

## Greytown

### Pre 1878

Note There was another Greytown on the Taieri Plains Otago and the Wairarapa Greytown was sometimes referred to as Greytown North or North Greytown

Bagnall in his book Early Greytown mentioned that Mrs. Moles may have run a school for a while, she certainly built the “school house” while her husband was away, The school house was the only place in Greytown where public events were held. Bagnall described the room as a “hut”, he also states there were other attempts for short periods of time but this record will start with the Husband and Wife teaching team of Edmond Jupp (Also found as Edmund and Edward in various publications of the time.

National Library has this about Moles, Samuel, 1826-1873

Born Essex, England. Emigrated to New Zealand via Tasmania. Lived with his wife Jane Moles in West Street, Greytown. Owner of Greytown's first general store and became the local post-master in 1867. Died aged 47 on 18th July 1873.

16th November 1860 An article stating that Greytown was formed in 1853 19<sup>th</sup> February 1861 Court to be held in the Greytown School house

17<sup>th</sup> May 1861 A PUBLIC MEETING of the Inhabitants of Greytown will be held (D. V.) at the School House, Greytown, on Friday the 31st day of May, 1861, at the hour of 6 p.m., to take into consideration the best mode for promoting and carrying on the School

4<sup>th</sup> July 1862 NOTICE. THE Second Annual General Meeting of the X Ratepayers of the Grey Town School District, will be held (D.V.) at the School House, Greytown, on Friday, the 11th July, 1863, at the hour of 6 p.m.; for the purpose of receiving the report of the School Committee for the past year, and for the transaction of other business in conformity with the Provincial Education Act; By order of the Committee, W. E. THOMAS, J.P., Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. June 86, 1862

9<sup>th</sup> August 1862 Report of the Greytown School Committee for the year ended, the 11th of July, 1862, which was read and unanimously adopted in its entirety at the -second annual General meeting of Bate payers of the School District, held at the School House, Greytown, on Friday the 18th of July 1862. Your Committee in concluding their labours for the past year, have much pleasure in .presenting their report, and in congratulating the inhabitants of the School District of Greytown upon the progressive, state of their School. In the first place your Committee beg to call attention to the number of Pupils that have attended during the, year, and to the small expense what has been incurred individually in carrying out their instruction. By a reference to the scattered state of lye population, it will be. observed that the attendance of children during the year has been most satisfactory, the number averaging 24 which number your Committee have every reason to believe will increase with the population.

Your Committee felt it advisable in the course of the year to reduce the weekly fees from one shilling to six-pence for each child, which has had a good result, and your Committee recommend the amount to be continued ; but at the same time it is imperative to slate that this payment would he altogether insufficient, without the annual rate of £1 assessed on each house, which amount the last general meeting of rate payers decided should be assessed. Your Committee suggest the continuance of the rate lo enable the School to be carried on with the same efficiency as during the past year.

Your Committee have no hesitation in saying that without such rate the School could not be carried on so satisfactorily. Your Committee have much pleasure in expressing their satisfaction at the mode in which the School has been carried on by the Master and Mistress, Mr. and Mrs. Jupp, and they have every reason to believe that the progress of the pupils will give testimony to the same effect. Your Committee likewise congratulate the inhabitants on the improved state of the School room, which has been effected at a considerable expense, the state of the funds allowing it to be done without incurring any debt. Your Committee likewise intimate that a lending Library has been established for the benefit of the children, and cannot avoid recommending the perusal of the books to the domestic circle, which can be effected by a payment of one penny per week. Your Committee cannot avoid stating with much pleasure that after a payment of all expenses for the year, they are in the possession of a small surplusage of funds. (Signed) Samuel Moles, Chairman.

8<sup>th</sup> August 1863 SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GREYTOWN COMMON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed by you at the Annual Meeting 10 July, 1862, have now closed their labors, which have been rendered less onerous than is usual in consequence of the unanimity with which the affairs of the school have been conducted. They have the pleasure of congratulating the ratepayers on the satisfactory progress of their school as exemplified by the gradually increasing number of children who attend. In the half year ended June 30<sup>th</sup> 1863, the average monthly was 29 while the number who attended during the corresponding period of the year 1862 was 25 and considering the satisfaction the master and mistress have given since their appointment in 1861 the Committee look forward with confidence to the continued progress of the Greytown School, believing, that with the efforts of the teachers and the good feeling displayed by the tradesmen, farmers, and others of this flourishing district combined, their school will continue to be a credit to the locality.

Your Committee have also much pleasure in calling the attention of the meeting to the cheerful and ready manner in which the school rate has been paid by the inhabitants, the whole amount of arrears being but a few pounds. Your Committee would therefore suggest to the meeting the continuance of the rate at the same amount as last year, viz : one pound per annum, assessed on each house within the district, which will enable the Committee to continue the present uniform weekly fee of six-pence paid by each of the children who attend school. It is unnecessary to state that without the rate the weekly payments must be proportionally increased ; it would therefore be imprudent to change a system of raising funds, which with the aid so liberally rendered by the Provincial Government, has proved to be both economical and beneficial in its results.

Your Committee also congratulate the meeting on the state of the funds, there being a surplus of thirty pounds in the hands of the Treasurer; this amount may be reduced by the purchase of additional maps, class books, library books, school room furniture, and firewood. Your Committee have thought it advisable under the circumstances, to increase the joint stipend of the master and mistress, by the addition of twenty-five pounds per annum from the first of January last, and the Committee believe this expenditure to be fully justified by the progress of the children and the reported expressions of satisfaction on the part of the parents, at the attention shown toward their children while at school. '

Your Committee beg to direct attention to the Circulating Library belonging to the school has, in penny payments, produced an income of twelve shillings during the year, though the few books of which it consists, cost but thirty shilling-;. The Committee have to regret the retirement from office of their late Treasurer, who is about to leave Greytown on a visit to England, it will therefore be necessary to elect another gentleman to succeed him.

Benjamin Stevens, Chairman of Committee.

1865

22<sup>nd</sup> July 1865 Inspectors Report included list of all Government Schools, (*Note that there were none in Wellington* ')

Adopting this classification, the Government Schools in the Province would be distributed as follows : —

Town Schools. Wanganui Lower Hutt

Village Schools. Greytown, Pahautanui, Turakina, Upper Hutt, Johnsonville

Country District Schools. Kaitoke Wanganui, Matarawa Valley, Bonnie Glen, Tutinui, Lower Rangitikei, Tawa Flat, Karori, Featherston, Morrison's Bush, Carterton Masterton Wainui-o-Mata "

Besides these three classes there is another, consisting of four schools, whose present circumstances render it inexpedient to continue to them a grant from the Provincial Chest, to this class belong the following schools : — Parawenui (Lower Rangitikei) Taita (Mr. Robinson, master) Lower Hutt (Mr. and Mrs. Philips) Upper Rangitikei (Mr. Johnson)

1866

15<sup>th</sup> March 1866 Braithwaite— Jupp.— On the 3rd March, at the School-room, Greytown, by the Rev. Dun Debois, Henry, third son of Arthur S. Braithwaite, Esq., of Nelson, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. Edmund Jupp, of Greytown

24<sup>th</sup> March 1866 PUBLIC MEETING AT GREYTOWN

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) According to notice a public meeting was held in the Greytown School-house at 8 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst

Mir Hall proposed and .Dr.. Spratt seconded that Mr. Ingley take the chair.

The Chairman then read the notice stating that the meeting was called by the Trustee of the School Property to consider the state of the School and the School Property.

Mr. Hall— Mr. Chairman and gentlemen I propose in moving the first resolution to take the latter clause in the notice first, the School Property, and in doing so it is necessary for me to go back ten years, and explain to you, as one of the trustees, the nature of that trust confided in me, and I consider it necessary to do so on this present, occasion as there are only a few here who attended our first meeting to erect this school-house. That meeting took place on the 6th January. 1856, Mr. Borlase in the chair. That meeting agreed that a subscription -list should be opened for the purpose of building a house to be used for a school, and for Divine Service open to all denominations, and for all other public purposes. On the 22nd March following, another meeting was held, when the plan of the building was proposed and carried, and, also, the following were appointed trustees : Messrs.... J. Hall, A. Ball, and Dr.. Walsh. The first resolution is—

1. That a subscription-list be opened for the repair of the School buildings, and that aid be requested from the Provincial Government to assist. Gentlemen, I have to remark that a great deal of the repairs required are owing to the neglect of the schoolmaster,

Mr. Jupp, in whose charge this place is at present. I have seen the forms and desks going to pieces for the want of a nail, or to use a bootmaker's term, for the want of a waxend to tie them up. The windows are choked up with dirt, and cannot be opened. He (Mr. Hall) took down a handful of cobwebs and dust and showed it to the meeting, saying look at that, is that the way a public schoolroom should be kept, dirty, the windows closed, and consequently without ventilation? When there are a number of children in this room and the doors and windows always kept closed, it is as you know a great detriment to health.

After some discussion the latter clause was struck out as the meeting were of opinion that as they put up the building without assistance from Government, that they would keep it in repair also. Proposed by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Jones.

2. That this meeting is of opinion that the key of the school-house should be handed to Mr. John Hall, trustee, each day after school hours, for public purposes as originally intended, and that the said John Hall do let and charge, a reasonable fee to all parties (nonresidents) who may wish to exhibit or perform any moral scenery or play, and that the said fees shall go towards the repairs.

Mr. Hall said, in moving this resolution I beg to bring to your notice that the trustees wrote to the Chairman of the School Committee requesting that he would direct Mr. Jupp to hand over the key according to the first part of this resolution. I received this (showing a letter) from the Chairman to Mr. Jupp, the schoolmaster, which I will read for you.

Greytown, March 14, 1866.

Mr. E. Jupp, Schoolmaster. Sir, — I am requested by the trustees of the school-house to request you to leave the key of the school- room with Mr. John Hall, as one of the trustees, every day, after school hours. You will please to secure the school property by putting it in the small room built for that purpose.

H. Udy, Chairman of School Committee,

P.S. — Commencing this day.

I took this letter to Mr. Jupp. He read it, and threw it into my cap, saying, " That he (Mr. Jupp) did not acknowledge the Chairman of the School Committee; and that he would not give me the key." I then afterwards went to the school-house to fasten up this notice, when Mr. Jupp stood behind me and said, he would give me in charge of the police. I then told Mr. Jupp that he must take the consequences of his conduct on his own head. He (Mr. Jupp) at the same time cracked his fingers under my nose and said, " That he did not care that for me." The old man got the better of me, and I slewed round, partly lifted my foot, and was going to give him a kick in the -----; but I am glad that I was restrained, as I would not wish for £50 to have done it. Gentlemen, is this conduct what it ought to be from the person intrusted with the care and instruction of your children?

The Rev. Mr. Desbois — I beg to move, as an amendment —

That the key be retained in the hands of its present keeper, Mr. Jupp.

Mr. Hall might be a very fit and proper person to have the key, after school hours ; but why should Mr. Jupp be looking for it, perhaps not be able to find Mr. Hall in his shop. And another thing, if they were to use the school-room for other public purposes, did they think (if he might use the expression) that Mr. Jupp was to wash-up the dirty dishes after anyone ? He thought that before Mr. Jupp should be forced to give up the key that there should be a cause shown, which, in his opinion, there was not.

Mr. Hall— I have shown you that I require the key for the purposes this house has been built for. That I have an order from the Chairman of the School Committee, Mr.

Jupp's superior whom he is bound to obey, but whom he does not acknowledge ; but he will be forced to obey him and acknowledge him too, before he draws his next quarter's salary, as the Chairman cannot vouch to his fitness as a teacher and moral character, when he disobeys his (the Chairman's) order, and publicly insults and assaults one of the trustees of the school property.

The Chairman having put the Rev. Mr. Desbois' amendment to the meeting, it was lost.

Mr. John Udy — I beg leave to move, as an amendment — That there be two keys, one to be kept by Mr. Jupp, the second by Mr. Hall. Seconded by Mr. Fisher. Carried. Dr.. Spratt, Mr. Humphries, and other gentlemen addressed the meeting.

Mr. Hall moved the 3rd and 4th resolutions, which were to the effect — That Mr. Jupp's conduct was not satisfactory, and that he should be superseded.

Rev. Mr. Desbois moved — That those resolutions were out of order, and that they should be brought before the School Committee. Ruled accordingly. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting broke up.

18<sup>th</sup> August 1866 To the Editor of the Wellington Independent. Greytown, Aug. 9, 1866. Sir — Having seen a letter in the Advertiser of the 6th August, signed "Simon Snipe" and headed " Education in Greytown," I wish to comment thereon, The writer says that " the school has been exceedingly well conducted by an excellent schoolmaster and schoolmistress who have given the greatest satisfaction and that the School Inspector has been pleased to approve of the school and the progress of the children. I happened to be at a public meeting last month when the School Inspector's report was read. It was anything but complimentary on the progress of the children, but then there was an excuse — want of proper school furniture, books, &c. There was only one table then in the school and some old books there are now plenty of desks, a set of new school books. Mr. and Mrs. Jupp are very attentive to the children, one of the parents told me that, the children were "taring along," so the next report of the Inspector will I trust be more satisfactory. So much for the progress of the children. Simon Snipe then attacks two of the oldest settlers in the province,

Mr. H Udy Sen., who he styles Rev. Mr. Udy, who plays first fiddle, and Mr. John Hall, who dances while the other plays, and roars as gently as v hear. Those gentlemen are doing all that they can, in their own way, for the furtherance of education. The former gentleman preaches every Sunday in the Wesleyan Chapel to a very large congregation. The Wesleyans have a nice little chapel put up by subscription, which, has been lit up lately by very pretty glass lamps and shades, &c. The preacher, Mr. Udy, although not so eloquent in his discourse as a college bred man, preaches the gospel in sincerity and truth, and by that means wins the good of will of his hearers, in fact, his own family are a host in, themselves. Mr. and | Mr. Hall conduct the Sunday school, where from, forty to fifty children attend regularly. Mr. Udy will be shortly relieved from his duties, as there is a Wesleyan minister on his passage from England to officiate in Greytown. Mr. Simon Snipe will be glad to hear that the rate-payers of Greytown intend to keep up their school, as, at their meeting last night, Mr. Stevens, in a straight forward and manly speech, proposed that the usual rate of £1 per house, should be levied for the ensuing year, which was ably seconded by Mr. Kempton and carried. The Committee met after the mooting, Mr. Hodge in the chair, when the master's salary was raised. I now trust that everything will work well for the growing population which is increasing daily, as I firmly believe, from the expressions I hoard at last night's mooting, that every man in Greytown wishes to have his children well educated, and, if required, stint himself of many things in order to further that object. "Simon Snipe says," alluding to Mr.

Hull— " A cobbler there was who lived in a stall, Which served him for parlor, for kitchen, and hall." My answer is as follows, viz. : — Although Mr. Hall owns a shop by the road, When his shoes and his boots are lasted and soled ; And his men work there from morning to while cutting and pairing it is his delight. I can tell Simon Snipe that this cobbler's stall does not serve for kitchen, or parlor, for old Mr. Hall ; As he has a forty -aero section quite near, Which of brambles and bush is very clear. A snug little cottage is built thereon, Which serves for rest when his day's work is done ! A kitchen there is, a. parlor and hall, Bedrooms, dairy, and very fine stall, Where his horses are fed, three or four And very fine cows, nearly a score. A nice stream of water, both pleasant and clear ,runs by the cottage, convenient and near. An orchard there is, well covered with trees ; Fat pigs in the sty, and hives full of bees ; Now, Simon Snipe, perhaps you have the gout, And not able as usual for to knock about ; , The truth of my letter I trust you'll allow, And when next you write, have a new string to your bow. I am, Sir, &c., Veritas Vincit

23<sup>rd</sup> October 1866 Public Meeting at Greytown.— -From our own correspondent in Greytown we learn that a meeting was held in the Greytown School House on Friday the 19th inst. for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the recent proceedings of the Greytown School Committee Mr. Revans in the chair. Mr. Hirschberg proposed that this meeting considers that the Greytown School Committee has acted contrary to the interests of the inhabitants in giving Mr. Jupp, (the schoolmaster) notice to retire and advertising for another master, and they require that the advertisement be immediately withdrawn, Mr. Walker seconded the resolution. Several gentlemen spoke in favor of Mr. Jupp and stated that their children had improved very much under his care. The school inspector's report of his last inspection was read and it spoke most favourably of the progress of the pupils. In the course of the meeting Mr., Jupp read a copy of a letter he posted to the Chairman of the School Committee, asking for the reasons of his dismissal and said Mr. H. Udy the Chairman, did not answer it neither would he tell him the cause of his dismissal. The resolution on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously amid cheers, after which a vote of thanks was given to the Chairman and the meeting separated. Mr. H .Udy was not present at the meeting ; but it is said that he was within hearing of what passed.

1<sup>st</sup> November 1866 The Greytown School Committee met on Friday night, when it was proposed, seconded, and carried, " That Mr. Jupp should be retained as Schoolmaster of the Greytown Common School."

27<sup>th</sup> November 1866 Greytown School Committee. — There appears to be a quarrel going on in Greytown about the School, which we don't in the least understand, and about which we can't, therefore, express any opinion. A correspondent, who does not enclose his name, sends us a copy of a notice which has been posted in Greytown, setting forth that a proper master and mistress having been provided for the School, the Committee are about to resign. There is some question of interference besides, which the Committee appear to resent. Our numerous correspondents in the Wairarapa, whom we are always glad to hear from, should in all cases enclose their names, and when they have any grievance to set forth, should do so in an intelligible way. The particular correspondent whose letter is 'before us, attacks the School Committee, and speaks of their " sinister" doings, but without further explanation, and' receiving his name, we cannot insert his communication

23<sup>rd</sup> February 1867 NOTICE.. Greytown, February 19, 1867. THE INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS of the Wellington Province, desiring to address a few words to those of the Greytown settlers who take an interest in the subject of Schools, invites their attendance at the School Room for that purpose on THURSDAY NEXT, at TWO o'clock, THOS. A. BOWDEN, B.A. Inspector of Schools.

2<sup>nd</sup> March 1867 Education in Greytown. —T. A. Bowden Esq., B. A. Inspector of Schools, is now on an official visit to this district, and on Thursday afternoon, pursuant to advertisement, delivered an address at the School-house, Grey town, on the subject of education. Owing no doubt to the inconvenient hour chosen there was only a very limited attendance. Mr. Bowden said he would not dwell on the utility of education, as that was not now a moot point. The free States of America and the despotic states of Europe equally attached a high value to education, though they differed materially as to the method by which it should be carried out. After referring to this difference, and to the educational system of England he turned to this Province, and the aid furnished by the Government to district schools. The principle regulating Government aid was to help the helpful, and this was given by way of subsidy. The Government imposed three conditions before granting a subsidy and these referred to the school site, its management, and its funds. First, it was necessary that there should be a suitable site in a suitable locality, and that this should be vested in trustees. Second it was necessary that there should be a committee of not less than six or more than twelve. Third it was necessary to provide funds either by rates, school fees or voluntary contributions. The people of Greytown had not strictly complied with any of these conditions. The site of the school was not vested in trustees for school purposes, the majority of the committee had resigned, and the school rate had not been enforced. Worse still, the difficulties attending education in sparsely populated districts were greatly augmented at Greytown by the discord which had existed in the committee of management. There was not at present a working committee, and hence he had departed from his usual practice of addressing any remarks to the public through them by addressing the public directly. After dwelling at some length on the necessity of keening personal feelings in the background in the school committee, and of the advantages which would result from the harmonious working of the committee, both to the school, the teacher and the public, he concluded by pointing out the material advantages which would be conferred upon Greytown, from its central position, by superior educational establishments, which their endowments would enable them to secure, if they would only make the necessary effort. The position of Greytown rendered it peculiar advantageous for the establishment of a Boarding School; and the Boarding School receiving pupils from the elementary schools independently of its o\*her merits would prove financially of especial benefit to Greytown. Mr. Bowden concluded his address by cordially thanking those present, and expressing his willingness to render all the aid in his power while he remained in the district, in promoting the re-organization of the school.

25<sup>th</sup> April 1867 Greytown, 20th April, 1867. Sir, — A case of unusual importance was brought before the Resident Magistrate's Court, Grey town, on Thursday last, by Mr. T. Bragging, the Col\* lector of School rates for the Greytown district, who sued Mr. Hart Udy, senior, for arrears (£1), duo February last. It appeared by the evidence adduced, that the defendant had, in August, been elected Chairman of the Greytown School Committee, and that he had duly appointed the plaintiff to collect the rate. During the month of November, however, the defendant and five others of the Committee resigned, having taken umbrage at something which had been done at a public meeting held six weeks before. Defendant now contended that the resignation of himself and others had reduced the number who remained (six) on the Committee below the number required by the "Education Act." This objection the Resident Magistrate, Herbert Wardell, Esq., over-ruled, by reference to the 7th clause of the

Act, which distinctly points to one-fourth of the number elected as forming a quorum. The defendant farther urged that the collector was not properly appointed, although he had himself gazetted the appointment; and his many other ways sanctioned the acts of the collector until lie (the ex-chairman) resigned Iris office on the 30th November, 1868. This point was also disposed of by the Resident Magistrate against the defendant. Now came the " tug of war," defend ant pleaded, that, as the rate had been rejected at a previous general meeting of the rate-payers, that they had no right to decide on adopting a rate at a future meeting, although he presided on the occasion. However, I think this objection comes too late from the defendant, for if the rate were valid during the time he acted as Chairman (three months) the mere ac-t of resignation could not have the effect off£ making it invalid during the remainder of the year, His Worship reserved his decision on this point, but I have no doubt he will with his usual impartiality and foresight give a decision which will have the effect of promoting the laudable efforts which have been made by the householders of Greytown during the last six years to establish a school rate, thus securing Government aid to the amount of seventy-five pounds a year, and, what is of far greater value to them, they secure the supervision of the present School Inspector who has spared no exertion in raising the status of the Greytown School to its present satisfactory position.— I am, &c, Ratepayer

11<sup>th</sup> May 1867 Greytown, May 9, 1867. (Before H, S. Wardell, Esq., R.M. Braggins v. Udy— This was an adjourned case, to try whether the rate now in force was a legal one. Mr. Wardell stated in giving his judgement that the rate was a legal one—but that the appointment of Mr. Braggins as collector was illegal—that he had no power to sue, inasmuch as he was appointed by the School Committee instead of the public meeting as required under the provisions of the Education Act. Plaintiff non-suited with costs

24<sup>th</sup> June 1867 NO TICE. THE PUBLIC SCHOOL Greytown, will be closed for the Midwinter recess, and re-opened on the 8th proximo. EDMUND JUPP, Master. June 20, 1867.

1<sup>st</sup> July 1867 Greytown School.— A public meeting was held at the Greytown Schoolroom, last, evening, for the purpose of appointing a collector of the school rate. Mr. Puller proposed and Mr. Hirschberg seconded the appointment of Mr. T. Braggins. Mr. John Hall opposed the resolution, believing as he did that the meeting had no power under the Act to make such appointment. On the resolution being put it was declared carried, Mr. Hall being the only dissident

5<sup>th</sup> August 1867 Inspector's Report om all schools in the Wairarapa included Greytown.—A mixed school, under a master and mistress ; building poor, and not conveyed to school trustees, neither lined nor painted ; furniture fair; books fair, but maps old and poor ; teacher holds certificate of competency ; is diligent and successful; progress satisfactory; order and discipline satisfactory ; method fair ; registers correctly and neatly kept; time table not in use

5<sup>th</sup> August 1867 Young ladies' seminary Woodville House, GREYTOWN .MISS HOOMAN begs to state that the New Quarter commenced on] Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Terms Payable in Advance. No Boarders to be withdrawn without Three Months' notice be given. Greytown, July 26,1867.

12<sup>th</sup> August 1867 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. THE ANNUAL MEETING of Ratepayers of the Greytown School District will be held at the Schoolroom at 2 p.m., on SATURDAY, 17th August, 1867. A. J. SKIPPER, Chairman of Committee. Greytown, August 2, 1867\



29<sup>th</sup> October 1867 Mr. Thomas Braggins has been appointed Collector of the Greytown school rate.

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15<sup>th</sup> February 1868 GREYTOWN LADIES' SEMINARY MISS HOOMAN informs the inhabitants of the 'Wairarapa that her FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR, commences on TUESDAY', 21st January, 1868. Terms:—

Boarders £40 per annum.

Day Scholars..... £6 ,,

Music £6 ,,

Drawing £6 ,,

Three months' notice required previous to removal of pupil. Greytown, January 11, 1868

11<sup>th</sup> April 1868 Certificate of Competency. Mr. J. Poole— *issued by Mr. Bowden inspector*

25<sup>th</sup> April 1868 NOTICE. MEETING of the rate-payers of the Greytown school district, will be held in the School-house, Greytown, on SATURDAY, 2nd May, at 7 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Collector. By order of the Committee, A. J. SKIPPER, Chairman

16<sup>th</sup> May 1868 NOTICE. J. KING begs to intimate to parents and guardians, that he will commence a night school on Monday next, 18th May, hours from 7 p.m. to half-past 9 p.m. The school will assemble at the cottage next Mr. Ticehurst's shop. Grey town, May 15, 1868

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1868 GREYTOWN SCHOOL-ROOM.

(to the editor of the mercury.)

Masterton, May 16, 1868.

Sir, —t enclose the letter of Mr. Bowden which I will ask you to publish for general information. It is in reply to a communication which I was induced to make from Mr. Skipper. the Chairman of the School Committee, at Grey town, having sent me a memorial to sign ; but I thought I could do better for the school,

and advance the power of the Committee, retire same time I sent to Mr. Skipper, for publication or otherwise, a "Notice and Caution," inspecting the building, by writing (as a Trustee) to the School Inspector. At that all persons in any way interfering with the said building, would do so at their risk, &c. It seems from Mr. Bowden's letter that Mr. Carter is about to convey to trustees that particular acre; I am glad of it; I hope it Will set the matter at rest for ever; but I hope, at the same time, that it will be placed in the hands of people that the inhabitants of Greytown approve of, and such as they have thought worthy of holding it in trust. As Mr. Carter, I hear, is about to leave the colony, why do not the inhabitants-meet and recommend that the monies he is in possession of, belonging to the town, be also placed in the hands of proper trustees for future use ? I am yours obediently, Robert Porter Welch,

" Wellington, May 9, 1868, "My dear Dr.. Welch, — I have but just received your letter of the 2nd with reference to certain threats of Mr. Hall, of Greytown, to sell or remove the school property there. "If I understand the matter aright, yourself, Hall, and another were appointed trustees of certain public money, to be spent in the erection of a building on a certain section, the freehold of which then, as now, was vested in Mr. Carter as quasi trustee for the Greytown Association. The section in question was ticketed by the Association as a school section, and is, I believe, on the point of being conveyed to Trustees by Mr. Carter for school purposes for ever. Any building Upon the freehold must pass with it, and any interference with that building would make the party liable to an action for trespass and damage, either by Mr. Carter now, or by the new trustees when appointed. Your own powers, and of course Hall's likewise, terminated, if I am not mistaken, when the money was expended, and Hall has no more right to sell or remove the building now used as a school

than he has to sell or remove any other building in Greytown, unless he did so with the Consent of the other trustees of the building fund, and ' the permission of Mr. Carter who is in law the owner of the property.' " But it is not always easy to prevent a man from doing an illegal act, at the time, though he may be punished for it afterwards; and, in this case, if Mr. Hall can find any one so foolish as to become purchaser of a property, which he (Hall) has no right whatever to sell, I do not see that it can be prevented by any direct action on the part of yourself Or others. cautionary measures should, however, be taken, and Hall forewarned of the probable consequences. I think also the fact that any purchase of the property from Hall will be invalid should be made as widely known as possible. I will myself write to him and point this out.

" I am much obliged to you for calling my attention to the circumstance, particularly as I know you have always taken a lively interest in the welfare of the Greytown school. If you think it will do any good to place this letter in the hands of the Committee, or before the public, with any remarks of your own, please to do so. I shall of course be pleased to render the Committee any assistance, or to forward the school interests in any way which may be in my power, although I cannot at present doubt that Mr. Hall will see, upon reflection, that his proposed measure would be as mischievous to the interests of Greytown as it would certainly be illegal, and as such certain to bring trouble upon himself. " I am, my dear sir, yours faithfully, " Thos. A. Bowden, " Inspector of Public Schools. "Dr.. Welch, " Greytown, Wairarapa."

22<sup>nd</sup> August 1868 Ratepayers' Meeting. — The annual meeting of ratepayers of the Greytown School District was held in the public schoolroom on Saturday, the 15th inst., when the usual disorder and confusion prevailed. The meeting having been adjourned to 6 p.m. on the 19th of this month, a few persons re-assembled and went through the form of electing each other to serve as committeemen for the year ending 15th of August next. A collector was also appointed, though the meeting had previously decided that voluntary contribution should be substituted for the local rate of £1 a house, by which the school had been supported during the last seven years. A large number of children in Greytown depend on the public school for the blessing of an elementary education, and it is much to be regretted on their account, that the rate should, even for a time, be rejected. An advertisement, relating to the above meeting, had previously appeared in the Wairarapa Mercury, " without a date," which, no doubt, contributed to the ill-feeling which prevailed

26<sup>th</sup> August 1868 GREYTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING POST. Snr— As the Independent has been evidently hoaxed in publishing a report of a meeting held in Grey town on Saturday week in connection with the Greytown' School District, will you oblige by publishing following report from the Wairarapa Mercury, the correctness of which can be vouched by about 30 ratepayers present. | E. "Grigg? '=- Chairman of meeting.' | A meeting of the ratepayers of the Greytown School district took place on Saturday last. Mr. E. Grigg was voted to the chair. The Treasurer's balance sheet was read and adopted. It was then proposed by Mr. Kempton and seconded by Mr. Hirschberg, ' That the rate for the ensuing year be £1 per house. This was met by Mr. Hall with an amendment, which was seconded by Mr. H. Udy, Sen., That the school be carried on by voluntary contributions. An animated discussion ensued on the question, in which several present took part, including Mr. Revans, who strongly urged on the meeting the desirability of having a rate, and dwelt on the benefits to be derived by educating their youth. On the chairman putting the question, there appeared 16 in favor of the amendment, and nine for the original motion; A committee, Collector and Treasurer were then elected, and the meeting after a vote of thanks to the chairman separated.

29<sup>th</sup> August 1868 'ANTED.—A Schoolmaster and School mistress for the Greytown Common School. Salary, £140 per annum. Applications, (enclosing testimonials), -will be received by the undersigned up to the 20th September. By order of the Committee, E. GRIGG, Chairman. Greytown,

5<sup>th</sup> September Featherston Court Poole v. Cundy.—Salary as Schoolmaster. £32 10s. Settled out of Court, *Relating to Featherston School*

3<sup>rd</sup> October 1868 GREYTOWN SCHOOL, THE Committee have the pleasure to inform the inhabitants of Greytown, and its vicinity that the Common School will be reopened, under the Teachership of Mr. and Mrs. Poole, on Monday next, the 5th instant, at 9 o'clock, a.m. The School Fees for scholars, whose parents, or guardians are voluntary subscribers to the support of the School of not less than £1 per annum, will be sixpence per week for each child; children of non-subscribers, one shilling per week, All arrears for fees to be paid up on the first Monday of every month. To promote regular attendance to the School, the Committee have decided, that if scholars commence the month, fees for that month will be charged, without allowance being made for absence from school. One week's notice is required to be given to the master, when a scholar intends leaving the school. Voluntary subscribers are respectfully requested to send their names as such to the master, with the first payment of school fees. By order of the School Committee, HART UDY, Chairman. Greytown, October 1, 1868

8<sup>th</sup> October 1868 The present School Committee to-day forcibly took possession of the schoolhouse from Mr. E. Jupp, School master, for the purpose of installing a new schoolmaster. The members of the Church of England are most dissatisfied with the whole proceedings, as one of the first things the committee did after taking possession, was to lock up the school room, and thus prevent divine service being; held by that body, as the school house is at present the only building they have for that; purpose.

