trusts, and that such moneys should not be shown as assets of the last-named trusts.—R. J. Collins, Controller and Auditor-General.

GISBORNE HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. A. R. Gatland, B.A.; Mr. F. J. Wilkes, M.A.; Miss L. Wilcox; Mr. W. A. G. Penlington; Mr. J. W. Levey; Miss M. Higgins.

1. Report of the Board of Governors.

The year completes the first year of the High School as an endowed secondary school.

A regular staff of three male teachers and one female has been engaged during the year.

The school roll closed with an attendance of eighty-eight boys and girls

With a very cordial co-operation of the School Commissioners of Auckland, and the aid of the Government, a suitable site for a High School building has been acquired. A school to accommodate 250 pupils is being built, and should be ready for occupation in April, 1910.

Three acres near the school have been purchased as a site for schoolhouses. A schoolhouse for boys is being built, and should be available for boarders in June, 1910.

The estimated attendance for 1910 is 130.

During the year the school was inspected by Mr. G. Hogben, M.A., Inspector-General of Schools.

Distinctions.—At the New Zealand University Examinations of December, 1909, one pupil gained a Senior National Scholarship, and one passed the Junior Scholarship Examination with credit, and three passed Matriculation. At the Education Department's Examinations, two gained Senior Board Scholarships, nine gained Senior Free Places, one gained a Junior Board Scholarship, three qualified for Junior National Scholarships, and one gained a Junior Free Place.

Technical Education.—The Education Board of Hawke's Bay has decided to take over the control of the school classes, and has appointed an Instructor in Agriculture. Technical education in the northern portion of the Hawke's Bay Education District would perhaps be better administered by a Board including representatives of the Education Board, the Governors, local governing bodies, associations, and industries. The interest of the district has to be aroused, and the financial support of technical instruction to be better assured.

C. A. de Lautour, Chairman.
W. Morgan, Secretary.

2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—English—Nesfield, English Past and Present; Shakespeare, Julius Cæsar; Scott, The Talisman; Chaucer, Prologue; Morris and Skeat, Specimens of Early English. Latin—Horace, Odes I, II, III, Satires; Livy, VIII; Arnold's Prose Composition (Bradley). Mathematics—Hall and Knight's Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Geometry; Hall and Knight's Trigonometry. Mechanics—Loney's Statics and Dynamics; Loney's Hydrostatics. Heat—Glazebrook's Heat; Lardner's Heat.

History—Green's History of English People; Meiklejohn's English History. Geography—Meiklejohn's; Tarr's.

Lowest.—English—Nesfield's English Grammar; Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice; Conan Doyle, White Company. Latin—Via Latina (Abbot); Gradation. French—Macmillan's French Course, First Year. Arithmetic—Goyen's Arithmetic and Mensuration. Algebra—Hall and Knight, Elementary Algebra. Geometry—Hall and Stevens's New School Geometry. Physical measurements—Experimental work. History and civics.

3. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	4,003	0	9
Government grant for buildings, furniture, fittings, and apparatus for manual instruction	*69	16	11
Government capitation—			
For free places	401	2	3
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	50	10	9
	*32	13	0
Subsidy on voluntary contributions, manual and technical instruction	*20	5	0
Current income from reserves	150	0	0
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	220	9	8
Paid by School Commissioners	351	5	6
School fees	89	10	0
Books, &c., sold and other refunds	7	2	10
	*1	1	0
Voluntary contributions, technical instruction	*20	5	0
Other receipts—			
Grant on account of teachers' classes	25	0	0
Capitation, school and teachers' classes	*151	0	0
Fees, special classes	59	7	0
Sale of food, cookery classes	*13	0	0
Sale of old tanks	*5	0	0
Loan	850	0	0
Initial payment on account of classes	15	0	0
	£6,535	9	8

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Office salary	75	0	0
Other office expenses	6	17	8
Other expenses of management	10	8	4
Teachers' salaries and allowances	720	16	8
Examinations, other expenses	11	0	0
Boarding allowances	170	13	4
Prizes	4	18	0
Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction	10	14	8
Printing, stationery, and advertising	43	9	6
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	28	17	6
Books and stationery for sale to pupils, and other temporary advances	7	19	3
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction	*217	5	9
Manual instruction (Government grant)	*37	0	9
Purchases and new works	66	4	2
Fencing, repairs, &c.	11	12	3
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	15	19	0
Endowments, sales account—			
Site or buildings	2,034	19	6
Purchase of other lands	850	0	0
Miscellaneous (surveys, &c.)	10	13	11
Other expenditure—			
Rent	10	0	0
Insurance	9	11	4
Refund of school fees	6	0	0
Rent of typewriters	12	0	0
Balance at end of year	2,163	8	1
	£6,535	9	8

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

Supplementary Statement, Gisborne Technical School.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
For buildings	69	16	11
Capitation	32	13	0
Subsidy on voluntary contributions	20	5	0
Sale of books	1	1	0
Voluntary contributions	20	5	0
Capitation, school and teachers' classes	151	0	0
Fees, special classes	59	7	0
Sale of tanks and material	18	0	0
	£372	7	11

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Maintenance of classes	217	5	9
Sites, buildings, &c.	37	0	9
	£254	6	6

C. A. De Lautour, Chairman.
W. Morgan, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. Collins, Controller and Auditor-General.

NAPIER HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. A. S. M. Polson, B.A.; Mr. E. W. Andrews, B.A.; Mr. W. Kerr, M.A.; Mr. A. W. Short, B.A.; Mr. A. B. Fitt, M.A.; Mr. J. H. McW. Finlayson,; Mr. A. F. D. East; Mr. H. V. Phillips.

Girls' School.—Miss A. E. J. Spencer, B.A.; Miss C. R. Kirk, B.A.; Miss J. O. Gillies; Miss D. A. Gillam, M.A.; Miss N. I. McLean, M.A.; Miss I. C. Greig; Miss M. J. Antill; Miss G. G. Anderson.

1. Report of the Board of Governors.

The Governors of Napier High School have the honour to express their satisfaction with the steady progress and success of the schools under their charge.

Although the number of other schools in the district undertaking secondary work has increased, the attendance has been as high as it has ever been. A noteworthy feature is the success that has attended the junior departments, which numbered 38 in the boys' school and 32 in the girls' school.

The two additional class-rooms and new laboratory in connection with the boys' school were completed and equipped during the year, and the science work of the school is now fully organized on a satisfactory basis.

Urgent requests were made to the Board to enlarge the girls' school. Very great difficulties presented themselves in carrying out a satisfactory enlargement. A property adjoining the school came into the market, and the Governors purchased it, with the view of providing for all the needs of the girls' school.

The following results were obtained in the last public examinations :—

Boys' School : University Junior Scholarship Examination—1 passed with credit, and 1 qualified for Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge, the latter being more than two years under the age-limit ; Medical Preliminary, 2 ; completed Medical Preliminary, 1 ; Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge, 6 ; Senior Civil Service Examination, 1 completed the examination, 2 passed the whole examination, and 1 passed in four subjects ; Junior Civil Service, 11 passed, 5 with credit ; Education Board Senior Scholarship, 2 won scholarships and 9 others qualified; Senior Free Places (in addition to the foregoing), 17 qualified under regulation 7 (*c*), and 2 by examination ; Education Board Junior Scholarship, 1 won a scholarship and 2 others qualified ; Junior Free Place Examinations, 4 ; proficiency certificates, 6.

Girls' School : University Junior Scholarship Examination, 1 ; qualified for Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge, 1 ; Matriculation, 2 ; Senior Civil Service, 1 passed in four subjects, 1 in two subjects ; first year's term (Victoria College), 1 ; Junior Civil Service and Senior Free Places, 11 ; Education Board Junior Scholarship, 2 won scholarships ; proficiency certificates, 6.

Former pupils of the schools continue to win successes in the University colleges : in the recent final examinations in medicine at Otago University, two old pupils, Mr. L. E. L. Simcox and Miss Ina Dugleby, were among the graduates, and Dr. Bryden Glendinning has obtained the degree of F.R.C.S., England.

T. C. Moore, Chairman.
David Sidey, Secretary.

2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—Boys' School : Mathematics—geometry, Godfrey and Siddons ; algebra, Hall and Knight ; trigonometry, Pendlebury ; solid geometry, Davison : all to University Junior Scholarship standard. French—Polyeucte (Corneille) ; Quatre-vingt-treize (Hugo) ; Berthou's Modern French Verse ; miscellaneous unprepared passages ; Blouet's Prose Composition ; phonetic transcript and oral work ; Bué's Idioms ; Thirion's Irregular Verbs ; Stedman's Grammar Questions ; Tutorial French Grammar and Syntax : all to Junior Scholarship standard. Latin—Vergil's Æneid, Book VIII ; Cicero's De Officiis, Book III ; Horace's Odes, Book II ; miscellaneous unprepared passages ; Bradley's Arnold ; Continuous Prose ; Kennedy's Primer ; Horton's History of the Romans ; Creighton's Rome ; Wilkins's Antiquities : all to Junior Scholarship standard. Heat—Wallace Stewart's Advanced Heat and Glazebrook's Heat, to Junior Scholarship standard. Chemistry—Jago's Inorganic Chemistry, to Matriculation standard. Mechanics and Hydrostatics—Tutorial Series, to Junior Scholarship standard. History—Tout and York-Powell ; Gardiner : to Junior Scholarship standard. Geography—Hughes's Physical ; Dickie's Physiography ; Marshall's Geography of New Zealand : to Junior Scholarship standard. Physiology—Huxley's Elementary Physiology ; Furneaux, Animal Physiology : to Matriculation standard. English—Low, English Language ; Nichol and McCormick, Exercises on English Composition ; Wyatt, History of English literature ; Addis, Style in Composition ; Nesfield, Manual of English Grammar and Composition, Part IV ; Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice, Julius Cæsar ; Chaucer, the Prologue ; Arnold, prose books and Laureate poetry-books : all to Junior Scholarship standard. *Girls' School :* English literature—Shakespeare's King Lear ; Goldsmith's She Stoops to Conquer and The Good-natured Man ; Fanny Burney's Evelina ; selections from Wordsworth and D. G. Rossetti : The Age of Johnson. English Grammar and Composition—Junior School syllabus ; Nesfield's English Grammar, Past and Present. French—Junior Scholarship syllabus ; Corneille's Polyeucte ; Les Français du 18me Siècle ; Weekley's Matriculation Course ; phonetic script ; idioms, &c. Latin—Junior Scholarship syllabus ; Cicero's De Officiis ; Vergil's Æneid, Book VIII ; Bradley's Arnold's Latin Prose Composition ; Kennedy's Revised Latin Primer. Mathematics—Junior Scholarship syllabus—Arithmetic, Pendlebury and Robinson ; algebra, Baker and Bourne's Elementary Algebra, Parts I and II ; trigonometry, Borchardt and Perrott's New Trigonometry. Science—Junior Scholarship syllabus—Botany, Dendy and Lucas's Botany, Lawson's Tutorial Botany, notes ; mechanics, Tutorial Dynamics, Matriculation Statics and Hydrostatics (Briggs and Bryan).

Lowest.—Boys' School : Mathematics—geometry, Godfrey and Siddons, Part I (whole) and Part II to theorem 6 ; Algebra, Baker and Bourne, to page 68 ; arithmetic, Pendlebury's New School Arithmetic, syllabus as for Standard VII. French—Méthode Naturelle, Book I to lesson 43. Latin—Longmans' Latin Course, Part I (whole) ; Scalæ Primæ (selections). English—Nesfield's English Grammar for Elementary Schools, Book III (whole) ; Nesfield's Oral Exercises in English Composition, to page 104 ; In the World of Books (Arnold), to page 100 ; The Globe Poetry Reader (selections learnt by heart). History—Longmans' History of Great Britain (Tout), Book II, to page 188. Geography—Southern Cross Geographical Reader, Standards V, VI to page 234 ; Imperial Geography, Standards V, VI to page 116. Science—General Elementary Science (Tutorial Series) (five chapters) ; Theoretical and Practical Mechanics and Physics (Mackenzie) (28 pages) ; Blackie's Elementary Physiology (whole). Book-keeping—Pitman's Primer. Shorthand—Pitman's Phonographic Teacher (whole) ; Office Routine, Pitman, Parts I and II. *Girls' School :* English literature—Shakespeare's Midsummer's Night's Dream ; Stronach's English Literature, chapters 24–26, inclusive ; Marsh's Literary Reader, twenty-six lessons. English grammar and composition—Nesfield's Manual, top age 81 ; simple analysis and parsing ; reading, writing, spelling. History—Longmans' Historical Series, Book I to end of Elizabeth. Geography—Imperial Geography, pages 7–78 and 90–134 ; Southern Cross Geo-

graphical Reader, pages 90–234; rotation, revolution, &c. Mathematics—arithmetic, Junior Civil Service syllabus, omitting cube root, stocks, discount, and approximations; algebra, Baker and Bourne's Elementary Algebra, to simple equations, inclusive; geometry, Godfrey and Siddons, Book I to theorem 14, practical exercises to No. 138. French—Hogben's Méthode Naturelle, thirty lessons. Physiology—Murché's Animal Physiology, to page 123. Drawing—Freehand; simple brushwork designs from flowers. Sewing—Child's pinafore. Cookery—Elementary theory; practical work, plain dishes and sweets.

3. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	4,280	17	1
Government capitation—			
For free places	884	12	11
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	25	12	6
Current income from reserves	370	9	6
From property not a reserve	995	12	6
Interest on moneys invested	208	9	0
Paid by School Commissioners	528	12	6
School fees	330	3	5
Music fees	66	3	0
Books, &c., sold and other refunds	119	8	9
Other receipts—			
Cadet refund	10	0	0
Food sold	4	9	7
Valuation costs	47	16	6
Charge on pianos	11	12	0
Share value of building on exchange of lease	1,345	0	0
	£9,228	19	3

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Office salaries	110	0	0
Other office expenses	23	7	9
Other expenses of management	19	18	8
Teachers' salaries and allowances	2,359	10	0
Music fees	68	19	0
Scholarships	80	0	0
Prizes	23	13	1
Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction	8	8	0
Printing, stationery, and advertising	29	5	6
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c., including janitor's salary	158	17	5
Books and stationery for sale to pupils	95	18	0
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction	34	6	3
Purchases and new works	439	14	9
Fencing, repairs, &c.	87	2	11
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	123	0	7
Interest on current account	0	2	6
Other expenditure—			
Class-room and laboratory	920	9	5
Share of building	1,394	10	7
Deposit, builder	20	0	0
Cost of valuations	47	16	6
Balance at end of year	3,183	18	4
	£9,228	19	3

T. C. Moore, Chairman.
David Sidey, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. Collins, Controller and Auditor-General.

DANNEVIRKE HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. J. M. Simmers, M.A.; Miss J. R. Barr, M.A.; Miss G. F. Gibson, M.A.; Mr. H. T. M. Fathers; Mr. R. Gardiner; Miss M. Ritchie.

1. Report of the Board of Governors.

The Governors of the Dannevirke High School have the honour to report that the school is carried on with marked success, and that the attendance continues to increase. The highest roll-number during the year was ninety-five, and the total number enrolled was ninety-nine. The attendance has been good, amounting to 93 per cent. of the average weekly roll.

In addition to the ordinary classical and mathematical subjects, wider and more advanced instruction has been given in science. With the newly equipped laboratory and the increased staff it has been possible to give more thorough and practical instruction in chemistry. This subject has been taken up as a groundwork for agricultural science, in which it is intended to form classes soon.

Gymnastics for the girls and gymnastics and military drill for the boys have been receiving careful attention. It is intended to form a cadet corps next year.

The pupils have again been very successful in the public examinations.

At the beginning of the year the staff was strengthened by the addition of another assistant.

A. Grant, Chairman.
T. Macallan, Secretary.

2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—English—Nesfield's Grammar, Anglo-Saxon, Early English, Thackeray's Esmond, Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice and Julius Cæsar; literature, 1744 to 1800. Latin—Æneid, Book VIII; De Officiis, Book III; unseens in prose and verse; Bradley's Arnold; Ramsay's Antiquities; Tutorial Roman History. French—Wellington College French Grammar; Le Verre d'Eau; Voyage aux Pyrénées. Arithmetic—Pendlebury. Algebra—Hall and Knight, and Tutorial Middle Algebra. Geometry—Hall and Stevens, Parts I to VI. Trigonometry—Lock's Trigonometry. Mechanics—Loney's Statics and Dynamics, Loney's Hydrostatics. Heat—Tutorial Advanced Heat, Glazebrook's Heat.

Lowest.—English—Nesfield's Outline of English Grammar; Kingsley's Westward Ho; Tennyson's Princess; English composition. Latin—Via Latina, to page 83. French—Chardenal's First French

Course; Hogben's Méthode Naturelle. History—Ransome, 1688–1837, with brief survey of earlier periods. Geography—Longmans' No. 3, Physical and Political. Arithmetic—Pendlebury. Algebra—Hall and Knight, to factors. Geometry—Hall and Stevens, Parts I and II. Chemistry—Roscoe and Lunt's Inorganic Chemistry for Beginners. Physiology—Furneaux's Human Physiology. Drawing—Model, freehand, and geometrical as for Civil Service Junior.

3. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	34	18	2
Government grants—For buildings, furniture, fittings, and apparatus for manual instruction	69	10	10
Government capitation—			
For free places	902	11	8
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	33	0	0
Technical	*45	1	1
Subsidy on voluntary contributions, manual and technical instruction	*35	0	0
Paid by School Commissioners	301	7	6
School fees	124	13	4
Technical School fees	*167	14	0
Voluntary contributions—			
On account of general purposes of the school	4	10	0
On account of manual and technical instruction	*35	0	0
Other receipts—			
School fees, 10s.; £4 10s. (Chairman)	5	0	0
Sale of wool	*37	19	3
Subsidy on Wool Instructor's travelling expenses	*3	0	0
	£1,799	5	10

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—Office expenses	2	6	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances	867	18	4
Prizes	21	7	8
Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction	9	0	0
Printing, stationery, and advertising	16	5	6
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	58	9	0
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction	42	10	8
Purchases and new works	77	17	7
Fencing, repairs, &c.	23	5	4
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	0	9	0
Buildings, equipment, &c., for manual instruction	13	6	10
Interest on current account	0	2	6
Other expenditure: Technical classes—			
Salaries	*237	11	8
Rent, lighting, &c.	*11	14	1
Material	*37	3	5
Repairs, insurance, advertising	*14	0	11
Balance at end of year	365	17	4
	£1,799	5	10

Details of receipts and expenditure of Technical School are shown in supplementary statement printed below.

Supplementary Statement, Dannevirke Technical School.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Capitation, technical classes	45	1	1
Subsidy on voluntary contributions	35	0	0
Technical-class fees	167	14	0
Voluntary contributions	35	0	0
Sale of wool	37	19	3
Subsidy on travelling-expenses	3	0	0
	£323	14	4

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Salaries	237	11	8
Rent and lighting	11	14	1
Material	37	3	5
Insurance, repairs, &c.	14	0	11
	£300	10	1

A. Grant, Chairman.
T. Macallan, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. Collins, Controller and Auditor-General.

MARLBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Dr. J. Innes, M.A., LL.D.; Mr. J. H. Goulding, M.A.; Miss M. C. Ross, M.A.; Miss E. M. Allen, M.A.

1. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—English—Nesfield's English Grammar, Past and Present, and Aids; composition and *précis*-writing; Wilson's Literature; Chaucer's Prologue; Bacon's Essays (selected); Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice and Julius Cæsar. French—Wellington College French Grammar; Advanced French Composition; Corneille's Polyeucte; Victor Hugo's Quartre-vingt-treize; Rousseau's Contrat Social. Latin—Arnold's Latin Prose Composition; Ramsay's Latin Prose, Vol. II; Roman History and Antiquities; Vergil's Æneid, Book VIII; Livy, Book XXII (part only); Cicero, De Officiis, Book III. Mathematics—As for University Junior Scholarship and Civil Service Senior. Physics (Heat)—As for University Junior Scholarship. Botany and agricultural botany—As for University Junior Scholarship and Civil Service Senior.

Lowest.—English—Nesfield's Outline and Junior Composition; Meiklejohn's Spelling; Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare; Henley's Lyra Heroica. History—Tout's Advanced History, to end of Richard II. Geography—Arnold's British Isles and World in Outline. Arithmetic—Pendlebury's, from beginning to proportion. Algebra—Baker and Bourne, to end of simple problems. Geometry—Hall and Stevens, Part I. Latin—Scott and Jones's First Latin Course; Scalæ Primæ. French—Dent's First French Book. Botany—Elementary work; no text-book. Physical measurements—Mainly, Gregory's Exercise-book. Book-keeping—Bolton's Business Book-keeping, Part I. Cookery, needlework—For girls. Woodwork, military drill—For boys,

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	580	19	3
Government grant—			
For buildings, furniture, fittings, and apparatus for manual instruction ..	6	17	3
Government capitation—			
For free places	1,147	1	8
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	44	16	9
Subsidy on voluntary contributions, secondary schools	5	0	0
Statutory grant, 1909–10	400	0	0
Paid by School Commissioners	20	0	0
School fees	89	5	0
Books, &c., sold and other refunds ..	3	17	11
Interest on current account	10	16	8
Voluntary contributions on account of general purposes of the school	21	0	0
Other receipts—			
Grazing rights on school ground ..	7	14	0
Contractors' deposits	13	0	0
Proceeds of lectures	0	7	5
Superannuation Account — Amount deducted from teacher's salary, but not yet paid to Trustee	0	12	0
	£2,351	6	11

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Office salary	40	0	0
Other office expenses	2	7	0
Other expenses of management ..	3	1	3
Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	1,025	0	0
Scholarships	20	0	0
Prizes	9	18	9
Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	20	19	6
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	48	12	1
Books and stationery for sale to pupils ..	64	5	1
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction	11	10	7
Purchases and new works	485	15	0
Fencing, repairs, &c.	81	11	3
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	8	17	8
Buildings, equipment, &c., for manual instruction	15	16	0
Other expenditure—			
Refund of deposit	3	0	0
Interest on Nosworthy Bequest ..	33	15	0
Balance at end of year	476	17	9
	£2,351	6	11

R. McCallum, Chairman.
E. Hylton, Secretary.

NELSON COLLEGE.

Staff.

Boys' College.—Mr. H. L. Fowler, M.A.; Mr. G. J. Lancaster, M.A.; Mr. C. H. Broad, B.A.; Mr. W. H. Moyes, M.A.; Mr. J. G. McKay, B.A.; Mr. P. C. Edmondson, B.A.; Mr. C. H. McKay; Mr. M. N. Skelton; Mr. M. S. Hampson; Mr. F. F. C. Huddleston.

Girls' College.—Miss M. Lorimer, M.A.; Miss F. M. Kirton, M.A.; Miss M. McEachen, M.A.; Miss A. Eastwood, M.A.; Miss A. O'Callaghan, M.A.; Miss B. E. Baxter, M.A.; Miss B. Nicholson, B.A.; Miss E. F. Chisholm; Miss W. Greenwood; Miss M. Igglesden.

1. Report of the Governors.

The number of pupils on the roll at both Colleges for the past year has maintained its previous satisfactory standard.

During the year the term of office as Governors of Mr. Best, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Harkness expired. All of these gentlemen were reappointed.

The Governors desire to thank the parents of pupils who subscribed towards the cost of an asphalt tennis-court, and also the pupils of the late Rev. J. C. Andrew for their generous donation, which has enabled the Governors to award an annual prize for classics.

The Dramatic Society gave a very successful entertainment, assisted by the College Orchestra and Glee Club, for the training of which thanks are due to Herr Lemmer, Mr. James Houlker, and Mr. Huddleston.

The cadet corps continues in a very high state of efficiency, and the team is to be congratulated on again winning the Secondary Schools Shooting Competition.

The Old Girls' Association continues to show a warm interest in the welfare of the Girls' College. The adornment of the walls of the class-rooms with charming pictures is only one testimony among many to the valuable assistance given by the old girls to the College.

The Staff.

Boys' College.—Early in the year Mr. C. H. McKay took the place of Mr. Sandel, who was obliged to resign his position on account of ill health, and during the year Mr. F. Huddleston joined as a master-in-residence.

Girls' College.—Miss Strang left at the end of Term 1, and Miss B. E. Baxter, M.A., of Canterbury College, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Boys' College.

The result of the public examinations was very satisfactory. P. Jory and G. J. King gained scholarships in the University Junior Scholarship Examination, and L. Bell gained "credit." Eight boys passed the Matriculation and allied examinations; thirty-three the Junior Civil Service, eight of them with "credit"; and one boy the Senior Civil Service. Six senior boys passed the first year's terms examination of Victoria College, and one the second year's.

Girls' College.

G. Everett gained a Training College Scholarship, C. Bartlett obtained the first section of the B.A. Degree, R. Karsten gained credit in the Junior University Scholarship Examination, and L. Rothwell matriculated on the same examination.

Eight girls passed the Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge Examination, and two passed Matriculation only; twenty-four passed the Junior Civil Service Examination, and, in addition, nineteen were awarded Senior Free Places under clause 7 (*c*). Three girls were granted an extension for one year of the Junior Free Places under clause 5 (1) of the regulations.

Number of pupils on the rolls: Boys' College, 195; Girls' College, 160.

