REPORTS.

No. 31 .- Petition of George Dean, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for the release of his stepson (F. B. Turner), now at the Weraroa Boys' Training-farm.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 27th September, 1911.

No. 64.—Petition of PATRICK GUNN PRYDE, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for increase of his annual allowance under superannuation.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.

27th September, 1911.

Nos. 56 and 131.—Petitions of Joseph Southwick, of Brooklyn, Wellington.

Petitioner prays for annual allowance on account of his services as a school-teacher.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition.

27th September, 1911.

Nos. 13, 91, 96, and 134.—Petitions of W. P. Evans, P. Marshall, H. S. Dettman, and A. E. Flowers.

PETITIONERS pray that professors and lecturers be brought under the superannuation scheme.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petitions be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

10th October, 1911.

No. 121.—Petition of Jane G. Ralston, Teacher, of Te Oranga Home, Christchurch. Petitioner prays that her services as a teacher in New Zealand prior to going to South Africa be counted for superannuation.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

10th October, 1911.

Nos. 145 and 159.—Petitions of J. K. Menzies, M. L. Barnhill, and Others. Petitioners pray for amendment in the Superannuation Act to admit of their being included in the superannuation scheme.

I am directed to report that, in view of the fact that the discretionary power vested in the Teachers' Superannuation Board, under section 225, subsection (1), of the Education Act, 1908, was taken away by the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Amendment Act, 1908, without notice, the question of giving to these petitioners, and to those similarly situated, a further option of six months within which to join the Superannuation Fund be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

17th October, 1911.

No. 228.—Petition of HENRY HERBERT PITMAN, of Christchurch.

Petitioner prays for compassionate allowance in respect of his services as steward of the Education reserves of the Canterbury Land District.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 19th October, 1911.