17<sup>th</sup> October 1868 GREYTOWN COMMON SCHOOL. H. Udy v. E. Jupp.—This was an action brought by the plaintiff, as Chairman of the Committee of the Greytown Common School, against Mr. Edmund Jupp, to shew cause why he should not deliver to him two books, known as the Report Book and the School Register Book respectively, the property of the said School Committee, now in the possession of the defendant, Mr. Jupp, in reply to the charge, stated, 1st, that the defendant had never demanded them as Chairman of the School Committee. 2nd,' that he (the defendant) was the proper custodian. 3rd, that they are not the bona fide property of the Committee. Mr. Udy, on being sworn, said that he had never applied for them as Chairman of the Committee; the 2nd and 3rd pleas he did not admit; the books belong to the Committee; they were purchased, to the best of his knowledge and belief, by a Committee of which he was Chairman two years since; he (the plain-tiff) believed that such books were essential for the proper Government of the School; the proper custodian of such books was the schoolmaster for the time being; Mr. Jupp was not the present schoolmaster; the Committee advertised for a schoolmaster and schoolmistress on the 22nd August in the "Wairarapa Mercury" ; the Committee had made no previous engagement with Mr. Jupp; a week after their election the Committee passed a resolution to the effect, that in consequence of the rate-payers having refused to fix a rate, and having to rely on voluntary aid, it was not ♦ in a position to enter into any arrangement or agreement with Mr. Jupp; Mr. Jupp received a copy of this resolution through the Post 'Office; there were two applications in answer to the advertisement; Mr. Poole's application was accepted; Mr. Poole was appointed from the 29th Sept.; the Committee allowed the defendant the use of the school-room on the 30th September; the defendant was schoolmaster under the previous Committee; the year of office of that Committee terminated on the 15th August, and then there was a new Committee elected; Mr. E. Grigg was appointed Chairman on the 14th August, and resigned on the 29th September; the meeting on the 22nd was held in the school-house. By Mr. Jupp.—They had

no need of the books sued for until they had a schoolmaster; Mr. Poole asked for the books after I took the slates from you on the 5th instant; Constable Butler and my son were present at the time; it was a few minutes after nine o'clock a.m. By the Bench. —The defendant had no agreement with the previous Committee; he did not consider that any Committee going into office was bound by the engagements of the previous one; he believed that a new Committee assumed the accumulated assets of its predecessors; It was not the intention of the Committee to ask for back rates; he did not think they were bound to give defendant notice as his engagement was from year to year; I asked the Chairman of the previous Committee if the defendant's time was up, and he replied in the affirmative. Archibald J. Skipper, being sworn stated: I was Chairman of the late School Committee; The defendant was schoolmaster during the period I was in office; the engagement with Mr. Jupp was from year to year; his engagement commenced and terminated on the 15th August; I consider the in-coming Committee takes the place of the out-going one ; before last year the engagement was year by year; the defendant was paid last year the same salary as the previous one. Cross-examined by Mr. Jupp—I know you as schoolmaster of the Greytown School for seven years; during that period I have been chairman twice, once for half a year, and next the whole term; I know it is customary for to have a written agreement to be entered into between the schoolmaster and the Committee; I cannot say I ever saw an agreement myself. I know that you still continued the School after the 15th August last; las Chairman and indeed nil of us considered that the engagement was for a year, and that at the expiration of 12 months you were entitled to three months' notice. During the latter portion of my form of office, a Committee meeting was held, It was moved by a party that Mr. Jupp should have three mouths notice given to him, It was then moved by way of amendment, that in consideration of the lengthened period he had filled the position of teacher of the Greytown Common School that I as Chairman should write a letter to him requesting him to send in his resignation; this request was such so as to put an end to the petty squabbles which had for such a long time been the means of retarding the school; I have no copy of the correspondence; the sense of Mr. Jupp's reply was, that to ask him to resign without assigning a reason, was an unreasonable request, and further, that one. majority of his salary being paid by the Inspector of Schools he declined to resign; in my letter to the defendant no reason was assigned; I said nothing about public opinion on the matter, that was supposed to be understood.

Mr. Udy: I am cognizant of an agreement entered into two years back between Mr. Jupp and myself as Chairman of the then Committee {Mr. Udy here read the latter portion of the agreement which stated that each party was to give three months' notice); there had been no other engagement made. The Bench then retired for consultation for five minutes, and on returning gave judgment for plaintiff with costs

Defendant then asked who he should sue for breach of agreement. Mr. Udy stated that he would first have to consult the Committee before he could give a reply.

**ASSAULT AND BATTERY.** E. Jupp v. Hart Udy, Sen., Hart Udy, Jun, and Thomas Hawke.—Assault and Battery. Edmund Jupp, on being sworn, stated—I am a schoolmaster residing at Grey town; on Monday, October the 5th, I went in to the Greytown Schoolhouse to prepare the copies and get the school ready for the pupils; this was at 9 a.m.; when I entered the three defendants were there; Mr. H. Udy Sen., and the other two defendants set upon me simultaneously, H. Udy, Sen., took hold of my shoulders. H. Udy, jun., took me off my legs, and T. Hawke took hold of my left side; I grasped the desk when H. Udy Sen., first grasped me; the defendants carried me out to the porch, and then placed me on my feet; T. Hawke and H. Udy jun., then guarded the door and prevented me from entering by pushing me away, when I came near it; I then went away; it was all over by 9.30. - Cross-examined by U. Udy, Sen.—When I tried to return into the school you knocked me back; before the assault, you did not ask me to go out, you ordered me out. Cross-examined by H. Udy, jun.—

You did not state previous to the assault complained of that it would be best to try the question in Court; I did not speak to Mr. Poole or any of the defendants on the road; there was no lock on the door; there was a stool or prop against the door, and to obtain admission to the room one had to put his hand in and push it away. [The plaintiff here stated that he had made an error as he was present when a lock was put on the door the previous Saturday by the defendants.] I might have seen the 1 defendants on the path leading to the school-house; the first time I saw Mr. Hawke was in the school-house ; the three defendants I can swear were in the room when I first entered it: I do not know who had possession of the key. Cross-examined by Mr., T. Hawke—You were present when I first entered the school-room. Mr. H. Udy in defence stated: —That on the morning in question he and his son were together on the main road, Mr. Jupp was also there. -• Mr. Poole came up and the plaintiff said to him, “I thought I warned you not to have anything to do with this school, you have now run your head against it.” Mr. Poole replied, “ I have nothing to do with you Mr., Jupp, I have to do with the Committee this was a few minutes before nine; this happened before we opened the door of the school-house : Mr. Jupp remained on the road ; Mr. Poole and myself entered the schoolroom after I had opened the door. In a few minutes afterwards, Mr. Jupp walked in ; the schoolmaster asked me for the Registry Book, I went directly to Mr. Jupp and asked him for it; he had then gone on the public road, he refused to give up possession of them ; I then returned to the school, followed closely by Mr. Jupp, who, on entering lock up two slates and sat on a form at the upper end of the room ; the schoolmaster and, myself then asked Mr. Jupp to leave the school, he refused to do so a second time ; I then told him we should be obliged to take him out ; I then told my son to call constable Butler ; the constable came inside, and I called upon him to witness that Mr. Jupp received no ill-usage.- When we went to remove Mr. Jupp he moved towards the window, then we removed him in accordance with the Education Act, (laughter) ; we carried him outside the porch quite easily and then placed him on his legs ; he attempted to return, but I held out my bands and prevented him ; I then stepped into the porch, he came and laid hold of the posts and there I left him. Constable Butler on being sworn, stated, I am a district constable, stationed at Greytown. I made some notes of everything that took place knowing that I would be called on as a witness in this case. Mr. Udy came to me at ' half-past eight o'clock on the morning of the 5th, by telegraph time, and informed me that they were going to put a new schoolmaster in the school, and expected that Mr. Jupp to make a disturbance, and asked me what action should be taken in the matter; I asked him by what authority he asked me to interfere, he replied as Chairman of the school; I told him I would not interfere except there was a breach of the peace, he stated they only wanted my presence; At If minutes to 9, I saw the two Mr. Udy's opposite the school-house ; when Mr. Jupp came up it was ten minutes to 9 ; he went up to Mr. Udy and asked him to remove the lock from the door as he wished to attend to his duties; he then asked him whether he was Chairman of the Committee ? Mr. Udy replied. “never mind I am a member of the Committee and we are acting according to instructions;” I Mr. Udy then asked Mr. Jupp a question who refused to answer ;Mr. Poole then came up, and Mr. Jupp I said to him, “ I thought I warned you before, you have run your head against it Mr. Poole : replied, “ I answered an advertisement, I have nothing to do with you, but with the Committee.” Messrs.... Poole and Udy then went inside the schoolhouse ; I did not see the door unlocked ; when I turned round I saw Mr., Poole standing on the threshold of the inside door; Mr. T. , Hawke then came up on horseback; when Mr. | Hawke came up it was three minutes to nine; I Mr. Jupp was in the School-house ; I went close ! to the door, so that I could hear all that passed I inside; I heard Mr. Poole say, “It is time for I the school to begin, I want the room cleared ;” Mr. Udy, Sen., then asked Mr. Jupp to leave the I room, or else they would have to put him out; I did not hear the reply, they sent for me; I then witnessed the three defendants carry Mr. Jupp out, .

Cross-examined by Mr. Udy—While standing on the road I heard you say to Mr. Jupp, “ we are not men of straw, if we have done wrong you can come upon us, why do you not have the matter settled in Court.”

By the Court—There was no more violence used than was absolutely necessary to remove him from the school.

At the conclusion of the evidence, the Court adjourned for a few minutes, and on resuming stated, that they had decided to dismiss the case, that the Committee by their action had completely removed Mr. Jupp from office, but that their decision did not affect his right of action for improper dismissal.

22<sup>nd</sup> September 1868 Greytown School District. Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 18th Aug., 1868. IT has been notified to this office under the hand of the undermentioned Chairman that at a meeting of Ratepayers of the Greytown School District, held at the School House, Greytown, on the 15th instant, the following ratepayers were duly elected as a Committee for the ensuing year, viz., Mr. M. Hirschberg, Treasurer, Hart Udy, senr., Hart Udy, junr., Thos. Jackson Edwin Ticehurst, Thomas Hawke John King, Edward Grigg, Chairman, also, that Mr. Michael Murphy was appointed Collector.

A. FOLLETT HALCOMBE, Provincial Secretary.

10<sup>th</sup> October 1868 Greytown.— We have received two letters from correspondents at Greytown, one Signed " A Subscriber\*" complaining of the manner in which their local paper has of late been conducted, and the other signed " Constant Reader" under date October 7, giving an account of what the writer calls " a shameful scene" which took place on the 5th inst. at the School-house. The writer states in effect, that three members of the School Committee seized Mr. Jupp, the Teacher, dragged him out of the school room, looked the door against him, and placed two of their number at the door to prevent his return to his post. Mr. Jupp offered no resistance, preferring to obtain the protection of the law, and has taken out summonses against the offending parties. In the course of the day sixty householders signed a paper, addressed to Mr. E. Grigg, Chairman of the School Committee, protesting against such violent proceedings, and insisting that Mr. Jupp should continue his duties as Master of the Greytown public school.

7<sup>th</sup> November 1868 E. Jupp v. H. Udy.—The plaintiff claimed six month's salary as teacher for the Greytown Common School. Settled out of Court.

19<sup>th</sup> December 1868 MR. AND Mrs. JUPP, late teachers of the Public School, Greytown, have now opened a Private School, where they will strive to deserve the continued support of the public. N.B.. — A vacancy for a respectable boy, as boarder. Terms—£40 a year., Greytown, Nov. 6, 1868.

1869

26<sup>th</sup> February 1869 Greytown School.— On Wednesday, the 17th inst., great fears were entertained about the weather, but the day turned out delightful, and the scholars of the Greytown School, numbering about forty, were taken to within a mile of Carterton for a day's recreation and release from their close application to lessons a treat they have well merited by their punctuality in attendance for the last five months. Traps were provided for the occasion which started from the school-room about half-past 10 a.m., taking the girls and youngest boys, accompanied by some friends who were inclined to participate in the pleasure, and felt a desire to enhance the enjoyment of the children; these were followed by the elder boys who walked in procession some short distance under the guidance of the Schoolmaster On arriving at 'their destination' (a clear green spot, between the main road and the Maungatariri River), the scholars, feeling themselves temporarily freed from mental taxation and school discipline, let loose the reins of order and rule for a short time, and enjoyed themselves in various ways until the cloths were spread on nature's carpet, when they partook heartily of the good things provided for them. Soon after this they cheered the

Governor\* who was on his way from Masterton to Greytown, and then returned to their amusements. ' until half-past 5 p.m., when they were again regaled with another repast, preparations were then made for the return, and after a pleasant ride of about three miles reached the-School-room, where both scholars and friends, separated highly pleased with the day's enjoyment.

26<sup>th</sup> February 1869 EDUCATION, E. JUPP has opened an EVENING SCHOOL at his residence in High-street, Greytown. Greytown, February 25, 1869

12<sup>th</sup> March 1869 GREYTOWN EVENING SCHOOL THE above School will be opened in the Schoolroom by Mr. POOLE on Monday, the 15th instant, at 7 o'clock, p.m., and a GRAMMAR CLASS at 6 p.m. Books, Pens, Ac., will be supplied by the Teacher at English retail prices. Greytown, March 4, 1869.

27<sup>th</sup> April 1869 *A letter about all Wairarapa Schools included* The School Committee and School teachers in this district are anxious to know in what manner the Government propose to expend the £1750 voted by the Council for educational purposes. The winter is the most convenient season for settlers to send their elder boys and girls to school, as in the summer they are wanted for harvesting and dairy work. This being the case the sooner Borne definite arrangement on the subject is made and promulgated the better, or the schools may be broken up, and the teachers seek some more remunerative employment

5<sup>th</sup> August 1869 GREYTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT. The Annual Meeting of the Electors of the Greytown School District will take place at the Greytown School-room, on Saturday, the 14th day of August, 1869. at 1 p.m. Business : To receive report of the Committee and Balance Sheet, and other business in accordance with the Education Act of the Province. H. UDY Chairman. July 28, 1860.

5<sup>th</sup> August 1869

GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

A PUBLIC Examination of the Pupils of the above School will be held at the School-house, Greytown, on Tuesday' the 10th day of August, commencing at nine a.m., -when their parents' presence is particularly requested.

A TEA MEETING Will be held in the afternoon for the benefit of the School.

Tea on the Table at 5 o'clock. Tickets, —Adults, 2s.; Non-pupils, 1s.; Pupils, 6d. each.

H. UDY, Chairman. July 28, 1869

*s=shilling and d= penny*

4<sup>th</sup> September 1869 Greytown School District Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 87th August, 1869. IT has been notified to this office that at a meeting of the Ratepayers of the above District held on the 14th instant in the Schoolroom, Greytown, Mr. H. Udy, Senr., was appointed collector for the ensuing year. John Knowles, For the Provincial Secretary.

1<sup>st</sup> December 1869 Part of a long piece on Educational Tax included: For instance, let us take Greytown, in it there are two schools, the one a Government school kept by Mr. Poole, the other, a private one kept by Mr. Jupp, Now for all that we know, one is as good as the other, and—for fear of bringing both master's pupil's, and parent's denunciations on us—we will presume that both are excellent schools, but why should the inhabitants of Greytown be compelled to pay £1 per annum toward the salary of Mr. Poole, when perhaps they prefer to send their children to Mr. Jupp. Then there is another point to look at it from. In Government schools it is provided that religious education should form no portion of the instruction; of course this rule is laid down so that religious opinions should in no way interfere with the parents in sending their children to school, but many parents consider that unless religion is implanted in the minds of the pupils when they are young, it will not be easy to do so when they are grown up



1870

19<sup>th</sup> March 1870 Udy v. Humphries.—Claim 10s., being school rate for the year 1867-68.—Defendant objected owing to his not being a resident in the Greytown School district, but the plan produced proved that his land was situated in the boundaries. He also alluded to the time that had elapsed from the time when it was supposed to be due. Judgment for plaintiff with 15s. costs

26<sup>th</sup> April 1870 SCHOOL RATES. ' At the Magistrate's Court at Greytown, on Thursday, a number of persons were summoned for non-payment of school rates ; but only one case was entered into, and that was adjourned to Featherston on the defendant undertaking to pay twenty shillings to the plaintiff to cover his expenses in going there. Under the circumstances, which I have previously described, this payment of school rates at Greytown, is looked upon by many persons as a serious grievance, and the I present unpleasant state of affairs can only be remedied by the moderate men on both sides taking up the matter with the object of placing this important subject of education on a more satisfactory footing

7<sup>th</sup> May 1870

Greytown School.

“ Vox populi, Vox Dei.”

Udy V Giles.

THE Meeting to be held at the School House, on the 18th inst., a Subscription List will be opened with the object of providing funds to appeal to the Supreme Court, should the decision be given against Mr. Giles

14<sup>th</sup> May 1870 TO THE EDITOR OF THE MERCURY. Sir , —As I cannot take any part in the meeting that will be held on Wednesday next, in opposition to a School Rate as at present endeavoured to be enforced will you be kind enough to give space to the enclosed Resolutions, that the inhabitants may have time to consider these before the meeting ? I am Sir &c, Yours obediently, ROBERT PETER WELCH  
RESOLUTIONS.

1. That, in the opinion of this meeting, the levying of a School Rate, without the consent of the inhabitants of Greytown, is unjustifiable, and an interference with their rights and privileges ; and at the same time an appropriation of a School Rate, when legally collected, without consulting the inhabitants, is unconstitutional and illegal, and ought to be opposed in every possible way, even to the extent of an application to the Supreme Court.

2. That, in the opinion of this meeting the collection of a School Rate, legally imposed, by a self-appointed collector, is opposed to common sense, and that a collector being his own treasurer is against the interest of the inhabitants of Greytown, as it affords opportunities of misappropriation that should be avoided. And this meeting further considers such double holding as illegal, and should be at once checked to prevent its being an established precedent.

3. That, in the opinion of this meeting, the collection of a School rate in express defiance of a resolution against a rate, passed at a public meeting in Grey town, is inconsistent with maintaining good feeling among the inhabitants, and must result in legal expenses and acts of oppression, and that any attempt to enforce such rate implies, a total disregard of neighbourly feeling and welfare.

4. That, in the opinion of this Meeting, the appropriation of a collected School Rate towards a school of a Denominational tendency and management, is illegal, and contrary to an Educational Act for the management of Schools ; and as the master of the School to which it is intended to apply the collected Rate was, or is a Local Preacher, as well as the self-appointed Collector and Treasurer, and as most, if not all, of the self-appointed Committee

are of one denomination also, the Meeting is of opinion that it should be represented by the Deputy Superintendent of the Province with a request for his interference.

5. That, in the opinion of this Meeting, a School Rate to the extent of £1 per annum is not necessary for a Public School in Grey town at the present time, and it is shown by there being another School where no such assistance is required, nor has it appeared, by the disposal of any Government assistance or Rate, that it at all diminishes the weekly payment made privately for the education of the Greytown children.

6. That, in the opinion of this Meeting, the inhabitants of Grey town should unite and forcibly oppose any thing of a party tendency in the matter of Education, and that the passing of an Act by the Provincial Council for the Involuntary Collection of a rate shows the Council was entirely unacquainted with the feelings and wishes of the Greytown inhabitants.

7. That, in the opinion of this Meeting, the Members of the Wairarapa should endeavour to get that part of the act repealed, (if they ever should meet again in Council) as it is probable that some general act will be passed to apply to the whole Colony of New Zealand.

21<sup>st</sup> May 1870 GREYTOWN SCHOOL MEETING.

A public meeting was held in (the School House, Greytown, to take into consideration the compulsory rate. S. Revans, Esq., occupied the chair. After reading the advertisement that had appeared in the 'Wairarapa Mercury,' convening the meeting, the chairman made a brief address on the advantages of education, which was very well received by those present. Mr. Warded then made his debut as an orator to a very unsympathetic audience, in supporting a compulsory rate for education. He proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Moles: "That it is desirable, in the interests of education, that a compulsory rate should be levied for educational purposes." In proposing it he alluded to the advantages to be derived from education, and while supporting a compulsory rate asked in an illogical way, if the Government provided police, why they did not also provide education. Mr. Arnot moved, and Mr. Ramsay seconded the following amendment: — "That this meeting desire to express their disapproval of the course adopted by the so called Committee conducting the Greytown School in directing the collection of a rate which was unanimously stated at the annual meeting held in August, 1869, to be unnecessary." Mr. Moles moved, and Mr. Hart seconded that the words "so called" be erased. This being put to the meeting it was decided that the words be not erased. Mr. Udy then objected to the amendment being put at all to the meeting, as it was not relevant to the subject they had met to discuss, and after some discussion the chairman expressed his opinion that it had better not be put. Mr. Arnot then moved the following; "That, in the opinion of this meeting, no compulsory School rate is necessary for a Public School in Greytown at the present time, and it is shown by there being another School where no such assistance is required, nor has it appeared, by the disposal of any Government assistance or rate, that it at all diminishes the weekly payment made privately for the education of the Greytown children." Which was duly seconded. Mr. Hart proposed as an amendment; "That in the opinion of this meeting, if, during the period the Greytown Public School was receiving Government aid to the amount of £70 per annum, it was considered necessary to impose a rate of £1 per annum, and no funds even then left for repairs: the same rate must evidently be necessary at the present time, the Government aid being reduced to £25 per annum, and all the building and fencing out of repair. After a great deal of unnecessary conversation Mr. Hart's amendment was put to the meeting and lost by a majority of, as far as we could see, something like 70 to 5, and Mr. Arnot's resolution "that no rate is necessary" was carried by nearly a similar majority. A resolution was then proposed by Mr. Arnot;— "That, the chairman be requested to send a copy of the resolution to His Honor the Deputy Superintendent." Which met with no opposition. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings, which were very orderly throughout.

21<sup>st</sup> May 1870 [From Our Own Correspondent.] SCHOOL MEETING AT MASTERTON, A meeting of the Ratepayers of the East Masterton school district, was held in the school-room, Masterton, on Monday evening last. Great interest appeared to be taken in the proceedings. Precisely at the hour appointed for the meeting, Mr. Renall not having arrived, Mr. Woodroffe moved that Mr. Shute take the chair, which he did accordingly. Mr. Masters then came forward and expressed his opinion that it was desirable to know what had become of the funds of the Small Farm Association, which according to him ought to be to Educational purposes. While he was speaking Mr. Renall, the convener of the meeting arrived, who wished to occupy the chair, as chairman of the school committee. Mr. Shute objecting to comply with this request, a great uproar was created, and eventually Mr. Shute, at the request of the meeting, left the chair in the possession of Mr. Renall. He, however, could not maintain order, the compulsory school rate "sticking in the gizzards" of the majority present; After some time had been wasted, the report of the Committee was read and re-read to the meeting, which showed a balance in hand of £17 11s 10d. It is stated that there was an average attendance of 19 scholars, that no complaints had been made, and that the salary of the school-master, had been reduced from £100 to £75 per annum. The rates amounted to £34, the school fees, to £31, and the grant-in-aid from the Provincial Treasury to £12 10s. After a stormy discussion in which Mr. Masters, Mr. Blade, Mr. Shute, Mr. Renall, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Crayne, and several others took part, the report, was unanimously adopted. Mr. Woodroffe then moved that the meeting be adjourned until this time next year. An amendment proposed by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. C. Dixon, that the business of the meeting be proceeded with was carried. The chairman then reminded the meeting that if a committee were elected, the rate could be levied, as the collector could be appointed by the Superintendent. Mr. Hare then moved that the school be carried on by means of voluntary contributions) which was carried nem con. A committee was then appointed and the meeting separated. SCHOOL RATES AT GREYTOWN. Mr. Wardell, on Thursday last, gave judgment in the adjourned case of Udy v Giles. The judgment was for the defendant, on the ground of irregularity in regard to the imposition of the rate and appointing of the collector. PUBLIC MEETING- AT GREYTOWN. According to an advertisement which appeared in several issues of the local journal, a public meeting was to have been held on Wednesday evening last, at the schoolhouse, with reference to the foregoing case, and for the purpose of considering whether a compulsory school-rate in that district was necessary or not. It was a dark and wet evening, but I attended punctually. However, I was informed that the meeting was adjourned until after the decision of the case of Udy v. Giles had been given ; and I subsequently ascertained that the meeting had been adjourned until Thursday evening, when it was held accordingly. On the motion of Mr. Arnot, S. Revans, Esq., J.P., was unanimously called to the chair. The chairman said he felt the greatest interest in the question of education. He spoke of the educational system of Scotland, which had been the means of placing the Scottish people in a very high position, If men would not educate their children, they must be made to do so. He then read the advertisement convening the meeting. He was there as an advocate of education, but of no particular system. There was no warranty whatever for quarrelling for differences in opinion, and he sustained his statement with some well-reasoned remarks. He trusted that the meeting would give everyone a patient hearing. H. S. Wardell, Esq., .moved a resolution to the effect that it was desirable that a compulsory rate should be levied throughout the colony for educational purposes. The resolution was seconded (by Mr. Moles. Mr. Wardell said he proposed the | resolution in order that the wide question before them might be fully discussed. It required something like a brave spirit to bring such a resolution forward. People did not like to be taxed for that which they were willing to support voluntarily, Voluntary contributions supported many schools, and did a great deal of good ; but the question was whether the system was well adapted for this colony. He spoke of the

advantages of education to a community, but how could these be realised without compulsory rates. He believed that that voluntary contributions would fail. Equally with the police force, he should be sorry to see education depending entirely on voluntary efforts he thought that for both a compulsory rate should be levied. Mr. Seth Hart supported the resolution. He had seen the voluntary system tried in the matter of education, and it required a great effort to make it successful. He thought it was the duty of the Government to see that the school teachers' salaries were punctually paid, and he feared that if they were left to be paid by voluntary subscriptions, they would find themselves in a very bad position — that the school would prove a failure. Mr. Arnot said that the meeting was called for a very different object to that which was embraced in Mr. Wardell's resolution. It was called for the purpose of preventing the present school committee from swindling the people of Greytown out of their money. This announcement was received with loud cheers. Mr. Wardell rose to order. The question for which the meeting had been convened was not so narrow a one as that stated by Mr. Arnot. He was not there to discuss the proceedings of the school committee. If that was the object, he had been called to the meeting under a false impression. Some discussion ensued, the Chairman ruling that he should consider the question before the meeting was a wide one. Mr. Arnot then referred to the proceedings of the last annual meeting, when it was decided that a school rate was unnecessary. He concluded by moving an amendment to the effect that the meeting disapproved of the action taken by the so-called school committee in levying a rate in opposition to the wishes of the inhabitants as expressed at the annual meeting at which they had been elected. Mr. Jupp considered that the question before the meeting related to the Greytown school. After some discussion on Mr. Arnot's amendment, Mr. Hart Udy contended that the amendment had nothing to do with the meeting, which was not convened to consider the conduct of the committee. Mr. Poole also spoke to the same effect, and maintained that the chairman could not properly put the amendment to the meeting it being foreign to the object for which it was convened.

The Chairman ruled that he ought not to put the amendment to the meeting. Mr. Jupp spoke against the ruling of the chair, and a long discussion ensued. Mr. Wardell contended that the amendment ought not to be put on his resolution, but might be put as a separate resolution. Mr. Walker explained that while he bent his children to one school he had to pay rates to support another, and the question was whether they ought to be called upon to do so at the latter end of the school year. Mr. Arnot submitted the following amendment, seconded by Mr. J. Hawke, "That in the opinion of this meeting no compulsory school rate is necessary for a public school in Greytown at the present time." After another amendment was moved, and a long discussion took place, Mr. Wardell asked leave to withdraw his resolution. Mrs. Shute would prefer that the resolution should go to the meeting, and sustained his views in a somewhat long speech. Mr. Wardell spoke on the amendments, and said it was to Government he looked for efficient teachers, and a compulsory rate would supply them with the funds for the purpose, and in an eloquent and energetic speech he supported the imposition of a compulsory rate, and at its conclusion he was loudly cheered. Mr. Arnot's amendment was put and carried by a large majority, the Chairman being requested to transmit the resolution to the Deputy Superintendent. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

21<sup>st</sup> May 1870 Salaries of School-masters. —With reference to the salaries of the Government School teacher in this district, we may mention that Mr. Morton, in Masterton, has during the past year received almost the same salary as Mr. Poole; the latter having a house free with an acre of land, being worth together at the very least £20 a year.

31<sup>st</sup> May 1870 THE EDUCATION QUESTION. This subject is exciting so much local, and is really of such general interest, that I think I may fairly be excused for again reverting to it. The great objection to a compulsory house rate for the support of public schools is this : It

does not secure the education of those for whose special benefit the rate is imposed, while it compels probably poor householders to contribute towards the education of children who could and would be educated were no rate levied for the purpose. At Greytown there at present exists another objection to such a rate, and this arises from the fact of there being two schools representing in effect two denominations, while the rate, if levied, would be contributed for the support of one. In such a case, I can see no objection to the rates being divided between the two, as suggested by your correspondent "Saxon," in proportion to the number of scholars attending each. It is not wise, I am aware, to frame general rules to meet exceptional cases, but the case of Greytown might be the case of Wellington and Wanganui also if a compulsory house rate for the support of schools were to be levied there. But strong as the objections may be, under the existing law, to compulsory rates, they are trifling to those that can be urged against the voluntary system in the matter of education. In England that system has been extensively developed, and its machinery is as near perfection as possible ; but the fact is admitted that in this matter at least it has failed to meet the requirements of those who stand most in need of aid in obtaining education for their children. Independently of this practical proof of the inefficiency of the system, I conceive it to be inherently vicious. It virtually imposes a heavy tax on the benevolent in order that the selfish may escape "scot free" for a public purpose in the success of which both are equally interested. In the absence of a wider measure I look upon the Education Act of last session as a public benefit.

THE LATE MEETING. When I attended the late meeting at Greytown I did not expect that any very long and able speeches would have been delivered. In this I was most agreeably disappointed. Instead, however, of carefully taking notes, I attempted to write out the substance of the remarks made at the time they were being delivered, and consequently only a very few of them were reported. I regret this the more, because it would appear there was no other reporter present, because some of the speeches were equal either in point of sound reasoning or in that of genuine eloquence to those we hear in our colonial Parliament, and because the remarks of the principal speaker on the occasion, have since been grossly garbled, misrepresented, and sneered at. He is more worthy of honor who attempts to enlighten, elevate, and lead public opinion on such a subject as education, than he who takes that opinion, however ignorant and shortsighted it may be, as his master teacher and guide. It was a matter of much gratification to me to see such men as Messrs.... Revans and Wardell present, and it would have been still more so if other gentlemen of intelligence, standing and position, whether as members of the General or Provincial Legislatures, or as magistrates of the district, had followed their example. Noblemen in England do not think it derogatory to attend education meetings, but here, except at a general or contested election, what are by courtesy and position called "the leading men of the district," keep aloof from all public meetings, and generally from all public movements having for their object the public welfare. This is not as it should be; but no change in this respect need be anticipated when those few who do take part in such meetings are held up to public ridicule, not because they support or oppose measures in the success or failure of which they are personally interested, but because they have the spirit to oppose public opinion when that opinion is to their thinking opposed to the public good.

8<sup>th</sup> June 1870 THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL RATE.

We understand that His Honor the Deputy Superintendent has appointed Mr. H. Udy as the collector of the Compulsory School Rate under the "Education Act Amendment Act, 1869," and therefore he will claim the compulsory rate of £1 per house in the Greytown District. As, however, the Committee was illegally elected, of course the first step that will be taken by the individual to whom Mr. Udy will primarily apply for the rate will be, to contest the legality of the election of the Committee, one of "whom actually resides without the School District. In

his case, as in that of Mr. Wardell, it is of course easy to advocate the levying a rate which he will not be called upon to pay. We cannot conclude this notice of Mr. Taylor's first act as Deputy Superintendent (salary £200 per annum), without drawing attention to the discourtesy displayed by him and his Executive in the utter disregard that has been shown to the opinion that was so unanimously expressed at the late meeting. The resolution that was passed was forwarded to Mr. Taylor by the chairman of the meeting, S. Revans, Esq., but it appears that Mr. Brandon's opinions are listened to in preference to those of the public, and although we have for some years regarded the Provincial Executive as impotent for good, yet that seems to be powerful for venting their ill will on the country settlers. Still, discourtesy has not yet been noticed as a characteristic of Mr. W. Taylor's—it was never a part of Dr. Featherston's official conduct; and we regret to have it brought to our notice, that no acknowledgement whatever has yet been accorded to Mr. Revan's letter accompanying the copy of the Resolution in question. One thing we are quite certain of—the residents in Grey town are not going to allow themselves to be taxed to support a school which is—or if properly conducted should be—able to support itself, and we trust that at the conclusion of the contest Mr. Udy and his clique will rest satisfied with the result, and will be content to pay for his children's education without soliciting the charity of others to assist him.