2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—Boys: As required for the First Section of the B.A. and LL.B. Degree Examinations, and for the University Junior Scholarship Examination. In addition to the University work: English—Shakespeare's Julius Cæsar; Golden Treasury of Songs and Lyrics; selections from Chaucer; prose selections (miscellaneous); Nesfield's English, Past and Present; English Lessons for English People; Brooke's Primer of English Literature. Latin—Cicero, Select Orations (King); Vergil, Æneid, VIII; Dies Romani; Bradley's Arnold; Horton's History of Rome; Bradley's Aids to Latin Prose. French—Half-hours with the Best Authors; Gautier's Scenes of Travel; Wellington College French Grammar; Blouet's Composition; Bell's Primer of Philology. Mathematics—Briggs and Bryan's Middle Algebra; Barnard and Child's Senior Geometry; Lachlan and Fletcher's Trigonometry. Science—Shenstone's Chemistry; Draper's Heat; Loney's Statics and Dynamics; Loney's Hydrostatics. *Girls:* Junior University Scholarship work, and work for second year's terms, Victoria College. Books used—Nesfield's Historical English and Derivation; Esmond; The Merchant of Venice; Julius Cæsar; Hales's Longer English Poems; readings from modern English poets; Seccombe's Age of Johnson; Sweet's Anglo-Saxon Primer; Morris and Skeat's Specimens of Early English. French—Wellington College Grammar; Spiers's Rapid French Exercises; Siepmann's Primary French Course (first term); Bué's French Idioms; Victor Hugo's Quatre-vingt-treize; Rousseau's Contrat Social; Corneille's Polyeucte; Longmans' Advanced Unseens. Latin—Bradley's Arnold's Prose Composition; Allen's Elementary Latin Grammar; Bradley's Aids to Latin Prose; Æneid, Book VIII; De Officiis, Book III; Selections from Blackie's Senior Unseens; Horton's Roman History; Wilkins's Antiquities. Mathematics—Pendlebury's Trigonometry; Todhunter and Loney's Algebra; Hall and Knight's Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Geometry; Loney's Elements of Statics and Dynamics; Loney's Elements of Hydrostatics. Botany—Evans's and Lowson's Second Stage Botany.

Lowest.—Boys: Form II, as for the Sixth Standard of the primary schools. *Girls:* First year of Civil Service work. Books in English—Nesfield's Manual; Evangeline; selections from the Merchant of Venice; Westward Ho (abridged). Geography—Longmans', Book III. Latin—Scott and Jones, First Latin Course; part of Second Latin Course, and of First Latin Grammar. French—Siepmann's Primary French Course. German—Siepmann's German Primer. Mathematics—Workman's Tutorial Arithmetic; Baker and Bourne's Elementary Geometry; Hall and Knight's Elementary Geometry; Hall and Knight's Elementary Algebra. Science—Furneaux's Physiology; Laurie's Botany. History—No text-book.

3. Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1909.

Endowment Account.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Rents	814	15	8	Rates and taxes	11	11	3
Interest	87	16	8	Legal Expenses	7	2	0
School Commissioners	435	0	0	Insurances	5	13	0
Materials sold	2	0	0	Printing and advertising	13	5	6
				Stationery	1	16	3
				Repairs	0	13	6
				Governors' and Auditors' fees	35	16	8
				Office-rent	20	16	8
				Office-cleaning and gas	11	11	7
				Interest on bank overdraft	93	15	6
				Telephone and letter-box	6	0	0
				Cheque-books	4	0	0
				Bank charge on account	0	10	0
				Secretary	83	6	0
				Petty cash, postages, and sundries	20	4	9

Boys' College.

Boarding fees	4,197	11	6	House expenses	2,975	17	4
Tuition fees	1,027	14	9	Tuition expenses	2,298	17	1
Government capitation, free places	1,352	8	1	Scholarships—			
Donations	129	12	5	Endowed	100	0	0
Subsidies on donations	129	12	5	Foundation	52	0	0
Hawke's Bay Old Boys' Association, for prize	12	12	0	District High School	80	0	0
Woodwork class	0	12	6	Governors' and Auditors' fees	38	7	8
Refunds	1	1	9	Stationery	48	11	11
				Prizes	21	18	3
				Hawke's Bay Old Boys' prize	12	12	0
				Simmons Prize, 1908	6	0	0
				" 1909	5	0	0
				Barnicoat Prize	3	0	0
				Printing and advertising	33	17	7
				Gas	145	6	8
				Rates and taxes	73	17	9
				Repairs	132	11	11
				Insurance	41	11	6
				Interest on mortgage	500	0	0
				Scientific and chemical apparatus and chemicals	99	14	7
				Grounds	51	7	6
				Magazine	50	0	0
				Sports	20	0	0
				Museum	4	0	0
				Dramatic Society	2	10	0
				Legal expenses	1	1	2
				Telephone	6	0	0
				Secretary	83	7	0
				Sundries	0	19	0
Carried forward	8,190	17	9	Carried forward	7,204	11	7

Girls' College.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	8,190	17	9
Boarding fees	1,543	10	0
Tuition fees	680	3	0
Government capitation—			
Free places	1,290	5	0
Cookery	24	7	6
Physiology	8	12	6
Botany	5	12	6
Dressmaking	4	15	0
Duty on pictures refunded	20	16	10
Refunds	2	4	6

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	7,204	11	7
House expenses	1,300	11	7
Tuition expenses	1,491	14	4
Scholarships—			
Endowed	53	6	8
Foundation	66	6	0
District High School	80	0	0
Governors' and Auditors' fees	38	7	8
Stationery	38	18	4
Prizes	18	8	3
Printing and advertising	40	17	9
Gas	78	7	2
Rates and taxes	16	11	0
Repairs	63	9	4
Insurance	26	1	6
Freight charges and duty on pictures	33	6	3
Telephone and letter-box	6	0	0
Felling and sawing trees	15	19	2
Grounds	5	4	6
Magazine	3	3	0
Secretary	83	7	0
Sundries	2	14	7

Capital Account.

	£	s.	d.
Land sold	875	0	0
Repayment on account of mortgage	80	12	5
Bank overdraft, 31st December, 1909	840	18	0
Add unpaid cheques	93	15	3
Total (of four accounts)	£13,661	10	3

	£	s.	d.
Furniture, Boys' College	124	8	9
Furniture, Girls' College	55	19	10
Bank overdraft, 31st December, 1908	2,813	16	0
Total (of four accounts)	£13,661	10	3

Statement of Loans on Mortgage Account at 31st December, 1909.

A. *Mortgages owing to Nelson College.*

	£	s.	d.
Amount outstanding on loan at 31st December, 1908	1,688	12	5
	£1,688	12	5

	£	s.	d.
Repayment on account of mortgage	80	12	5
Balance outstanding on loan at 31st December, 1909	1,608	0	0
	£1,688	12	5

B. *Mortgage owing by Nelson College.*

	£	s.	d.
Amount borrowed on mortgage at 31st December, 1908	10,000	0	0
	£10,000	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Amount outstanding on mortgage at 31st December, 1909	10,000	0	0
	£10,000	0	0

We hereby certify that we have examined the above accounts, and have found the same correct, and have duly examined all deeds of mortgage and other securities, and have found the same in full force and virtue.

JOHN KING, }
R. CATLEY, } Auditors.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities of Nelson College on 31st December, 1909.

Assets.	£	s.	d.
Mortgage securities	1,608	0	0
Freehold property, exclusive of College buildings	20,679	18	6
Boys' College and outbuildings	26,380	15	5
Girls' College and outbuildings	6,500	0	0
College house	2,044	15	1
College furniture—			
Boys' College	1,705	4	9
Girls' College	1,481	8	4
Office	30	19	5
Interest due	16	9	6
Rents due	182	5	0
Fees due	133	10	10
Capitation for free pupils	915	6	9
Advances to boarders	191	1	5
	£61,869	15	0

Liabilities.				£	s.	d.
Mortgage on Colleges				10,000	0	0
Governors' fees				100	0	0
Bank overdraft	840	18	0			
Add unpaid cheques	93	15	3			
				934	13	3
Balance current				50,835	1	9
				£61,869	15	0

JAMES BLAIR, Secretary.

GREYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

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

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Balance, 31st December, 1908	1,534	16	2	Secretary's salary	10	0	0
Westland School Commissioners.. ..	100	0	0	Bank charges and cheque-book	0	13	0
Interest	78	10	2	Office requisites	0	10	3
				Balance, 31st December, 1909—			
				National Bank	43	6	6
				Post-Office Savings-Bank	208	16	7
				Grey Borough debentures	1,390	0	0
				Loan on mortgage	60	0	0
	£1,713	6	4		£1,713	6	4

Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Assets.	£	s.	d.	*Liabilites.*
National Bank	43	6	6	
Post-Office Savings-Bank	208	16	7	
Grey Borough debentures	1,390	0	0	
Mortgage loan	60	0	0	Nil.
Interest in arrear	8	2	0	
	£1,710	5	1	

W. R. KETTLE, Chairman.
P. F. DANIEL, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

HOKITIKA HIGH SCHOOL.

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

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	1,724	3	7	Management—			
Current income from reserves	45	0	0	Office salary	15	15	0
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	66	5	0	Other office expenses	1	2	0
Paid by School Commissioners	100	0	0	Teachers' salaries and allowances (grant to Westland Education Board)	200	0	0
				Fencing, repairs, &c.	13	0	0
				Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	44	19	6
				Other expenditure—			
				Grant in aid of tennis-court at Hokitika District High School	20	0	0
				Balance at end of year	1,640	12	1
	£1,935	8	7		£1,935	8	7

Assets and Liabilities.

Assets.	£	s.	d.	*Liabilities.*	£	s.	d.
Credit balance in Bank of New Zealand, current account	32	12	1	Office salary due (three months)	3	18	9
Fixed deposits, Bank of New Zealand ..	1,200	0	0				
Fixed deposit, Hokitika Savings-bank ..	200	0	0				
Balance Current Account, Hokitika Savings-bank	8	0	0				
Hokitika Borough debentures	200	0	0				
Interest due on debentures	5	0	0				
Rent due, Government House	2	5	0				
Government House and grounds (estimated value)	900	0	0				
	£2,547	17	1		£3	18	9

Summary of Rent.

Arrears Previous Year.	Charge for Current Year.	Collected.	Arrears. Previous Year.	Arrears. Current Year.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
8 5 0	39 0 0	45 0 0	Nil.	2 5 0

H. L. MICHEL, Chairman.
CHAS. KIRK, Secretary.

Examined and found correct, subject to the remark that the Hokitika Borough debentures, in which school funds are invested, are not securities in which the Governors are authorized by law to invest such funds.—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. T. R. Cresswell, M.A.; Miss E. King, M.A.; Miss I. M. Keith, M.A.; Mr. W. Last; Sergeant-major Thompson.

1. Report of the Board of Governors.

Very satisfactory work has been done in this school during the past year, and the reputation of the school continues to be its best advertisement. For the year 1909 a roll-number of eighty was anticipated, and it is a gratification to the Board of Governors to know that the first term of 1910 is likely to open with an attendance of ninety. The school was inspected by the Secondary Schools Inspector during the year, and the subsequent report was "Highly commendable."

The want of a properly equipped science-room was felt to be a drawback, and this the Board has been able to overcome, with the assistance of the Education Department, and a handsome and commodious building in brick is almost ready for use.

At the various annual examinations the school did very well, an excellent percentage of pupils being successful. One youth of fifteen years of age, who sat for the Junior University Scholarship was placed in the credit list. The school cadets have well maintained their reputation for efficiency and enthusiasm.

The school boardinghouse has been well filled, and a new dormitory, provided by the Board, was certainly needed. The splendid large playground belonging to the school enables drill and all sports to be carried on most effectively.

Robert Ball, Chairman.

2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest. — English — Nesfield's Manual; Abbott's English Lessons; Matriculation English (Tutorial Series); Shakespeare, Julius Cæsar; Lamb's Essays of Elia; Milton, L'Allegro, Il Penseroso, Lycidas, Paradise Lost, Book II; Coleridge, Ancient Mariner; Gray's Elegy and Bard; portions of Addison's *Spectator* and Chaucer's Prologue, &c. Latin—Bradley's Arnold; Clement Bryan's Prose; Cicero, In Verrem Actio Secunda; Cæsar, De Bello Gallico, Book V; Vergil, Æneid, Books I and II; Livy, Book I; Roman history to death of Augustus. French—Chardenal, Book II; Hossfeld's Manual; Molière, Les Femmes Savantes; Advanced Passages for French Unseen Translation (Steel). Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry—Miscellaneous, as to Junior University Scholarship standard. Heat—Glazebrook and Draper, as to Junior University Scholarship standard. Mechanics—Jessop, as to Junior University Scholarship standard. Botany—Evans's Botany, and additional notes to Matriculation standard.

