who was accompanied by the Right Hon. the Premier, Sir J. G. Ward, Mr. G. J. Anderson, M.P., the Mayor and Mayor-elect of Gore, and members of the Board of Governors.

During the year the grounds have been cultivated and improved with a view to having them laid down in grass at the earliest possible date. Some five hundred holly-trees have also been planted as a fence.

The seating of the new school was the subject of much thought and consideration by the Board. Reports from various educational institutions in the large centres were considered, and eventually, on the 12th September, it was decided to install the automatic Triumph model of combined seat and desk, fifty-five double and thirty single desks being ordered. Arrangements were made with the Borough Council for drainage of the school buildings connecting with Richmond Street drain, the Board giving a subsidy of £15.

In conclusion, the Board desire to place on record their high appreciation of the work of the Rector and his staff, and the Board have every reason to believe that splendid work is being carried out under considerable difficulties in regard to accommodation for classes and outdoor work. The results of the examinations have been most satisfactory, and the health and conduct of the pupils also testify to the

great care exercised by the staff.

On the 9th December the annual break-up ceremony was held. Mr. James Allen, M.P., was invited by the Board of Governors to give an address and to present the prizes. The function was a most enjoyable and successful one.

Andrew Martin, Chairman. George Brett, Secretary.

2. Work of the Highest and Lowest Classes.

Highest.—English—Nesfield's Manual of English Grammar and Composition; Meiklejohn's Spelling-book; Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream; Scott's Waverley; Coleridge's Ancient Mariner; Nesfield's Senior Course of Composition. Latin—Composition, Allen's Latin Exercises, Part II, Allen's Latin Grammar; Caesar, Book VII; sight translation; Excerpta Facilia. French—Siepmann's Public School French Primer; Wellington College French Grammar; Berthou's Specimens of Modern French Prose; Berthou's Specimens of Modern French Poetry. Arithmetic—The whole subject; Goyen's Advanced Arithmetic and Elementary Algebra and Mensuration. Algebra—Hall and Knight's, covered course for Junior University Scholarship. Geometry—Hall and Stevens's, covered Matriculation course. Trigonometry—Pendlebury's, covered course for Junior University Scholarship. Geography—Longmans' Series, Book V; Bosworth's Short Geography of the World. History—Ransome's History of England, covered Matriculation course.

History—Ransome's History of England, covered Matriculation course.

Lowest.—English—Nesfield's Manual of English Grammar and Composition. Part I to page 117, Part II, chapters 14 and 19, Part III, chapters 24 and 25; Nesfield's Oral Exercises in English Composition, pages 1–156, chapters 1–6; Yoxall and Gregory's Spelling-book; Shakespeare's, As You Like it; Macmillan's Advanced Reader. Latin—Elementa Latina (the whole); Allen's First Latin Exercise Book, to Exercise 16. French—Siepmann's Primary French Course, Part I, to page 78. Arithmetic—Workman's School Arithmetic, sections i to viii. Algebra—Hall and Knight's, to chapter 16, omitting chapters 9, 13, 14, and cube-root. Geometry—Hall and Stevens's, to page 68. Geography—Longmans' Series, Book V, Elementary Physical Geography; Bosworth's Short Geography of the World, to page 67. History—Arabella Buckley's History of England for Beginners, to page 69. Commercial work: Book-keeping—Thornton's Primer, to page 87; Thornton's Easy Exercises, to page 95. Shorthand—Pitman's Instructor, to page 89. Commercial correspondence, indexing and précis-writing—Pitman's Guide to Commercial Correspondence and Business Composition, taken as teacher's guide for letter-writing. &c. Commercial arithmetic—Stocks, shares, and mensuration (no special text-book). Commercial geography (no text-book)—The substance of Marshall's Geography of New Zealand, Part III, chapters 1-9 (inclusive); Pitman's Commercial Geography, pages 62–177; New Zealand Official Year-book, commercial sections.

3. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1910.

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Receipts.	£	8.	d.	Expenditure.	£	8.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	136	1	3	Management—			
Government grant for sites, building, furn	ni-			Office salary	58	6	8
ture, &c. (general purposes)				Other office expenses		11	
Government capitation-	•			Other expenses of management		16	
	1.097	18	4	Teachers' salaries and allowances	919		
For recognized school classes for manu	al			Prizes		12	
. , . ,		7	3	Material for classes other than classes for	•		•
D 111 G 1 1 G	78	10	5	manual instruction	44	9	3
	63	6	8	Printing, stationery, and advertising		18	
	18	0	Ó	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c		19	
Southland Education Board-grant toward	ds	-		Books and stationery for sale to pupils, and	٠,	1"	
technical schools building		0		other temporary advances	9	14	n
				Maintenance of classes for manual instruc-	U		J
				tion	88	15	9
				Site, buildings, furniture, &c.—	00	15	4
					1.277	5	9
				Fencing, repairs, &c		14	
				m . 6 3 1 1 1 1	1		9
						0	
				Trowel presented to Governor		0	
				Flag		10	
				Travelling-expenses re desks		15	
				Cartage	0	1	
				Balance at end of year	702	10	3
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	£3,243	3	11	ži,	3,243	<u>.</u>	11
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Andrew Martin, Chairman. George Brett, Secretary.

Examined and found correct, except that the following payments, being without authority of law, are disallowed: Trowel presented to Governor, £5; tablet for foundation, £3 10s.; travelling-expenses re desks, £2 15s.—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.