11<sup>th</sup> June 1870

#### THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL RATE.

Some excitement has been manifested by the residents in Greytown at the information recorded in our last issue regarding the appointment of Mr. H. Udy as collector, for the compulsory rate. A petition to the Superintendent praying him to cancel the appointment has been drawn up, and is being signed by about nine-tenths of the householders in the district. The arguments against the appointment of a gentleman, who, according to his own shewing; already occupies the positions of Chairman of the School Committee and Treasurer, are forcibly put, and will doubtless have due weight with the Deputy Superintendent while the conduct of the so called Committee, in endeavoring to take advantage of an Act passed subsequent to the annual meeting, is alike unjustifiable and unfair. Mr. Udy has taken the trouble to give fourteen days' notice to the inhabitants to pay; we are glad, to say, with very little effect, as it is almost the universal opinion to test the matter again in the R.M.'s Court. It might, perhaps, be judicious—now that we have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Wardell's own opinions so strongly expressed on the subject—to make an application to change the venue, if such a thing is possible, or at least to solicit the presence of 'unbiased Magistrates to decide the case. It might be as well also—now that we are to have a Charity School—that the children should wear a badge, after a similar fashion to those in England. The Committee also might wear an appropriate distinguishing mark, so that they might receive those thanks of respect, regard, and esteem from their fellow settlers which they are always so glad to bestow upon gentlemen who earn them by their straightforward, fair, upright, and honorable conduct, more especially when that behaviour is shewn to the widow and the fatherless.

18<sup>th</sup> June 1870 THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL RATE.

The following letter in reply to the resolution passed at the meeting held in May last, has been forwarded to us for publication. Mr. Halcombe's arguments are original, and will doubtless be appreciated by the inhabitants; — Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington, June 11, 1870. ' "Sir, —I am requested by His Honor the Deputy Superintendent, to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, enclosing Copy of a resolution adopted by a large public meeting held at Greytown on the 11th May last, which resolution is to the effect that no compulsory rate is necessary for the support of the Greytown Public School. The expression of the opinion of the inhabitants of Greytown will doubtless have weight with the Government and the Provincial Council at the next Session, when considering the question of

the renewal of the Act under which a compulsory rate is levied. You are probably aware that the Executive has no power to relieve the inhabitants of the Greytown, or any other School District, from the imposition and payment of a rate during the present year. I have the honor to remain Sir Your most obedient, servant A. FOLLET HALCOMBE. Provincial Secretary. Samuel Revans, Esq., J.P., Who trust Mr. Revans will Inform Mr. Halcombe that he is not aware of any thing of the sort. The Act of last Session allows the Superintendent to appoint a Collector but does not compel him.—Ed. W.M.]

25<sup>th</sup> June 1870 THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

On Friday an examination of the Greytown School was held by the Rev. Caldwell, assisted by Messrs.... Haines and Wakelin Mr. Wardell had been solicited to give his services, but was unable to attend. The proceedings were kept strictly private, every one being ignorant that such an examination was going to take place. Last year the public were 'invited to attend, and the examiners stated ! that it would be desirable, if possible, on iv future occasion for the same gentlemen to attend, and compare the progress, or other-' wise, made by the pupils under Mr. Poole's tuition. He would suggest that on a future occasion', the Board of Examiners should consist of Mr. H. Udy senior, and those others of his friends who appear (in their own opinion)' to possess the talent and wisdom of the Greytown se 1 1 levs, Mr. Poole might also open a "School for Elocution," and we can testify, from our own personal knowledge, that an example of "strength of lungs" will not "be wanting in the' schoolmaster, if it is in the pupils. To be sure, there might he noticed a slight omission occasionally in aspirating the letter "hi," and the grammar might he sometimes faulty. But what is that when we can talk about "Heddication ? " and can bring up our children to be stump orators, and preach to their betters on the advantages they have reaped from having been "educated" in their youth hymen who ought first to have gone to school themselves.

29<sup>th</sup> June 1870 THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

We have much pleasure in laying before our readers the following report of the examiners on the children attending the Grey town School:— We, the undersigned, have much pleasure in making public the result of our examination of the children attending the Greytown Common School. In accordance with a suggestion made by 'he examiners last year, the last examination was conducted by the examiners themselves, instead of the master of the school. A course we consider decidedly preferable to that adopted on the last occasion, and one much more likely to give satisfaction to the public. The discipline of the school was evidently good, while the examination passed by the senior classes in spelling, writing, geography, arithmetic, grammar, dictation; and that passed by the junior classes in reading, writing, and arithmetic, was more satisfactory than we anticipated, and much more so than could have been expected, considering the many draw-backs the master has to contend with.

In concluding our report wo desire to express our regret that those who played a prominent part in last year's examination were not invited to be present at this, as they would have been better able to judge concerning the actual amount of progress made by the scholars generally during the twelve months which has elapsed since the last examination

9<sup>th</sup> July 1870 The four following cases were brought for school rates:—

H. Udy, senior, v. T. Walker, £2.

Same v. Petherick, £1.

Same v. Hammerich, £1.

Same v. Giles, £1.

The latter were summonses for the celebrated Greytown School Rate, and were only applied for on the previous Saturday, when, through the heavy freshet in the rivers, which also prevented the coach crossing, the constable was unable to serve them in time. Both Mr. Udy and Mr. Poole attended the Court, and great was their consternation at finding they wore "sold." -Fresh summonses for the same persons have been issued for the Court at Greytown

on the 14th. The reason why it is attempted to bring the Greytown residents to Featherston is inexplicable, except it is to suit Mr. Wardell's convenience.

30<sup>th</sup> June 1870 SCHOOL EXAMINATION The children attending the Greytown Common School, were examined on Friday. last by Mr. Haynes, Church of' England catechist, Mr. Cawdell Wesleyan Minister and Mr. R. Wakelin. Mr. Wardell was expected to be present, but could not attend owing to illness in his family. The examiners were unanimous in pronouncing that the school had been most satisfactorily conducted by Mr. and Mrs.. Poole, and that the progress of the scholars was most marked and gratifying. The third and fourth classes were examined in reading, writing' spelling, arithmetic, maps, geography, parsing, and dictation;; in all of which they acquitted themselves in a very , creditable manner. Regret was' expressed that the school was not supplied with maps of Australia and New. Zealand, for, though the , children belonging to even the second class could point out every country in: the map,. of Europe, not even, the most advanced . scholars had had the opportunity of knowing anything about the geography or history of their native country. Notwithstanding there are two private scools.in the town, the number of scholars attending the Common ' School amounts to forty-eight, which 'in the summer months is still greater. . Some specimens of needlework were shown which had - been done by the female scholars, and which! . I. believe, is not generally taught,; in the schools under Government inspection The condition , of the school ,of the Lean to is dignified by the name of the A teacher's residence, and. of the fencing round the acre is not creditable to the people of Greytown, and contradicts in the most forcible manner, the statement, contained in the resolution passed at the late meeting that a school rate was not necessary, A still ; more emphatic denial of that statement is found in the fact that the salary of the teacher is some £60 or £80 in arrears .It appears I was misinformed as to the number of those who signed the memorial against' Mr. Udy's appointment, and I! am told that all except, one were ratepayers, but the fact of no less than seventy householders in a small place like Greytown objecting to pay school rates is alike suggestive .and instructive, as it shows the necessity that a matter of general interest should not be left to be dealt with by any particular locality

13<sup>th</sup> July 1870 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The following correspondence has been forwarded to us for publication: Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington, June 16, 1870. Sir, —Referring to your recent appointment us Collector of School Rates for the Grey town School District, I am directed by the Deputy Superintendent to inform you that a memorial has been addressed to him, signed by seventy of the Householders resident in Greytown, requesting that your appointment be cancelled: for the reason, amongst others, that the election of the Committee was irregular and invalid, and that there is in the Committee a member who is not a ratepayer, not being resident in the District; and to suggest to you, as the annual meeting of ratepayers takes place in August next, it might be advisable, considering the doubt there is as to the legal position of the Committee, that you should abstain from making any collection of the School Rate until after that meeting shall have been held. I have, Ac., A. Follett Halcombe, Provincial Secretary. (For the Deputy Superintendent.) Mr. Hart Udy, Grey town, Wairarapa. Grey town, Wairarapa, June 22, 1870. Sib, —I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, and in reply to it, the School Committee request me to state, that if the collection of the rate is suspended, till after the general meeting, there is no probability of it being collected at all; for it is the object of the leader of the opposition to the rite to evade the collection of it until that time, and then get an adjournment of the meeting, to prevent the election of a Committee; and there is no doubt of his getting a majority to support him; and the result will be, the loss of more than seven months' salary to the teachers, which will place them in very trying circumstances. And the Committee is doubtful whether His Honor is made acquainted with the plain facts of the case in connection with the rate and school, and desire that it be



should know that the public meeting lately held, from which a Resolution was sent to him, was composed of householders, non-householders, married men, and single men, within and without the Grey town School District, and all had a voice in the meeting; and though the Resolution which was passed in that meeting stated that no rate was necessary for the Greytown School, it was well known that there was then a heavy deficiency in the teacher's salary, the school room and dwelling in a most dilapidated state, and nearly all the fencing down. In reference to the opposition to the rate, though a majority of the householders might have signed the memorial which was sent to His Honor the Deputy Superintendent (if householders all of them are who signed it) there are but a few who are bitter against it, I had been to nearly all the householders in the District, and gave them notice to pay the rate, before I received your letter; and a large majority of them expressed their willingness to pay it as soon as they saw those who refused to do so were compelled; but they did not feel inclined to bear the burden, if some, because of their obstinacy, were left free. And in reference to the legality of the School Committee, the Provincial Solicitor can judge from the following facts. The Committee elected at the General Meeting held in August, 1868, were all ratepayers, and also electors; and those called the General Meeting held in August, 1869. : There was no rate levied at the meeting held in August, 1868; hence the General Meeting held August, 1869, was composed of householders within the District, who were subject to the payment of a rate, had it been levied in 1868, and out of that General Meeting of 1869, which was called by a Committee who were both ratepayers or subject to a rate if levied, and electors; and by that meeting

the present School Committee was elected, and such and every one of that Committee were householders in the District from August 1868 to August 1869, and consequently subject to the payment of a rate, if a rate had been levied. The member of the Committee not residing in the District, referred to in your letter, always has paid 1 shilling rate on a house of 1000 ft situate within the District, whenever a rate has been imposed; even the rate imposed by the Government he has paid, having always occupied the whole or part of the house till within the last month. I am sorry to intrude on your valuable time and patience, with such a long letter, but the Committee feel it their duty to place those facts within the reach of His Honor the Deputy Superintendent, and ask you to be kind enough to lay this letter before him. I remain, Sir, &c., Hart Udy. A. P. Halcombe, Esq., Provincial Secretary, Wellington. Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington, June 28, 1870. Sir, —I am requested by the Deputy Superintendent to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant. He requests me also to call your attention to the fact, that in your letter of the 16th instant, His Honor merely suggests a course of action which it might be advisable to pursue in respect of the levying of the rate. He, however, claims no right to interfere in any course which the Committee may see fit to adopt in reference to its collection. I have, &c., A. Follett Halcombe, Provincial Secretary. Mr. Hart Udy, Wairarapa.

19<sup>th</sup> July 1870 WAIRARAPA.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] the anti-ratepayers victorious! Thursday was a day of great excitement in Greytown; and the Resident Magistrate's Court was crowded, as the case of Udy against certain ratepayers for non-payment of school rate was to be heard and decided. H- S. Wardell, Esq., and S. Revans, J.P's., occupied the bench; and after hearing the evidence, judgment was given for the defendant, on the ground that a school rate imposed by the Act of last session, after the present School Committee had been appointed, could not be levied during the current school year. The decision gave evident satisfaction to a crowded court

24<sup>th</sup> August 1870 The Greytown School.- We are informed that Mr. Poole has asked the Provincial Government whether they will take any action in the matter of recovering the £70 or £50 stated to be due to him; and the Provincial Solicitor has requested the chairman of the

last public meeting, to explain to him the present position of school matters. We understand that the reply given is to the effect that if such a balance is due to Mr. Poole, the members of the committee who incurred that debt had better at once pay it, and also that as soon as the school house is vacated, a meeting will be convened under clause 3 of the Education Act to make provision for the maintenance of common schools in this district.

8<sup>th</sup> September 1870 THE GREYTOWN SCHOOLMASTER. It will be difficult for your correspondent to write on such subjects as a contested election or the Greytown school, which have caused, or will cause, much ill-feeling, without giving offence to someone or other, but with the fate of "The Man and the Ass" before my eyes, instead of trying to please everybody I will endeavor to be as impartial as possible, and give no just cause of offence. Amidst all the ill-feeling the school rate agitation has excited at Greytown, the character of the schoolmaster, Mr. Poole, has never been attacked. His efficiency as a teacher has been recognised not only by the Inspector of Schools, from whom he holds a certificate of competency, but by two examinations of his scholars, which took place in August, 1809, and in June of the present year. I am informed that there is now due to him arrears of rates, imposed at a general meeting held in August, 1807, amounting to £d-5. During the past year he agreed to accept the school fees, Government grant, and school rates, if collected, as payment in full for that year, and he of course fully expected after the passing of the Compulsory Rate Act that the Government would take means to enforce that act; but beyond appointing a collector, whose office expired at the last annual meeting, they have taken no steps in this direction. To me it appears clear that it is the duty of the Government to pay the schoolmaster the amount of money which he was led to expect he should receive under a law which they wore the means of getting passed, but which they have taken no steps to get enforced.

1<sup>st</sup> November 1870 YOUNG NEW ZEALAND. A much more interesting, or rather much more pleasing spectacle than the foregoing, was to be seen at Greytown on Wednesday, on the occasion of the return cricket match between the school boys of Featherston and Greytown. Mr. O'Connor's paddock was the place appointed for the large number of spectators assembled, including a number of young, handsome, and fashionably dressed ladies. The match, was between Mr. Montalk's scholars, and the boys attending Mr. Jupp's school. The former were dressed in scarlet Garibaldi's, and the latter in appropriate cricket costume, which had been made for the occasion. Before going to the wickets a sumptuous repast was provided by Mr. T. Kempton and the other parents of the Greytown team, to which ample justice was done. Featherston first went to the wickets, and made a score of 51 runs, the largest number being obtained by W. Fry, and J. Cox, who scored 9 each. Greytown followed, and though no less than 7 retired with duck's egg, Humphries made 11, Giles, 10, Connor 8, and Kempton, 6; making a total, with byes, of 48, and thus proving that on the whole the two teams were pretty equally matched. After a short interval, Featherston commenced their second innings to the bowling of Connor and Humphries. A. Fry scored 13, the highest number of runs obtained during the day and a total of 38 runs were obtained, which included but very few byes. Greytown followed; Connor scored 6, when he was caught out by Tidswell, and this was the highest number obtained this innings; a smaller number of ducks' eggs, and a larger number of byes distinguished this time the score of the Greytown team, and at its conclusion 28 runs were obtained, Featherston thus winning with 3 runs to spare. A more pleasing sight has been seldom witnessed in the Wairarapa, and great credit is due to Messrs.... Jupp and Montalk for the efficiency displayed by their scholars on the occasion. After the match the two teams had tea and cake in the schoolroom, and then left for their respective homes much pleased with the treat which had been afforded them.

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10<sup>th</sup> May 1871 SCHOOLS. The Greytown school is still without a committee, the law on the subject notwithstanding. The East Masterton school district is about to make provision for the maintenance of its school, and not before it was required. At Tauherenikau, the school-house is at present without either a teacher or scholars

18<sup>th</sup> May 1871 Two school meetings are to be held during the present month — one at East Masterton on the 17th instant, and the other at Greytown on the 23rd instant, when committees will be elected and the rate imposed by the recent Act of the Provincial Council of £1 per house will be levied. Neither at East Masterton nor at Greytown has any school rate been levied for the past year, both school districts taking advantage of the then defect in the law, by refusing to put the machinery it provided into operation. The teachers at both schools have had to rely principally on school fees and the Government grant, when it has been forthcoming, for payment for their services. Under the existing law the rate of £1 per house will be levied, as the Government will appoint a committee and a collector if the ratepayers do not choose to do so. The new bill which is to be brought into the Council will not affect existing school districts, but it will bring those parts of the province not at present included in school districts under the operation of the existing law. The subject is one likely to create much discussion and ill feeling, as a uniform rate of £1 per house is felt not to be equitable, and it will not bring the means of education within the reach of those parts of the province which most require Government aid. At the Tauherenikau school, double the sum would not pay a teacher's salary ; and the same remark applies with still more force to the Kaiwairua school, and also to the Moroa school. At the present, I believe, some of the settlers pay five times as much voluntarily as they will be required to pay under the proposed law, while, at the Moroa school, each child pays the maximum fee of one shilling per week, and each house in the district the maximum rate of £1, and yet when the Government grant is added the total fund is insufficient to pay a master's salary. It is for this reason that no school has yet been opened at Waihenga, and hence the Hon. Mr. Waterhouse suggested that instead of a house rate a rate on the annual value of all property in the district should be imposed.

27<sup>th</sup> May 1871 GREYTOWN SCHOOL MEETING

& [From a Correspondent.] A meeting was held on the 25th at the Schoolhouse, Greytown (according to a notice published in the "Mercury"), for the purpose of making provision for the establishment; and maintenance of a common school in the district. The meeting was attended by about twenty electors, and the following libel on the election of a committee was perpetrated : — The Chairman (A. K. Arnot, Esq., Editor of the "Mercury"), read over a list of names of gentlemen who were proposed as members of the School Committee, and actually invited the electors who were present, to vote for them collectively, thus precluding any voter from expressing his objection to any individual of the number, and this was not the only abuse perpetrated for it was soon ascertained that one of the gentlemen who was elected as a Committee-man was not present, and did not wish to be elected, and afterwards expressed his determination not to serve on the Committee. Hence the meeting of the Committee which was held immediately after the meeting, could not have his assent to any arrangement the Committee might wish to make, and these remarks may apply to three other gentlemen who were elected, but who were not present. Again, one of those who signed the notice of the meeting, but who was not present, suggested that as the Provincial Council would soon take some decided action in order to raise funds for the support of common schools in the province that the meeting had better be adjourned. This was rejected by the Chairman. A Collector and Treasurer was appointed, and the meeting dispersed. There are about 90 householders in the district, 70 of whom did not attend.

31<sup>st</sup> May 1871. Notice of meeting GREYTOWN School Committee 31<sup>st</sup> May in the schoolhouse at 7 pm

31<sup>st</sup> May 1871 GREYTOWN SCHOOL MEETING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT.

Sir, — I shall be obliged by your allowing me space in your columns to contradict the statement made in your columns of the 27th inst, with reference to the Greytown School meeting. I did not " invite the electors who were present to vote for the Committee collectively." A resolution was moved and duly seconded by two electors for the appointment of a Committee. As chairman of the meeting I only performed my duty in putting the resolution to the meeting, and no dissentient voice being raised I declared the resolution carried.

It is not necessary for the whole twelve to work ; six may resign, and the remainder can, under clause 7 of the Education Act, carry on the management of the school. Again the statement made, referring I presume to Dr. Welch's proposition, is false. I never rejected it. It was placed in my hands as a written resolution, but it found neither proposer nor seconder ; it of course fell to the ground. — I am, &c, A. K Arnot. Greytown, May 27, 1871.

10<sup>th</sup> June 1871 | TO SCHOOL TEACHERS GREYTOWN Committee: will receive applications for a School-master and School-: Greytown School up to 26<sup>th</sup> July 1871. Guaranteed salary £150 per annum with house rent free. ... A. K. ARNOT Chairman Greytown School Committee

14<sup>th</sup> June 1871 THE GREY TOWN SCHOOL. Wairarapa, June 12. Mr. Editor, —I have again to ask your favour for the insertion of the following, which I consider of greater importance than the subject of my last, namely the progress of education in this district. I must ask for your patience, and that of your readers also, for attempting to treat of a subject that has exhausted the utmost abilities of our ablest men. But I do not intend to dilate on its vast importance and advantages, which is patent to all, I will merely restrict myself to the cause of its non-progress in this district.

I read with pleasure in your paper of a public meeting convened for the purpose of resuscitating the Greytown common school, also of the gentlemen chosen as the Committee 3 from their positions and interests in 'he district, I have no doubt they will endeavor to use their best efforts to promote the object they have in view, in a rational and unprejudiced manner. Unfortunately there is a great obstacle in their way—want of unanimity among the settlers. It is well known that Greytown is divided into two' sections—one party worships God in a church and the other worships the same Deity in a chapel . Although both parties agree upon the advantages of educating their children, yet they have prevented the establishment of a good secular school, by their respective oppositions. It appears that the Wesleyans, although a minority, by combination and showing greater interest in school matters, obtained the solo control of the Greytown Common School. How they: managed it, whether by fair or questionable means, I do not intend to discuss, but one thing is evident to ail: if. their Chairman acted wrong in ousting Mr. Jupp and substituting Mr. Poole, it was the fault of the majority of the settlers in allowing him to. do it.. 'In fact, they gave their tacit consent to his act ion by their apathy. It cannot be denied that the Chairman and his Committee acted within the law, as duly advertised public meetings had been held. Those who now find fault with them, did not consider it worth their while to attend, and veto their proceedings, which by being the majority they could easily have done. I am sorry to have to say it, but there are a great number of my fellow-settlers who are loud in the praises of education until asked to contribute towards its maintenance, then they stand aloof, or else discover something very unfair in the working of the Education Act. That was the true cause of the Wesleyan party's success. -They promised no rate, and they had a majority. On finding they could not support the school by voluntary contributions, they fell back on the House

Rate. You, Mr. Editor, advocated the non-payment of the rate to them (of course en principle), and you defeated them by an overwhelming majority. Now, there were several of my fellow-settlers who, not wishing to become mixed up in those party squabbles, stood aloof, yet were (and are) willing 'to contribute a reasonable sum for educational purposes. They viewed with grief that during the excitement of those disgraceful proceedings, the question at issue, viz., education, was entirely lost sight of. Sir, in having reviewed the proceedings of the past at some length, I will make a few observations as to our future course. From what I can learn, there is still a difficulty obstructing the harmonious re-establishment of the school, namely, Mr. Poole, although he's not acknowledged as the schoolmaster by the majority of the settlers ; ; he is the schoolmaster, nevertheless, acknowledged by the Government, receiving their contribution, and residing on the school property. As I have shown above, he is legally in possession of his barren . honours. Now, how is the present Committee to obviate this difficulty ? They; cannot acknowledge him, and they have no power to divert funds they may collect to satisfy his claims for unpaid salary, which he alleges is due to him. They may say that he placed himself in that position in an objectionable manner 3 he at that time was perfectly aware of the risk he was running with regard to his salary, and therefore, he has no just cause to complain. Also that those parties who chose him as their schoolmaster should pay him. That may be very true and just, but at the same time, it does not remove the difficulty. There are only two courses open to the Committee, either to stay all action in school matters, until Mr. Bunny's Education Bill is passed (which will force education with a vengeance), or else, to try and come to some amicable arrangement with those gentlemen who placed Mr. Poole in that unfortunate position. If, as I have shewn, the present Committee have no power to direct any funds in prying oil' Mr. Poole's claim, they might make an effort, for the cause of education, to open a subscription list in conjunction with Mr. Poole's friends, and arrange with him that, on receiving the proceeds of the same, say, £-5, he will peaceably retire from the school property. I have not the least doubt but that Mr. Poole will be sensible enough to accept a reasonable sum, and retire, rather than stay in defiance of the majority of the settlers to earn a precarious livelihood. Some of his friends suggest the collection of back rates, and paying him with them, I think that will be out of the question for eons: The rate was declared illegal by a Court of Justice; secondly, such a rate, if recoverable, which, it has been proved, not, is against the wishes of three-fourths of the settlers.

If, as I have been informed, it is the intention of the Committee to convert the Town Hall into a school, and leave Mr. Poole in quiet possession of the present one, the division -v.-ill still exist, and the breach be widened. Those parties who sympathise with him (and they are no inconsiderable number) will still send their children to him, which would considerably lessen the estimated sum for school fees, and prevent the present Committee from collecting a sufficient sum to remunerate a first-class schoolmaster and schoolmistress.

I have no doubt that it is the intention of the present Committee to conduct the common school of Greytown in a fair and impartial manner, to employ competent teachers so that, children of all denominations may reap the same advantages. Hoping that all parties will divest themselves of all party and sectarian feelings, and unite for the one common object, "the supporting of a first-class school," I am, Sir, fee., PROGRESS,

5<sup>th</sup> August 1871 We understand that Mr. Morton has been appointed School-master for the Greytown School, and Mr. Jupp for the one at Masterton. The Committee of the former intend making some additions to the buildings which are in a most dilapidated condition

11<sup>th</sup> August 1871 two applications were read in reply to their advertisement for a master and mistress for the Greytown school, when that from Mr. Morton, late teacher of the East Masterton school, was, after some discussion, accepted. In the meantime Mr. and Mrs.. Poole, the teachers appointed by a former school committee, are in possession, and as a large amount

of salary is alleged to be due to them, they will probably want some kind of settlement before they quietly give up possession, and consent to be left out in the cold. The question whether an incoming committee is liable for the debts contracted by an outgoing one does not appear to have been contemplated under the old Education Acts ; and the question is whether, since the late Education Act was assented to, by which those acts were repealed, those acts are now in operation. It puzzles people here to know why an Education Act was passed at all, which was not to be brought into operation until after the next session of the Provincial Council. It has had the effect of placing schools and school teachers, instead of a better, in a much worse position than ever

16<sup>th</sup> August 1871 EDUCATIONAL, R MORTON, Alumnus of Aberdeen University, Scotland, Certificated Teacher of Greytown Public School, has vacancies for two more boarders; imparts a thoroughly practical English and Commercial Education. Also instructs in Classics and Mathematics.

Second Quarter commences 1st April, 1870. References : C. A. Vallance, Esq., Kaumingi, A. McMasters, Esq., Tuhitarata. Masterton, December 14, 1869 (*Dates are as published but are out of synch*)

26<sup>th</sup> August 1871 POLICE COURT.

Featherston, August 23, 1871.

(Before H. S. Wardell, Esq., R.M.)

Arnot v. Poole.—This was a claim made by the Chairman of the Greytown School Committee against Mr. Poole in order to obtain possession of the Greytown School property. A. K. Arnot, sworn said ; I am Chairman of the Greytown School Committee ; I put in as evidence the Provincial Government Gazette, notifying the appointment of the Committee, also a copy of a deed made by Mr. Carter, transferring acre No. 29, situate in the township of Greytown, to four Trustees, namely, I. B. Featherston the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington and successors, M. Hirschberg, T. Kempton, and J. Hawke; the copy of this deed is also accompanied by a letter from the Provincial Secretary in Which he states it is a copy of the deed; I also put in the written authority from the Trustees, authorising me to take possession of the said property ; I have applied to Mr. Poole for peaceable possession of the property; he refused, alleging as his reason that a sum of money is due to him ; I produce a letter received by me on Thursday last from Mr. Moles, Chairman of a School Committee that is said to have existed in Greytown, and which contains a copy of a letter written by Messrs... Travers and Olivier. addressed to Messrs... Moles, H. Udy, Sen., C. W. Hornblow, E. Ticehurst, H. Udy, junior, Seth Hart, W. Say well, and T. Hawke, demanding payment of £106 13s 8d. Defendant disputed the deed and required the original conveyance to be produced. Plaintiff stated that he had telegraphed to the Provincial Secretary for it, and it might be up by that day's coach. The Court adjourned for. one hour, at the expiration of which the case was resumed, The deed not having arrived, plaintiff applied to the Court to have Mr. Poole placed in the witness-box. Mr. Poole objected to give any evidence. A subpoena was then served on him, and he went accordingly into the witness box.

J. Poole, sworn, deposed : My name is John Poole ; I am a schoolmaster ; I reside in Greytown, at the Greytown School House as Provincial Government Schoolmaster; I was placed there by the School Committee on 5th October, 1868; I have no written authority; I believe there was a resolution made by the Committee: this resolution was given me by Mr. H. tidy, who was Chairman of the Committee ; I Understand the tenement belongs to the Provincial Government; I have since continued to reside there; I have a written agreement alluded to in Mr. Travers' letter ; this agreement is in the hands of a solicitor ; I have seen a portion of an extract from a deed conveying the Greytown School property to I. E. Featherston and others ; Mr. H. Udy shewed it to me ; it was in the street; I cannot remember when ; I have been recognised a Government Schoolmaster.

Plaintiff—By whom ? Defendant—By the Provincial Government.

Plaintiff—In what way ?

Defendant—By their paying me the grant.

Plaintiff—How did they pay it you ?

Defendant—By Cheque.

Plaintiff—Who signed the vouchers in order to enable you to receive the cheque ?

Defendant—Mr. Moles. Plaintiff—In what capacity did he sign the vouchers ?

Defendant—As Chairman of the late Committee.

Plaintiff—When did he sign the last ? Defendant—I cannot remember.

Plaintiff—Up to what date have you been paid the Government subsidy ?

Defendant—30th June, 1871.

Plaintiff—Are the vouchers usually signed before the end of the quarter or after ?

Defendant—After. Plaintiff—Then the voucher must have been signed by Mr. Moles after 30th June. Defendant—Yes, I believe it was, with the authority of the Provincial Government.

Plaintiff—When was it that you saw the extract from the deed mentioned ?

Defendant—I cannot say when.

Plaintiff—On your oath do you swear you cannot remember?

Defendant—Yes. Plaintiff—Was it in this year, 1871.

Defendant—No.

Plaintiff—Was it in 1868, 1869, or 1870 ?

Defendant—I believe it was in 1869. Plaintiff—In the early part of 1869, or the latter ?

Defendant—I cannot say. Plaintiff—Was it an extract from the copy of the deed now produced ? Defendant—The portion I saw mentioned I. E. Featherston and others; there were no names mentioned ; Mr. Udy told me it came from Mr. Brandon's office.

The Resident Magistrate here addressed ! the defendant, and stated that any debt that might be due to him did not justify his retaining possession of buildings in which he was not entitled to dwell. That he would advise him to enter into some arrangement with the Committee, and give peaceable possession. That he had no doubt the copy of the deed produced was a true copy, and that the deed existed, but still, as it was not attested, he would, on the application of the plaintiff, adjourn the case until that day week in order to enable the original deed to be produced. Telegrams were received shortly after the adjournment of the Court to the effect that the Provincial Government had the original deed, and would forward it to the Chairman 6<sup>th</sup> September 1871 (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) TUX GREYTOWN SCHOOL CASE. This case was again heard before H. S. Wardell Esq., R.M., «t the Court House, Featherston, on Tuesday last A. K. Arnot, the plaintiff, produced a written authority from the Trustees of I the Grey town School acre for him to take possession, and also the original deed of conveyance.

He also produced the Provincial Government Gazette, in which the election of the school committee had been notified. In reply to the Court the plaintiff stated that the committee had been elected at a meeting of electors under clause 3 of the Education Act. 1855. This was a general meeting. The Court : Had there not been a general meeting held in August, 1870? Plaintiff: Yes. The Court : Then how can you hold two general meetings in one year? Plaintiff: The meeting in August not having appointed a committee, the meeting in May had been convened to elect one.

The Court doubted if the public had power to call two general meetings in one year. If the first meeting neglected to appoint a committee, it was the duty of the Superintendent to appoint one. Plaintiff: The Superintendent did not appoint a committee, and no committee having been appointed, it was competent for the electors to do so, which they did accordingly, and that committee had been legally gazetted. The Court: That does not prove that you are a legal committee.