Lowest.—English—The more elementary portions of Nesfield's Manual; Marmion, Canto II; Conan Doyle's White Company. Arithmetic—Pendlebury, pages 1–240. Algebra—Baker and Bourne, to simultaneous equations. Geometry—Baker and Bourne, Book I, and easy problems and measurements. French—Chardenal, exercises 1–110; conversation, dictation, &c. Botany—Evans; practical work. Latin—Longmans, Part I, exercises 1–50.

3. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	181	5	2
Government grant for sites, building, furniture, &c. (general purposes)	337	0	0
Government capitation for free places ..	754	8	2
Current income from reserves	189	6	4
School fees	19	19	0
Other receipts—Rent of school boardinghouse	26	10	0
	£1,508	8	8

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Other office expenses	1	4	10
Other expenses of management ..	15	15	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	682	13	0
Prizes	4	2	0
Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction	5	13	4
Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	11	4	9
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	34	1	10
Site, buildings, furniture, &c. (Government grants)	337	0	0
Purchases and new works	165	16	1
Fencing, repairs, &c.	23	18	0
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	13	4	0
Interest on current account	0	1	0
Other expenditure—			
School fees refunded	1	11	6
First-aid cabinet	1	5	0
Expenses in connection with the break-up	0	9	6
Bank charge	0	10	0
Balance at end of year	209	18	10
	£1,508	8	8

Robert Ball, Chairman.
C. I. Jennings, Treasurer.

The Audit Office, having examined the foregoing accounts prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, 1908, hereby certifies to the correctness thereof, subject to the exceptions that the payments of £10 10s. and £5 5s. as honoraria to Messrs. Ball and Jennings respectively, who as members of the Board are virtually invested with a fiduciary character, are disallowed as contravening the established rule of law that trustees shall have no allowances or remuneration for their services. They cannot lawfully make payments to themselves for or in respect of their personal labour and services. [Note.—A similar exception was taken in the balance-sheet for 1908.]—R. J. Collins, Controller and Auditor-General.

CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. C. E. Bevan-Brown, M.A.; Mr. B. K. S. Lawrence, B.A.; Mr. W. Walton, B.A.; Mr. R. M. Laing, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. A. Merton; Mr. T. H. Jackson, B.A.; Mr. T. W. Cane, M.A.; Mr. R. J. Thompson, B.A.; Mr. W. Watt, M.A.; Mr. S. A. Clark, B.A.; Captain Farthing; Mr. A. Merton; Mr. J. Cook; Mr. W. S. Malaquin; Miss Digby; Mr. T. S. Tankard.

1. Report of Headmaster.

The school roll of 1909 was as follows: For the first term, 236; for the second term, 228; for the third term, 217. This includes the Preparatory Form, which had on its roll 21, 18, 20 for the three terms respectively.

There were 118 holders of free places, 67 junior and 51 senior.

The size of the classes in the upper school was larger than ever: there were 108 in the upper school, as against 74 in 1906.

The school needs badly a physical laboratory; also a reading-room and library.

The school sustained the loss of a well-tried master, Mr. J. H. Smith, who died in September last after a long illness; Mr. R. Speight also left the school to take up a position in the Museum. The two vacancies were filled by Mr. R. J. Thompson, B.A., and by Mr. A. Watt, M.A. The work of the school suffered somewhat owing to the long illness of Mr. Smith, particularly in the French classes. He had been a master for fourteen years, always loyal, able, and industrious.

In December last a very complete examination of the middle and lower classes of the school was conducted by Professor Blunt, at the instance of the Board of Governors. Professor Blunt acted as Examiner-in-Chief, and was assisted by Professor Chilton for science, Dr. Hight for English, and Mr. A. C. Gifford for mathematics. The Board of Governors considered the report of a satisfactory nature, showing the school was doing the work for which it was established.

The cadet corps for the second time won the Victory Shield offered for competition in shooting to the Defence Cadets of Canterbury.

The Board of Governors propose, in the near future, to build a hostel, probably on land immediately adjoining the school. This is much wanted. Many country boys are in unsatisfactory lodgings; and many parents, owing to the absence of a properly supervised boardinghouse, feel compelled to send their sons elsewhere.

The Preparatory Form was examined by one of the Education Board's Inspectors, Mr. E. K. Mulgan. He spoke in appreciative language of the keeness of the boys and their attitude towards work, though finding a little weakness in their composition. Their nature-study work and general intelligence were praised. The whole school was also inspected by Dr. Anderson and Mr. T. H. Gill early in November, and a report has been forwarded to the Board of Governors.

Seventy-five boys entered for outside examinations in December, 1908.

G. H. Robertson, who was here for five years, and during his last year at Wellington College, was third scholar on the Junior University Scholarship list. The other 7 candidates for University Scholarships were young: one was placed on the credit list, 5 qualified for Matriculation, and 1 failed. It was the leanest year since 1894.

For Matriculation there were 24 candidates, and 17 passed. One of these qualified for Medical Preliminary; two others who passed Matriculation failed for Medical Preliminary.

Forty-four candidates entered for Junior Civil Service or Senior Free Places, and 36 passed. Two obtained Education Board Senior Scholarships. Fourteen of the above entered for Civil Service proper, and all passed save one, 6 with credit.

The distinctions won by old boys in 1909 were as follows: Mr. D. C. H. Florance obtained his M.Sc.; Mr. D. B. Macleod won the Senior University Scholarship for Chemistry, and Mr. C. M. Stubbs the Senior University Scholarship for Mathematics; Mr. D. B. Macleod also won the Haydon Prize; exhibitions at Canterbury College were gained by four old boys, for Latin, Greek, history, and chemistry. Two old boys proceeded to Cambridge University during the year—Mr. M. B. Martin to King's College to enter a classical course, and Mr. C. M. Bevan-Brown to Emmanuel for a science course.

C. E. Bevan-Brown.

2. Work in the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—Latin—Livy, Book I (Blackie), without vocabulary; Horace, Odes, Book III; Vergil, Æneid, IX; De Officiis, III; Myths and Legends of Ancient Rome; Bradley's Arnold; Bradley's Aids to Latin Prose; Kennedy's Revised Latin Primer; Gepp and Haigh's Latin Dictionary; Robinson's First History of the Romans; Rivington's Class Book of Latin, Unseen, Book VI; Everyman's Library Atlas of Ancient Geography. English—Chaucer's Prologue (Blackie); English Prose, from Mandeville to Ruskin (World's Classics); Shakespeare's King Lear (Pitt Press); Thackeray's Esmond (Macmillan); Palgrave's Golden Treasury; Nesfield's Manual; Nesfield's Historical English; English Literature, Laing (Collins and Sons). French—Angier et Sandeau Le Gendre de M. Poirier (Hachette); Advanced French Composition, Duhamel (Rivingtons); Balzac, Eugenie Grandet (Hachette and Co.); Longmans' Advanced French Unseen (Bertenshaw); French Grammar, Moriarty (Sonnenschein). Mathematics—Borchardt and Perrott's Trigonometry; Baker and Bourne's Algebra (Bell); Elements of Applied Mathematics (Jessop, Bell); Hall and Stevens's School Geometry, Parts I to VI (Macmillan); Hogben's Trigonometry Tables; Pendlebury's Arithmetic. Science—Advanced Inorganic Chemistry, Theoretical (Bailey, London, W. B. Clive). Gymnastics—Tuesday, 4 p.m.

Lowest.—Latin—Elementa Latina (to end of active verbs); Scalæ Primæ; Shorter Latin Primer (for revision of verbs). English—The White Company, Conan Doyle (Longmans), abridged; Lyra Heroica (The Revenge, &c.); Nesfield's Outlines; Parsing Notes; dictation, composition, parsing,

analysis (four forms of predicate and easy subordinate clauses); also one of the sixpenny editions in Lower IV list to be read at home per term. History—First Book of British History (Tout); Longmans' Historical Series for Schools, Book I. Geography—Southern Cross Series, Geography, Standard VI. French—Kirkman, Première Année de Français (A. and C. Black). Mathematics—Pendlebury's New School Arithmetic (Bell and Sons), without answers; Hall and Stevens's School Geometry, Parts I and II, with Lessons in Experimental and Practical Geometry. Nature-study—Insect Life in Australasia (Whitcombe and Tombs). Art—Same as Lower III, but more advanced, and with addition of elementary model-drawing. Writing—Twice a week. Gymnasium—Two lessons a week. Singing—Novello's School Songs, Book 109; Nine Classical Songs; staff notation.

3. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	150	4	2
Government capitation—			
For free places	619	0	0
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	54	16	8
Current income from reserves	3,827	18	3
School fees—			
Main school	874	11	6
Preparatory department	169	5	0
Interest on current account	2	14	3
Other receipts—Sale of firewood.. ..	1	5	0
	£5,699	14	10

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Office salaries	200	0	0
Other expenses of management ..	18	3	2
Teachers' salaries—			
Main school	3,746	18	10
Preparatory department	169	5	0
Examinations—			
Examiners' fees	42	12	6
Other expenses	19	18	0
Scholarships (bursaries)	33	6	8
Prizes	33	9	3
Printing, stationery, books, and advertising	111	18	2
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	50	13	6
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction..	38	1	8
Site, buildings, furniture, &c., manual instruction (Government grants) ..	17	9	0
Repairs, &c.	89	14	9
Miscellaneous (insurance)	24	8	7
Buildings, equipment, &c., for manual instruction	38	15	8
Interest on Buildings Loan Account ..	200	0	0
Other expenditure—			
Expenses connected with endowments ..	172	4	5
Grants to Sports Fund and cadet corps..	85	0	0
Rent of playground	63	11	2
Grant to school library	41	11	0
Sundries	34	12	2
Balance at end of year	468	1	4
	£5,699	14	10

G. W. Russell, Chairman.
Geo. H. Mason, Registrar.

Vide Canterbury College Accounts: "The Audit Office having examined the balance-sheet and the accompanying accounts, hereby certifies the same to be correct.—Jas. B. Heywood, Assistant Controller and Auditor."

CHRISTCHURCH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Miss M. V. Gibson, M.A.; Miss C. K. Henderson, B.A.; Miss M. Bell-Hay; Miss F. Sheard, M.A., B.Sc.; Miss K. Gresson, M.A.; Mrs. Longton, M.A.; Miss E. T. Crosby, B.A.; Miss G. Greenstreet, B.A.; Miss M. Barker, M.A.; Miss M. Wills; Miss L. Bing, B.A.; Captain Farthing; Miss N. Gard'ner; Miss A. Rennie; Miss H. Smith; Miss Easterbrook; Miss M. Wauchop.

1. Report of the Lady Principal.

The school reopened with a higher roll-number than had previously been attained, and the roll for the three terms of the year was—First term, 235, an increase of 33 on the roll of the third term of 1908; second term, 231; third term, 226 pupils. Of these, 67 held Senior Free Places, 140 Junior Free Places, 3 School Free Places, 11 paid fees, and 5 were in the Preparatory Class, which also pays fees.

The general health during the year was excellent, and the attendance good, the average attendance for the third term, which is always a somewhat broken one, being 209.

As one of the rooms in the main building is doing temporary service as a cloak-room, and another room was badly needed, the Board of Governors decided to purchase an adjacent quarter-acre section to extend the playground, and to utilize part of the dwellinghouse upon it for teaching purposes. This has provided an additional class-room, and a room for holding the dressmaking and singing classes in. It is hoped that the debt of £1,500 incurred by this purchase will be wiped out by annual payments out of the general revenue, extending over the next four or five years.

A much-appreciated work of the year has been the fitting-up of a practical-science room for general use. It is a well-lit room of 28 ft. by 24 ft. on the upper floor of the new wing, and is now provided with sinks and microscope benches for a class of twelve, a physical-science bench also for a class of twelve, and a demonstrator's table and sitting-accommodation for twenty-four pupils.

A sum of £10 was expended on additional physical-science apparatus and a few botanical models; but the school is still only poorly supplied with such aids to teaching.

A new piano for the singing classes has relieved a very long-standing need.

Miss E. Crosby, B.A., who since the middle of 1908 had been absent on sick-leave, took up some of her duties at the beginning of the year, and full work at the beginning of the second term. Miss Ellen Baxter, M.A., who had been acting as Miss Crosby's substitute, was still retained as a part-time teacher until the third term, when she received a permanent appointment at the Nelson Girls' College. Her part-time work was taken up by Miss Margaret Farrow, B.A., another past pupil of this school.

As the acquisition of additional rooms made more convenient arrangements for the domestic-training classes practicable, an additional cooking class was arranged for on Monday mornings, and was well attended during the third term. Next year there will also be classes in dressmaking—for girls taking the home-life course—during the ordinary school-hours, instead of on Saturday mornings only as hitherto.