The court adjourned for a quarter of an hour, and on resuming the Resident Magistrate gave judgment for the defendant, with costs £8, as follows : — " I am of opinion that the annual meeting, held in August, 1870, having , neglected to appoint a committee, the , power to do so was, by the Act of 1871 (No. 5) vested, at the time of the appointment of the committee of which Mr. Arnot is chairman, in the Superintendent, and not in the public meeting held 25th May, 387 I. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, I assume the committee by which Mr. Poole was appointed school master was legally appointed. It has been shown that the school has been carried on by Mr. Poole up to the present time under that appointment, and that it has been recognised as a public school within the meaning of the Act by the payments made to Mr. Poole from the provincial treasury. The authority given by the trustees produced by Mr. Arnot does not appear to me to justify my making an order of ejectment against Mr. Poole." Plaintiffs applied for leave to appeal, Application refused. The court informed the defendant that his refusal to give quiet possession would only cause himself serious inconvenience, as it was competent for the Superintendent to appoint the same committee as had been already elected. The defendant stated that it was solely on account of his inability to remove, owing to his low circumstances, that he did not give up possession. All that he and Mrs.. Poole had received for their joint labor? for fourteen months was the sum of £- 17s per month. If he had had the means to remove he would have left before. There were rates in arrears under the laws in force, and he considered that it was the duty of the Government either to see that they were paid, or for itself to see that he did not suffer from its neglect Truly the position of a provincial schoolmaster is not an enviable one ; but the present slate of the Greytown school is still worse. The building, which was at one time the best in the village, is now in the most dilapidated state, and a miserable unlined lean-to constitutes the teacher's residence, In the meantime a new teacher has been appointed, and at present there is no place for him to teach in. It is about time the General Assembly took this matter of education in hand.

9<sup>th</sup> September 1871 Educational. —Our readers-will observe from an advertisement in another column that the Greytown School will be opened on the 18th inst. in the Town Hall, the school building- being in such a dilapidated condition as to be entirely unfit for children to be educated in, or, we may say even for pigs to 'be styed." The fees for tuition will be 6d per child per week.,

9<sup>th</sup> September 1871 Featherston, Resident Magistrate's Court, August 29, 1871. (Before H. S. Wardell, Esq., R.M.) Arnot v. Poole. —Action for ejectment. This case, adjourned from 24th last., was heard at Featherston Tuesday. It will be remembered that it was an action taken by the Chairman of the Greytown School Committee to obtain possession of the acre No. 29 in the township of Greytown for Educational purposes. It had been decided at the first hearing that the only paper required to complete the plaintiff's case was the original deed, conveying the land to the four trustees, and, as it is, without execution, the most extraordinary of all the peculiar decisions ever given by the Resident Magistrate of the Wairarapa, it is worth recording. A. K. Arnot, sworn, said : I am Chairman of the Greytown School Committee ; I claim possession of acre No. 29, situate in the township of Greytown, conveyed by Mr. Carter to the Superintendent, Mr. Hirschberg, Mr. Kempton, and Mr. J. Hawke; I produce the original registered deed; I also produce the authority of the Trustees to take possession; the signature of W. Fitzherbert, Superintendent, has been sworn to by H. Bunny, Provincial Secretary in the presence of H. S. Wardell, Resident Magistrate, and the signatures of the other Trustees have been attested to by B. Lucas, in the presence of C. Pharazyn, J.P.; I also produce the Provincial Government ' Gazette' recognising the appointment of the Committee. Resident Magistrate.—How was the Committee elected? Plaintiff.—Under Clause 3 of the Education Act, 1835, as follows; 3. That any six such electors may by advertisement in some newspaper published in the Province and posted in some conspicuous place within the district



or subdivision call a meeting of the electors to be held within the same at some period not less than fourteen days after the publication and posting to make provision for the establishment and maintenance of common schools within such district or subdivision.

Resident Magistrate.—Have you a copy of the advertisement ?

Plaintiff. —Yes. (Copy produced.) Resident Magistrate.—Who were the electors present ?

Plaintiff.—Messrs... Petherick, Walker, Smith, Baillie, Hall, Whybrow, O'Connor, O'Meara, Gallagher. Resident Magistrate.—And those names mentioned in the ' Gazette' were elected as a Committee ? Plaintiff—Yes.

Resident Magistrate.—How were they elected ?

Plaintiff. —By being proposed, seconded, and the vote being carried. Resident Magistrate.—

Have you any records of the meeting ? Plaintiff—Yes: I produce the minute Resident

Magistrate.—Who proposed the Committee? , Plaintiff—Mr. Petherick proposed and Mr. Walker seconded. Resident Magistrate. —And there was no dissentient voice ?

Plaintiff.—No. Time was given for anyone else to propose any other person, and no one else being proposed, and the dissentient voice being raised, I put it to the Vote and declared the resolution carried. Resident Magistrate. —Mr. Freeth, get the Electoral Roll of 1870, and see if all those who took part in the election were electors. After some short time, Mr. Freeth stated that they were all electors. Some minutes of the meeting held were read.

Resident. Magistrate. —I observe, Mr. Arnot, that on 31st May you adjourned to the Court House ; by what authority did you do this ? Plaintiff.—By permission of Constable Byrn, and on the distinct understanding that we were to pay any expenses incurred in cleaning, &c.

Resident Magistrate.—Why did you not hold your meetings in the School House ? Plaintiff. —On account of the filth that existed in the building. Resident Magistrate.—Mr. Freeth make

a note of this. I observe that in the authority given you by the Trustees attested by Mr. Lucas the attestation - only says that they have signed in his presence. .It does not specify what they have signed. Plaintiff.—I have one of the Trustees present to swear that is his signature, and I think the Court has seen the signature of Mr. Hirschberg sufficiently often before to be able to recognize it as not being a forgery. Document admitted.

The Court adjourned for a quarter of an hour, and, on returning, the Court having stated that in its opinion the power to appoint a Committee was by the Act of March, 1871, (clause 3), vested in the Superintendent and not in the public, plaintiff applied for leave to appeal. We copy clause of the Act referred to above as follows :

3. That in case the said Committee shall neglect to summon a general meeting of ratepayers or any meeting of ratepayers shall neglect or refuse to appoint a Committee or do any other thing necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act it shall be lawful for the Superintendent with the advice of his Executive Council to summon such meeting or appoint such Committee or a person to be Collector as the case may be and do any other thing which the general meeting of ratepayers or Committee ought to have done for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this and the said Act.

After some time occupied by the Resident Magistrate in reading the Resident Magistrate's Act, 1867, it was decided by the Court that power was given only to the defendant to appeal and not to the plaintiff, but that subsequent proceedings could be taken either in that Court or the Supreme Court. Plaintiff said that in his "pinion in order to put an end to the interminable dispute about the Greytown school he thought it would be preferable to take it to the Supreme Court. He then at the request of the Court stated as follows: —

Mr. Arnot argues as follows : “ I maintain that I was legally elected as Chairman of the School Committee. “ That the Committee whose names I have mentioned was legally elected. That the proceedings of the Committee have been properly conducted. “That the Committee has been recognised by the Superintendent twice—once in his own handwriting. “ That the Act of 1871, Session 20, No. 5, only says, “It shall be lawful for the Superintendent with the

advice of his Executive Council to summon such meeting or appoint such Committee, and that he having failed to appoint such Committee it was competent to a Public Meeting to do so under Clause 3 of the Education Act, 1855.

“ That I have produced the deed conveying the property to Trustees. “ That I have also produced the authority from the Trustees to the Committee to take possession. “ That the Acts mentioned in the deed are dated before 1868.

“ That the Committee by whom Mr. Poole was appointed was illegally appointed. “ That I claim possession, not so much as I Chairman of the School Committee, but in my individual capacity, being recognised by the Trustees. And, also, that as reference : has been made to the 1 Education Amendment Act, 1871/ I would remark that there is a misstatement in the preamble of the Act of 1871, in which it is stated that “ the said last-named Act expired at the end of the last Session of the said Council/ whereas it was still in force. “ Defendant contends that the Committee of which Plaintiff was Chairman was illegally elected, the Annual Meeting having refused to appoint a Committee, the only power to appoint was with the Superintendent. “ I am of opinion that the annual meeting held in August, 1870, having neglected to appoint a Committee, the power to do so was by the Act of 1871 (No. 5) vested, at the time of the appointment of the Committee of which Mr. Arnot is Chairman, in the Superintendent, and not in the Public Meeting held 25th May, 1871. “In the absence of evidence to the contrary I assume the Committee by which Mr. Poole was appointed School Master was legally appointed. It has been shown that the School has been carried on by Mr. Poole up to the present time under that appointment. and that it has been recognised & as a Public School within the meaning of the Act by ; 'the payments made to Mr. Poole from the Provincial Treasury. The authority given by the Trustees produced by Mr. Arnot does not appear to me to justify my making an order of ejection against Mr. Poole.” Application refused, costs 50 shillings. (Signed) Herbert S. Wardell, R.M. True Copy - Joseph Freeth, Clerk of R.M. Court.

The Resident Magistrate also stated that if the Committee obtained the sanction of the Superintendent to their- appointment, there was not a shadow of a doubt they would be enabled to obtain possession. The defendant was allowed 10s expenses against the protest of the plaintiff, who objected on the grounds that he had proved his claim, that the Court had previously stated that it was only necessary to produce the deed, and that it had been produced.

12<sup>th</sup> September 1871 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. Some of the members of the Greytown School Committee, under, it is said, instructions from the trustees, proceeded on Saturday last to take off the shingles, which they succeeded in doing. Tenders are invited for certain additions and repairs. In the meantime it is announced that the " Greytown Public School" will be kept in the Town Hall. I give the bare facts, and purposely avoid making any comments.

13<sup>th</sup> September 1871 Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 8th August, 1871. Notice has been received at this office, dated 27th May, 1871, that at a meeting held at the School House, Greytown, on the 25th May, 1871, the following persons were elected as a School Committee, viz. :

Mr. S. Moles ,,

“ T. Walker ,,

“W. R. Hastwell ,,

“J. E. I. Boys

Rev. A. Knell

Mr. J. Baillie ,,

“M. Hirschberg ,,

“R. Lucas

Dr. J. Smith

Mr. M. Caselberg „

“ J. A. Petherick „

“A. K. Arnot, Chairman.

Also, that Mr. R. Lucas was appointed Collector, and Mr. M. Hirschberg was appointed Treasurer. Henry Bunney, Provincial Secretary.

20<sup>th</sup> September 1871 THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL-HOUSE. This building looks more wretched than ever since the shingles have been taken from the roof; but this has not prevented the children from going to school; nor has it induced the master to change his residence. I understand that a telegram was received on Saturday from the Superintendent, who is one of the trustees, to the effect that the proceedings which had been taken by Mr. Arnot, the proprietor of the "Mercury," and the chairman of the school committee, were without his authority.

27<sup>th</sup> September 1871 The Greytown School This school, under the able superintendence of Mr. Morton, is now attended by over 50 pupils *Remembering the Editor of the mercury Paper is chairman of the School Committee*

4<sup>th</sup> October 1871

THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

*This is a very long article in the Mercury copied by the Standard carrying some repetition of material above but I've kept it all as it tells a whole side of the argument*

. 'A Correspondent of a Southern contemporary, in describing various members of the House of Representatives, compares Mr. Fitzherbert to that "Heathen Chinese" whose "smile was set childlike and bland." We are ' afraid the inhabitants of Greytown will be ; prone to consider the simile very appropriate. He has followed the example set him by Mr. Wardell in trying to lie all things to all men, and in endeavouring to please both parties—in avoiding the rock of Sella he has plunged into the gulf of Charybdis.

In calling our readers attention to the advertisement in another column, convening a meeting of the ratepayers of the the Greytown School District, we purpose 'giving a brief account of THE HISTORY OF THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL. On August 19, 1869, the annual meeting . was held; the following is the report that appeared in our columns: — , " Greytown School: A meeting of the Electors was held in the School-room on Saturday night. There was a good muster of .Electors, and the proceedings—always of a rowdy character—did not differ on this occasion from the character previously obtained. , A resolution that as, other schools in this town are maintained, without the aid of compulsory taxation, there was no, necessity to the Government School by levying a rate in the ensuing year, was proposed by Mr. Arnot and seconded by Mr. Ramsay, and . carried with one dissentient. A committee was afterwards appointed, and Mr. H. Udy -senior to combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer."

The Committee consisted of H. Udy, ..Messrs... Moles, Chairman, H. Udy, junior, Hart, Saywell, Hornblow, E. Ticehurst, and T. Hawke.

, On August 13, 1870, the annual meeting was again held the following is the report, with a copy of the advertisement convening 'the meeting:— Greytown School District.

The Annual Meeting of the Electors of the Greytown School District will take place at the Grey town School-room, on Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1870, at 7 p.m. , Business: To receive report Of the Committee and Balance Sheet, and other business in accordance with the Education Act of the Province. By order of the Committed, S. Moles, Chairman. July 30, 1870. THE SCHOOL MEETING —August, 13, 1870. At 7 p .m. the school meeting was held, and 'a large number were present,, as the recent proceedings in the Resident Magistrate's Court had made people take a greater interest than usual in the matter. Mr. Petherick was elected Chairman. , Mr. Moles, as Chairman of the School. Committee , handed in the account! of the school, which were read as follows:

Receipts and Expenditure of the Greytown Public School for Four Quarters ending 30th June, 1870, consecutively.

*Note Do stands for Ditto which means same as above. Note the pound sign is left out  
£ S. D. = Pounds Shillings Pence. There were 12 pence in a shilling and 20 shillings in a pound*

*One pound in June 1970 would be in December 2016 worth \$133.70 cents*

Receipts: • . £ S. D.

School Fees, for Quarter ending 30th September, 1869 16 14 6

Do 31st September, 1869 1 15 0

Do 31st March, 1870 ... 16 8 0 ,

Do 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1870 ... 18 6 0

Government Grant in Aid, for September Quarter, 1869 ... 6 5 0

Do December do 1869 6 5 0 ,

Do March do 1870 6 5 0

Donations 0 10 6

Arrears of rates 10 5 0

Subscriptions 6 5 0

Compulsory rate's ... 19 0 0

Due to the School in School Fees 3 10 0

Do do Subscriptions 2 0 0

Do do do Arrears of rates 45 0 0

Ditto do from Mr. Hirschberg 2 19 6

Free gift to the School, from Mr. H. Udy, Sen., being amount due to him for cash advanced, ,  
as seen on contra side 1 7 14 8

Due from Provincial Treasury for the Quarter ending June, 1870 6 5 0

Total. 201 7 8

Balance against the School,.. 19 18 8

£221 6 4

Expenditure £ S. D. Paid balance of-Mr. and Mrs.. Poole's salary for 3 Quarters v ending  
30th June, 1869.... ... 42 18 2

Paid Mr. and Mrs.. Poole's salary for the Quarter ending 30th September 1869 ... .. 37 10 6

Paid on account of Mr. and Mrs. Poole for the Quarter ending 31st December, 1869 32 16 4

Paid for sweeping School-room for 4 Quarters ending 30th June, 1870 4 16 0

Paid for cleaning 0 10 0

Do Commission to Collector on £20 1 10 0

Do Allowance to Mr. Murphy for collecting in 1868 ... 0 2 6

Do Court Expenses ... 3 15 0

Due to Mr. and Mrs.. Poole on account of Salary for Quarters ending 31st December, 1869,  
31st March, 1870, and 30th June 1870 79 13 8

Due to Mr. H. Udy, Sen. for cash advanced on account of Mr. "Jupp's salary and Court  
Expenses in 1868-69 17 4 8

Due to Mr. Udy, Sen., for a lock for School-room 10 0

Total £221 6 4

~Mr. Arnot then proposed that Mr. T. Walker should be elected Collector of the Greytown  
School rates for the ensuing year ; Mr. Caselberg seconded, and, on it being put to the  
meeting, was carried unanimously.

A second resolution that the Chairman be requested to forward to the Deputy Superintendent  
a copy of the last resolution, was carried in a similar manner.

In a brief speech, Mr. Arnot alluded to the course it would be desirable to pursue to attain the object they all had in view, of obtaining a thoroughly good school in Greytown, with better accommodation for the pupils and master, and affording a higher standard of education for the children than at present to be obtained. He alluded to the balance sheet as not altogether unsatisfactory. The salary received by the teachers had been upwards of £120 and there appeared to be about £60 due. It seemed that this money although received for tuition in the year ending 30th June, 1870, had been expended for the teachers' salary which was due in 1868 and 1869. If they elected a fresh Committee that night, the Committee would have to pay the balance of £79 13s 8d, which was recorded as due to Mr. Poole for the three quarters ending 30th June, 1870, but which might just as well be stated to be due for the quarters ending 30th September, 1869. He alluded to the course the Deputy Superintendent had pursued with reference to the appointment of Mr. Udy as collector, and concluded by moving that the Chairman leave the Chair. This was duly seconded and carried. The meeting then dispersed giving three cheers for the compulsory school rate.

This appointment of Mr. Walker as collector was not gazetted. Mr. Poole still continued to occupy the premises and received the Government grant, in aid up to 30th June, 1871, the vouchers being signed by Mr. Moles, as Chairman of the Committee.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 1871, a meeting was called under clause 3 of the Act of 1855 by six electors ; at that meeting a committee was elected consisting of Messrs... Hirschberg, Arnot, Caselberg, Walker, Petherick, Baillie, Hastwell, Lucas, Rev A. Knell, Messrs... Moles, and J. E. I. Boys. The two latter have since resigned. The election was reported to the Superintendent on the 26th May, as required by clause 9 of the Act of 1855, Mr. Lucas being collector and Mr. Hirschberg treasurer. The Committee were gazetted in the Provincial Government Gazette of 27th June, and again in the Gazette of 26th August, as follows ;

#### GREYTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington, June 19, 1871. has been received under the hand of the Chairman that at a meeting held on the 25th inst., of the ratepayers of the above-named School District, the following persons were elected a Committee, viz Mr. Moles ,, T. Walker ,, W. R. Hastwell J. E. I. Boys Rev. A. Knell Mr. J. Baillie ,, M. Hirschberg ,, R. Lucas Dr. Smith Mr. M. Caselberg ~ J. A. Petherick ,, A. K. Arnot, Chairman and that Mr. Lucas was appointed Collector, and Mr. M. Hirschberg, Treasurer. Henry Bunny, Provincial Secretary.

GREYTOWN SCHOOL. Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 8th August, 1871. has been received at this office, dated 27th May, 1871, that at a meeting held at the School House, Greytown, on the 25th May, 1871, the following persons were elected as a School Committee, viz : Mr. S. Moles ,, T. Walker ,, W. R. Hastwell ,, J. E. I. Boys Rev. A. Knell Mr. J. Baillie ,, M. Hirschberg ,, R. Lucas Dr.. J. Smith Mr. M. Caselberg ~ J. A. Petherick ,, A. K. Arnot, Chairman. Also, that Mr. R. Lucas was appointed Collector, and Mr. M. Hirschberg was appointed Treasurer.

Henry Bunny, Provincial Secretary. They directed the Chairman to apply to the Trustees of the property to give them possession.

The Trustees gave them authority, in writing as follows : Grey town, 15th July, 1871. To the Committee of the Greytown School Gentlemen,—In reply to your application of the 14th instant, we hereby authorise you to take possession of the land and buildings school property at Greytown, held by us in trust for educational purposes. We have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient servants, M. Hirschberg-, John Hawke, trustees Greytown Thos. Kempton, Robert Lucas, of Greytown', Accountant, make oath and say that the said Moritz Hirschberg, John Hawke and Thomas Kempton on signed in my presence the 15th day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one. Robert Lucas, Accountant, Greytown. Sworn before me this 28th day of August, 1871, at Greytown, C. Pharazyn- J.P.

Superintendent's office, \_ Wellington, 9th August, 1871. Sir —In reply to your letter of August, in which you state that the other Trustees have given a written authority to take possession of the Greytown School property, I beg to state that the School 'Committee has my authority as a co-Trustee to take possession. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant, Wilmas' Fitzherbert, Superintendent. 1, Henry Bunny, make oath and say that the signature of William Fitzherbert, hereunto affixed, is in the handwriting of William Fitzherbert the Superintendent for the time being of the Province of Wellington. Ernest Benny, Provincial Secretary. Sworn before me at Featherston, this 28th day of August, 1871. H. S. Wardell, S.M.

A. K. Arnot, Esq., Chairman Greytown School Committee.

The Chairman (A. K. Arnot) then applied for a summons to Mr. Poole to obtain his ejectment. On the first hearing of the case Mr. Poole objected to the copy of the deed produced, and according to the wish of the plaintiff the case was adjourned.

At the adjourned hearing-, the original deed was produced. “ Mr. Arnot argues as follows :

“ I maintain that I was legally entitled as Chairman of the School Committee.

“ That the Committee whose name I have mentioned was legally elected. “

That the proceedings of the Committee have been properly conducted.

That the Committee has been recognized by the Superintendent twice, once in his own handwriting.

That the Act of 1871, Session 20, No. 5., only says, “It shall be lawful for the Superintendent with the advice of Executive Council to summon such meeting or appoint such Committee, Ac.,” and that he having failed to appoint such Committee it was competent for a public meeting to do so under clause 3 of the Education Act, 1855.

“ That I have produced the deed conveying the property to Trustees.

“That I have also produced the authority from the Trustees to the Committee to take possession.

“ That the Acts mentioned in the deed are dated before 1868.

“That the Committee by whom Mr. Poole was appointed was illegally appointed.

“ That I claim possession not so much as Chairman of the School Committee but in my individual capacity being recognized by the Trustees. And also that as reference has been made to the Education Amendment Act, 1871, I would remark that there is a misstatement in the preamble of the Act of 1871, in which it is stated that “ the said last named Act expired at the end of the last Session of the said Council,” whereas it was still in force.

“ Defendant contends that the Committee of which plaintiff was Chairman was illegally elected, the annual meeting having refused to appoint a Committee the only power to appoint was with the Superintendent.

“ I am of opinion that the annual meeting held in August, 1870, having neglected to appoint a Committee the power to do so was, by the Act of 1871 (No. 5) vested at the time of the appointment of the Committee of which Mr. Arnot is Chairman, in the Superintendent, and not in the public meeting held on 25th May, 1871.

“ In the absence of evidence to the contrary I assume the Committee by which Mr. Poole was appointed School Matter was legally appointed. It has been shown that the school has been carried on by Mr. Poole up to the present time under that appointment and that it has been recognized as a public school within the meaning of the Act by the payments made to Mr. Poole from the Provincial Treasury. The authority from the Trustees, produced by Mr. Arnot does not appear to me to justify my making an order of ejectment against Mr. Poole. “ Application refused ; costs 50 shillings. “

(Signed). Herbert S. Wardell, S.M.

“True copy—Joseph Freeth, Clerk S.M. Court.

The Chairman wrote in accordance with the wish of the Committee to the Superintendent to ask him to appoint the same Committee as the Court had ruled, "That the power to elect a Committee was vested in the Superintendent and not in the public." He subsequently had a personal interview with his Honor; the Superintendent stated that in his opinion the power to appoint a School Committee was only vested in him when the public declined or neglected to carry out the provisions of the Education Acts and that if he were to appoint a Committee when the public were doing their utmost to establish a school in the Wairarapa, he would be usurping their privileges and acting "ultra vires." He recognized the present Committee, in fact he had done so already, both by gazetting them and by also giving the Chairman authority to take possession of the school property.

On the 8th September a meeting was held (of the Committee) when it was decided to ask for possession of the school property, consisting of desks, books, &c. In accordance with this resolution Mr. Hirschberg, one of the Trustees, and Mr. Arnot waited upon Mr. Poole, who declined to let them have it.

Mr. Fitzherbert commences his notice by stating that "no meeting of Ratepayers of the Greytown School District has been held within 12 months from this date." No one expects documents issued from the Provincial Government offices to be grammatically framed—if anyone does entertain any idea of this sort, he will be disappointed in the preamble of this notice, but it is only reasonable to be anticipated that veracity, will guide the Head of the wealthy Province of Wellington in framing his proclamations, although they are framed "by and with the advice of his Executive Council."—perhaps Mr. Powles writes them. His Honor—successor to Dr. Featherston—must surely have known that this statement is erroneous, that he has gazetted the present Committee twice, and, as our readers will observe, mentions the fact that they were elected "at a meeting of Ratepayers held on 25th May, 1871." The action the Committee has taken is pointed out in the foregoing papers. At the present time, having fought and overcome every obstacle, one of the best and largest schools in the Province has been established under the ablest superintendence. Various persons outside the district have sympathised with the Committee, in observing the difficulties that these persons, who, thinking that "Ignorance is bliss, have thrown in their way, and have contributed in many cases handsomely. We trust that at the meeting—if the Superintendent does not think better of it and revoke his proclamation—the public will show their appreciation of the services rendered by the Committee, by simply voting the present members as the Greytown School Committee. Had they only obtained possession of the property conveyed by Mr. Carter for educational purposes, the settlers in Greytown would, long ere this have seen a new school house with a suitable residence erected thereon.

14<sup>th</sup> October 1871 The Greytown School.—With regard to those who can vote at the meeting this afternoon, the following telegram received from His Honor the Superintendent has been handed to us for publication:

"To A. K. Arnot, Greytown. "I send opinion of Provincial Solicitor as follows:—I do not find anything to prevent a person qualified and registered as an Elector of Province from voting in the District within which he resides in all matters connected with Education Acts. (See Act Session 2, No. 6, Clause 2). Wm. Fitzherbert

18th October 1871 *There was a very long article in the Mercury about the School meeting but I have only included this report in the Wellington Independent*  
WAIRARAPA.

(from our own correspondent.) public meeting. There were no fewer than three public meetings at Grey town on Saturday last, the 14th inst, the second of which I am about to notice. This was a general meeting of the electors, summoned by the Superintendent of the Province, for the purpose of carrying out the duties imposed on a general meeting of ratepayers under the Education Acts of the Provincial Council. There was a very large

attendance ; and, after some discussion, Mr. J. E. I. Boys was voted to the chair. He announced his determination to keep order, to permit no rowdyism, and to have the first person who misconducted himself removed from the room. As the meeting had put him in the chair, he expected it would support him in it. This decisive tone had a decided effect. Mr. Arnot stated that the committee had noticed, with feelings of regret, the discussions which had taken place with regard to school matters. In taking office in May last, and being recognised by the Superintendent on four occasions, they considered they were a , legally appointed committee. On those grounds they had incurred certain liabilities, and they trusted that the public would support them in the action they had taken. They maintained that they had been legally chosen a committee, and were not afraid to have their actions criticised by the public. Their efforts had been directed to the establishment of a first-class school in Greytown. They had hoped before this to have removed the present school premises to the back of the acre on which they are situated, to have erected a suitable residence for the teachers, to have had the pit in front of the schoolhouse filled up, and the playground properly fenced. Owing to the obstacles placed in their way they had been unable to do these works, but they could point with pride to the school which had been established, and to the teachers that had been engaged. The existing committee would only consent to be reelected on the distinct understanding that they are elected as a whole, \*hat they are not to collect back rates, or to recognise in any way any liabilities that former committees had incurred. They would be compelled to ask the ratepayers for £1 per house this year ; but trusted that in the ensuing year the school would be self-supporting. Pie would conclude by proposing that the Rev A. Knell be a member of the committee, who had consented to act if again elected. Mr. Braggins proposed, and Mr. Freethy seconded the proposition, that no person be proposed a committeeman who is not present at the meeting. Mr. Petherick proposed, and Mr. Arnot seconded the amendment, that the present committee be re-elected in a body. Mr. Hornblow proposed, and Mr. Freethy seconded an amendment, that each member of the committee be elected separately. This last amendment was put first, and lost by eleven against thirty-two votes. Mr. Freethy then proposed a list of committeemen, the proposition being lost by a majority of four to one. Ultimately the old committee were elected in a body, by a majority of thirty-seven to five, about one-half of those present declining to vote either way. Mr. Lucas was appointed collector and Mr. Hirschberg treasurer, when the meeting concluded

21<sup>st</sup> October 1871 TO THE EDITOR OF THE MERCURY. GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

Greytown, October 20, 1871.

Sib, —It is evident, by the result of last proceedings, that the present School Committee have the confidence of their fellow-electors, who, by voting them in a body, have refuted the assertion of their insignificant (in number) opponents, " that they were self-elected, acting arbitrarily and illegally." I am sure I can safely assert that the present School Committee well deserve the thanks of those who have children to educate for their strenuous efforts in overcoming -obstacles placed in their path, in obtaining the services of first-class teachers, and in reviving the Greytown Public School. In common with a number of my friends, I deeply regret that last Saturday's proceedings have not terminated all the School difficulties, inasmuch as Mr. Poole's claim of £106 odd is not settled, and the matter will entail litigation,- which means diverting ratepayers' money from educational purposes, to be frittered away in law expenses. Now, how to avoid this ? Perhaps one of your able correspondents might suggest? One cannot in a letter trespass so much on your forbearance as to attempt giving a detailed account of the cause of the animus which has existed in Greytown in connection - with School matters for so many years. The -Committee that appointed Mr. and Mrs. Poole say the difficulty can be easily got over by collecting the back rates, and with it pay him off. It is very easy for those gentlemen to advise the present Committee to do so. The question naturally suggests itself: Why did they not collect the back rates ? Simply because they could



not. The question was fairly tried in the Resident Magistrate's Court, when it was decided that they could not collect, for this reason, that no rate had been levied in the previous year, and when the compulsory rate came into force the Committee was illegally constituted, one gentleman combining the offices of Chairman, Treasurer and Collector; another did not belong to the School District, and another was not an elector.

One does not require to be very well versed in law to conclude that when men act illegally, and do certain actions (although with the best intentions) they are, and should be, personally responsible for them. Whether the who followed were legally constituted is also doubtful, as several have asserted that they were self-elected after the meeting dispersed, and that the Chairman had left the chair previous to their election. "Without passing an opinion as to their legality or illegality, it is evident that neither of those Committees represented the majority of the ratepayers (whether electors or not) of the Greytown School District.

To still further complicate this already inextricable subject, the Provincial Government, with their usual incapacity, made matters worse by recognising Mr. Poole as the School Master of the Greytown Public School, and paying him the grant in aid in direct opposition to the printed vouchers, which, I believe, strictly specifies that before the School Master obtains the grant in aid he must acknowledge to having received his salary from the School District. The Provincial Treasurer must have been aware that Mr. Poole claimed arrears of salary, and by paying the grant in aid they placed themselves in a dilemma.

I have heard some people assert that the reason this Committee are so popular is that they advocate a non-payment principle at the expense of a poor man, with a sickly wife and a large family. I am certain, Mr. Editor, that it is a gratuitous insult to those gentlemen, as I am acquainted with some of them who have told me that they deeply regret having to appear harsh to Mr. Poole, and are personally willing to give a larger sum as a subscription than what their rates would amount to; but, as a matter of principle, they will not attempt to collect back rates. In my own humble opinion, I do not think the present Committee have the power to collect back rates, and that there are only two courses open to remove this difficulty : Either for the Provincial Government to pay Mr. Poole the sum he claims, or else to start a subscription list for him, to which I am certain nearly all would subscribe, and realise for him from £50 to £60. Elector.

1872

30<sup>th</sup> April 1872 The Greytown school has been removed from the town hall, where it had been held during the summer months, to a more comfortable building. The school building proper is not only out of repair, but is much too small to accommodate the number of scholars who find it convenient, and I hope profitable to attend under the present regime with a weekly fee of sixpence, payable by every child, in addition to the rate of £1 per house. The committee pay the teachers' salaries and house rent as well ; and now also 10s per week for a schoolroom. The use of the Town Hall was given gratuitously by the trustees. The average weekly attendance has, in their hands, amounted to seventy, the greatest number on the roll, at one time, being ninety-seven. They are, like all other committees, powerless to effect any amelioration in the school buildings, the new Education Act relieving them from these duties on the 30th of June, and I fear not giving any substitute for some time thereafter. Months must elapse before proper buildings can be erected, a board elected, teachers appointed, and the whole machinery of the Act in any ; thing like working order. Teachers will gladly hail the new order of things, higher salaries, better supervision, and no local committees. A good specimen of what is really a starvation allowance came under my notice some time ago. A teacher of attainments, far beyond the requirements of the district was offered £70 a year, conditionally upon their being able to pay that sum throughout the year otherwise he should be paid off at so much per week at the rate of £70 a-year, and house rent to pay, is less than a common laborer receives. If the Executive be as prompt in put putting the Act in execution as

they evinced determination in carrying it through the house, teachers and taught will have no cause to complain But let us have proper supervision, not an occasional examination by an inspector, who gives due notice of his intended coming, but visits frequent and unexpected by one who himself has a thorough practical knowledge of how to train the youthful mind and teach the young idea how to shoot

8<sup>th</sup> June 1872 The school difficulty has cropped up again in the Wairarapa. Who shall take charge and responsibly after the 1st July until the Board. shall be elected ? The new Act makes no provision : not even the second clause can overcome the difficulty. It merely gives the committee power to collect arrears. It was evidently not intended that all the schools should be closed during this interval As far as Grey town is concerned, the difficulty is settled by the teacher keeping the school open on his own risk until the Board is in proper working order. No fees being chargeable, a great influx of pupils may be expected, and an increase of the teaching staff will be imperatively required

22<sup>nd</sup> June 1872 A General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Greytown School District is hereby convened to meet at the Hall, Greytown, on Friday, 28th inst., at 3 p.m. BUSINESS; To receive the Balance sheet from the ' Treasurer and to win I up the affairs of the School. A. K. ARNOT, Chairman Greytown School Committee. Greytown, June 22,1871

25<sup>th</sup> June 1871 On Saturday a meeting of the trustees of the Greytown Town Lands was held at the Foresters' Court Hotel, at which the whole of the members of the Board were present The Treasurer announced, that £225 had been invested in the Bank of New Zealand for three months at 2 per cent interest. M?. Arnot, agreeable to notice, moved that the sum of £20 be voted to the Committee of the Greytown School, upon which Mr. Wakelin moved, as an amendment. " That it was not desirable that any money should be voted out of the funds which had accumulated prior to their acceptance of office until they had first considered and decided the general question,

to what purposes these funds should be devoted, or in "what mode they should be invested ;"

29<sup>th</sup> June 1872 At a meeting hold last night to wind' up the affairs of the School, S. Moles, Esq., in the Chair, the following Balance Sheet was laid before the meeting. Our readers will observe that there is a balance in hand of £27 5s 2d ; the rates due amount to £17 10s, and the Provincial Government owe the Committee £12 10s, making a total of £57 5s 2d to meet liabilities of £35 ss. After a. good deal of discussion, this very satisfactory Balance Sheet was adopted, and the Committee were requested to continue to conduct the School under the present system, the scholars paying the usual fee of 6d per week: — Balance Sheet, Greytown School, 27th June, 1872.:

15<sup>th</sup> July 1872 WAIRARAPA GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Acting upon the advice of numerous friend.-', the undersigned intends opening in Greytown, in a few months, should sufficient inducement offer, A PRIVATE SCHOOL, in which will be taught all the brandies of a good English education, as well aa Latin Greek, and Mathematics. Boys prepared for commercial pursuits, for the civil service examinations, and for the University of Otago. Ample accommodation for boarders. Terms, &c, on application. ROBERT MORTON.

27<sup>th</sup> July 1872 EDUCATIONAL R Morton Alumnus of Aberdeen University; Scotland, ,Certificated Teacher of Greytown Public .School", has vacancies for two more boarders; impart a thoroughly practical English and Commercial Education. Also instructs in Classics and Mathematics. Second Quarter commences 1st April, 1870. References C. A. Vallance , Esq., Kaumingi. A. McMaster, Esq., Tuhitarata. Masterton, December 14,1869

2<sup>nd</sup> October 1872 Greytown School. — A meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held at the School-house, on Saturday, when Mr. Hastwell was elected Chairman in the place of the late Mr. Arnot. It was found that the funds in hand would be almost sufficient to pay the quarter's salary due to the Teacher > and it was resolved that application should be made

to the Provincial Government to make up any deficiency which was found to exist. As the school rates will be levied from the 1st July last, it is the duty of the Education Board to defray the cost of the Teachers' salaries from that date, and to deduct the amount paid by parents in the shape of school fees out of the amount which the Board will charge them with under the Act, in the shape of capitation fees; the Board, and not the School Committees, receiving any grant in aid to be paid by the Provincial Government. No School Committee had any legal standing after the 1st July last. An application should have been made to the Board for the immediate erection of school-houses and teachers' residences. Greytown would be justified in asking this, not merely because there >s at present neither a school house nor a teacher's residence in the district, but because Greytown will contribute largely to the funds of the Board in the shape of rates and capitation fees, while it has never yet received any grant out of public funds for the erection of these necessary buildings. This has not been the case as regards most of the other school districts established under the Education Acts, which were, until recently, in force. It was the duty of the Greytown School Committee to bring this important fact prominently under the notice of the Board, through their representative, Mr. Waterhouse. At Featherston, Masterton, Carterton, Tauherenikau, Moroa, and notably at the Taitai, school-houses or Teachers' residences, and in most cases both, have been erected in part or chiefly by means of grants from the Government. This has never yet been the case as regards Greytown. With regard to this important matter she has been left out in the cold just as in the matter of postal, telegraphic, and railway communication, her existence had been sought to be ignored. That this was not consummated was, however, more owing to the position she occupied, than to any active public spirit displayed by her more wealthy citizens in her behalf. 21<sup>st</sup> October 1872 cannot do otherwise than record the feeling of unmingled satisfaction prevalent in Wairarapa with regard to the personnel of the new Ministry, so far as at present constituted. Any attempt to oust those now in power, at least until such time as the country shall be in a position to form, a correct estimate of their administrative capacities, would be much deprecated in Wairarapa. I may say further that any of our members who should be a party to such an attempt might consider Iris chance of re-election slender in the extreme. For the Superintendence Mr. Fitzherbert will, I feel certain, have the unanimous support of the electors of Wairarapa. Were Mr. Fitzherbert now, or should he again before the time of election be ineligible for the office, there is little doubt as to whom the majority of electors here would record their votes for. I am aware of certain insidious attempts having been made upon the minds of the Wairarapa ! people by the works of practical utility planned and executed under his regime Such covert modes of attack are invariable characteristics of a weak cause, and indicate a considerable amount of moral cowardice in its supporters. The doings of the Education Board have not as yet had much tangible effect in Wairarapa. There is, however, every confidence felt in the future, if not quite immediate, adaptability of the new Education Act to the requirements of the district Within a radius of three miles from the Greytown school house (when erected) there are over 275 children, two-thirds of whom at least are between the ages of 5 and 15, yet Greytown has no schoolhouse what-ever. With a roll numbering nearly 90, all of whom, with a few exceptions, attend during the course of the week, and that number ever on the increase, the claim Greytown has for the erection of a new school building is particularly urgent.

28<sup>th</sup> December 1872 We are informed that the Education Board are anxious to put the Wairarapa schools in working order as soon as possible. Hitherto the Board has not had it within their power to do very much ; but in the course of a few weeks every school in the District will probably be visited by one or more members of the Board. Arrangements will be made for filling vacancies, and as far as the means at the disposal of the Board will allow school apparatus will be furnished, and necessary repairs will be made in school buildings. With reference to the Greytown school, we have been informed on good authority that the Board, being under the impression that Mr. Morton intends to open a private school, consider themselves open to engage another teacher. We intend to watch closely the working of the Education Act in this District, and to publish in our columns the wants and deficiencies of every school within it from time to time.

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16<sup>th</sup> January 1873 Mr., Toomath, one of the members of the Education Board, who is now on an official visit to the Wairarapa, held privately an examination of teachers, and candidates for teachership, at Greytown, on Tuesday. The object of his visit is to enquire into and report to the Board the state of Education in the Wairarapa, and more especially in that part of it which is represented by the Hon. Mr., Wate.rhoc.se ; and at the same time to take such steps as may be deemed advisable in co-operation with the settlers to place the schools of the district, and more especially that of Greytown, on a more satisfactory and efficient footing

18<sup>th</sup> January 1873 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

PUBLIC MEETING AT TOWN HALL. A CONVERSATIONAL meeting was held, in the coffee-room of the Wairarapa Institute on Wednesday evening, which was attended by Mr. Toomath and a number of settlers of Greytown. After the former gentleman had explained the position and intentions of the Board, a number of resolutions with reference to the Greytown school were discussed. A resolution was passed that a public meeting should be convened on Thursday evening at the Town Hall to consider those resolutions or to take what other steps might be deemed necessary to obtain the erection of a schoolhouse and teachers' residence. A public meeting was convened accordingly, which was held at the Town Hall; E. Toomath, Esq. in the chair.

The chairman in a clear and emphatic manner explained the position of the Education Board, and the object of his visit to the Wairarapa. We were at some pains to take full notes of the speech which he made on the occasion, but we regret we cannot find room for the report in our present issue. The point he most insisted upon was that the stipends of the teachers would absorb the whole of the amount which would be received in rates, and that there would consequently be scarcely any funds available for the erection of school buildings. The following resolutions were duly proposed and seconded, put to the meeting, and unanimously adopted:

1. That this meeting recommends the Trustees of the school acre Greytown to at once transfer their trust to the Education Board.
2. That when the school acre Greytown has been transferred to the Board, this meeting recommends the Board to sell it in building lots by auction, and apply the proceeds towards the erection of a new building.

3. That this meeting recommends the Board to purchase a piece of ground situated near, but not in, Main-Street Greytown containing not less than two acres, and erect thereon a suitable school-room and teachers' residence.

4. This meeting recommends the Greytown Trustees to advance lands if required to the Education Board towards the erection of the said school-room and teachers' residence. 5. That a Committee of five consisting of Mr. T. Walker, Mr. J. Hawke, Mr. T. Kempton, Mr. W. Humphries, Mr. B. Gallagher, be appointed by this meeting to recommend to the Education Board a site or sites suitable for the erection of the proposed school buildings.

6. That this meeting trusts that the Education Board will have suitable plans prepared at the earliest possible moment and invite tenders for the erection of the proposed buildings.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Wakelin, was carried by acclamation. The meeting then broke up.

18<sup>th</sup> January 1873 The subject of education is cropping up in Wairarapa once again. The Greytown school buildings being entirely unfit for educational purposes, some steps had to be taken to ensure the erection of new ones. It is also generally admitted that the centre of the township is not the most suitable site for a school. The sale of the present acre has been mooted for a considerable time. It was recommended to the Board by the late committee in their report previous to retiring from office. A few of the Greytown residents met Mr. Toomath on Wednesday evening in the coffee-room of the institute and discussed the matter with him. Certain resolutions were drawn up and agreed to, these resolutions to be submitted to a meeting to be convened in the Town Hall on Thursday evening. The attendance on that evening was pretty fair considering \_ the short notice given. On the motion of Mr. Ramsay, seconded by Mr. R. A. Wakelin, Mr. Toomath took the chair. After detailing a few circumstances connected with the passing and earlier history of the Education Act, Mr. Toomath proceeded to explain that the sum at the disposal of the Board and capitation fees would not more than suffice for the payment of the schoolmasters' stipends. The number of children in the province amounted to 6000. Of this number 2000 were in Wellington, and about 1000 in Wanganui, leaving 3000 in the country districts. Taking the estimate at 2000 and the net revenue at £6000, this would allow only £3 per head for education. In the forthcoming election he would strongly recommend them to exact a promise from candidates to vote for a grant of £3000 from the provincial chest to be expended in the erection of school buildings. If the Greytown people secured the erection of suitable school buildings and teacher's residence there would be no necessity, except in a few rare cases, for children to be sent to Wellington to be educated. He felt satisfied that the Board would meet them heartily and to the best of their ability. (1) It was then moved by Mr. Caselberg, and seconded by Mr. Gallagher, "That this meeting recommends the trustees of the school acre, Greytown, to at once transfer their trust to the Education Board," and carried nem. con. (2) Moved by Mr. E. Green, and seconded by Mr. J. Beard, "That when the school acre, Greytown, has been transferred to the Board, this meeting recommends the Board to sell it in building lots, by auction, and apply the proceeds towards the erection of a new building," and carried, only one dissenting. (3) Moved by Mr. T. Kempton, Sen., and seconded by Mr. T. Walker, "That this meeting recommends the Board to purchase a piece of ground situated near, but not in, Main street, Greytown, containing not less than two acres, and erect thereon a suitable school-house and teacher's residence," and carried nem. con. (4) Moved by Mr. E. Green, and seconded by

Mr. J. Beard, "That this meeting recommends the Greytown trustees to grant funds if required to the Education Board towards the erection of the said schoolroom and residence," and carried nem con. (5) It was moved by Mr. R. Wakelin and seconded by Mr. Caselberg, That a committee, consisting of Messrs... Thomas Walker, John Hawke, Thomas Kempton, Sen., William Humphries, and Bernard Gallagher, be appointed by this meeting to recommend to the Education Board a site or sites suitable for the erection of the proposed school buildings," and carried nem. con. (6) It was moved by Mr. E. Ticehurst and seconded by Mr. J. Kempton, Sen., "That this meeting trusts the Education Board will have suitable plans prepared at the earliest possible moment, and invite tenders for the erection of the proposed building." A vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Wakelin, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, and carried with acclamation, concluded the proceedings.

25<sup>th</sup> January 1873 We have had our giant intellect bothered with one or two subjects latterly. Education was one, and Toomath, the Educator, its Prophet. Looking at the ruins Jotted about the Province which are by courtesy called schools, it is a matter of congratulation to us that education has a prophet, a big prophet, one who can make himself heard. We rejoice also that he has preached in our wilderness. We really believe that good will result from it. That the edifice with many a shingle short' in Greytown; where the youthful mind was once taught to expand on the smallest possible amount of fresh air and with every discomfort human ingenuity could devise is doomed. A French gentleman advertised for his wife as follows " Marie, you may return to your home; the boil on our nose has gone." Greytown will soon, we trust, be able to say to its disparagers the boil on our nose has disappeared! We would say more on this subject had not the whole civilised world been discussing it for years from every point of view, so that we, like everyone else feel nauseated with it, and when we see the word " education" in a newspaper we lay it down, and feel ill for 24 hours. One thing we will say, viz., children must be happy, HEALTHY, and COMFORTABLE at school, or their schooling will do them more harm than good.

27<sup>th</sup> March 1873 The working of the Education Act, too, is causing great dissatisfaction especially in Greytown. In fact large numbers say they will not pay until compelled, some on the ground that having no school accommodation, they are justified in refusing till the Board complies or show some symptoms of complying with the act in that respect.

The Town Hall is at present used as a schoolroom. In another month it will be uninhabitable. There is no other building in Greytown large enough for the purpose. Nor can the Hall be made at all anything like comfortable except at a large expense.

5<sup>th</sup> April 1873 Greytown School; —The Education Board have appointed Mr. Tom Wakelin to the charge of ,the Greytown School, rice Mr. R. Morton, resigned.' Mr. Wakelin has been a Provincial teacher upwards of five years, and has always been regarded as conscientious and diligent in the discharge of his duties, and we have no doubt but that he will give that satisfaction to the Greytown settlers which he has already given in the other schools which he has had under his charge.

Resignation of Mr. R. Morton. —We hear that Mr. Morton has resigned the Greytown School . on the ground of continual ill- ; health, arising mainly from the unsuitable and uncomfortable state of the buildings which have been latterly used for school purposes. We have frequently questioned the wisdom of the course which the Board adopted in postponing the acceptance of the liberal offer which Greytown made three months ago for the erection of

school buildings. Mr. Morton's resignation is another argument against it. as. the Board lose in him one ,of the ablest teachers on their staff. We trust that before the health of a second teacher is s subjected in a similar manner, the Board, will take into consideration the necessity of prompt action in affording to Greytown that amount of school accommodation to which it is justly entitled

5<sup>th</sup> April 1873 Mr. T. Wakelin, Kaiwairai, has been appointed to the Greytown school, the former teacher having resigned

9<sup>th</sup> April 1873 Greytown School. —This, school was reopened at the Town Hall on Tuesday last 3 under the management of Mr. T, Wakelin. I The old schoolroom will-be repaired by, and opened on, the first Monday in May

9<sup>th</sup> April 1873 The Hon member .for Wairarapa East having called at this office on Thursday last, on His way to Wellington, we took the opportunity of calling just attention to the disgraceful state ' of school matters in this populous township, and to the total absence of all school accommodation.

He took notes of what we told him, and voluntarily promised to bring the subject before the Education Board on his arrival in town, He returned to Greytown late on Saturday Evening, and, on Sunday morning he called upon us with . authority from the Board- to make such temporary arrangements for supplying comfortable accommodation. to, the children of the township as he might find practicable. It was, as we have stated, Sunday morning, but he did not allow that consideration, nor the circumstance of the door of the old school house being locked, to prevent him from carrying out his important and beneficent mission. Not being able to get in at the school house door, he jumped through one of the windows, and in the space of an hour he had .made an estimate of the cost of the temporary repairs that would, be necessary, and had concluded a contract with Mr. Baillie. for the same, under which the latter bound himself to have the windows glazed, the roof shingled, the west and south side of the school house lined, the lean-to transformed into a girls school room, and a water-closet erected, by the ,1st May.

A good deal of valuable time had. been formerly wasted in useless discussion on the subject, and several interviews and two public meetings had been had and held at the time another member of the Education Board was on a semi-official visit to ; this district. These, however, had turned out to be utterly futile and fruitless. But within an hour of the Rev J. C. Andrew's arrival in the district the whole business is arranged and completed, and at the trumpery ;cost to the Education Board of £23 only! “

Why,” said a worthy lady in , our hearing, “ if there were only half a dozen Mr. Andrews in the place they would turn sleepy Greytown within a week. -upside down!’ Whether such an achievement -would we leave our local readers to determine. There is certainly but little political or public life in the place at present.

We predicted last week that in a month's time there would be no school in Greytown. We did not. however take Mr. Andrew into consideration when we made that statement.

We will now say that ‘had it not been for Mr. Andrew's timely interference there would, have been no school in Grey town in a month's time.’ Some may inject to Mr. Andrew pulling the Greytown school out of a ditch on a Sunday—we don't!

7<sup>th</sup> May 1873 Mr. Waterhouse.—This gentleman has been recently on a visit to this district, and on Monday he paid a visit to the Greytown school and obtained such information on the subject as we have no doubt he will be able to turn to practical account. The number of boys on the roll exceeds seventy, and the number of girls thirty, making the total number of scholars attending this single school upwards of 100.

10<sup>th</sup> May 1873 Several new clauses were to have been moved by Mr. Hutchison in the above Act with the object of re-establishing local school committees, and enforcing the attendance of children at school; but whether these clauses were accepted, modified, or rejected, we have not at present heard. For our part we cannot see how morally or logically the State can enforce the payment of school rates unless they at the same time enforce school attendance. The Education Board has appointed the following local Committees in the Wairarapa: — Greytown, Mr. Lucas and Mr. Hastwell

14<sup>th</sup> May 1873 Greytown School.— We understand that the teacher of this school has been supplied by the Education Board with a full quantity of class books, black boards, and other requisites, including a handsome eight-day clock. The number of scholars now on the roll is 108, being 74 boys and 34 girls

22<sup>nd</sup> May 1873 Next Thursday the members of the Education Board, Messrs... Waterhouse and Andrew, will meet at Greytown, to arrange about the new school, for which £250 has been voted,

7<sup>th</sup> June 1873 Moved by Dr. Smith seconded by Mr. Kempton and carried that the sum of £100 be offered to the Education Board to aid in building a school house and Teacher's residence in Greytown.

7<sup>th</sup> June 1873 Examination of the Education Board. —We have before stated that at the examination held in January last out of 45 candidates 23 passed, out of which 23 eleven passed with credit. We are happy to now add that Mr. T. Wakelin, of the Greytown School, was one of the eleven who passed with credit.

12<sup>th</sup> July 1873 meeting-of the Greytown Trustees was held at the Foresters' Court Room on the 8<sup>th</sup>, inst. Present: Messrs... S. Moles (Chairman), R. Lucas, T. Walker, Dr. Smith, and B. Gallagher. 'The minutes; of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the following correspondence was then read':—1<sup>st</sup>. A letter from the Education Board, expressing the thanks of the Board to the Trustees for their donation of £100 in aid of the proposed new schoolroom and teacher's residence in Greytown.

9<sup>th</sup> July 1873 Greytown School —We have not as yet heard whether Messrs... Waterhouse and Andrew have taken any active steps towards the erection of the new Greytown School buildings. It is a question in which Greytown is interested, and it would perhaps be better if its representative at the Board were to afford the Greytown people a little information on the subject

23<sup>rd</sup> August 1873 It is reported that the delay which is taking place in the erection of a new schoolroom for Greytown is owing to the refusal of one of the Trustees of the present school property to sign the transfer necessary to convey it to the Education Board. It is much to be regretted that from such a cause 120 children should be made to suffer during a vile —should be cribbed, cabined, and confined in a building which is unfitted for any higher purpose than a stable.



If what is rumored be correct some action should be at once taken to demand from the Trustee in question his reasons for refusing his signature; If he can give satisfactory reasons well and good, but if the contrary be the case it is evident that Greytown is subject to a tyranny to which it ought not submit.

There are in the township two settlers to whom the interests of the -school have been committed In our opinion they should take the initiative in the matter.

It cannot be allowed to remain in its present state, and we trust that our calling attention to it will lead to some further action being taken, or some further explanation being given

2<sup>nd</sup> September 1873 wish it had been, my lot to chronicle some improvement in the Greytown schoolhouse. I cannot conceive anything more disgraceful than the school accommodation. To make matters worse during the late severe weather, even there has been no fire. Just imagine the misery and discomfort children undergo in sitting in a cold schoolroom in damp, possibly wet, clothes. The Board will not erect new buildings until the school property is conveyed to them by the old trustees. One trustee refuses to sign the conveyance, being under the impression that the Board intend selling this really eligible business site, and with the proceeds purchasing some more suitable place. This trustee had declared his willingness to join in the conveyances, up to the time when a member of the Board, in taking up the line of action most likely to secure his election to a seat in the Council, assured the electors that the Board would sell this acre and purchase a site in some more desirable locality. It is not only extremely desirable, but really necessary, that the site should be changed ; and it would have been done ere now had not intention to sell not been thrown out as an electioneering bait.

10<sup>th</sup> September 1873 GREYTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL. A MEETING- of Ratepayers interested in the Greytown School will be held in the School room, Greytown, oil Thursday evening next, the 11th Sept., at 7 o'clock, to hear the intentions. of the Board relative to the erection of school house, &c. ' ; W. R. HASTWELL, ROBERT LUCAS, Local Committee. .Greytown

18<sup>th</sup> September 1873 LIQUOR AND LEARNING. TO THE EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT. Sir, — I observed in the letter of your " own correspondent" from Greytown, in Wairarapa, a few days ago, a pitiable account of the condition of the school in that flourishing, or supposed to be flourishing, village. What he says is as follows : — "I wish it had been my lot to chronicle some improvement in the Greytown schoolhouse. I cannot conceive anything more disgraceful than the school accommodation.

To make matters worse during the late severe weather, even there has been no fire. Just imagine the misery and discomfort children undergo in sitting in a cold schoolroom in damp, possibly wet, clothes." It is very sad to think that a state of things " than which the writer can conceive nothing more disgraceful," should exist in the school arrangements of an old settled district like that around Greytown. The cause, however, is not very far to seek. Your correspondent reveals it in the very same letter. In the first place he speaks of the township as being "redolent of beer."

That is I think quite enough to account for its not being redolent of educational machinery. But it appears that the place is not only " redolent of beer," but that its inhabitants think no small beer of themselves that it is so.

For your correspondent brags loudly of the improvements going on in the village. And what are they ? Why chiefly, " two new hotels surpassing anything of the kind in Wairarapa ;" things which he says are "by no means not to be desired." Besides these there is "a club for the upper ten," which only means a public house of another order ; and the ' ' two existing hotels are being considerably enlarged." Now, sir, what chance has the educational machinery against all this machinery for the manufacture of sots, and the waste of money ? The settlers about Greytown must be very well off indeed if they can afford to keep up all these splendid "publics," old and new, topped up with " a club house for the upper ton," and educate their children besides. But for the latter, poor little things, shivering in damp clothes, and without a fire on a winter's day, it seems the spirit and improvement which elevates and adorns the "public," does not exist. Of course not. While the poor babes are blowing their fingers, and rubbing their chilblains, Paterfamilias is sitting in the bar parlor, over a roaring fire, warming his good old nose with fiery compounds, and spending the money that ought to light the schoolhouse fire. His innocent offspring, male or female, may shiver and cry, but ginger shall be hot in his mouth ; the poor little toddler's may go to bed with colds in their heads, but papa will have his "hot comers" in the morning. Two new public houses, more splendid than all their predecessors — a club for the upper ten — and the old houses rendered more attractive than ever — ah ! my dear children, your father cares no more for you and your misery than the ostrich cares for the eggs it has dropped in the desert, and left to be hatched by the sun, or crushed by the foot of the first camel that travels on the sands. But then the ostrich has not deserted her progeny for the bar of the public house, while she has .....

20<sup>th</sup> September 1873 meeting called by Messrs... Eastwell and Lucas with reference to the above was held in the school room, Grey town, on Thursday evening last. Those who attended the meeting had to go ankle deep in mud, and as we splashed through the mire we pitied the poor children who had daily to wade through such a slough

Mr. Payton having been appointed to the Chair explained the object for which the meeting had been called and requested Mr. Lucas to state the intentions of the Board respecting the school.

Mr. Lucas stated that the meeting was called with a view to inform the ratepayers of what the Board proposed to do with reference to building a new school and to ascertain if it met with their approval. Mr. Toomath intended to have been present but a telegram had been received stating that he was confined to his bed by illness. Mr. Revans had also promised to attend but had been prevented by unfavorable weather from doing so. On August LO the Education Board passed the following resolution, " That the Local Committee of the Greytown School be authorised to purchase an acre as a site and proceed with the erection of a new school out of the £250 voted for these purposes by the Board and the £100 granted by the Greytown Trustees."

A copy of this resolution with necessary instructions were forwarded to Mr. Hastwell and himself on 3rd September. With reference to the old acre on which the present building stood,, the Superintendent and Messrs... T. Kempton, and J. Hawke had signed the deed of transfer conveying it to the Board, Mr. Hirschberg, the remaining Trustee, positively refused to sign it. The late Mr. Moles had agreed to sell a suitable site for the erection of new buildings but his Executrix could not now fulfil the agreement as it was in the occupation of a tenant who was not prepared to resign his interest in it. On the 13th of the present month the Local Committee was instructed by the Board to proceed without further delay to erect a building on the old sic unless a new one could be promptly obtained. The Board also authorised the Local Committee to engage Miss Humphries provisionally as a teacher in the Greytown School at such salary as it might deem proper. in answer to some questions

addressed by the meeting Mr. Lucas further stated that the Committee had received offers of sites from Mr. Kempton on land at the back of the .Rising Sun, and from Mr. Frederick King. He also exhibited plans and specifications of the new School which it was proposed to erect. Mr. Caselberg moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Fuller, and carried unanimously,. “That this meeting requests Mr. Hirschberg to resign as a Trustee of the Grey town school acre, or to sign the Deed of Transfer.”

The meeting then adjourned until Thursday next at 7.30 p.m.

24<sup>th</sup> September 1873 NOTICE for a site for building a public school house, three acres, or one acre with the privilege of taking two more adjoining afterwards, near the town sections Greytown will be received until Thursday next, the 25th inst., at; noon by the undersigned. W. R. HASTWELL ROBERT LUCAS. Local School Committee. Greytown, Sept. 20, 1873.

27<sup>th</sup> September 1873 Greytown School. —The adjourned meeting in connection with the erection of new buildings was held on .Thursday evening last, Mr. Caselberg in the chair. There was but a thin attendance, and it was agreed to further adjourn it to this evening with a view to enable Messrs... Hastwell and Lucas, the Local Committee to communicate in the interim with the trustees of Stevens’ estate regarding a site.

1<sup>st</sup> October 1873 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The adjourned meeting of Ratepayers reference to the selection of a new site for the .Greytown school was lib! d. on Saturday evening last, and was cumbrously attended. Mr. Payton, having, appointed to ‘take the chair, read the minutes of the previous meeting, also- a letter from Mr. Hirschberg which slated that has objected on principle-to conveying the school acre to the Education Board, or to resign as trustee, but would be willing to lease the acre for the benefit of the school. . Mr. Lucas stated that the Local Committee had, in accordance with a resolution of the last meeting, placed itself in, communication with the Trustees of Steven’s Estate, but had failed to secure a site from them. Three sites had been offered. by Messrs... King, Kempton,- and Hawke." it now rested .with’ the meeting to express an . Opinion where the new buildings should be erected. Mr. Bragging thought that with so many reserve acres in the township intended for that special purpose there was no necessity for purchasing a new site. Mr. Hirschberg offered to give up any sections which he held under the. Greytown Trustees, providing that a school was' erected thereon.

It was then proposed by Mr. Caselberg, seconded by Mr. Petherick, and carried unanimously, V That a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Hirschberg for his generous offer ; - that this meeting recommends the local Committee-to accept it.” , It 1 was then resolved, on the motion of Mr. Beard, ! r- "V.. “That the Local Committee and, three representatives from the present meeting be appointed-to select a site from’, the sections offered by 'Mr. Hirschberg’] , Messrs... Gallagher, Walker, Humphries, Beard, Byrn, Hawke, Wilkie, and Petherick were respectively proposed for this purpose, and on a vote being taken Messrs... Gallagher, Hawke, and Humphries’ were appointed to act with the local Commit lee. - , It was then resolved on the motion of Mr. Caselberg, seconded by Mr. Kempton, “That the Committee, appointed may decide Upon sites in the town belt oilier than those offered by Mr. Hirschberg.” A good deal of irregular:! discussion" then 1 ensued, Which terminated by the following' resolution, proposed by, Mr. Kempton, , and seconded by Mr. O’Connor being passed “ That the whole of selecting a site be left to the Committee' appointed.” The customary vote of thanks, to, the Chairman terminated the proceedings

8<sup>th</sup> October 1873 Ought Mb Hirschberg to have a Statue ——It has been customary from time immemorial to commemorate the virtues and patriotism of illustrious citizens by the aid of the sculptor’s art. Could not the Greytown settlers by this means transmit to posterity the unstudied attitude and impressive features of this old and honored citizen? When we reflect that by his splendid obstructive powers he has of late deprived the Greytown School of a

grant of £250 we cannot but think that when the question of what is to be done with the school acre in Greytown comes to be again considered, it will be universally agreed to reserve it as a site for a Statue for this well-known patriot,

Greytown School. —Last week Miss Giles, who for some two years has discharged the duties of Teacher in the Greytown School, resigned her appointment. We were pleased to hear that her pupils, on this occasion, expressed their regard for her by means of a little testimonial in the shape of a gift-book. During the time that Miss Giles has been connected with this school, she has gained the confidence and esteem of both parents and pupils who all 'regret that her connection with it is now terminated

Education Board.— We understand the entire Board has now withdrawn its promised building grant towards the Greytown, and probably other local schools. We have let the grass grow under our feet in our sleepy valley, and let our opportunities slip away as usual. Children now must, we presume, continue to be crammed in the present all but indecent hovels. When the Education Board and tire settlers are mutually apathetic progress is necessarily impracticable

Our Schools. —When townships like Masterton and Greytown are supplied by the Board with teachers who are paid a net income, after deducting house rent, &c., of about £90 a year, and the children are packed in hovels which would be indignantly rejected as loose boxes by a groom, we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the immense success of our now Act.

5<sup>th</sup> November 1873 Mixed Schools. —Almost all the schools in this Province are mixed ones, that is girls and boys are taught together in them, Greytown has hitherto been an exception, but we understand that for the future it will be conducted as a mixed school. Some people have a prejudice against mixed schools, imagining that boys and girls cannot be taught together without impropriety. This however is a great mistake, and all over the Colony the system of mixed schools is now accepted as the best one for a limited staff of teachers. Even in a school like that at Timaru, with 400 scholars and a large staff of teachers, the mixed system is adopted. We consider that the alteration which is proposed to be made in the Grey town School a wise one, and we believe that it will have a beneficial effect on the children who are being educated at it. So long as a proper supervision of the children is exercised both in and out of school, much good and no evil will result from both sexes being taught together

17<sup>th</sup> December 1873 Greytown School. A -sum of £4 derived from the Greytown Winter Headings having been' appropriated for the purchase of school prizes, the Rev. Mr. Knell, at the request of the Master and the Local Committee examined the school on Thursday last, with a view to determine to whom the prizes should be awarded. The result was that the highest prize in the 5th Book Class was gained by Jos. Hawke ; next to him were Mary Humphries and Margaret Green, nearly equal. In the 4th Class F. Hirschberg was 1st, M. Varnham, 2nd.: - In the 3rd Class W. Thomas 1st; A. Thomas and Henry-Hawke, 2nds (equal). In the 2nd Class Maude Varnham. And E; Green, 1sts (equal)W.: Humphries and Jas. Baillie, 2nds (equal). On the following day the school broke up for the holidays giving three spontaneous .cheers for their, teachers, Mr. Tom Wakelin and Miss Humphries. The former desires to express his thanks to the Committee for providing a fund for school prizes. The alterations recently made in conducting the school lessons have we believe been attended with satisfactory results, the younger children, to whom, under the system formerly prevailing, but a limited time could- be given, are now, we are informed, progressing rapidly under the assiduous care of Miss Humphries. '—

20<sup>th</sup> December 1873 Teachers' Examination.— The examination of the Wairarapa teachers under the Wellington Education Board was held by Mr. Toomath at Greytown on Wednesday and Thursday last. There were nine teachers who came up for exanimation, five of whom had not been examined before. The teachers consisted of seven males and two females, one of the

former being an advanced pupil in the Greytown School. They were all required to state their views as to the best method of teaching the young.