Soon after the beginning of the second term the technical classes were inspected by Mr. Isaac, and a week before the close of the same term Dr. Anderson spent two or three days at the school to see the general working of all classes, and to hold the test examination for Senior Free Places.

In December the classes below Matriculation standard were thoroughly examined by gentlemen appointed for the purpose by the Board of Governors. An oral examination was first held, and then a further written test was given. The examiners were Professor Blunt, Examiner-in-Chief, Latin, French, and German; Dr. Chilton, science; Dr. Hight, English, history, and geography; and Mr. Gifford, mathematics. Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. Chilton, and Mrs. Hight also kindly examined the work of the needlework, dressmaking, and cookery classes. A full report on all subjects, and a general report summarizing the results as a whole, was sent in to the Board of Governors.

At the December, 1908, University examinations, two pupils, Julia Pegg and Catherine Reynolds, were awarded Senior National and Gammack Scholarships; Ada Fairbairn was also offered a Gammack Scholarship, but did not accept it. Twenty-two pupils passed the Matriculation Examination, five won Senior Board of Education Scholarships, thirteen passed the Junior Civil Service Examination, twenty passed the regular Senior Free Place Examination, twenty-three others were awarded Senior Free Places at the Inspector-General's test examination, and three gained Junior Free Places.

Notable successes gained by past pupils of the school during the year are as follows: Ellen Baxter, degree of M.A., with third-class honours in English and French; May Arnott, Millicent Bailey, Margaret Farrow, Clara Firth, Annette Jacobs, Irene Wilson, all degree of B.A.; Mary Barkar, degree of B.Sc.; Helen Leversedge, exhibition in French, Canterbury College; Alice Candy, the exhibition in economics, and Edith Jackson, that in physical science, at the same College.

MARY V. GIBSON, M.A., Lady Principal.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—All work as for Junior University Scholarship Examination. Subjects taught—English, Latin, French, German, Roman history, mathematics, physical science (heat), natural science (botany).

Lowest.—Work of a standard above Standard VI; first-year work for the Senior Free Place Examination. Subjects taught—English (grammar, composition, literature), arithmetic, Latin, French, English history, geography, book-keeping and shorthand (alternatives with Latin), elementary botany or laws of health, brush drawing, plain needlework, singing, drill.

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

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Government grant for buildings, furniture, fittings, and apparatus for manual instruction	19	16	0
Government capitation—			
For free places	2,192	8	10
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	54	4	7
Current income from reserves	254	5	11
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	132	16	11
School fees—			
Main school	133	7	0
Preparatory department	45	3	0
Other receipts—			
Proceeds from cooking class	21	2	4
Contributions from pupils for instruction in gymnastics	4	8	0
Dr. balance at end of year	2,090	18	7
	£4,948	11	2

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Overdraft or Dr. balance at beginning of year	572	12	8
Management—			
Office salary	60	0	0
Other expenses of management	5	8	9
Teachers' salaries—			
Main school	2,189	4	5
Preparatory department	45	3	0
Boarding-school account	50	0	0
Examinations—			
Examiners' fees	42	10	6
Other expenses	16	17	6
Scholarships and exhibitions	78	6	8
Prizes	23	8	0
Printing, stationery, books, and advertising	68	13	11
Cleaning and fuel	34	14	10
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction	25	2	11
Site, buildings, furniture, &c., manual instruction (Government grants)	106	11	5
Purchases and new works	1,550	8	6
Repairs, &c.	19	5	4
Miscellaneous (insurances)	17	5	2
Other expenditure—			
Inspecting reserves	8	3	4
Books for school library	16	19	7
Attending to clocks and tuning pianos	5	2	6
Sundries	12	12	2
	£4,948	11	2

G. W. RUSSELL, Chairman.
GEO. H. MASON, Registrar.

Vide Canterbury College Accounts: "The Audit Office having examined the balance-sheet and the accompanying accounts, hereby certifies the same to be correct.—JAS. B. HEYWOOD, Assistant Controller and Auditor."

CHRIST'S COLLEGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Staff.

Rev. C. H. Moreland, M.A.; Rev. Canon F. A. Hare, M.A.; Mr. E. G. Hogg, M.A.; Mr. A. E. Flower, M.A., M.Sc.; Mr. E. Jenkins, M.A.; Mr. J. Monteath, B.A.; Mr. J. E. S. Dudding, M.A.; Mr. H. Hudson, B.A.; Mr. H. B. Lusk, M.A., LL.B.; Mr. P. F. Turner; Mr. G. H. Merton, B.A.; Mr. C. L. Wiggins; Mr. A. J. Merton; Mr. J. M. Maddon; Captain Farthing; Mr. N. McK. Gibson.

1. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—Work as for Junior Scholarships at the University of New Zealand.

Lowest.—Divinity—Ainslie's Gospel; Francis's Catechism. Geography—Southern Cross, Standards II and III. Writing—Public Service Copybook, 4, 5, and 6. Grammar and composition—Longmans. History—Blackwood's Stories from English History; selected stories. Arithmetic—Zealandia, to end of compound long division. Reader—Royal Princess, III, pages 1–131. Repetition—Selections from Golden Treasury, Part II.

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 15th May, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	1,546	16	11
Price of land sold (Capital Account)	50	0	0
Current income—			
Land	2,095	3	1
Scholarships endowments	743	6	8
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	260	8	8
Interest on moneys invested, Sinking Fund Account	15	11	6
School fees	3,149	4	3
Books, &c., sold, and other refunds	24	2	6
Voluntary contributions on account of general purposes of the school	5,720	0	0
Other receipts — Depreciation and sinking funds transfer (see *contra*)	194	3	6
Dr. balance at end of year	1,959	12	2
	£15,758	9	3

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management (office salaries)	278	17	1
Teachers' salaries and allowances	3,803	11	8
Examinations—			
Examiners' fees	50	5	3
Other expenses	2	19	9
Scholarships	686	4	0
Prizes	38	8	10
Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction	40	12	11
Printing, stationery, and advertising	96	13	8
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	258	0	7
New works	7,937	4	0
Fencing, repairs, &c.	316	6	11
Miscellaneous (rates, insurances, &c.)	67	1	4
Interest on current account	2	2	6
Endowments, Sales Account—			
Proceeds invested	1,400	0	0
Buildings	121	0	0
Purchase of other lands	30	0	0
Miscellaneous (surveys, &c.)	14	17	3
Other expenditure—			
Expenses connected with land estate	71	14	1
Expenses connected with school chapel	25	7	3
Grant, Boys' Games Fund	293	14	11
Grant, Boys' Cadet Fund	29	3	9
Depreciation and sinking funds transfer (see *contra*)	194	3	6
	£15,758	9	3

C. Christchurch, Warden.
W. Guise Brittan, Bursar.

Examined and found correct.—A. A. M. McKellar, Auditor.

AKAROA HIGH SCHOOL.

General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	372	2	2
Current income from reserves	160	5	3
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	25	13	9
	£558	1	2

Expenditure.	£	s.	d
Prizes	6	6	0
Printing, stationery, and advertising	3	7	6
Other expenditure—			
Grant to North Canterbury Education Board	100	0	0
Bank charge and exchange	0	10	10
Balance at end of year	447	16	10
	£558	1	2

Etienne Lelievre, Chairman.
G. W. Thomas, Secretary.

ASHBURTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. W. F. Watters, B.A.; Mr. E. T. Norris, M.A.; Miss F. E. Kershaw, M.A.; Miss M. M. Steven, B.A., B.Sc.

1. Report of the Board of Governors.

The *personnel* of the Board is as follows: Mr. J. Tucker (Chairman), His Worship the Mayor (Henry Davis, Esq.), and Messrs. C. Reid, S. S. Chapman, J. C. N. Grigg, W. B. Denshire, and W. H. Collins; Mr. J. C. N. Grigg being appointed by the County Council in the place of Mr. J. Studholme, who retired from the County Council.

The Board held thirteen meetings, the average attendance being six.

The work of the school for the year was carried out in a very satisfactory manner. Six pupils passed the Matriculation Examination, and twelve passed the Junior Civil Service Examination, three with credit.

Staff.—The staff remains the same as the previous year, but it is expected that the increased attendance will warrant the appointment of an additional assistant master next year.

School Attendance.—The attendance showed a considerable increase on that of the previous year, there being a total enrolment of 124, with an average attendance of 110.

The curriculum has been strengthened by the provision of instruction in shorthand and systematic physical drill, while the classes in woodwork, cookery, and dressmaking have been maintained as previously. Next year it is contemplated to provide instruction in typewriting.

School Grounds.—The grounds of the school have been greatly improved by removing trees, levelling, fencing, and asphalting, and are now in excellent order.

The school was inspected in June by Dr. Anderson, Assistant Inspector-General of Schools.

JOSHUA TUCKER, Chairman.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English (Upper VI).—English literature—Life and works of most prominent authors and poets from 449 to 1850, with extracts from the best-known of their works; Nesfield's Historical English and Derivation, pages 1–149, 173–79, 252–58; Nesfield's Manual, revised; set works—Henry Esmond, with notes on it and the author's life and works; a *résumé* of each of the latter; Selections from Tennyson, with notes; life and works of Tennyson (metre, diction, &c., of poems); Anglo-Saxon Primer (Sweet) translated; Second Middle English Primer; Chaucer's Prologue, translated. Arithmetic—Goyen's Higher Arithmetic, revised. Geometry—Baker and Bourne's, Books I to IV, inclusive, revised; and Books V, VI, VII, taken with chief exercises thereon. Algebra—Hall and Knight's Algebra used, and work taken to end of permutations and combinations, page 328; graphs, taken from Baker and Bourne's Geometry. Trigonometry—Pendlebury, to page 208. Heat—Glazebrook, chapters 1–12, excluding 11. Botany—As for Junior University Scholarship and Matriculation; Cavers's Plant Biology. Latin—Cæsar de Bello Gallico, IV; Virgil, Æneid, VIII; Cicero, De Officiis, III, to chapter 9; Longmans' Latin Prose; Unseens; Roman History and Antiquities. French—Siepmann, Part II; Matriculation French Course (Weekley); Exercises from Tutorial French Composition; M. Pinson; Picciola; phonetics.

Lowest.—English—Ivanhoe and Marmion, Canto I; Nesfield's Junior Composition, chapters 2 and 3; elementary parsing, analysis, and synthesis; essays. Latin—Longmans' Latin Course, to deponent verbs. French—Siepmann, Part I. Algebra—Baker and Bourne, to page 93. Geometry—Baker and Bourne, propositions of Book I and practical work. Arithmetic—Goyen's Higher Arithmetic, to page 141. Science—Elementary agriculture as for Junior Civil Service syllabus. Bookkeeping—Grierson, to page 50. Shorthand—Greig's Handbook. Woodwork, cooking, dressmaking, according to Department's course.

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

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Government capitation—			
For free places	1,062	9	2
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	27	7	6
Current income from reserves	754	6	4
School fees	39	18	0
Other receipts—			
Government Accident Insurance ..	0	5	3
Old iron sold	2	17	6
Dr. balance at end of year	1,284	8	8
	£3,171	12	5

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Dr. balance at beginning of year	1,220	17	9
Management—			
Office salary	50	0	0
Other office expenses	3	0	10
Teachers' salaries and allowances.. ..	983	6	8
Prizes	10	4	4
Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	14	10	3
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	60	16	8
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction	27	7	6
Purchases and new works	628	10	4
Fencing, repairs, &c.	17	10	9
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	46	14	0
Interest on current account	75	10	6
Other expenditure—			
Bank charge	0	10	0
Tools for caretaker	0	11	3
Towels, ladder, and cutting trees ..	2	5	7
Water-supply	7	16	0
Inspection of reserves	10	0	0
Milk-separator	12	0	0
	£3,171	12	5

Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Assets.	£	s.	d.
Rents of reserves (outstanding)	56	4	0
Capitation due from Education Department (third term)	406	5	0
School furniture (estimated)	327	0	0
	£789	9	0

Liabilities.	£	s.	d.
Dr. balance due bank	1,284	8	8
	£1,284	8	8

JOSHUA TUCKER, Chairman.
JOHN DAVISON, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

TIMARU HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. G. A. Simmers, M.A.; Mr. R. H. Rockel, M.A.; Mr. G. T. Palmer, M.A.; Mr. A. G. Johnson, B.Sc.; Mr. R. Grant; Mr. G. O. Chaplin; Sergeant-major Healey.

Girls' School.—Miss B. M. Watt, M.A.; Miss J. Mulholland, M.A.; Miss F. J. W. Hodges, M.A.; Miss E. Reid; Miss E. L. Wilson.

1. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—Boys: University Junior Scholarship work. Mathematics—Hall and Stevens's Geometry; Hall and Knight's Algebra; Borchardt and Perrott's Trigonometry; Goyen's Arithmetic. Mechanics—Loney's Mechanics and Hydrostatics. Electricity and magnetism—Poyser's Magnetism and Electricity, with Lecture and Laboratory Notes. English—Low's English Language; Nesfield's Historical English Grammar; Abbot's How to Write Clearly; Chaucer and Tennyson Epochs (Stobart); Henry Esmond; Merchant of Venice; Fowler's English Essays. German—Buckheim's Composition; Aue's Grammar; Die Humanisten; Der Neffe als Onkel; and selections from Heine's prose works. Latin—Livy, IX, 1–19; Vergil, Georgic IV; Tutorial Latin Reader; Tutorial Latin Grammar; Macmillan's Latin Course, Part III; Shuckburgh's Roman History; Stedman's Latin Examination Papers; Blackie's Latin Unseens, Intermediate. French—Tutorial French Grammar; Tutorial French Composition; Vecqueray's French Examination-papers; Hugo, Quatre-vingt-treize; Corneille, Polyeucte; Blackie's French Unseens, Intermediate. *Girls:* English—Nesfield's English Grammar, Past and Present; Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar, and Oral Exercises in English Composition; R. S. Wood's Word-building and Composition, Book VI and Book VII; Great Authors, Part I; Chaucer's Prologue; Thackeray's Henry Esmond; Shakespeare's King John; Milton's Comus and Lycidas; Blackmore's Lorna Doone; Southern Cross Poetry Books, Book II, Senior: also selected English essays; Anthology of English Verse; Tennyson's Princess; Nicholls's Exercises in English Composition. Latin—Bryan's Latin Prose Exercises; Arnold's Latin Prose Composition; Latin Dictionary; Allan's Elementary Latin Grammar; Matriculation Selections from Latin Authors; Allan's First Latin Exercise-book; Cæsar, Book II; Bell's Scalæ Primæ; Bell's Concise Latin Course; Bell's Latin Course, Part I; Discernenda Latina; Dona Reginæ; Cicero's Orations against Catiline, I and II. French—Matriculation French Course; Longmans' Advanced French Unseens; Carl Heath's Stories and Anecdotes; Matriculation French Reader; Bué's Idioms; Le Tour du Monde; Méthode Naturelle; French Vocabularies for Repetition; Le Petit Grandpère; Fleur de Neige. Mathematics—Bradford's Intermediate Arithmetic; Goyen's Advanced Arithmetic and Elementary Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Algebra, Part I; Borchardt and Perrott's Trigonometry, Part I; Hall and Stevens's School Geometry, I and II, with introductory course; Parts III and V, V and VI; Hall and Knight's Algebra. Botany—Study of Botany, by Dendy and Lucas; Evans's Botany; Youman's Botany; and Lawson's Botany. Mechanics—Loney's Mechanics and Hydrostatics for Beginners. History—Green's Shorter History of English People, I; Nelson's Highroads of History, IV and V; Creighton's History Primer, Rome; Wilkins's Primer of Roman Antiquities. Geography—Longmans', Book II; New Century Geographical Reader, VI. Scripture—Life of Christ.

Lowest.—Boys: English—Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar; Nesfield's Oral Exercises; Water-babies; Christmas Carols; Morte d'Arthur; Lady of Shallot. Latin—Tutorial Junior Latin Course, first half of book. French—Siepmann's Primary French Course. Arithmetic—Bradford's Intermediate Arithmetic. Algebra—Baker and Bourne's Elementary Algebra, Part I. Geometry—Hall and Stevens's School Geometry, Part I. Science—Hadley's Magnetism and Electricity for Beginners; and Hadley's Practical Exercises in Magnetism and Heat. Geography—Bosworth, Short Geography of the World; Lyde, Man on the Earth. *Girls:* English—Nesfield's English Grammar, Past and Present; Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar, and Oral Exercises in English Composition; R. S. Wood's Word-building and Composition Book VI and Book VII; Great Authors, Part I; Chaucer's Prologue; Thackeray's Henry Esmond; Shakespeare's King John; Milton's Comus and Lycidas; Blackmore's Lorna Doone; Southern Cross Poetry Books, Book II, Senior. Latin—Bryan's Latin Prose Exercises; Arnold's Latin Prose Composition; Latin Dictionary; Allan's Elementary Latin Grammar; Matriculation Selections from Latin Authors; Allan's First Latin Exercise-book; Cæsar, Book II; Bell's Scalæ Primæ; Bell's Concise Latin Course; Bell's Latin Course, Part I; Discernenda Latina; Dona Reginæ. French—Matriculation French Course; Longmans' Advanced French Unseens; Carl Heath's Stories and Anecdotes; Matriculation French Reader; Bué's Idioms; Le Tour du Monde; Méthode Naturelle; French Vocabularies for Repetition; Le Petit Grandpère; Fleur de Neige. Mathematics—Bradford's Intermediate Arithmetic; Goyen's Advanced Arithmetic and Elementary Algebra; Baker and Bourne's Algebra, Part I; Borchardt and Perrott's Trigonometry, Part I; Hall and Stevens's School Geometry, I and II, with introductory course; Parts III and V, V and VI. Botany—Study of Botany, by Dendy and Lucas; Evans's Botany; Youman's Botany. Mechanics—Loney's Mechanics and Hydrostatics for Beginners. History—Green's Shorter History of English People, I; Nelson's Highroads of History, IV and V; Creighton's History Primer, Rome; Wilkins's Primer of Roman Antiquities. Geography—Longmans', Book II; New Century Geographical Reader, VI. Scripture—Life of Christ.

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Government capitation			
For free places	1,024	5	1
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	62	18	9
Current income from reserves	1,889	15	4
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	8	10	10
School fees	119	18	4
Other receipts—			
Half-cost of fencing	2	0	0
Interest on rectory furniture	32	6	3
Sale of grass, &c.	12	0	0
Dr. balance at end of year	150	7	9
	£3,302	2	4

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	36	0	11
Management—			
Office salary	85	8	4
Other office expenses	23	1	9
Other expenses of management	49	4	8
Teachers' salaries and allowances	2,057	1	8
Scholarships	25	0	0
Prizes	41	9	5
Printing, stationery, and advertising	76	16	1
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	124	2	10
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction	58	3	7
Purchases and new works	476	19	4
Fencing, repairs, &c.	157	8	2
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	41	11	10
Buildings, equipment, &c., for manual instruction	36	2	8
Other expenditure—			
Rent of school and rectory telephones	10	1	1
Refund of fees	3	10	0
	£3,302	2	4

Wm. B. Howell, Chairman.
A. Bell, Secretary.

Audited and found correct.—Jas. B. Heywood, Assistant Controller and Auditor.

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL.

General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	2,656	3	6
Current income from reserves	354	3	6
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	138	19	5
	£3,149	6	5

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Office salary	20	0	0
Other office expenses	3	10	3
Other expenses of management	10	0	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances	140	0	0
Examinations—Examiners' fees	10	10	0
Scholarships	84	10	0
Prizes (including three gold medals)	31	19	6
Printing, stationery, and advertising	12	2	6
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	0	17	0
Books and stationery for sale to pupils, and other temporary advances	34	12	4
Interest on current account	0	1	0
Other expenditure—			
Solicitor's account	0	10	6
Travelling expenses, cheque-book	1	16	0
Bank charge, exchange	0	13	6
Balance at end of year	2,798	3	10
	£3,149	6	5

H. C. Barclay, Chairman.

Examined and found correct, except that the payment of £1 1s. for travelling-expenses, Chairman and member to Conference, Timaru, is without authority of law, and is therefore disallowed.—R. J. Collins, Controller and Auditor-General.

WAITAKI HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. F. Milner, M.A.; Mr. G. H. Uttley, M.A.; Mr. P. McCallum, M.A.; Mr. M. K. McCulloch, M.A.; Mr. D. S. Chisholm M.A.; Mr. H. H. Allan, M.A.; Mr. R. C. Ongley; Miss M. McCaw; Mr. F. Kibblewhite.

Girls' School.—Miss C. Ferguson, M.A.; Miss V. M. Greig, M.A., B.Sc.; Miss A. M. Budd, M.A.; Miss M. G. McCaw; Sergeant-major Kibblewhite.

1. Report of the Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors beg to report a continuance of the marked success that attends the two schools under their administration, as evidenced by the rapidly increasing rolls and the satisfactory examination results gained by both institutions. The roll of the boys' school reached 202 at the opening of the year, of whom 145 were boarders, from all parts of the Dominion. With regard to the work of the schools, it is satisfactory to note that four out of the ten Junior Scholarships awarded by the University Senate were this year gained by Waitaki, and that the boys' school had the distinction of gaining both the first and the second place for the Dominion.

During the year the Board of Governors have developed and improved the equipment of the schools at very considerable expense. Towards the close of the year an important contract was let for the levelling of spacious playgrounds, comprising 13 acres. Moreover, the environment of the school is rapidly being transformed and beautified.

Duncan Sutherland, Chairman.

2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—Boys: English—Shakespeare's Hamlet; Wordsworth's Poems (selections); Tennyson's Poems (selections); Chaucer's Prologue; Spenser's Faerie Queene, Book I; Dickens's Tale of Two Cities; Nesfield's English Past and Present; Milton's Samson Agonistes; Browning's Minor Poems. Latin—Ovid's Metamorphoses (selections); Vergil's Æneid, VIII; Horace, Odes, III; Cicero, In Catilinam; Cæsar, Gallic War, VII; Kennedy's Primer; Bryan's Cæsar's Prose; Bradley's Arnold. French—Bué's Idioms; Wellington College French Grammar; Berthou's Selections from French Verse; Berthou's Selections from French Prose; Victor Hugo's Les Miserables (selections); Stendhal's Une Episode de Guerre; Weekley's French Prose Composition. Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Algebra; Hall and Stevens's Geometry; Hall and Knight's Elementary Trigonometry. Science—Tutorial Chemistry, Parts I and II; Draper's Heat. *Girls:* English—Gwynne's English Literature; miscellaneous readings from standard works (Chaucer to Carlyle); Nesfield's Historical Grammar. Latin—Bradley's Arnold, supplemented by Roby's Grammar; miscellaneous reading from Cicero, Cæsar, Vergil, Ovid, Horace, Livy, &c.; Roman History and Antiquities (Merivale). French—Miscellaneous work for Junior University Scholarship standard. Mathematics—Ditto. Science (heat and botany)—Ditto. Drawing—Model and brushwork.

Lowest.—Boys: English—Fenimore Cooper's The Pathfinder; Kingsley's Water-babies; Yoxall's Speller; Burns and Hight's English Exercises for Public Examinations; Arnold Foster's Citizen Reader; Mackenzie Wallace's Web of Empire; Nesfield's Junior Course of English Composition. Latin—Morris's Elementa Latina; Scalæ Primæ. French—Chardenal's First French Course; also selected translations from fairy tales. Mathematics—Baker and Bourne's Elementary Algebra, Part I, up to problems on simple equations; Hall and Stevens's Geometry, Books I and II; Eggars's Practical Exercises in Geometry. Arithmetic—Pendlebury's New School Arithmetic. Science—Physiology, Murché's Physiology. *Girls:* English—Logie Robertson's English Prose; Jennings's English Poetry; Nesfield's Manual of English Grammar. French—Bell's First French Course and part of Second. Latin—Declensions and conjugations, with general work from blackboard; no textbook. Arithmetic—Pendlebury's, up to interest. Algebra—Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, brackets, simple and simultaneous equations. Geometry—Elementary work from blackboard. Botany—Leaves, stems, flowers, fruits, dealt with in an elementary way. Physiology—Murché's whole book. Scripture—The Voyages of St. Paul. Drawing—Model, freehand, brushwork.

3. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Government grant for sites, building, furniture, &c. (general purposes)	2,050	0	0
Government capitation—			
For free places	1,405	13	4
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	4	17	6
Current income from reserves	1,528	11	8
Paid by School Commissioners	107	11	8
School fees—			
Boys	825	0	0
Girls	27	10	0
Interest on Scholarship Account	6	0	0
Other receipts—			
Recovered from insurance companies—damage, gas-explosion	70	0	0
Refund from Government Accident Insurance	0	12	6
Dr. balance at end of year	1,077	7	1
	£7,103	3	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Dr. balance at beginning of year	1,252	3	7
Management—			
Office salary	179	3	4
Other office expenses—petty cash	10	0	0
Drill Instructor	18	15	0
Ranger	15	0	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances	2,074	18	4
Scholarships	4	0	0
Prizes	5	5	0
Material and grants of classes other than classes for manual instruction	80	19	1
Printing, stationery, and advertising	39	11	6
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	113	5	10
Site, buildings, furniture, &c. (Government grants)	2,050	0	0
Purchases and new works	1,031	0	9
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	72	6	0
Interest on current account	50	19	0
Other expenditure—			
School magazine	59	8	6
Incidentals	27	14	1
Law-costs	18	13	9
	£7,103	3	9

D. Sutherland, Chairman.
A. A. McKinnon, Secretary.

Examined and found correct, except that the payments of £59 8s. 6. for School Magazine, and £5 3s for expenses members to Wellington *re* borrowing-powers, are without authority of law, and are therefore disallowed.—Jas. B. Heywood, Assistant Controller and Auditor.