We understand that the papers had all been well prepared, and as the whole of the questions were carefully graduated the relative acquirements and merits of each teacher could be accurately ascertained. The examination, which is the last that will be conducted by members of the Board, passed off more successfully than any previous examination of the kind, and more interest than on any prior occasion was taken by the teachers in the result. While we hold ourselves at liberty to freely criticise the proceedings of the Board, and to censure them when censure is merited, we are quite as much disposed to accord praise when praise is due, and for that reason we cannot justly omit to express our conviction that no little life has been infused into it by the zealous efforts of Mr. Toomath, to whom the other members of the Board must have been more or less indebted for professional advice and assistance. We are requested by him to publicly thank Mr. Lucas on behalf of the Education Board for having handsomely allowed the use of his auction room for the examination, the Town Hall having been previously engaged for another purpose

## 1874

9<sup>th</sup> January 1874 TO LET OR SELL. An hotel, doing a good business. Wanted, 600 half-bred sheep. For terms, &c, apply to R. MORTON, Licensed Land Broker and Commission Agent. Greytown, November 21, 1873 *Presumably the ex school teacher of Greytown. Often advertng in the Standard*

17<sup>th</sup> January 1874 Greytown School.—As the sum of £9000 has been placed in the schedule of the Public Works Appropriation Bill for school buildings and teachers residences, and are included amongst those works that are to be first undertaken, we should be neglecting our obvious and imperative duty if we did not press upon the Government, the Education Board, or whatever body may be entrusted with the above grant, the claim which Greytown has to liberal consideration at its hands.

Unlike most other school districts Greytown has never yet received a single penny from the Provincial or any other public funds towards the erection of school buildings, - and it was moreover a loan was granted, not by the Government, but by the Small Farm Association, as for a school house and a teachers residence. and being the case, and when regard be had to the large number of children that attend the school, to its central position in the district and to the offer of £100 out of the Greytown Trust Funds towards the erection of school buildings, we think it will be conceded that Greytown has a better claim for liberal consideration than can be advanced by any other place in the province ; and we trust that such school buildings will be forthwith erected that will be a credit to the town and prove commensurate with its growing requirements. The above remarks, though strictly applicable to Greytown, apply in most, particulars to Masterton also. While Tire Taita, Tauherenikau, Moroa. and various other places have had school houses and teachers residences erected, chiefly at the cost of the Government. Masterton and Greytown should certainly not, under the circumstances, be left any longer out in the cold.

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1874 The letter to the Provincial Secretary relative to the votes already passed by the Board for school buildings was read, as under :— Greytown, in addition to £100 voted by local association, £250

10<sup>th</sup> March 1874 Perhaps there never was more dissatisfaction felt at Greytown, and never any dissatisfaction better grounded, than that which prevails at present on account of the insufficient offer by the Education Board of £250 towards the erection of school buildings at Greytown out of the £9000 grant the Board has at its disposal.

The resolution of the Town Trustees on the subject is but a faint expression—an imperfect echo of the just complaints of the settlers on this matter; and we understand a letter has been addressed to the Hon. Mr. Waterhouse on the subject by means of which the feelings of the Trustees can be better ascertained than they could be by the bare perusal of the resolution we have referred to. It would be seen by the letter we published in our last that the Board elate that it would be impossible for them to establish schools everywhere that is desired, but we contend that it is the duty of the Board to do so if there are any large number of children of school age in the locality, and that if there are not funds to do it that funds must be raised for the purpose. No doubt that where practicable one good central school in full time is of far more benefit than a number of small halftime schools, but how when it is not practicable, and when the establishment of such a central school, and the closing of small schools, would result in preventing three fourths of the children resident in outlying districts from attending any school at all on account of the distance they would have to travel. If the Board cannot provide these small schools where they are wanted they must be provided by some other body, or children in rural districts will not have the means of school instruction placed within their reach.

17<sup>th</sup> March 1874 The Education Board met yesterday. It was resolved to postpone consideration of applications received from several teachers for increased salaries until the Inspector had reported, and to allow £20 per annum for house rent from 31st December, to all certified teachers for whom no residence had been provided. The Board declined to admit liability for the £1 weekly rent for the Greytown Town Hall, because the delay in building the schoolhouses had arisen from the dilatoriness of the settlers in choosing a site.

24<sup>th</sup> March 1874 Greytown School. —It will be remembered that a few days ago the Greytown Trustees remonstrated with the Board, through Mr. Waterhouse, on the unsatisfactory amount of the grant which had been apportioned to the Greytown school. We now learnt that Mr. Waterhouse has succeeded in inducing the Board to remedy the injustice complained of, and that an additional £100 is to be added to the £250 already voted.

8<sup>th</sup> May 1874 R MORTON BOOKSELLER and STATIONER, Greytown, has on hand, and is arriving, a large assortment of BOOKS and STATIONERY, which he sells at Wellington prices. R M. will open in Masterton as soon as his new premises are completed. The trade supplied, Greytown, 1st May, 1874.

19<sup>th</sup> May 1874 Education Board.—A meeting of the Board was held on Friday when it was resolved to give a bonus of £10 to Mr. Jupp, of the East Masterton (*Masterton Central School*) school, and when the question of providing stoves for the schools at Grey town and Carterton was postponed. The proposal to give eight teachers whose salaries had been reduced by a resolution of the Board their former salaries for a period of twelve months, was rejected, Mr. Hutchinson alone voting for it.

30<sup>th</sup> June 1874 Some hypercritical people say that the Greytown Hall is an unhealthy place for children at this season of the year, and that there should be some warming apparatus in it. Surely they forget the cane, that incomparable generator of caloric ! If that be properly applied stoves and chimneys are alike unnecessary.

But to keep some 70 or 80 children at a proper state of temperature is calculated to absorb the whole energies of him who bears the ferule, and I do not say but that an assistant teacher ought to be provided for administering the anti-refrigerator.

18<sup>th</sup> July 1874 SMALL BEER CHRONICLES.

The Greytown Trustees have requested the Education Board to remove the school children from the Town Hall. Possibly the former apprehend infant mortality on their premises if the

youngsters were left there to freeze any longer. The peripatetic teachers and the hundred school-less scholars are ordered to move on Where to? Echo alone answers "Where" There is wanted immediately in or near Greytown, storeroom for five score children. An outhouse will do, but a bam would be preferred. For further particulars apply to the Board

10<sup>th</sup> August 1874 A letter was, received from Mr. Wakelin, Master of the Greytown school on the subject of education there, making various suggestions. The, Secretary stated that the longer use of the Greytown Hall for the school had been refused and the children turned out. He had received a letter from Mr. R. Lucas on the subject explaining that an outlay of about £4 would be required to make the old school house practicable and with the authority of the chairman he had telegraphed authorising the expenditure. The course was approved by the Board, Mr. Lucas further resigned his seat on the local committee, recommending Mr. R. Morton as his successor. The Chairman suggested that the Greytown Hall trustees and local committee should be informed that in consequence of the delay on the part of the Provincial Executive to give the Board any satisfactory answer in reference to the promised pecuniary assistance, the Board could not do anything as to school buildings until it received such answer. This was agreed to

15<sup>th</sup> August 1874 Greytown SCHOOL ~ A MEETING of the settlers of the Greytown School District will be held at the Institute. Greytown, on Wednesday evening, the 19th August, 1874, at 8 o'clock, n.m. to select two of their number to act with Mr. W R. Hastwell, as members of the Local Committee of Advice.

ROBERT LUCAS. SALE AT AUCTION. MR. R. LUCAS will sell at his Rooms, Greytown, on Wednesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> August :.....

22<sup>nd</sup> August 1874 School Meeting.— A meeting called by Mr. Lucas to select, in accordance with instructions from the Education Board, two settlers in Grey town to act with Mr. Hastwell we 11 ns t< local committee of advice, was held on Wednesday evening last, at the upper room of the Institute. Only five persons were present, and as, in their opinion, it was desirable that the subject should be brought under the notice of a larger number of settlers than were then present, and as the unfavorable weather on that evening might have prevented others from being present, it was resolved, on the motion of the Rev. A. Knell, that the meeting should stand adjourned till Wednesday evening next, and that an effort should be made to secure .then a larger attendance. Mr. Lucas, who was in the chair, explained the objects of the meeting, and by request read a circular describing the duties of the committee. A general opinion was expressed by those present with regard to the later, to the effect that it threw heavy responsibilities on a local committee, while at the same time it did not confer any authority or power.

26<sup>th</sup> August 1874 Greytown School—Wo would remind the parents of children attending tins school that to-night a meeting will be held at the Institute for the purpose of selecting two settlers to form a local Committee for the school. It is very desirable that there should be a full attendance, for if the parents them-# selves do not take an interest in questions of this kind, the chance of the interests of the school being duly cared for is a poor one

We notice that the examiners of the University, of New Zealand report that Mr. Tim Wakelin. of the Greytown school, in their" late examination, passed creditably in mathematics, English, and History

29<sup>th</sup> August 1874 Greytown School Committee. —The adjourned meeting for selecting, at the request of the Education Board, two settlers to form with Mr. Hastwell the heal Committee of this school was held at the Institute on Wednesday last. Mr. Payton having, on the motion of the Rev A. Knoll, taken the chair, read advertisement calling the meeting, and explained that from other business be prepared to submit names of a local Committee to the meeting to do so. The Rev A. Knell said he had no names to propose, but desired to say a few words on the subject. It appeared that the Education Board threw rather responsible duties on local

committees—shifting, as it were, their own responsibilities on to the shoulders of the latter without giving them adequate powers for discharging them.

Last year throughout the District school buildings had been out of repair, and there had been a general clamor against the Board for the means to put them in a more satisfactory state. The reply of the Board to all applications and remonstrance's had been "We have got no money!" He did not think this answer of the Board had been altogether a sufficient one. Though no school had been built here, he saw some had been built on the West Coast, and he would like to know if any settlement there had offered, as Grey town had done, to contribute £100 towards the cost of a new building. The Provincial Government had advanced £2274 to the Board on building account. He would like to know where all the money had been spent; certainly none of it had been spent in this District. He also showed that in the matter of teachers' salaries the Featherston District, to which Greytown belonged, contrasted unfavorably with other districts. From the Featherston District £602, according to last report presented to the Council, had been collected and £500 spent. In Wellington £557 had been collected and £1888 spent. In Manawatu £278 had been collected and £940 spent. While the Board spent £7 per head on each child in the Manawatu District, it only spent £2 per head on each child in this District. He showed that the Board had neglected this district in their expenditure to favor others which probably from having more active local committees or representatives, had been able to bring their claims more strongly under the notice of the Board. He thought if a local Committee were selected by that meeting it would be responsible to the settlers for the interests which it would represent being better attended to than they had been heretofore. He also pointed out the unreasonable catalogue of duties assigned to local Committees in the Board's circular, and considered that one of them, No 3, as matters stood at present was sufficient occupation for a Committee. The following resolution was then proposed by Mr. Hornblow seconded by Mr. Humphries, and carried unanimously:—"That this meeting thanks the Board for its courtesy in permitting the settlers in this district to select two members of a local Committee, but in the present unsatisfactory state of affairs the meeting does not care to undertake the responsibility of so doing, and would prefer that the Board should select its own Committee." In supporting this resolution Mt Knell pointed out that if the meeting acted otherwise it would put Mr. Hastwell in a false position to give him two coadjutors nominated at a public meeting to which they would be responsible, while he himself was nominated directly by the Board and only responsible to it

7<sup>th</sup> September 1874 letter was read from Mr. Lucas to the effect that the Greytown settlers declined to appoint a member of the local committee. Mr. Andrew proposed that the Rev A. Knell be requested to accept the office of member of the local committee at Grey town

18<sup>th</sup> November 1874 Greytown School.—In another column designs are invited for new school buildings to be erected on the school acre, Greytown

9<sup>th</sup> December 1874 We regret to learn that Mr. Morton, bookseller, of Greytown, has been unable to meet his liabilities with his creditors. We understand that these amount to £973, of which £300 are secured. The causes of the failure are ascribed to ill health, and to the pressure of a few creditors. For the past six months Mr. Morton's health has been so bad as to prevent him from satisfactorily discharging his numerous duties; and he - had been advised by his doctor to give up business for a time, but was unwilling to do so\* until at last he has been allowed to have no option in the matter. Mr. Morton's assets are estimated at £930, but it is to be feared sad havoc will be made of these by forced sales and law expenses.

12<sup>th</sup> December 1874 The Greytown School—Last week the master of 'the Grey town school invited the parents of children to display some interest in the progress of the schools by contributing towards a fund for school prizes. This application has we understand been responded to pretty generally. Mr. M. Caselberg, who always takes an active interest in education, heading the list of donations with a guinea.



23<sup>rd</sup> December 1874 TENDERS are invited for the erection of a new SCHOOL HOUSE at GREYTOWN. Plans and Specifications may be seen on application to the undersigned. Tenders will be received up to Jan. 19th. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. R. HASTWELL.

## 1875

2<sup>nd</sup> January 1875 At Greytown, on the 31st ult., the wife of Mr. Tom Wakelin of a son.

19<sup>th</sup> January 1875 The Wairarapa Standard understands that Mr. Morton, of Greytown, has been offered the second mastership in the Wellington High School, Mr. Bowden's

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1875 Greytown School —The tenders received for the new building have been forwarded to the Board, and will no doubt be determined at their next fortnightly meeting

27<sup>th</sup> January 1875 Greytown Local Board reported Moved by Mr. Payton, seconded by Mr. Kempton—" That tenders be at once invited for filling in excavation in front of the Greytown school." Carried.

3<sup>rd</sup> February 1875 The tender of Messrs... Bishop and Hawkins for the new Greytown school, £328 10s, was accepted, conditionally on the contribution of £100 promised by the district being paid in Wellington Education Board meeting

9<sup>th</sup> March 1875 CONTRACT FOR GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

(TO EDITOR OF THE STANDARD.

Sir —There were plans called for some three months ago ; tenders- were sent in, and that of Messrs.. Bishop and Hawkins accepted. I spoke to one of the contractors, who informed me that he had received no notice from the Board. Who is to blame The Board or Mr. Hastwell 1 Is the local committee appointed only in the interests of the Board ? Surely they might make enquiries if only in a business-like way, and let it be understood what has caused the delay. Instead of the school being finished by the end of summer, it will not be begun. Surely it is somebody's business' to see to this. What consideration has been shown to allow; children,, not big enough to look after themselves, to be kept longer in the present utterly inadequate school stable. I am, &c, Agriculture

17<sup>th</sup> March 1875 The tender of A. A. Wallace, £328, for the Greytown new school, was accepted ; also that of W. B. Allen, £70, for converting the old school into a master's residence. *In another report contractor was spelt as Wallis*

3<sup>rd</sup> April 1875 Greytown School.— Mr. A. Wallis, the contractor, is now busily engaged in putting up this much needed, long waited for, edifice. The same contractor will have the erection of the Featherston School as soon as a sum of, we believe, about £30 has been raised locally, as a subsidy to the Board vote

6<sup>th</sup> April 1875 FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GREYTOWN TRUST LANDS, APRIL 2nd 1875.

Your Trustees now beg to present to this annual general meeting, a report of their proceedings during the past year, together with a statement of accounts for the same period. In the last annual report of your trustees, reference was made to the occupation of the Town Hall by the Board of Education for the purpose of the school, also the correspondence between the Board and your trustees, respecting the erection of a new school house and teacher's residence, towards which your trustees had offered assistance to the Board to the amount of £100. Your trustees finding that so long as the Hall was allowed to be used by the school no steps were taken by the Board towards the erection of the new buildings, they, at meeting held the 3rd July last, resolved to give the Board a month's notice to quit, which expired on the 1st August last, when the hall was vacated by the school Your trustees have now the pleasure to state that they have been informed by the Board that tenders for both a school house, and teacher's

residence have been accepted. Application has therefore been made by the Board for £100 promised which will shortly be handed over. Your trustees therefore hope that the long existing want of sufficient school accommodation in Greytown will soon be supplied.

29<sup>th</sup> July 1875 THE LATE EXAMINATION. Sir, —Apparently by the result of the late examination the master of the Greytown school takes the highest position of any teacher throughout the Province. This not only reflects credit to himself but indirectly to the township, and if there is any spirit in educational matters among the settlers of it they will not let the occasion pass without in some way or other acknowledging the position which their schoolmaster has attained. I fear, however, that what another township might regard as an honor Greytown will view with indifference. Yours, Ac., Nemo.

29<sup>th</sup> July 1875 The report on the late examination of teachers was read and adopted. Fifty-one candidates presented themselves, of whom thirty-seven sat in Wellington, six in Greytown, five in Wanganui, and three in Marton. There were only two teachers who obtained first-class certificates, and these were T. Wakelin, master of the Greytown school, and Arthur England, assistant-master, grammar school, Wanganui. Mr. Gover, Wanganui school, obtained a third class certificate, and Marion Humphries (*Greytown*), pupil teacher (third year), also passed. The other candidates at Greytown, it would appear failed to do so. Mr. Skipper, Taratahi school, sent in his resignation, and Mr. Ross, on the recommendation of the Inspector was appointed in his stead. The purchase of the site for the school at Tenui, 10 acres, at £5 per acre was, confirmed.

1<sup>st</sup> July 1875 The contribution of firewood for schools has been fixed by the Board at one cord per annum to each fireplace. At Wellington this subsidy would be equal to perhaps 40 shillings per annum at Greytown to 10 shillings. A cord of wood at this season of the year would possibly last a month at the Greytown school. N(A cord is 4 foot wide x 4 foot high x 8 foot long 4 feet is 1,21 Meters)

27<sup>th</sup> July 1875 The Greytown school has been taken over by Mr. A. Wakelin, on behalf of the Education Board, from Mr. Wallis, the contractor, and the Local Committee yesterday placed the building in charge of the Head Teacher. It will be opened to-morrow for school purposes. The building is a very large one in the form of the letter |\_. The largest side measures 50 x 20 feet. The walls and ceilings are matched-lined, and every provision has been made for ventilation. The building has been completed in a very workmanlike manner. The desks and forma were made by Mr. Henderson, of Featherston, who, on a previous occasion completed his contract to the entire satisfaction of the Inspector. The whole school has been reclassified upon examination on the recommendation of the Inspector. Owing to the irregular attendance and variable capacities of the pupils, periodical examinations and reclassifications, are found to be necessary. The average attendance for the last half year has been nearly a hundred, and it is expected, now that the new school building is opened the attendance will be considerably increased

16<sup>th</sup> October 1875 We are glad to learn that the fencing of the Greytown school acre with a boarding fence has been authorised. This improvement is a very necessary one and will be a convenience to both the teachers and children attending the school

23<sup>rd</sup> November 1875 A MEETING of Ratepayers and Parents of Children attending the Greytown School will be held at the abovementioned school house, on Monday the 29th November, at 7 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of electing a Local Committee for the said school. By order of the Board, CHARLES C. GRAHAM, Secretary.

## 1876

4<sup>th</sup> January 1876 The Local Committee of the Greytown Public School organized yesterday a picnic for the children and a reunion for the parents and friends in the evening. Owing to unfavorable weather the children whose number appeared to be legion, adjourned from the

green grass paddock where they were to sport to the Town Hall, where they feasted and made merry till evening, when they were succeeded by older folk, who enjoyed a very pleasant dance, which was the programme for the evening. Too much praise cannot be given to the Local Committee, for the whole of their arrangements; they worked hard from first to last, and everything which they did was well done, and gave satisfaction. Mr. Caselberg. the Chairman announced amid cheers at the close of the dance that the Committee would make the celebration an annual one.

29<sup>th</sup> January 1876 At the meeting pf the Education Board on Wednesday a pump was authorised to be erected for the Greytown school, and some slight alterations in the furniture were also authorised

5<sup>th</sup> February 1876 The Greytown School Committee recently wrote to the inspector of Schools respecting the establishment of a night school In reply Mr. Lee says:—"In reference to the night school, which the committee seem anxious to open, I write to say that I believe night schools excellent institutions, that the Committee might allow the use of the room for night schools, and that such schools should be open about an hour and a half for say three nights per week. Writing, arithmetic, spelling, and English Grammar, should be the principal subjects taught\* I cannot recommend Mr. Wakelin to take an active part in the work, as he has already a hard poet In case a good night school could be maintained an assistant master would no doubt undertake it. I write merely to advise on the subject under the Board of Education at present has taken no action re night schools.

8<sup>th</sup> February 1876 From a letter published in our lost issue it will be seen that the Local Committee of the Greytown school are endeavouring establish a night school for the winter months. We trust they will be able to succeed in their laudable endeavor.

25<sup>th</sup> March 1875 Assistant Master for Greytown School wanted

2<sup>nd</sup> May 1875 An assistant master has been appointed to the Greytown public school; his name is Mr. Samuel, and he will we understand, at once commence his duties. The soiree to be held tomorrow evening in connection with this school is likely to be well attended, and prove successful for the object for which it has been got up, viz., the purchase of school prizes We believe that many of the ladies in Greytown will take an interest in the public school of the township have consented to assist in promoting a soiree which is fixed to come off to-morrow evening. The proceeds of this little affair will be appropriated for the purchase of school prizes. It is arranged that dancing will be the principal feature of the occasion and the new school room Will be cleared and prepared for the accommodation of visitors. Parents of pupils and friends can obtain tickets of admission from the schoolmaster At a meeting of the Local Committee of the Greytown school held last evening Mr. Barnard was appointed to act as secretary to the Committee and as Treasurer to the night school. It will be seen by an advertisement that the Committee have arranged to open a night school at once. It will be conducted every Monday Wednesday and Thursday evening under the superintendence of Mr. Samuel and it is hoped that some of the residents in Greytown will volunteer to assist the master in charge- The movement is a very commendable one and reflects great credit on the Local Committee. We wish it every success-

4<sup>th</sup> May 1876 NIGHT SCHOOL. On and after Monday the 8th inst. a Night School will be commenced in the public schoolroom, Greytown, under the superintendence of Mr. Samuel, Assistant Teacher Greytown School, and will be continued every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening. Hours from 7 to 9 p.m. Fee 1s per week. The assistance of gentlemen who may be disposed to assist in teaching it solicited. M. CASELBERG. Chairman Local Committee, Greytown School.

9<sup>th</sup> May 1876 The Greytown Night School was opened last evening by Mr. Samuel. Twelve pupils were in attendance

16<sup>th</sup> May 1876 TENDERS are required for levelling A Greytown School ground and gravelling Footpaths. to be sent. to the undersigned by noon of Monday the 22nd inst, from whom particulars can be ascertained. M. CASELBERG Chairman Local Committee.

6<sup>th</sup> June 1876 We understand that fresh tenders for levelling and filling in the Greytown school acre will be invited, so soon as a proper specification of the work to be done can be prepared. The Greytown night school under charge of Mr. Samuel assistant teacher to the public school is progressing, the number on the roll now being twenty seven. The services of volunteer teachers to a limited extent have been obtained but more are wanted.

11th July 1876 With reference to the difference between the head master of the Greytown school, and the School Board for the Province of Wellington, we are happy to state, upon the authority of the assistant-master, Mr. Samuel, that the matter originated in a misunderstanding, and that the report of the Inspector, adopted by the Board, entirely removes any imputation on the veracity of Mr. Wakelin

29<sup>th</sup> June 1876 A COMPLAINT. A letter from Mr. Wakelin, the master at Greytown, which had been read at the previous meeting and referred to the Inspector to report on, was brought up for consideration. Mr. Wakelin complained that the Inspector had required him to instruct the assistant teacher how to perform his duties, under threat of dismissal if he declined to obey this order which he (Mr. Wakelin) contended was outside of the existing regulations, and practically amounted to a new rule, which would impose on him extra and arduous duties. He therefore claimed the Board's protection against these "invasive" instructions on the part of the Inspector, as his present work was quite as much as his health would stand. The Inspector made a written report on the subject, explaining that his instructions to Mr. Wakelin were merely that he should give the assistant master such general hints and counsel as a head master naturally might be expected to give to a subordinate who was new to the work and inexperienced. Mr. Wakelin's letter did not give a fair version of what passed. His threat of dismissal referred, not to the point alleged, but to other matters connected with the management of the school, which had not been at all satisfactory. Mr. Beetham said he had some conversation with Mr. Wakelin on the subject, when the account of the latter quite agreed with that given by the Inspector. He believed the whole difficulty arose from a misapprehension between the two. Mr. Pharazyn moved that the Board approved of the Inspector's action in the matter. Mr. Andrew thought this motion too strong, and likely to hurt the feelings of a sensitive man. Mr. Toomath thought the Inspector's instructions on the point at issue were reasonable and proper. Ultimately it was resolved, that as the management of a school rests with the head master, and therefore necessitates compliance with his method and wishes by the assistant, it becomes the duty of the head master to show his assistant, and explain to him in what way the teaching of the school can be best carried on. Also, that the Board approves of the Inspector's report on Mr. Wakelin's complaint, and instructs that a copy of the said report be forwarded to him.

18<sup>th</sup> July 1876 DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

A month or so ago, it may be remembered, a number of those ladies and gentlemen who interest themselves in the advancement of the Greytown School provided for a soiree which was held in the large, new schoolroom and was very successful. The proceeds of this soiree were large, and a portion of these proceeds were devoted to the purchase of school prizes; while a smaller portion was set aside for gymnastic appliances. The school Committee had been asked if they would see to a public presentation of prizes and they took this duty. Owing however to the important business engagements of the Chairman (Mr. Caselberg) they have not been able to attend to this and in consequence of the playground becoming filthy in winter a series of pools it was found inadvisable at present to provide gymnastic appliances. As compensation for not having a public presentation's have been requested to notice more fully than we should otherwise do the merits, of the successful scholars. During the last week in

June the school was carefully and completely examined by the Head Teacher, personally. leading scholars of the different classes are seen below. It will be well however it to give a full view of the prize takers, and to re-notice books of greater or less value presented at Easter For the best reading and dictation, Flora Maxton received a very elegant prize, presented by the Rev A. Knell For the best arithmetic, Helen Fuller received a volume similar to the previous, given by W. R. Hastwell Esq. For the best reading only, William Thomas was presented (by J. Payton, Esq.) with a handsome volume. These prize were practically only open to the higher classes. For the best reading, open to all the other classes a valuable prize was presented to Harriet Cole by Miss Humphries. The best scholars, an proved by the midwinters examination are given below. The classes are named according to their books : The highest, or Sixth Royal Reader class—1<sup>st</sup> George Terry, with great merit in arithmetic, geography and grammar; 2nd. Helen Fuller (nearly equal), generally excellent The Fifth Class—1st John Ramsay ; 2nd. Henry Hawke. The Fourth Class—1st Frederick Wilkie, with great credit; Joseph Jackson equal; 2nd. Annie Morris. The Second Sequel Class—1st William Morris, with excellent work ; 2nd. Emma Whybrow. First Royal Reader—1st William Reynolds ; 2nd. George Stevens, perfect in arithmetic. Primer Class—1st James Knight; Thomas Walker equal ABC Class—1st James Judd; 2nd Arthur Hawkes Special Prize—For best geography, grammar, and history —George ?. Honorable mention, Frederick Barratt for admirable composition ; Alice Hawke great excellence in ending and dictation. Prizes to the above who had not already received any were distributed at the school yesterday, with many others of various values.

Altogether the books presented this half year have amounted to £12

5<sup>th</sup> December 1876 The Standard says : — The Inspector of schools is now in the Wairarapa, holding his annual examinations. The school standards elicit much interest, especially the two highest, for passing in which, certificates are given by the Board of Education. On Tuesday and Wednesday Mr. Lee, attended the Greytown School, when there were present 127 out of 140 on the roll. The alphabet class was examined collectively, and the scholars individually, of the other classes, from the Primer up to sixth Royal Reader. The weak and strong points of the school were commented upon by Mr. Lee who declared the school to be quite as good in results as last year with a little improvement in several points, noticeably in the percentage of passes of the first standard and in standard 4.

9<sup>th</sup> December 1876 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

PRESENTATION OP PRIZES. The periodical and systematic examination of schools conducted by Mr. Lee, the able Inspector, must necessarily tend to excite emulation, not only between pupils, but also between teachers. One of the results of the recent inspection of the Greytown school was a presentation of prizes, which took place on Thursday afternoon to those scholars who had obtained the highest number of mark# at the examination in the various standards. Helen Fuller and Martha Morris Were especially successful in obtaining very valuable prizes, one of which was a very handsome polished totara writing desk, suitably filled with stationery, So. In presenting a handsome volume to George Terry the master took occasion to thank him for the assistance he had given as monitor, which had been well performed under considerable difficulties. Previous to the presentation the master, Mr. T. Wakelin, made the following report:—

Though now nearly equalled by the Masterton, this school still continues to be the largest in the Wairarapa. I should always desire to report occasionally on the general condition of whatever public trust I had the charge of. Perhaps, too, the public themselves, or any others more particularly interested, would now and (hen like to know as a mere matter of information what had been the course of such an Institution as a large public echoed. , Indeed, the public would require from me such a statement but that it is brought under the strict inspection of a gentleman highly qualified by experience and education for the duty. I would

speaking briefly on the general condition of the school and more fully on some important points. I am placed in public relationship to three bodies—parents, School Committee, and the Education Board—and I trust the condition of this relationship is satisfactory. I will remark, however, in regard to parents that it is important that if children are to be well taught that they should attend regularly, and that parents would excuse me in getting the best books, though they are rather more expensive, even before they have finished others when a general change is necessary. That the School Committee should give me the power to effect inexpensive necessary repairs and trifling alterations.

The teaching has been very heavy during the year in consequence of a large attendance and numerous classes. The various subjects allowed by the Board are nearly all taught from the highest to the lowest. Especially has the work been heavy of late when generally 130 scholars have been at school. The Inspector of Schools has complained in two reports of deficiency in general management. I have had, however, far too much personal teaching to do to attend to this matter, except in a very insufficient manner. Outside the ordinary school duties then, and many others that take up a great deal of one's time—school fees, correspondence and returns, teacher tuition. Supplies to the school are important to teachers, and I think of interest to scholars and parents. I beg to be allowed to remark somewhat fully on the results of the examination held the other day. The classes (two) preparing for the first standard have been taught by Miss Marion Humphries, who passed the last examination for pupil teachers (of the third year) first in the Province in a list of eight, and has acquired in Mr. Lee's opinion considerable skill in teaching. Taking the sections of the standards in regular order, the reading of these classes was shewn to be but moderate; the writing and spelling good; and the arithmetic of unusual merit. Mr. Samuel, a gentleman of good education but little experience in teaching, has had charge during the last six months (since appointment) of the class preparing for the second standard, and also the primer book class; The teaching of the latter class on the whole was good. Of the class preparing for the second standard, the reading was good; writing and dictation deficient; the arithmetic backward, but the teaching quite satisfactory. Fair work, however, was expected on the whole, as the classes were beyond the standards. The two classes preparing for the third and fourth standards have been taught wholly by myself. Of the class preparing for the third standard the reading good and composition satisfactory; history and geography moderate; arithmetic satisfactory. I should like to remark here that in my own estimation this class in arithmetic was one of the best prepared classes in the school, and that at times an examination cannot be depended on altogether as a test of the scholars knowledge. Two scholars passed in the fourth standard. The arithmetic of both was highly commended by Mr. Lee. The geography and history of George Terry was of high merit. Miss Fuller mastered the difficult grammar paper in an excellent manner, was good in reading, and fair in history and geography. The questions this year for the fourth standard were printed. On the whole I suppose the results are quite satisfactory, and Miss Humphries deserves special praise for the success of one class, and I am myself highly gratified at Miss Fuller passing the highest standard of the Education Board with so much success. There has been an increase in the percentage in those passing standards I and II.