OTAGO BOYS' AND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOLS.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. W. J. Morrell, M.A.; Mr. M. Watson, M.A.; Mr. J. McPherson, F.E.I.S.; Mr. F. H. Campbell, M.A.; Mr. R. A. McCullough, M.A.; Mr. E. J. Parr, M.A., B.Sc.; Mr. J. Reid, B.A.; Mr. J. G. Fullarton, B.A.; Mr. H. Chapman, B.A.; Mr. W. A. Armour, M.A.; Mr. J. G. Paterson, M.A., M.Sc.; Mr. R. Coghill; Mr. D. Sherriff; Mr. J. Hanna.

Girls' School.—Miss M. E. A. Marchant, M.A.; Miss F. M. Allan, M.A.; Miss H. Alexander, B.A.; Miss S. C. C. McKnight, M.A., M.Sc.; Miss E. E. Little; Miss F. Campbell, M.A.; Miss L. A. N. Downes, B.A.; Miss M. W. Alves; Miss E. M. Campbell; Miss M. McLeod; Mr. J. Hanna; Mr. W. O. Taylor, F.R.C.O.; Miss J. C. Longford.

1. Report of the Board of Governors.

In compliance with your letter of the 10th December last I have the honour to forward the following general report on the schools for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

The schools were inspected towards the end of the year by the Assistant Inspector-General of Schools, Dr. Anderson, and Inspector Gill, who expressed satisfaction with the work and organization, and also with the efficiency of the staffs.

During the year the attendance in both establishments showed a satisfactory increase.

In September last the Board accepted tenders for the erection of a section of the new Girls' High School, the cost of which, including lighting, heating, and ventilation, competitive designs, architect's fees, inspection, &c., amounted to about £9,300. It is expected that the building will be completed in about three or four weeks' time. The section referred to will afford accomodation for the present number of pupils, but it is anticipated that ere long the whole building, as shown in the competitive design which was approved by you, will have to be completed.

The information asked for in the circular before referred to, with balance-sheet and statement of income and expenditure, was forwarded to your Department in April last.

2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—Boys: English—Shakespeare, Henry IV, Part I; Chaucer, Squieres Tale; Palgrave's Golden Treasury, Books II and III (selections); Peacock, Selected English Essays; Nesfield's Historical English; Nichol and McCormick, Exercises on English Composition. *Latin*—Livy, Book I; Cicero, Pro Lege Manilia; Horace, Odes, Book II; Vergil, Æneid, VI; sight translation, prose composition, and grammar papers; Shuckburgh, History of Rome; Wilkins, Roman Antiquities. French — Daudet, Jack, Part I; Corneille, Le Cid; Victor Hugo, Waterloo; composition, grammar, phonetics, &c. Mathematics—Arithmetic (whole subject); algebra, Baker and Bourne, to permutations; geometry, Baker and Bourne, Books I–VII; trigonometry, Pendlebury. Science—Chemistry—The metals, revision of non-metals, elementary qualitative analysis; physics—heat. *Girls:* English—Chaucer, part of the Prologue and extracts from Tales; Shakespeare, King Lear, Hamlet, and Romeo and Juliet; Spenser, Faerie Queene (part); Milton's Paradise Lost, Book II (part), Samson Agonistes; Historical English Grammar; composition, &c.; literature, general, with readings from modern poets. Latin—Sallust, Catiline War (part); Livy, Book III, 7 chapters; Horace, Odes, Books II and III (part), 3 Epistles; Middleton's Latin Verse; Marchant's Latin Unseens; composition, grammar, &c.; Roman History and Antiquities. French—Macmillan's Advanced Exercises; Wellington College Reader; Boïelle, Poetry; Barlet and Masom, Higher French Reader; grammar, composition, &c.; Berthou, Specimens of Modern French Verse. Mathematics—Arithmetic, the whole subject; algebra, to permutations and combinations, inclusive; geometry, Euclid, Books I, II, III, V, VI, VII, Baker and Bourne; trigonometry, Lock's Trigonometry to solutions of triangles. Science — Botany, the morphology and physiology of the botanical types specified in the Junior Scholarship schedule; physics, as defined in the Junior Scholarship schedule. Commercial work—Elementary book-keeping; shorthand and typewriting.

Lowest.—Boys: English—Winbolt, English Poetry; Scott, Ivanhoe; Irving, Companions of Columbus; Gow's Method of English, Part I. English History—Tout, First Book of British History, to 1714. Geography—British Isles, Europe, Asia (Longmans); (IIIB) Africa also. Latin—Macmillan's Shorter Latin Course, Part I; Bell's Scalæ Primæ, (IIIB) chapters 35–45; (IIIC), chapters 1–12. French—Siepmann's Primary French Course, Part I (IIIB); lessons 1–24; (IIIC) 1–16. Mathematics—Workman's School Arithmetic, to compound interest; algebra, Baker and Bourne, (IIIB) to simultaneous equations, (IIIC) to easy problems; geometry, Baker and Bourne, (IIIB) Books I and II, 1–9; (IIIC) Book I (with some omissions). Science—Elementary Inorganic Chemistry (Newth). *Girls:* English—Literature, In Golden Realms, Midsummer Night's Dream; reader, Citizen Reader, Literary Reading and Composition; grammar, parsing and analysis; Nesfield's Aids to the Study and Composition of English; composition; geography, A Brief Introduction to Commercial Geography. French—Siepmann, Part I. Mathematics—Arithmetic, fractions, decimals, proportion, proportionate division, percentage; algebra, Hall and Knight, to simultaneous equations; geometry, practical work. Science—Botany, Structure of Flowering Plants; Introduction to Elementary Botany, by Charlotte Laurie. Cookery—The theory and practice of plain cooking. Commercial work—Elementary. Needlework—Measurements, drafting of patterns, making of blouse and skirt.

3. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	951	10	7
Government grants for sites, building, furniture, &c. (general purposes)	225	0	0
Government capitation—			
For free places	4,422	18	5
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	29	14	6
Subsidy on voluntary contributions—manual and technical instruction ..	30	8	0
Price of reserves sold (Capital Account) ..	57	0	0
Current income from reserves	2,520	6	6
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money	23	15	5
Paid by School Commissioners	425	0	10
School fees	441	19	6
Other receipts—			
Donations, prizes; interest, fixed deposit	5	8	4
Valuation for improvements from incoming tenants	40	7	6
Sale of building material, &c.	4	5	0
Deposit on contract, &c.	201	0	0
Otago Education Board, payment for use of bath	40	0	0
	£9,418	14	7

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Office salaries	235	0	0
Other office expenses	43	14	11
Other expenses of management ..	48	2	9
Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	5,246	16	8
Boarding-school account	43	7	6
Sundries and incidentals	48	15	6
Furnishing	67	19	9
Laboratories	36	9	6
Prizes	33	12	2
Insurances	38	3	4
Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	133	17	1
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c., including wages of two janitors	324	12	6
Books and stationery for sale to pupils, and other temporary advances	13	6	4
Sinking Fund	16	10	0
Maintenances of classes for manual instruction—			
Girls' School building	225	0	0
Swimming bath	30	8	0
Site, buildings, furniture, &c., manual instruction (Government grants) ..	29	14	6
Buildings, equipment, &c., for manual instruction	24	5	9
Purchases and new works	1,413	18	0
Repairs, &c.	308	3	8
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	54	10	0
Interest on debentures	148	10	0
Endowments, sales account—			
Inspection and cost of leasing	33	9	1
Valuation to outgoing tenants.. ..	40	7	6
Other expenditure—			
Refund of deposits	171	0	0
Swimming classes	19	18	4
Typewriting classes	21	15	0
Balance at end of year	567	6	9
	£9,418	14	7

Balance Account, 1909.

1909.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 31. Ordinary expenditure	8,623	10	4
Refund deposits to contractors..	171	0	0
Uncompleted purchases ..	319	4	1
Fixed deposits—			
Dalrymple Fund	100	0	0
Sinking Fund	33	0	0
Campbell and Hawthorne Fund	47	17	8
Cash in Bank of New Zealand	519	9	1
	£9,814	1	2

1909.	£	s.	d
Jan. 1. Balances brought forward—			
Uncompleted purchases ..	382	1	10
Fixed deposits—			
Dalrymple Fund	100	0	0
Sinking Fund	16	10	0
Campbell and Hawthorne Fund	47	17	8
Cash in bank of New Zealand ..	903	12	11
Dec. 31. Ordinary revenue and other receipts	8,145	1	1
Deposits on contracts.. ..	201	0	0
Interest due on personal accounts	17	17	8
	£9,814	1	2
1910.			
Jan. 1. Balances brought down—			
Uncompleted purchases ..	319	4	1
Fixed deposits—			
Dalrymple Fund	100	0	0
Sinking Fund	33	0	0
Campbell and Hawthorne Fund	47	17	8
Cash in Bank of New Zealand..	519	9	1

Liabilities and Assets on 31st December, 1909.

Assets.	£	s.	d.
Rents overdue	565	14	8
School fees overdue, including Government grants—			
Boys	395	8	1
Girls	172	1	3
Amount due on mortgage land instalments, including interest	319	4	1
Cash in bank	519	9	1
Amount on fixed deposit (Campbell and Hawthorne Fund)	47	17	8
Amount at credit of Sinking Fund on fixed deposit	33	0	0

Liabilities.	£	s.	d.
Tradesmen's accounts unpaid	110	6	0
Public debt—Debentures	3,300	0	0
Deposit to contractors	30	0	0

Gray Russell Scholarship Fund.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Balances brought forward, 1st January, 1909	48	15	5	Paid scholarship, H. W. Slater	40	0	0
Interest—				Balance in Bank of New Zealand ..	56	15	5
On mortgage	40	0	0				
On fixed deposit	8	0	0				
	£96	15	5		£96	15	5

Gray Russell Scholarship Fund Capital Account.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Balances on 31st December, 1909—				Balances, 31st December, 1909—			
Amount advanced on mortgage ..	800	0	0	Amount of Robertson's loan	800	0	0
Fixed deposit, Bank of New Zealand ..	200	0	0	Amount in Bank of New Zealand, on fixed deposit	200	0	0
	£1,000	0	0		£1,000	0	0

Richardson Cadet Corps Fund.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Balances brought forward, 1st January, 1909—				Amount paid Otago High School cadets ..	3	10	0
Fixed deposit, Bank of New Zealand ..	20	8	0	,, Normal School cadets ..	3	10	0
Interest on fixed deposit	7	0	0	Balance on 31st December, 1909, fixed deposit, Bank of New Zealand	20	8	0
	£27	8	0		£27	8	0

Richardson Cadet Corps Fund Capital Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Original capital	150	0	0	Balance, 31st December, 1909, fixed deposit, Bank of New Zealand	179	12	0
Amount of profit, sale Bank of New Zealand shares	29	12	0				
	£179	12	0		£179	12	0

Frank Lee-Smith Prize Fund.

1909.	£	s.	d.	1909.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1. Balance on fixed deposit, Bank of New Zealand	13	5	10	Dec. 31. Balance on fixed deposit, due 2nd March, 1909	14	3	10
Mar. 2. Interest on above for two years at 3½ per cent.	0	18	0				
	£14	3	10		£14	3	10

Dalrymple Prize Fund.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	*Expenditure.*	£	s.	d.
Interest on fixed deposit, Bank of New Zealand	3	10	0	Paid prizes, Girls' High School	3	10	0
	£3	10	0		£3	10	0

Dalrymple Prize Fund Capital Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance on 31st December, 1909	100	0	0	Balance, 31st December, 1909, fixed deposit, Bank of New Zealand..	100	0	0
	£100	0	0		£100	0	0

J. R. Sinclair, Chairman.
C. Macandrew, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. Collins, Controller and Auditor-General.

GORE HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Mr. Joseph Hunter, M.A.; Mr. W. T. Foster, M.A.; Miss Helen P. Kerse, M.A.

1. Report of the Board of Governors.

The School and Staff.—The school was established on the 1st September, 1908, and the work was carried on in a portion of the Gore District High School buildings, with Mr. J. Golding, M.A., as headmaster; Mr. J. Brunton, M.A., first assistant; and Miss Sinclair, lady assistant. This arrangement continued until Easter, 1909, when the new staff was appointed as follows: Rector, Mr. Joseph Hunter, M.A.; first assistant, Mr. W. T. Foster, M.A.; lady assistant, Miss Helen P. Kerse, M.A.