The Inspector of Schools has taken the copybooks partly for writing and required the repetition from memory of a piece of poetry. This had no doubt improved the copybook writing and the reading, and forced the consideration of the teachers directly to these two points. This year teachers will have to prepare for an expansion of the second and third standards. In the second standard scholars will require, to know the outlines of the world and parts of speech, and in the third standard parsing. All three points being additional requirements. I have on two occasions tried to get some special prize for the best scholars passing the standards III and IV. Though meeting with some support I could not get over all the difficulties that lay in the way. Perhaps however one or two valuable prizes could be

provided for the best scholar in the Wairarapa who had not passed, standard IV.; the examination for which should in my opinion be special and go beyond the strict requirements for standard IV. Mr. Lee would perhaps put himself to the trouble of preparing the examination papers. If I thought such a proposal would be received favorably I would see about carrying it out.

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8<sup>th</sup> February 1877 There were only seventeen scholars in the whole Province who passed Standard IV. at the late examination. There were none in Wanganui and only two in the whole of the Wairarapa. The best in the Province was Annie Duncan of the Tawa Flat school; W. Callaghan, Thorndon, second; and Mary Young, Terrace school, and Helen Fuller, Greytown School stand third. The other in the Wairarapa who passed Standard IV. was George Terry, also of the Greytown school.

8<sup>th</sup> February 1877 Inspector's Report Greytown school is the largest in the Wairarapa, and has considerably improved in average attendance during the year. The results, as a whole, are very satisfactory; and in the higher Standards better work has been done than in any other school in the Wairarapa. I should, however, like to see such improvements effected in the general system of work as I have pointed out, principally with a view to greater uniformity in the work done, and an even distribution of the teaching power. Ten per cent, better passes are required in Standards I. and H. to bring the school up to a very good Standard. 55 good passes were made at the late examination, but 16 is rather a large number classed as unsatisfactory. There is good teaching power in the school.

21<sup>st</sup> April 1877 On Thursday last there were over 130 in attendance at the Greytown School, and as the school house was only built to seat 136 scholars, the school room was nearly full.

8<sup>th</sup> May 1877 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS. SCHOOL SOIREE. MR. WAKELIN begs most sincerely to thank those ladies and gentlemen who so liberally and kindly provided for or assisted at, the Soiree on the 30<sup>th</sup> ult., in the Town Hall, Greytown; to acknowledge the gratification felt at its success by those who are Connected with the school; to express regret for any shortcomings; and to give the following very satisfactory statement that the gross proceeds amounted to £13 10s 6d. Tbs. Expenses were as follow: —Hall £3; printing, £1. 15s; various, £1 19s 9d; leaving as net result, £7 4s 9d,

14<sup>th</sup> July 1877 GREYTOWN SCHOOL HOUSE.

(To the Editor of the Standard ) Moroa, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1877. The new Teacher's residence in Featherston is a credit to the township. Particularly as, when compared with one at Greytown.

Considering that this school is the largest, and most important in the district the Teacher's residence is a disgrace to the township, and reflects very little credit on the Education Board. Possibly the worst in the district, certainly it is worse than those of either of the other townships. But Greytown will always have its rights trampled upon, as long as it remains so lethargic on all questions concerning its welfare. The GREYTOWN teacher must be remarkably endowed with patience, to be content with such a wretched home. The Education Board would do well before rebuilding any more School Houses, to turn their attention to Greytown. I am, T. L.

14<sup>th</sup> July 1877 GREYTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL. PRIZES will be presented on MONDAY next at 2 p.m. The attendance of Parents and Friends invited. T. C. BARNARD. Secretary

19<sup>th</sup> July 1877 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

Presentation of Prizes. On Monday afternoon, pursuant to announcement, a number of prizes, amounting to about 100 altogether, and ranging in value from 1d to 16s were publicly presented to those pupils who had most distinguished themselves during a recent examination, whose conduct in and out of school had been most commendable, or who had been most regular in their attendance.



The Rev A. Knell presided, and a considerable number of the relatives and friends of the pupils were present. There were 62 girls and 77 boys in attendance. Before the presentation took place the head master, Mr. T. Wakelin, stated that though there were 160 on the books the average attendance had not exceeded 114, shewing a great irregularity in attendance, which operated in many respects to the school, the teachers and the scholars. There were two sorts of prizes, one for regularity of attendance and one for scholarship. Besides these there were special prizes for good conduct, in and out of school; for it was found that there were some whose conduct was excellent in school, but whose conduct out of school was not good. The prizes were given by the community, to whom he felt under deep obligations, and more particularly to Mr. Hastwell and Mr. St George; the former had subscribed most liberally to the fund, while Mr. St George had given three handsome volumes, as prizes. He referred to the fact of the desks, by mistake, having been made four inches too high, and though he had frequently made representations of the circumstances to the committee, and the Board, the defect complained of had not yet been remedied. He regretted that several scholars who would have stood an excellent chance of taking a Scholarship, had never gone up for examination, and though there were one or two this year, who, if they presented themselves would be likely to pass, would very probably decline to avail themselves of the prizes offered to them, which might be estimated at the value of £60 This was not fair to the school, the master, or the scholar; and he should be keen to see some little pressure brought on the parents to induce them to avail themselves of the advantages offered. The Rev A. Knell was very glad indeed that the master had given the explanation he had 'done, as it had relieved him of the necessity of making a set speech on the occasion, which though very easy to listen to was not always so easy to deliver. He might mention that he been asked by the Committee, prior to the breaking-up for the mid-winter holidays, to examine the children in conjunction with Mr. Haines, but he found they had been so thoroughly examined by the master, and that the answers to the questions which had been put to them shewed they were so well grounded in the different subjects they had been taught, that it was wholly unnecessary, and to some extent, cruel to subject the children to another examination. He was glad to and that notice was of the behaviour of the children out of school, as well as in school, for a child to be taught even to play properly was no unimportant branch of education. How, however, that could be done in so confined a place as their present school ground, it would be difficult to imagine. He trusted the Committee would alter the existing state of things as soon as possible by obtaining at least two acres more in proximity to ' the school, for a playground. He trusted also that they would never rest satisfied until they had obtained a better residence for the master. The teacher's residence was no credit to Greytown, and in this respect was behind all the other townships in the valley. With reference to what had fallen from the master relative to scholarships, he felt that the course which had been taken was not fair to him, nor to the scholar. He should be very glad indeed to see a boy from the Greytown School, obtain a scholarship, and he was quite sure that any funds that would be required to enable him to pursue his studies at Wellington, would be gladly provided. The irregularity of attendance was to be regretted, and for himself he could not conceive how a parent could be so indifferent to the welfare of his child as not to enquire each day how he had got on at School. After some very appropriate remarks to the children, he proceeded to distribute the prizes, which were more numerous and valuable than any which had been previously presented at the Greytown School, The following list gives the names of the scholars in the order of merit who have obtained prizes. All the prizes in the various classes are given for general proficiency as



scholars. Opposite each class are the numbers who were in attendance in each class during the examination week. The highest classes were examined in a great variety of subjects, and nearly all the classes in useful knowledge. The subjects of examination were reading, writing, dictation, arithmetic, grammar, composition, bills and receipts, geography, history, and one or two other subjects:— Sixth Royal Reader Class (6). William Thomas 1st, Anthony Barnard 2nd, James Baillie 3rd, the two last nearly equal. Fifth Royal Reader Class (16). Emily Burch 1st, Charles Saywell 2nd, Agnes Haigh 3rd, Annie Morris 4th, George Humphries 5th. Fourth Royal Reader Class (18). William Morris 1st, Walter Udy 2nd, Gustavos Hirschberg 3rd, John Bishop 4th, Mildred Maxton 6th. Second Sequel Class (20). Charles Fisher 1st, George Stevens 2nd, Susan Wagland 3rd. Second Royal Reader Class. Sydney Watson 1st, Thomas Hawke 2nd, George Haigh 3rd, Richard Wakelin 4th, Edith Lucas 5th. First Royal Reader Class (20). Alexander Wakelin 1st, Mary Haigh 2nd\* Annie Bishop 3rd. Primer Class (IS.) Neils Poison 1st, and Andrew Hornblow 2nd. A.B.C Class (19). George Hawke 1st, Dora Lucas 2nd. In addition to the above, prizes were given for good conduct in, and agreeable conduct out of, school to Alice Hawke 1, Charles Saywell 2, Agnes Haigh 8, John Winteringham 4, and David Watson 5. Special prizes for reading were given to Rudolph Hirschberg, Emily Burch, and Jane Baillie. The Rev A. Knell announced that at the next mid-winter holidays he would give two substantial prizes to the boy and girl who recited best a given number of lines from some play or poem. Cheers for the Chairman, the Committee, and the teachers concluded the proceedings.

15th November 1877 The playground attached to the Greytown public school being so small as not to be available for cricket, we Understand that Mr. Murphy. has, by request, given permission to the boys, to play in his paddock adjoining; a kindness which, we are informed, is greatly appreciated by the juvenile cricketers

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Teachers at end of year

Year					Wage	Worth in 2014 \$
1878	Greytown	Wakelin	T	Headmaster	£270	\$40,370
1878	Greytown	Humphries	M	Female	£100	\$14,952

3rd January 1878 The friends of Mr. T. Wakelin, Master of Greytown School, will be happy to learn that he has passed with credit the University examination for students in their second year at the Wellington College. The examination occupied a week, and was conducted by University examiners.

There were three other schoolmasters who matriculated at the same time, and two others passed their first years' examination

15th January 1878 The Greytown School opened yesterday with eighteen fresh scholars, which makes a total on the roll of 180. In more than one instance the new pupils have been sent in consequence of the new Education Act being now in force.

23rd February 1878 Mr. Lee, Inspector of schools, is now conducting his annual examination of pupils attending the Wairarapa schools. He examined the children of the Featherston school on Monday and Tuesday, Greytown on Wednesday and Thursday, and Carterton yesterday.

In the Greytown school Anthony Barnard (131 marks) and Emily Birch (123) passed Standard IQ. In the Primer Fifth Royal Reader Class, Sarah Handcock obtained full marks (200) in Standard I, and 161 in Standard 11.

Alfred Strawbridge obtained 161 marks and William Morris 157 marks in the Fourth Royal Reader class, and Sydney Watson passed with full in the First Royal Reader, and with 147 in Standard 11, and was specially complimented; Alfred Jackson 138. In the Third Royal Reader, Ellen Saywell obtained 190 marks in Standard I; Sarah King 155 marks, Jas Baillie 150 marks, Ada Wilkie 150. In the Second Royal Reader Class, Annie Bishop, 180, George Armstrong 180, Alice Brooks 175, Thomas Jackson 170, Mary Haigh 165, Kate Armstrong 165, Alex Wakelin, 160, and Frederick Saywell 160, passed Standard I with great credit. The three higher Standards exhibited a falling off compared with last year..

28th March 1878 It is really time the Education Board did something for the Greytown school buildings, at present they are extremely unsatisfactory. The schoolroom was built to accommodate 136 children, there are 184 on the books, and yesterday we hear the number present was 150. The room is overcrowded, there are no class rooms attached, four teachers have to work within the one space. It is consequently bad for the health and progress of the pupils in attendance. Then again, the master's house is about the worst teacher's residence in the Educational District We believe that the Local Committee are slightly inactive. It is their duty to represent to the Board the facts we have alluded to. We trust it will either fulfil this obligation, or make way for some other settlers to do so. We believe that the Secretary of the Committee, who has always evinced a desire to conscientiously discharge his public duties, will not allow the premises to remain in their present unsatisfactory state.

30th March 1878 Miss Helen Fuller, a teacher in the Greytown School, is retiring from her scholastic duties, and having won the regard and esteem of her fellow teachers and pupils, the same was manifested yesterday by the presentation of a farewell gift consisting of a fan and a workbasket. 35 of the girls attending the school contributed to the testimonial.

26<sup>th</sup> April 1878 In a long report on Wellington Education Board schools was the following Mr. Lee comes down sharply upon the staff of the Greytown school. He says, " In the Greytown school there has been good teaching power for all the classes, a competent assistant master, a fifth year pupil teacher, and a second year pupil teacher. The attendance has been steady; the school has been subject to no extraordinary drawbacks; and yet the work on the whole has certainly fallen off. ...

There was an absence of expression in reading; there was a want of method and neatness in the work presented on slates; copy books were in some cases carelessly written and much defaced ; and old habits of threading pen-holders through slits made in the covers of copy books are still encouraged." However, Mr. Lee admits with respect to this school, "that the results though falling off are not altogether unsatisfactory, especially in Standard I."

4<sup>th</sup> May 1878 NOTICE. 'THE GREYTOWN NIGHT SCHOOL A will resume for the Winter Session on MONDAY EVENING NEXT, MAY 0. The Classes will be held at the Public School on the evenings of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, between the hours of 7 and 9. Terms for each pupil: One Shilling per week. Intending pupils are requested to apply to the undersigned. By order of the Public School Committee EDWARD SAMUEL

8<sup>th</sup> June 1878 The Greytown Night School now numbers 33 on its muster roll.

18th June 1878 Greytown. There was a very fair attendance. The Rev A.. Knell was appointed to the Chair, who in his opening address shewed that the Wairarapa was being neglected by the Board, and that Greytown had reason to be dissatisfied in the matter of school buildings. The following were nominated as a School Committee J. Payton, R. A. Wakelin, A. B. Jackson, J. Puller, H. A. Cowper, C. W. Hornblow, W. Fenton, Dr. Smith, W. Bock, and the Rev. A. Knell. There were others nominated who declined to serve including Messrs.. Hastwell, Barnard, Baillie, Gallagher, Wood, Avery, and Fisher. A show of hands resulted in favor of the Rev. A. Knell, W. Bock, A. B. Jackson, H. A. Cowper, R. A. Wakelin, J. Fuller, and J. Payton. Votes of thanks to the retiring committee, and to the chairman concluded the proceedings

6<sup>th</sup> July 1878 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE. THE First Meeting of the Greytown School Committee will be held on MONDAY, JULY 8, at 7 p.m. in the Schoolroom. A. KNELL, Convener

9<sup>th</sup> July 1878 MEETING OF SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

GREYTOWN. The first meeting of the Greytown Committee was held last evening. Present—Rev. A. Knell (convener), A. B. Jackson, R. A. Wakelin, W. Bock, J. Fuller, and J. Payton. On the motion of Mr. Knell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, Mr. Payton was appointed Chairman of the Committee. Mr. A. B. Jackson was appointed Treasurer on the motion of Mr. Bock seconded by Mr. Fuller. The following standing rules were then, after discussion, adopted:— 1. That the Committee meet on the second Tuesday in each month, at 8 p.m., in the schoolroom. 2. That the meetings be open to the public. 3. That the head master of the school be invited to attend all meetings of the Committee with the privilege of taking part in discussions. 4. That a weekly visit be paid to the school during school hours Members to undertake the duty in monthly rotation. 5. That a visitor's book be kept in the schoolroom for the use of members of the Committee and the public. 6. That the head master be requested to furnish each meeting with a report on any matters which he may desire to refer to the Committee. 7. That the following be the order of business at Committee meetings (a) Reading and confirming minutes of previous meeting. (b) Treasurer's statement. (c) Reading entries in visitor's book, reports and correspondence. (d) Discussing any question requiring consideration, priority being given to motions of which not less than three days' notice has been given.

It was resolved, on the motion of the Rev. A. Knell, that the Chairman represent to the Education Board that the schoolroom space is insufficient for the number of pupils on the books, and to request to be informed in what manner the Board proposes to meet the difficulty. The Rev. A. Knell gave notice for the next meeting of the desirability of discussing the clause of the Act respecting military drill in the playground. The head master having been requested to attend, thanked the Committee for the privilege of taking part in the discussion accorded to him and intimated his intention of always retiring when any question personal to himself was under consideration. He also drew the attention of the Committee to several inconveniences connected with the existing school buildings and school furniture and made an explanatory statement respecting the unfavorable report given by the Inspector at the last examination in the Greytown School, and questioned its fairness.

The Chairman thought it would be travelling out of its province if the Committee criticised the Inspector's report. The Rev. A. Knell thought the temporalities of the School were their special care. He did not think any report made of the School prior to the present Committee taking office would bias any of their minds against any teacher in the School. It would be time enough to take action if the next report were considered either unfair or unsatisfactory. Nor did he consider the reputation of the head master, as a teacher, was likely to be injured by

the report referred to. The meeting concurred with the views enunciated by Mr. Knell, and the head master expressed himself satisfied with the assurances given by the Committee'. It was reported that during the last quarter the highest number on the roll was 186, and the highest average monthly attendance was 188.

The meeting then adjourned, the Bev A. Knell being named as visitor for the current month  
27<sup>th</sup> July 1878 GREYTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL. A MEETING of the Committee will be held on WEDNESDAY Next, July 31, 7 p.m. Business: Consideration of school drill; compulsory clauses in Act; school saving tank; and general. J. PAYTON, Chairman

1<sup>st</sup> August 1878 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the above was held last evening. Present —Messrs.. Payton (Chairman) Bock, Cowper, Fuller, Jackson, Knell, and Wakelin.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed The question of school drill was discussed, and it was resolved that the Chairman ascertain cost of drilling children once or twice a week for three months. An opinion was expressed that if a competent instructor was provided for a short period the teachers themselves might subsequently be willing to carry on the work. Air Jackson suggested a cadet corps in connection with the school.

Air Payton then moved that it was desirable to introduce the compulsory clauses of the Act as soon as sufficient accommodation was provided in the schoolroom. Mr. Cowper seconded the motion. Mr. A. B. Jackson did not like the idea of compulsory education. Mr. Knell thought that the Government should take upon itself the responsibility of enforcing the compulsory clauses instead of leaving it to the School Committees. Ill feeling in small communities might be generated if committees took up this rather tender subject. The mover thought that the Committee could deal better with individual cases, where a reasonable exemption from compulsory attendance might be advisable, than the Government. With the consent of the meeting he would withdraw his motion for the present, as, till the schoolroom was enlarged, it would be impossible to do anything in the matter.

Air Cowper moved—That it was desirable to introduce school savings banks in connection with the school. He spoke of their success in Otago and other places, and of their moral influence.

Mr. Jackson thought it was unnecessary on account of the convenience of the Post office Savings Bank. Mr. Knell would like to hear the way in which such an institution would be managed, and whether the Committee or Board would be responsible if there were defalcations by the Trustee.

The Chairman thought not. When some years back the manager of a savings bank in Wellington absconded, the honorary officers did not hold themselves liable for its repayment. Mr. Knell said it neither the Committee nor the Board held itself legally responsible to the children, he would oppose having a savings bank in connection with the school. Mr. Cowper said the advantage of a school bank over a Post Office Savings Bank was at the former premises might be received, whereas at the latter less than a shilling could not be paid in. He would ask leave for the present withdraw the motion, in order to draft a proper scheme which he gave notice he would bring before the next meeting. The question of 5 playground was discussed and the chairman was authorised to make arrangements for additions to the present one,

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Knell—That immediate application be made to the Board to use the present school residence (which is altogether unfit for a dwelling for the teacher) as an infant school, and to request the Board to make an allowance for house rent to the teacher until a proper building can be erected for his accommodation.

Mr. Knell did not know whether it would be in order to ask the head-master if home lessons, which were at present confined to the highest class were extended to the two next to it, so that the three upper classes might do a certain amount of preparatory work at home.

Mr. Jackson cordially supported the idea suggested by Mr. Knell. He regretted his own children had not evening lessons set for them.

Mr. Cowper also approved of home lessons, and would like to see them adopted in the school. The chairman thought that if children could be kept up to their standards without evening lessons, so much the better, but if they could not be thought they would become necessary. He questioned whether, in such a matter, they ought to express an opinion unless they held that the state of the school made it necessary to do so. Mr. Knell said it was not because he had any want of confidence in the teacher or deferred from the head master as to his system of instruction that he made the suggestion. He simply made it as expressing a wish which parents of children attending the school entertained.

Mr. H. A. Wakelin believed that the teacher encouraged home lessons but preferred children doing them voluntarily.

3<sup>rd</sup> August 1878 Report of Wellington Education Board included Greytown School. A letter from Mr. Wakelin, teacher of the above school, addressed to the Chairman, was laid upon the table. Mr. Wakelin defended himself from the criticisms in the Inspector's last report, and pointed out, Row, with essentially different conditions, it was unfair to institute comparisons between one school and another. The length of the document was urged against it being read, but Mr. Hutchison succeeded in extracting one or two facts, which put the matter in a strong light. For example: An invidious comparison has been instituted between the progress of the Featherston and Greytown schools, and Mr. Wakelin pointed out that in the Featherston School there are three rooms, three fireplaces, a gallery for the younger children, a lavatory, &c. The rooms are lofty and well ventilated. In the Greytown school, on the contrary, there is but one M-shaped low-roofed room, one fireplace, no gallery, and no lavatory. In the Featherston school there are never more than two teachers in one room; in Greytown the four teachers are all in one room, rendering effective teaching all but impossible. Add to this, that the desks in the Greytown school are wholly made as to be quite unsuitable for their proper purpose. The teacher at Featherston has a residence of ten rooms; the teacher at Greytown has one of four rooms—both localities subscribed £100 each for building teacher's residence. Eventually it was referred to Messrs. Beetham and Pharazyn, with a request that they would enquire into the subject.

6<sup>th</sup> August 1878 Very general regret is expressed in Greytown at the death announced in another column of Miss Humphries, a young lady formerly an assistant teacher at the Greytown School, and for several years leader of the Choir in St Luke's Church. The funeral takes place to-day.

8<sup>th</sup> August 1878 The following local candidates successfully passed examination; Miss Humphries, pupil teacher, Greytown school, passed second in the order of merit out of six candidates as assistant teacher. Emily Burch, pupil teacher, Greytown school, passed third out of ten candidates as pupil teacher, over thirteen years of age.

15<sup>th</sup> August 1878 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday evening last. Present—Messrs. Payton (chairman), Cowper, Jackson, Fuller, E. A. Wakelin and Bock. It was resolved that the ordinary business be postponed till some special business was disposed of consisting of a communication from the head master, stating that he had no confidence in the assistant master, and that he declined to be held responsible for him in any way; also expressing an opinion that a competent mistress was absolutely necessary for such a large mixed school. There was also a second letter making a specific charge against the assistant master, and a letter from the latter, disputing the statements of the head master on the present occasion and

also in a letter recently addressed to the Chairman of the Education Board, and asking the committee to make an instant and full inquiry into the circumstances of the case.

Mr. Cowper thought that the last report of the Inspector justified the want of confidence expressed by the head master in his assistant teacher. The 2nd standard class, which was entrusted to Mr. Samuel failed in the examination. He understood that each teacher was held responsible by the Inspector for his own classes. Such a state of things was subversive of all discipline. If the head master had no confidence in his assistant, the latter ought, as a matter of discipline, to be withdrawn. He considered the past services of the head teacher reflected credit upon him and that he should be supported. Mr. Jackson thought that the Inspector in his late report blamed the head rather than the assistant master. He would like to hear explanations from both teachers. Mr. Bock thought there was no evidence before the committee which would justify them in condemning Mr. Samuel, he would move

•• That sufficient evidence has not been brought before the meeting to enable it to make any recommendation to the Board, and that a sub-committee be appointed to make inquiries, and report this day week.” Mr. Jackson seconded the resolution. Mr. It. A. Wakelin thought that the letter of the head master was more a recommendation than a complaint, and that they should consider it in the former light. The chairman hardly agreed with Mr. Bock’s proposition. What were they to impure into ? The capacity of Mr. Samuel as a teacher! lie did not feel himself competent to express an opinion on a point which was really a matter for the Inspector. On the capacity for teaching of either the head or assistant master, the speaker would be guided by the Inspector’s report. He was aware that the last report had been challenged by the head master , but the speaker would accept it. What he recommended would be for the committee to declare that the variance between the two teachers was prejudicial to the school, and that a change was absolutely necessary. Mr. Gowper, as an amendment, would move that both the head and assistant masters be requested to attend the meeting, the former to state his reasons for want of confidence in assistant master, and the latter to make a statement in reply. Mr. R. A. Wakelin seconded the amendment.

The amendment was put and lost, the original resolution of Mr. Bock was carried.

On the motion of Mr. Book, it was resolved that the Chairman, Mr. Cowper, and the mover, be the sub-committee. There was a brief discussion on the second letter of the head master, which was also referred to the sub-committee. Borne routine business was then taken. The chairman reported that Miss Fuller had been temporarily engaged to discharge the duties of Miss Marion Humphries, and the committee expressed its approval of the arrangement. A letter was rend from the Inspector expressing an opinion in reply to a former resolution of the committee that the school was not at the present time unduly crowded.

With the consent of the committee, Mr. Cowper postponed his motion re savings bank, he also gave notice that he would move at the next meeting “ That in the opinion of the committee it is desirable, in the interests of the school, to appoint a head mistress in terms of the Act, and that the Board be recommended to sanction such an appointment being made.”

On the motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Fuller, it was resolved “ That it is the wish of the committee that home lessons be introduced into the school system.” Mr. Cowper supported the resolution ; the Chairman objected to it on the ground that the committee had no authority in such matters.

22<sup>nd</sup> August 1878 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday evening last. Members present— Messrs.. Payton (Chairman) Bock, Jackson, Cowper, Wakelin, and Fuller. The Chairman read the following report of the sub-committee appointed to inquire into certain recommendations made by the head master;— 1. That the sub-committee consider that Mr. Wakelin’s request that Mr. Samuel he removed should be complied with, on the ground that the disagreement between them is fatal to the efficient conduct of the school, and that it has led to a system of

divided responsibility, which the sub-committee hold to be most objectionable. The sub-committee recommend that the Board should be respectfully requested to find Mr. Samuel another appointment of equal value to the one he at present fills. The sub-committee warmly approve of Mr. Wakelin's suggestion that an experienced mistress should be appointed to the school. On the motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Fuller, it was resolved that the report be adopted, and that the Chairman report to the Education Board the recommendations contained in it

27<sup>th</sup> August 1878 The Chairman of the Greytown School Committee visited the School yesterday in order to present to Miss Helen Fuller the prize awarded to her by the Education Board for passing Standard IV in 1876

29<sup>th</sup> August 1878 We are informed that the Education Board have decided to remove from the Greytown School both Mr. T. Wakelin, the head-master, and Mr. E. Samuel, the assistant master

29<sup>th</sup> August 1878 A letter was read from the Greytown School Committee, recommending that Mr. Samuel be removed from the school to a position of equal value. 'The secretary was instructed to write to the Greytown School Committee, asking whether, under the circumstance connected with the management of the school, it would not be advisable that both the teachers be removed to some other district.

31<sup>st</sup> August 1878 We stated in our last on what we deemed competent authority that the Education Board had decided to remove both the Head and Assistant Master from the Greytown School. This was not the case, after some discussion on the subject Mr. Toomath moved—"That the secretary be requested to write to the School Committee Of Greytown, asking whether under the circumstances connected with the management of the school it would not be advisable that both the teachers be removed to other districts."

*In 1879 Mr. Wakelin was at Kaitara (Morrison's Bush school) and Mr. Samuel was at Kaiwairangi School*

12<sup>th</sup> September 1878 A meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held last evening. Present: Messrs... Payton (Chairman) Book, Jackson, It. A. Wakelin, and Cowper. A letter was read from the Education Board, asking—"whether under the circumstances connected with the management of the school, it would not be desirable that both the head-master and the assistant be removed to some other district." The Committee, after some discussion, resolved that it saw no reason for departing from their former recommendation to the Board. A \* number of minor matters were dealt with. Permission was given teacher to take a private residence. Teacher was instructed to report all holidays given for the information of the Committee. An arrangement was made for cleaning school and furnishing same with stationery; and it was decided to ask the Board for a supply of improved desks.

17<sup>th</sup> September 1878 You will perhaps recollect that in dealing with certain unsatisfactory matters relative to the state of the Greytown school and the personnel of its teaching staff, the local committee recommended the Board to give the assistant master another appointment. The Board referred again to the committee, asking whether it would not be advisable to remove both the head and assistant masters. At its meeting of Wednesday last, the committee decided to adhere to their previous recommendation, as they saw' no grounds upon which to inflict a removal upon the principal teacher. The head master has found himself obliged to ask the committee's sanction to go into other quarters, as his present residence (?) is no longer fit to be inhabited with comfort.

9<sup>th</sup> September 1878 We understand that Mr. E. Samuel, assistant-master of the Greytown School, has been offered the charge of the new school at Waihakeke.

21<sup>st</sup> September 1878 Though the tickets at the late Volunteer Ball were fixed at a very moderate price the receipts from their sale we understand amounted to between £30 and £40. On the following day (Thursday) it was found that a large supply of provisions remained

untouched and the officers of the corps and the ladies who so ably supported them in getting up the supper did a graceful act. The whole of the children in the Greytown school were marched down to the hall and in »very reasonable space of time hams, cakes, tarts, &c., were disposed of by a natural and agreeable process. The children before separating gave three hearty cheers for their entertainers and at the suggestion of Captain Macara an additional three for the special benefit of the ladies.

26<sup>th</sup> September 1878 When in Wellington the other day we had the opportunity and satisfaction of visiting the studio of Mr. Clarke on Lambton Quay, and of inspecting a large colored photograph of Mr. Hastwell, which is about to be presented to him by the children attending the Greytown School. It is mounted in a splendid gilt frame, which measures, we should think, 20 by 24 inches. This testimonial is richly deserved on account of Mr. Hastwell's extreme liberality during the time he occupied the position of Chairman of the Greytown School Committee.

28<sup>th</sup> September 1878 The application of the master of the Greytown School for house allowance was granted until the new residence had been erected, tenders for the building of which were authorised to be called for by the Board.

10<sup>th</sup> October 1878 A pupil teacher is required immediately for the Greytown School. The Wellington-Featherston Railway Time Table will be found in our Tuesday's issue.

10<sup>th</sup> October 1878 meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on Tuesday evening, when, after a long discussion, it was resolved that Miss Humphries should be recommended as Assistant Teacher, and authority was given at the same time to the Master to appoint a qualified Pupil Teacher in her place. It was felt by several members of the Committee that though Miss Humphries might be an excellent Assistant Teacher, she was scarcely old enough to take charge of so large a School but this objection was ultimately overruled.

12<sup>th</sup> October 1878 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

(To the Editor of the Standard.) Greytown, Oct. 10th. Sir,—Your brief report of the last meeting of the School Committee contains a statement of so misleading a nature that I feel compelled, in the interest of the young lady to whom it refers, to correct it without delay. You make it appear that “several” members of the Committee thought Miss Humphries too young to fill the position of mistress of the Greytown school. So far is this from being the case, I desire to state that, out of six members present, one only objected to her age; another, beyond formally seconding a motion, never opened his mouth during the whole discussion; the Chairman expressed himself in Miss Humphries favor; and three members actually spoke strongly on the young lady's behalf, and proved that in her case no weight was to be attached to the question of age, her qualifications, experience, and merit being sufficient to entitle her to advancement. Then, Sir, add to this the fact that we had before us Mr. Inspector Lee's own recommendation in favor of Miss Humphries, and I think you will agree with me that, though unwittingly, you have-unjustly misrepresented our proceedings. I am, &c., One of the Committee

27<sup>th</sup> October 1878 Mr. Samuel is reported as being on the staff of a New Masterton newspaper started by Mr. Payton

9<sup>th</sup> September 1878 I observe a request has been made to the Education Board to erect a second school at Cotterville, at the south end of Greytown.

The Education Act empowers the local committee to establish side schools within its district, subject to the sanction of the Central Board. I therefore think the matter should be placed in the hands of the committee. The requisition is a reasonable one, for one of two things will be necessary, either to considerably enlarge the present school buildings and provide class rooms, or to erect a second school in South Greytown. A great number of children assemble from that direction, travelling two miles or more to reach school. This distance, during the winter, has a bad effect on the daily average of attendance.