School Accommodation.—Owing to the arrangement with the Southland Education Board, the occupation of the Gore District High School buildings ceased on the 31st December, 1908. The Board

of Governors then made arrangements (pending the erection of our new High School buildings) with the proprietor of the old Methodist church buildings in Mersey Street as a temporary school. To meet our requirements, a small building to accommodate twenty-five pupils had also to be erected. This accommodation has been all too meagre for the requirements of the school. The Board has been in frequent communication with the Education Department, and, in addition, has had interviews with the Inspector-General and the Hon. Mr. Fowlds (Minister in charge of the Department) regarding plans, &c., for our new school. Matters have so far progressed that at the present moment the specifications and approved detailed plan are almost completed.

The Board desire to express their appreciation of the services of the staff—viz., Messrs. J. Hunter, M.A., Rector; W. T. Foster, M.A., first assistant; and Miss H. P. Kerse, M.A., lady assistant—and have reason to believe that, notwithstanding the numerous difficulties consequent upon hampered accommodation, splendid work has been done in the interests of our young people attending the school.

ANDREW MARTIN, Chairman, Board of Governors.
GEORGE BRETT, Secretary.

2. WORK OF THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—English—Nesfield's Manual of English Grammar and Composition, Parts I, II, and III; Meiklejohn's Spelling-book; Shakespeare's Macbeth; Macaulay's Essays on Pitt and Chatham. Latin—Composition, Via Latina (the whole); Allen's Latin Grammar; Cæsar, Gallic War, Book I; sight translation, Excerpta Facilia. French—Chardenal, to the end of the Second Course; Eve and De Baudiss's Wellington College Grammar; Berthou's Specimens of French Prose; Richard et Quetin's Vocabulary. Arithmetic—The whole subject; Goyen's Higher Arithmetic and Elementary Mensuration. Algebra—Hall and Knight's; covered Matriculation course. Geometry—Hall and Stevens's; covered Matriculation course. Trigonometry—Pendlebury's, to the solution of triangles (inclusive). Geography—Longmans' Series, Books II and V. History—Ransome's History of England; covered Matriculation course.

Lowest.—English—Nesfield's Manual of English Grammar and Composition, (1) Part I, to page 117, (2) Part II, chapters 14 and 19, (3) Part III, chapters 24 and 25; (4) common figures of speech; Yoxall and Gregory's Spelling-book; Shakespeare's Tempest. Nesfield's Oral Exercises in English Composition, pages 1–156, chapters 1–6. Latin—Elementa Latina (the whole); Allen's First Latin Exercise-book, to exercise 27. French—Chardenal's First French Course, to the end of the second conjugation. Arithmetic—Workman's School Arithmetic, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10. Algebra—Hall and Knight's, to chapter 17, omitting chapters 9, 10, 13, 14, and cube root. Geometry—Hall and Stevens's, to page 83. Geography—Longmans' Series—Book II, Europe; Book V, Elementary Physical Geography. History—Ransome's, part of the Matriculation course.

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

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	67	11	5
Government grant—			
For sites, building, furniture, &c. (general purposes)	112	19	10
For buildings, furniture, fittings, and apparatus for recognised school classes for manual instruction	2	8	0
Government capitation—			
For free places	823	0	0
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	33	17	3
Subsidy on voluntary contributions, manual and technical instruction	50	0	0
Paid by School Commissioners	31	6	2
School fees, manual and technical instruction	72	4	6
Boarding-school fees	21	0	0
Voluntary contributions, manual and technical instruction	50	0	0
Other receipts—			
Southland Education Board (technical)	43	3	7
Refund	0	10	0
	£1,308	0	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Office salary	32	5	0
Other office expenses	5	2	0
Other expenses of management	13	4	2
Teachers' salaries and allowances	658	3	6
Material for classes other than classes for manual instruction	14	19	3
Printing, stationery, and advertising	24	13	9
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	17	15	11
Books and stationery for sale to pupils, and other temporary advances; badges	16	5	6
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction	107	3	1
Site, buildings, furniture, &c.—			
Ordinary (Government grant)	252	8	5
Manual instruction (Government grant)	2	8	0
Fencing, repairs, &c.	14	15	4
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	0	11	1
Other expenditure—			
Accommodation for pupils coming by early trains	4	3	0
Material for games, and cartage	8	1	6
Balance at end of year	136	1	3
	£1,308	0	9

Balance-sheet, 31st December, 1909.

Liabilities.	£	s.	d.
Outstanding cheque	4	3	4
Accounts due (estimated)	30	0	0
Balance	109	7	11
	£143	11	3

Assets.	£	s.	d.
Credit balance in Bank of New Zealand, Gore	140	4	7
School fee unpaid	3	6	8
	£143	11	3

ANDREW MARTIN, Chairman.
GEORGE BRETT, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

SOUTHLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

Staff.

Boys' School.—Mr. T. D. Pearce, M.A.; Mr. J. Williams, B.Sc.; Mr. J. P. Dakin, B.A.; Mr. J. S. McGrath Mr. J. Pow; Mr. W. F. Munro, M.A.; Mr. I. G. Galloway; Mr. J. W. Dickson: Mr. R. Brownlie.

Girls' School.—Miss C. M. Cruickshank, M.A., M.Sc.; Miss M. King, M.A.; Miss M. Rigg, M.A., M.Sc.; Miss P. Dyson, M.A.; Miss E. Morrison, M.A.; Miss A. M. Griffin, B.A.; Mrs. G. A. Turner; Mr. I. G. Galloway; Mr. J. W. Dickson.

1. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—Boys: English—Authors—Chaucer, Shelley, Keats, Macaulay, Tennyson, Shakespeare (selections); Historical English Grammar; composition; literature. Latin—Authors read—Livy, Vergil, Horace (selections), Unseens in Prose and Verse; grammar; prose composition; history; antiquities. French—Authors read—Selections in prose and verse; Daudet's Tartarin; grammar; prose composition. Mathematics—Form VI—Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry—to Junior Scholarship standard. Science—A, Chemistry—Inorganic, metals and non-metals; B, Magnetism and electricity, to Junior Scholarship standard. *Girls:* English—Nesfield's English Grammar Past and Present; Grimm's, Verner's, and Grossman's Laws; (*a*) Vowel Graduation and Mutation; extracts from Early and Middle English; Sketch of English Literature; (*b*) Shakespeare's Coriolanus; selections from Spencer, Milton, Browning, Bacon, Addison, Thackeray. French—Wellington College French Grammar; Bué's Idioms; Hachette's Dialogues; French Prose Exercises; phonetics; Mérimée, Tamanys; Taine, Selections, Poèmes Choisis. Latin—Bradley's Latin Prose Composition; Allen's Latin Grammar; Bryan's Prose; Cæsar, VII (sight); Cicero, Pro Milone, 30 chapters; Horace, Odes, III and IV, 1–5; Horton's Roman History; Wilkins's Roman Antiquities. Mathematics—Workman's Arithmetic; Godfrey and Siddons's Geometry; Hall and Stevens's Geometry, VI; Hall and Knight's Algebra, and higher work; Locke's Trigonometry; Loney's Trigonometry: as for Junior University Scholarship. Botany—Lawson's Botany; practical and microscopic work in types and orders set for Junior University Scholarship. Heat—Glazebrook's Heat, with supplementary lessons.

Lowest.—Boys: English—Authors read—Macaulay's Clive, Laureata, Days before History; Ancient Mariner; grammar, composition, and spelling. Geography—Physical. English history—Ransome's Elementary Course. Latin—Welch and Duffield's Accidence; Latin Reader, Cæsar's Invasion of Britain; composition. French—Beuzemaker's First French Course; grammar. Non-latin—Book-keeping and commercial arithmetic; European history; Greek myths. Non-French—Book-keeping, commercial arithmetic, and woodwork. Mathematics—Arithmetic (the whole subject) and mental; algebra, to H.C. factor; geometry, Godfrey and Siddons, Books I and II. Science—Elementary physics; elementary chemistry. *Girls:* Latin—Allen's Latin Grammar; North and Hillard's Prose Composition; Cæsar, Book V; Stories from Ovid. History—Period from 1689–1837. Geography—Political Geography of the World; Physical Geography, Longmans' No. 5; Marshall's Geography of New Zealand. Mathematics—Workman's Arithmetic; Hall and Knight's Algebra; Godfrey and Siddons's Geometry, Books I–V: as for Matriculation. Botany—Orders as for Matriculation; Pteris, Typical Dicotyledon, Typical Monocotyledon; general questions. Physiology—Furneaux, illustrated by practical work. Form IV: English (A and B)—Nesfield's Grammar and Composition; analysis, paraphrase, composition, spelling; Temple Reader; Julius Cæsar; Sesame and Lilies; Dombey and Son. French (A and B)—Spier's Grammar; Second Reader and Writer; Le Tour du Monde; composition from Méthode Naturelle. Latin (A)—Allen's Grammar, page 117; North and Hillard, page 82; Cæsar, II, to chapter 20. History (B)—Ransome's Elementary History, Tale of Great Mutiny; historical readings. Geography (B)—British Empire; Mill's Commercial; Longmans' Physical. Mathematics (A and B)—Arithmetic, intermediate; algebra A; H.C.F.; L.C.M.; fractions; equations, simple, simultaneous, quadratic; problems; graphs; square root: Geometry (A), Godfrey and Siddons, Books I–III, up to 14, with exercises. Botany (A and B)—Evans's Botany; orders and work as for Civil Service. Form III: English (A and B)—West's Grammar; junior, analysis.

2. General Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	948	14	8
Government capitation—			
For free places	3,133	16	8
Under Manual and Technical Instruction Regulations	89	11	0
Subsidy on voluntary contributions—secondary schools	44	2	0
Current income from reserves	1,125	13	8
Paid by School Commissioners	137	8	2
School fees	313	6	8
Voluntary contributions on account of general purposes of the school	25	0	0
Other receipts—			
Gymnasium subsidies	135	0	0
Interest on fixed deposits	21	0	0
Rents on Corporation lease	59	0	10
Proceeds, sale of buildings	14	0	6
	£6,046	14	2

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Management—			
Office salary	50	0	0
Other office expenses	56	19	0
Teachers salaries and allowances	2,583	1	8
Physical instructor's salary	165	0	0
Prizes (two years' accounts)	48	1	6
Printing, stationery, and advertising	108	18	9
Cleaning, fuel, light, &c.	218	0	3
Maintenance of classes for manual instruction	52	7	6
Site, buildings, furniture, &c.—			
Valuation (balance due) for improvements	175	0	0
Rent, Corporation lease	12	0	0
Fencing, repairs, &c.	114	17	10
Miscellaneous (rates, &c.)	38	5	5
Buildings, furniture, and fittings	208	6	3
Interest on loan	56	5	0
Repayment (instalment of loan)	500	0	0
Other expenditure—			
Athletics	7	10	0
Chemicals and apparatus	20	8	9
School libraries	4	7	9
Gymnastic apparatus	37	13	0
Sundry expenses	24	8	6
Refund fees	1	13	4
Balance at end of year	1,563	9	8
	£6,046	14	2

Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Assets.	£	s.	d.
Bank of New Zealand—Balance, 31st December, 1909	963	9	8
Deposit, building society	600	0	0
School fees due and unpaid	23	16	8
Free-place capitation due by Department ..	1,077	1	8
Reserves rents due and unpaid	392	5	6
Subsidy due by Education Board	25	0	0
Subsidy by Department on voluntary contributions	25	0	0
	£3,106	13	6

Liabilities.	£	s.	d.
Bluff Harbour Board—Balance loan still due	1,000	0	0
Various accounts:—			
Education Board—Art master's salary for 8½ months	70	16	8
Secretary's salary, November and December	8	6	8
Smith and Laing—Supplies	2	18	9
Thomson and Brattie—Supplies ..	2	1	2
Various accounts, advertising	12	2	0
Insurance, Girls' School	5	19	0
W. Smith and Co.—Apparatus	3	4	0
W. G. Gilchrist—Chemicals	0	14	0
Whitcombe, Tombs, and Co.—Library ..	2	2	0
Corporation—Rent, Section 1, Block XIII	12	0	0
Briscoe and Co.—Repairs, Girls' School	14	0	0
Corporation—Rent, theatre	7	15	0
	£1,141	19	3

STATEMENT OF RENTS OF RESERVES.

Arrears from previous Year.	Charges for Current Year.	Cash collected.	Arrears.	
			Previous Year	Current Year.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
183 16 9	1,334 2 5	1,125 13 8	2 10 0	389 15 6

W. MACALISTER, Chairman.
JNO. NEILL, Secretary.

Examined and found correct, except that there is no authority of law for the deposit of £600 with a building society.—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

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