2nd November 1878 The reports in the Wellington papers of the meeting of the Education Board are rather confusing. The New Zealand Times says that three months leave of absence was granted to Mr. Wakelin and Mr. Lewis, and the New Zealander has it that an application for leave of absence made by Mr. Lewis of the Greytown School was referred to Messrs... Beetham and Pharazyn to act as they might judge best. We think it ought to have been that Mr. Lewis obtained leave of absence but Mr. Wakelin's application was referred to the gentlemen above named. Mr. Lewis was at Thorndon School

14th November 1878 It will be seen that the Committee of the Grey town School have considerably recommended the Education Board to grant immediate leave of absence to the master for three months, with full salary, on account of ill health j this, however, will only be tantamount to two months leave, as the Christmas holidays are included in the period. Mr. T. Wakelin has been a teacher, in a public school for upwards of ten years, and for more than six of which he has occupied the position of head-master at the Greytown School. Never having had leave of absence during the whole of that time he might now fairly be considered entitled to some indulgence in that direction ; but the state of his health, apart from any such considerations, renders it imperative, in the opinion of his medical adviser. that an immediate change of scene should be granted. The School Committee deserve credit for the consideration they have displayed, and as we know that their recommendation will be supported by Mr. Pharazyn. the gentleman specially appointed to enquire and report on the matter, we have no doubt the leave will be granted

14th November 1878 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday last. Present: —Bock, Jackson, Wakelin and Fuller. On Mr. Bock being voted to the chair, a letter was read from Mr. Payton, resigning his position as Chairman. Accepted. Mr. B. A. Wakelin proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Payton for his past services, which was carried unanimously. A letter was read from the Board, stating that £200 would be available for a teachers residence. Some discussion took place as to whether this amount would be sufficient. It was ultimately decided that they should ask that another £100 be added to it. A letter was read from Mr. Pharazyn to the effect that he had been empowered to consult with the Committee with reference to the master having leave of absence. He believed that a master would be available to take Mr. Wakelin's place daring his absence, if the Committee should decide in complying with Mr. Wakelin's request. He thought the case was an urgent one and required immediate action. Proposed by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Fuller, that three months leave of absence be granted to Mr. Wakelin, with salary. Carried unanimously. —

19th November 1878 Yesterday Mr. Gordon, a first class certificated teacher, and second master of the Te Aro School, Wellington, arrived at Greytown to take charge of the Greytown School during the absence of the Master, who has been granted leave of absence until after the Christmas holidays. Mr. T. Wakelin desires us to express publicly his grateful acknowledgements to Mr. Pharazyn, Mr. Beetham, and the members of the School Committee, for their very kind consideration in obtaining for him a holiday under the circumstances, which he doubly values on account of the manner in which the favor had been granted

12th December 1878 It will be seen from our report of the meeting of the School Committee that Miss Humphries has resigned her position in the Greytown school. We believe it was stated by Mr. Lee that Miss Humphries produced such good papers at the fifth year pupil teacher examination, which she passed successfully last July, that, had she not failed in geography, a highly creditable third-class certificate would have been granted to her. This would have been doing two years' work in one, which reflects great credit on herself and also on the head master.

12th December 1878 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held in the School-room on Tuesday evening.

Present: — Messrs... Bock (in the chair), Wakelin, Jackson. Fuller, and Barnard. A letter was read from Mr. Lee, in reply to one from the Chairman, with reference to leave of absence to the head master, stating that leave of absence would be granted to the master till after the Christmas Holidays, and that Mr. Gordon would take temporary charge of the school.

A letter was read from the Rev A. Knell, regretting very much that he was unable to attend, and that as his medical advisers thought it necessary that he should have peace and bodily rest, it would be advisable under the circumstances to resign his position.

Mr. Barnard thought that Mr. Knell might in a short time be able to attend, and that it would not be desirable to accept his resignation.

Mr. Bock stated that he had seen Mr. Knell, and that it was his wish to resign. Ultimately it was decided that as a new Committee would shortly have to be elected, the matter should stand over.

A letter was read from Miss Humphries, stating she had sent in her resignation to the Board.

It was proposed by Mr. Jackson seconded by Mr. Fuller, that owing to the unsatisfactory result of the examination, (that more teaching power should be allowed to the Board. Carried Proposed by Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Fuller—That steps be at once taken to collect money for prizes, for all children who had passed with merit." The Chairman thought that children should not be allowed to absent themselves from examination?, as it was unsatisfactory to a teacher to have two or three of his best scholars staying away just when they would be a credit to him.

The Secretary was authorised to get ventilation pipes fixed in each corner of the room; get the desks altered to the proper dimensions ; also, to get blinds for the windows — the work to be done during the Christmas holidays, so as not to interfere with the school. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business

20th December 1878 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. Letters from the Greytown School Committee, requesting that in consequence of the unsatisfactory result of the examinations, other teaching power might be provided, and that £300 instead of £200 be granted for a teacher's residence. The Teachers' Committee was requested to report upon the first letter, and the additional £100 for a teacher's residence was granted

21st December 1878 A letter from Mr. T. Freethy, relative to the establishment of a school at Cotterville, was referred to the Greytown School Committee. The general impression of the Board appeared to be that if the Greytown school was properly conducted there would be no necessity for a school at Cotterville, as the children could easily travel the intervening distance.

Another letter pointed out the inconvenience arising from the transfer of Mr. Gordon to the Greytown school, no one being appointed in his place

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1879	Greytown	Porritt	Rev T	Headmaster	£250	\$39,755
1879	Greytown	Scale	C F	Assistant Female	£110	\$17,492

4th January 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE. A MEETING of the above Committee will be held at the Schoolhouse on TUESDAY Evening next, 7th inst., at 8 p.m. W. BOCK, Chairman

7th January 1879 It is reported that Mr. T. Wakelin, head master of the Greytown school, has made an application to be removed to some other part of the Wellington Education District, and that Mr. Gordon, late acting-master, has received the appointment of assistant master of the Masterton school.

7th January 1879 It was decided to advertise for an assistant master at Greytown

9th January 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. A SPECIAL MEETING of Cm above School Committee will be held at the school on FRIDAY Evening, at 8 a.m.(sic) sharp. Business important. W. Bock. Chairman.

GREYTOWN SCHOOL. THE COMMITTEE of the Greytown School beg respectfully to solicit the 'co-operation of the Ladies of Greytown in 'providing an out-door PICNIC on the afternoon of the 22nd INST., for the children attending the school (prior to distributing prizes, and would thank those Ladies willing .to assist to favor the chairman with names by Monday, 13th Inst. W. BOCK, Chairman.

11th January 1879 It will be seen that it is proposed to give a picnic to the children attending the Greytown school on Wednesday afternoon, the 22nd instant, being the anniversary of the foundation of the Colony. We hope to be able to publish the names of those ladies who will be willing to assist on the occasion in our Tuesday's issue

A letter has been received by the Chairman of the Greytown School Committee from Mr. Lee to the effect that an entirely new staff of teachers would be appointed to the School. A Committee meeting was held last night to consider this letter, and also the question as to whether- the late Master's residence could be utilised for school purposes ; but before we could hear at what conclusion the Committee had arrived we were compelled to go to press.

14th January 1879 Mr. Bock ,chairman of the Greytown school Committee, has requested us to acknowledge the donation of two guineas (A Guinea was 21 shillings, there were 20 shillings in a pound) from the Mayoress towards the treat to be given to the children of the Greytown school.

A meeting of the Committee of the Greytown School was held in the school house on Friday evening. Present—Messrs.. Bock (chairman) Cowper, and Wakelin. A letter was read from the Secretary to the Board of Education with reference to the teaching staff, and inviting suggestions from the Committee as to the plans of the teacher's residence. After discussion, the following resolutions were passed;— That the Board be advised that the old building is not fit to be utilised in the new building, and that a residence of not less than six rooms with necessary passages, porch at the back, verandah in the front be constructed. That a recommendation be made to the Board that tenders be called for the purchase and removal of the old building, and that the proceeds be added to the amount (300) to be expended on new building.

21st January 1879 The Greytown school was re-opened yesterday after the Christmas vacation. We observe that the Masterton school does not re-open until Thursday.

We beg to remind all those who take an interest in the Greytown school or in any of the children who attend it of the picnic which will take place in Mr. O'Connor's lower paddock to-morrow afternoon

22nd January 1879 Mr. Gordon, of Grey town, to be assistant master of the Masterton school; Mr. T. Wakelin, of Greytown, to be master of the Kaiwairua school; Mr. Kilpatrick to be master of the Gladstone school. It was decided to advertise for first and second masters for the Greytown school

24th January 1879 A Certificated and Experienced HEAD MASTER is wanted for the Greytown School ; average attendance, 120 ; capable of being largely increased. Stipend, about £250. New master's residence about to be built. An Assistant Teacher is also wanted for the Greytown School; Master, £140 ; Mistress, £105, if certificated. ROBERT LEE, Secretary

25th January 1879 The Greytown school was re-opened after the vacation on Monday, but was allowed a holiday on Wednesday, Anniversary Day, for the enjoyment of a picnic provided for it by the committee. There were more than 150 children on the ground, together with a good number of ladies and gentlemen. The weather was delightful, which, with the pleasant shade afforded by the clump of bush selected as the scene of mirth, made the affair a most enjoyable one to young and old. Refreshments of various kinds, suitable to the tastes of little folks, were in abundance. Games, such as races, rounders, cricket, swings, croquet, &c., were kept up till evening, after which prizes to the number of about fifty were distributed to the most deserving scholars, for their progress made during the past year. Many thanks are due to the school committee, especially to Mr. Bock, the energetic chairman, for their care in providing so successful a treat, as well as for their exertions in leading off in all the fun of the day.

27<sup>th</sup> January 1879 A meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held at the school-room on Friday evening last. There were present —Messrs.. Bock (chairman), Cowper, Jackson, Barnard, Wakelin, and Fuller. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Mr. Lee re the appointment of Mr. Wakelin to the Kaiwairua School. There was also a notice from the Education Board relative to the retiring members of the Board, and notifying that two members must be nominated by the committee on or before the 31st inst. Mr. Wakelin proposed and Mr. Fuller seconded the Ven. Archdeacon Stock, Mr. Jackson proposed Bishop Redwood.

Mr. Barnard proposed and Mr. Jackson seconded Mr. R. G. Williams. Upon being put to the meeting and a show of hands taken, it was found that the result was as follows:—Archdeacon Stock, 2; Bishop Redwood, 2"; R. G. Williams, 4. The chairman gave his casting vote in favor of Archdeacon Stock, It was therefore carried that the two gentlemen elected be asked to allow themselves to be nominated. A rough report for the general meeting was approved, and the minutes of the above meeting were confirmed.

28<sup>th</sup> January 1879 At the meeting held in the school-house, Greytown, last night for the purpose of receiving the report of the old committee and appointing a new one, Mr. Hornblow was voted to the chair, when the report was read and adopted, which showed a balance of £2 15s 6d, was available for the new committee. The following were the gentlemen elected—Hornblow, Bock, Barnard, R. A. Wakelin, A. B. Jackson, Fenton, and Cowper.

30<sup>th</sup> January 1879 In calling the attention of the Greytown school Committee to their first meeting which is to be held this evening at the schoolhouse, we trust that it will not be necessary to remind them that it is their duty to express in more decided and emphatic language than they have yet used their sense of the treatment which the present master has been subjected to at the hands of the Inspector.

1<sup>st</sup> February 1897 In another column we insert a condensed report of the first meeting of the newly elected Committee of the Greytown School, which was held on Thursday evening. The relationship which exists between the master of the school and the editor and proprietor of this journal has not, as might be supposed, been advantageous to the former. We could have written with more freedom and more emphasis had there been no such relationship.

The time has, however, now arrived when, in justice to the Master and the late School Committee, a brief recapitulation of some important facts in connection with the past and present state of the School ought to be published. It is not perhaps generally known that at the four annual examinations of the School, which were held previous to the one that took place at the beginning of last year, the results proved that it stood first of all the large schools in the Wairarapa, and second, third or fourth of all the large schools in the Wellington Provincial District.

Owing, in part, to the prevalence of whooping cough, which caused the absence for several weeks of from twenty to thirty pupils prior to the examination just referred to; in part, to the large addition of new pupils consequent on the abolition of school fees; and in part to the actual and practical weakness of the teaching staff, at that examination the results proved unsatisfactory.

To remedy this latter defect the late School Committee recommended the removal of the Assistant Teacher; when the Board, at the suggestion of the Rev. A. Stock, applied to the Committee to know whether, under the circumstances, the Head as well as the Assistant Teacher should not be removed.

The Committee, by resolution, replied that it abided by its former recommendation; upon which the Assistant Teacher was appointed to another school; and, chiefly on the recommendation of the Inspector, a Pupil Teacher was appointed in his place. This of course had the effect of weakening instead of strengthening the Teaching Staff, and made the Master despair of the School passing a successful examination under such untoward circumstances. Serious ill-health followed, together with an application from the Master for leave of absence, and his removal to another School, provided that the removal did not imply any reflection on his character and capacity as a master,

The leave of absence, on the strong recommendation of the Committee, was granted, and in the interim the School was again examined, when, even under such unfavorable circumstances, the classes which had been more particularly under the charge of the Master, shewed on the whole satisfactory results.

It was doubly unfortunate that during the whole of this time the Rev A. Knell, one of the ablest members of the Committee, who had several children at the School, and who was strongly in favor of the Head Master, could not take any part in the meetings, through illness. Yet, notwithstanding this fact, no decided expression of opinion either from the Committee or the parents of pupils, unfavorable to the Head Master had ever been given. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that he, who held a first-class certificate, and who had just passed with credit one of the highest examinations at the Wellington College, should respectfully decline, if he could legally do so, being removed from one of the largest to one of the smallest schools in the Wellington Educational District. For having thus respectfully declined to be thus degraded, the Education Board have summarily dismissed him as one of the Board's teachers, a position he has held since the Education Board was first established. We direct the particular attention of the lovers of justice and fair play to the letter on the subject in another column.

1<sup>st</sup> February 1879 The first meeting of the new School Committee was held at the Greytown schoolhouse on Thursday evening. Present— Messrs... Bock (chairman). Hornblow, Cowper; Jackson and Wakelin. Mr. Bock was elected chairman and Mr. Jackson, treasurer. Mr. R. A. Wakelin proposed that the Hon. G. M. Waterhouse be nominated a member of the Education Board. After some discussion, the Yen. Archdeacon Thorpe was nominated on the casting vote of the chairman. Some discussion then took place relative to the removal of the Head Master by the Education Board, when the following resolution was passed—That the Committee having taken into consideration the removal of Mr. Wakelin from the Greytown school to the one at Kaiwairua, beg to remind the Board that in recommending the removal of the late assistant master of this school they requested that he might receive another appointment of equal value. The Committee would therefore like to see Mr. Wakelin obtain similar consideration. The Committee would like the Board to take into consideration that Mr. Wakelin was master of the Kaiwairua school some six years ago, and that the change is a considerable one, and very likely to affect Mr. Wakelin's position both as a teacher and financially. Mr. Cowper gave notice of motion that it is desirable to establish a penny savings bank in the Greytown school. This closed the business of the meeting

1<sup>st</sup> February 1879 Sin; —The Education Board often does mean and silly things, only on rare occasions is it guilty of cruel things ; but one of the latter it most unquestionably did on Wednesday last, when it sanctioned what a Committee had already taken upon itself to do in giving Mr. Wakelin three months' notice of dismissal, because he would not accept the small school at Kaiwairua after that of Greytown; I am not aware that the Greytown School Committee were consulted on the subject, and if not, of course, the dismissal would be illegal, as many of the Inspector's acts are. But that is only a small count in the indictment.

For the credit of the Education Board (and I have taken the pains to ascertain), it ' should be stated that there were only five members present—namely, the Chairman, Archdeacon Stock, Key. Mr. Paterson, and Messrs... Toomath and Hutchison—when this cruelty was inflicted. But by these, with the exception of one member, who recorded his strong protest I am told, it was inflicted jubilantly. It could hardly be otherwise, as the Chairman and the two parsons were the Committee who concocted and carried out the thing, very much, no doubt, at the bidding of the Inspector, who, by an occasional dose of flattery to those grave and reverend seigniors, has contrived, if one may judge from what one sees and hears, to get the trio to register his edicts with a bland and childlike supremacy. It will be seen that four members were absent; perhaps their presence might have modified the concurrence of the Board; but the four consenting to the dismissal did so without a single word of regret in parting from a teacher who had devoted the best years of his life to education—who has all the elements in him of a painstaking and conscientious teacher—but who has been literally worried into ill-health by an Inspector to whom he was too high-minded to eat toads. Not a very bright

outlook for the profession to which I have the honor to belong, but such is dominie's life. I am, &c.. A Wellington Teacher

1<sup>st</sup> February 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the above Committee was held in the Schoolroom on Thursday evening last. Present—Messrs... Hornblow, Cowper, Jackson, Wakelin, and Bock. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Cowper, that Mr. Bock be Chairman. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Wakelin, seconded by Mr. Hornblow—That Mr. Jackson be Treasurer. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Cowper—That the standing orders of the late Committee be adopted. 'It was resolved that members of the Committee, visit the school at least once a week in monthly rotation,' in the following order:—Messrs.. Bock, Barnard, Cowper, Fenton, Hornblow, Jackson, and Wakelin.. Mr. Wakelin proposed, seconded by Mr. Hornblow—That the Hon G. M. Waterhouse be asked to allow himself to be nominated a member of the Education Board. " " ' Mr. Jackson moved as an amendment, seconded by 'Mr. Cowper—That Archdeacon Thorpe be asked. On being put to the vote, two voted for the amendment'. and 2 for the original motion,- The Chairman gave his casting vote in favor of the amendment. It was resolved that the ordinary meeting of the Committee be held at 8 p.m., on the second Tuesday in each month, It was resolved that the balance sheet of the late Committee be adopted. The meeting then adjourned,

3<sup>rd</sup> February 1879 AN OMISSION.

To the Editor Wairarapa Daily. Greytown, Feb. 1st 1879. Sir.—I do not understand why you omitted not only the resolution passed by the committee of the Greytown School but all mention of it. Such a resolution, I believe, would have been moved before but for me—a most unfortunate misunderstanding in which it was supposed that I had taken action without consulting the committee. Perhaps it is too late to insert the resolution I am, &c. T Wakelin

We find the following with which our reporter did not supply us, in the Standard:—"That the Committee having taken into account the removal of Mr. Wakelin from the Greytown school to the one at Kaiwairua, beg to remind the Board that in recommending the removal of the late assistant-master of this school they requested that he might receive another appointment of equal value. The Committee would therefore like to see Mr. Wakelin obtain similar consideration. The committee would like the Board to take into consideration that Mr. Wakelin was master of the Kaiwairua school some six years ago, and that the change is a considerable one, and very likely to affect Mr. Wakelin's position both as a teacher and financially," We will ask our reporter to explain his apparent omission.. Ed, W. D.]

4<sup>th</sup> February 1879 It was not known to the Greytown School Committee, when it met on Thursday evening, that the head master had been dismissed, nor had it been first consulted, as, we believe, is required by the Act.

4<sup>th</sup> February 1879 TENDERS are invited up to TUESDAY, February 11th, for the purchase and removal of the Old Teachers' Residence adjoining the Greytown School. Full particulars may be ascertained upon application to the Chairman. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted, W. BOCK, Chairman.

4<sup>th</sup> February 1879 To the Editor Wairarapa Daily. Greytown, Feb. 3rd 1879. Sir,—In your issue of yesterday there appears a letter from Mr. T. Wakelin asking the reason that a certain resolution passed at a Meeting of the Greytown School Committee was not reported.. I am sorry that the omission did occur but let me assure you it was quite unintentional on my part, It occurred in this way; not being able to be present at the meeting I asked the chairman to supply me with information concerning the proceedings, which, he kindly did. I drew up my report from the rough minutes of the meeting and it appears the resolution in question was not written, on the rough minutes which I received but was written on a separate piece of paper which I did not see and therefore didn't report. I hope this explanation both to Mr. Wakelin and yourself. 'I remain, Your Correspondent..

6<sup>th</sup> February 1879 It is reported that Mr. Samuel, late assistant master of the Greytown school, and more recently the junior member of the firm of J. Payton & Co. of Masterton, is no longer a partner in the business.

11<sup>th</sup> February 1897 On the 28th January, of the present year, the following advertisement appeared in the advertising columns of this and several other journals : A Certificated and experienced Head Master is wanted for the Greytown School average attendance, 120; capable of being largely increased. Stipend about £250. New master's residence about to be built. An Assistant Teacher is also wanted for the Greytown School; Master, £ 140 ; Mistress, £105, if certificated.— Robert Lee, Secretary.

Previously an advertisement had appeared to the effect that an Assistant Teacher was required for the above school but whether any applications were received in reply to either advertisement, or whether any qualified person, master or mistress, was appointed, we cannot say, all we know is that no Assistant Teacher has arrived, from which we must infer that no such qualified person has at present been appointed, What conclusion can be arrived at under these circumstances, except that even competent assistant teachers are not so plentiful as would be inferred from the Board's treatment of sober and qualified masters, or that the Board or Inspector or both have been guilty of a gross neglect of duty in not having before this made the appointment. On one or the other horns of this dilemma they now stand impaled. Either there are no competent assistant teachers that require an engagement, or a wilful neglect of duty has been shewn in not having long before this appointed one to the Greytown School.

13<sup>th</sup> February 1879 Some larrikins on Saturday or Sunday last capsized the hoy's water closet at the Greytown School, and did other damage. It has been ascertained that the mischief was not done by any of the boys attending the school. We understand that the Chairman of the School Committee has placed the matter in the hands of the police. All trespassers on the school grounds will in future, when discovered, be prosecuted.

13<sup>th</sup> February 1879 INJUSTICE. T. Wakelin, recently a schoolmaster at Greytown, complains of unfair usage at the hands of the Inspector of the Education Board, and invokes the assistance of his fellow masters to have his case fairly examined. He urges that there should be some tribunal to appeal to if any inspector is unqualified, incompetent, and unworthy, in order that beneficial check should be exercised upon the Inspector. His grievance is that being a master of ten years standing, and seven years master of the Greytown School, has been dismissed without enquiry being granted him.

17<sup>th</sup> February 1897 A TRIBUNAL FOR SCHOOL INSPECTORS.

To the Editor of the Wairarapa Daily.

Greytown, February 6, 1879. Sir, —I beg to address you' on one of those important questions which are occupying the minds of the most thoughtful teachers, and which will have to be settled, with several others, before teaching, like engineering, can' take its place as one of the professions. Further, I appeal to your sense of justice for sympathy in a serious injustice that has been inflicted on me, and entreat , your influence to do me right;

— Every system must be founded' upon, right. In this respect the national System of , education of New, Zealand has a very incomplete formation' It was found by experience that school-committees had no practical control over schoolmasters and it will be found, in like manner j that education boards have no practical control over inspectors. ' If the inspector does but frown on examination day, a meritorious school will be made to appear even, discreditable, This is only one of many ways, But what check is there ? None! For the board has no practical control. No provision is made for a re-examination by someone specially qualified.: Thus,' an inspector can with impunity steal , a teacher's good name and. rob the children of their due merit; and there is no redress. What does a board know about the procedure and principles of examination ? To do justice to the teachers and the scholars then,



provisions should be made for the re-examination of a school. And generally, as this is only one of many examples, a tribunal qualified in point of special knowledge, and 'competent'. in other respects; should –be established to hear and redress the grievances of both parents. and 'parents should have the power of preventing their children from being driven by overwork .to injure their health. I ; would at this point submit to. your consideration that steps should be taken to get such a tribunal instituted,

I will now proceed to show you that this Educational District is more urgently in need of such a tribunal than others. From one or two years; back there had been no school committees, and schoolmasters, not being responsible in any way to the inhabitants pf a school district, lost, by their own action general apathy and support of the parents; at least most of them did, and invariably the parents were estranged from the system which was carried on without their aid. The teachers looked to the Board as their protector. The. Board left everything practically to its professional advisor. Lastly, the Board here appointed its Inspector as Secretary. Thus in everything the teachers have only had till recently to look to the Inspector, for committees still look somewhat coolly on teachers they have not appointed; and when the Inspector is adverse to a teacher what shall become of him? It is earnestly to be hoped therefore that the influential body of teachers now in New Zealand will take early action to get the Government to establish a special tribunal. Inspectors have been found necessary to detect unqualified, incompetent, and unworthy teachers, for entrance or development of such in any system must be assumed; and, likewise, in the inspectional system it must be assumed that there are unqualified, incompetent, and worthy inspectors, and provision should be made, as by the establishment of a Board of Appeal, for their detection. The inspectorate exercises, generally, a beneficial check on the body of teachers, and such a tribunal would exercise a beneficial check upon inspectors. The enquiries of this tribunal would bring to those circumstances which, of all others, the State would desire to know,—viz., the real difficulty to be met, those conflicts of function injurious of the beneficial administration of any system. On this, evidence, similar to what would be obtained by Royal Commissions, legislative even, and certainly departmental, regulation could be based. My, when-justice is properly, carefully, thoroughly done .'to all, a happy, feeling ; of satisfaction pervades the minds both of those who -believed themselves to be aggrieved and of those who feel sincerely how important is the just working of any system. • Though a teacher of over ten years' standing, and though I have been master of the Greytown School for the last seven years nearly, I have been dismissed from the school service of this district without an enquiry being granted me. If, therefore, you think the Government have the power under the Education Act .'to establish a Tribunal of Appeal to hoar complaints against' inspectors, and if you should not think me presumptuous in asking you to do so, I would beg, with feelings of deep and fervent respect, that you take action-early that I may obtain real redress if my charges against the Inspector of Schools of this District are just.

I am &c., T. Wakelin. Head Master Public School Greytown,  
18<sup>th</sup> February 1879 GREYTOWN. 18th February.

The Greytown School Committee have chosen the Rev. Mr. Porritt, of Wellington, as the head master, and Miss M. Maher, from the National School of Ireland, as the mistress of the Greytown schools

19<sup>th</sup> February 1879 meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on Monday evening in the school room, there were present Messrs.. Bock, (Chairman) Fenton Wakelin Cowper and Hornblow. A letter was received from Mr. Wakelin and in reference to it, it was resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to pay Mr. Wakelin amount due for Stationary to., to December 31st, and to ascertain amount due to date, it was resolved that the master provide requisites, cleaning to, and furnish accounts to the Committee monthly. The plan for teachers

residence was improved with slight alteration. It was resolved that the application of Mr. Porritt as head master and Miss M. Maher, as assistant teacher be approved

20<sup>th</sup> February 1879 SATURDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY. At 2 p.m. Sharp. BUILDING TO BE REMOVED. F : H. WOOD & CO. have been favored with instructions from the Greytown School Committee, to sell by Public Auction at their room, Greytown, on the above data at 2 p.m. The Building erected on the School P» serve, and known as the old TEACHER'S RESIDENCE. Building to be removed within 14 days from date of Sale. .Terms Cash

22<sup>nd</sup> February 1879 In another part of our present issue will be found a statement of the case of the Head Master of the Greytown School v. the Education Board and its Inspector. No one can rise from the perusal of that statement without feeling that the head master has been hardly dealt with. It would appear that for over four years, notwithstanding many drawbacks, the Greytown school was one of the first in the Wellington Educational District. The reasons why it subsequently exhibited less satisfactory results are clearly shown not to be traceable to any misconduct on the part of the master, who is admitted to be a sober, conscientious; painstaking, and competent teacher, but to have been the consequence exclusively of the virtual weakness of the teaching staff; yet for these unsatisfactory results the Education Board have held the master alone responsible ! As we have grounds for believing that a majority of the members of the Education Board were not fully acquainted with the whole of the facts disclosed in the statement in question; as there are also grounds for believing that some of the members of the Education Board who were present when the resolution was passed were laboring under the false impression that the local Committee had requested tire removal of the master; and as there were four of the best informed members of the Board absent at the time the notice of dismissal was assented to, it is not too much to ask that at the next meeting of the Board, which will come off on Wednesday next, the resolution come at the last thinly-attended meeting may be re-considered, if not rescinded.

22<sup>nd</sup> February 1897 BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL CASE.

The writer, having had placed in his hands for perusal and publication a voluminous statement of the case relating to the head master of the Greytown School and Education Board of the Wellington

district, and its Inspector, has thought it more advisable, in order to bring the matter within manageable compass, to give selections from the statement instead of publishing it in extenso. We learn from the documents before us that Mr. T. Wakelin, the present Head Master of the Greytown School, has received notice of dismissal from the service of the Education Board, which he justly considers is tantamount to exiling him from a Province in which he has resided 29 years, and from a district with which he has been connected during the last 22 years, 13 years of which he has been a I teacher, and for more than half that period the head master of the School at Greytown. The main facts of the case are briefly as follow. After Mr. Wakelin had been at the Greytown School about a year Mr. Lee inspected it, this was in April 1874, when the percentage of pupils who passed the several Standards compared favorably with those of the other large Schools in the Province. At the next examination, which took place in November of the same year, the same favorable results were obtained ; and this was the case also at the examinations held in 1875 and 1876. The following are extracts from Mr. Lee's reports on the School at Greytown at the various annual examinations.

Report for November, 1874. A new school should be built immediately. The present old room cannot accommodate 112 children if they are stowed away in every corner. Mr. Wakelin is a competent and painstaking master, and brings a good deal of intelligence to bear on everything he undertakes. The school was doing good work, except, perhaps, in the lowest classes, which were badly provided with slates and reading books, More assistance is needed. The present site seems to me a very stumble one, if the new building is put some distance from the road.

Report for 1875. Results in arithmetic and general knowledge good. Master hard-working. Reading, writing, discipline, and general management should improve. There is a column in this report, for describing the general condition of the school in a nut-shell. The descriptive terms are "unsatisfactory," "moderate," "fair," "satisfactory," "good," and "very good." The general condition of the Greytown School is classed "good."

Report for 1876. Greytown School is the largest in the Wairarapa, and has considerably improved in average attendance during the year. The results, as a whole are satisfactory ; and in the higher standards better work has been done than in any other school in the Wairarapa. I should, however, like to see such improvements effected in the general system of work as I have pointed out, principally with a view to greater uniformity in the work done, and an even distribution of the teaching power. Ten per cent, better passes are required in Standards I. and 11. to bring the school up to a better standard. 55 good passes were made at the late examination, but 16 is rather a large number classed as unsatisfactory. There is good teaching power in the school Extract from School Diary, Not. 28 and 29 1876. One hundred and twenty-seven present for examination out of one hundred and forty attending during the present month. Thirteen new passes have been made in Standard I., sixteen in Standard 11., six in Standard 111., and two in Standard IV, The results are quite as good as last year. I could have to see more expressive reading in Standards I. and 111., better writing of a uniform character throughout the school, and in Standard 11. more accurate spelling. I find very good work is done in the school. The school is much improving in regularity of attendance ; the teachers are all devoted to their work, and the children are anxious to pass, which shows that there is good earnest work amongst them. Extract from School Diary,

March 9th, 1877. Mr. Wakelin has shown me a syllabus of requirements and recommendations for each class of the school, which appears to me a useful guide for the working of the school. at present. The school is in better working order, and generally under better control and system of management. The assistants are improving in efficiency. The following was taken from Mr. Wakelin's certificate (first-class). School reports determining the division of this certificate. First satisfactory report, 29th day of April, 1875. The results and management of the Greytown School, under Mr. T. Wakelin, are very satisfactory. Robert Lee, Inspector. Second satisfactory report—17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1876 The Greytown School, under Mr. Wakelin, is satisfactory in results, and fairly managed. Robert Lee, Inspector. Third satisfactory report—8th day of March, 1877 The Greytown School (156 pupils) is improved in working order, and the results are good. Robert Lee, Inspector. I hereby certify that this certificate was on this 8th day of March, 1877, raised to the Second Division. Robert Lee, Inspector of Schools.

It will be gathered from the above extracts that the Greytown School, up to the 8th March, 1877, according to the Inspector's own admissions, exhibited very satisfactory results. Baring the four preceding years we believe it stood, second third, or fourth, of all the larger Schools in the Province. But unfortunately for Mr. Wakelin, and the Greytown School, a totally inexperienced Assistant Master was appointed by the Board, in whom the former from the first had no confidence. Within a fortnight after his appointment Mr. Lee visited the School, and, in answer to an enquiry, the Head Master told him that he did not think the Assistant Master had chosen a suitable employment for himself, and asked if at some convenient opportunity he could not be removed. Some little time after, in answer to some statement of Mr. Lee's, the Head Master noted in the Diary that he could not undertake to show the Assistant Master how to teach. Mr. Lee replied, that if he could not undertake to do so, he should get someone who would. The Master believing that the Assistant should be at the School to assist him, naturally demurred at this arbitrary conduct on the part of Mr. Lee, and complained to the Board to that effect. As a matter of course the head master had to give way, and he did this the more readily as he clearly understood from the Assistant that he

intended to go on at the July examination in 1877 for a first-class certificate, which, if he obtained, would probably cause his removal and promotion to another school. Finding that he had declined to go up to the Teacher's examination, the Head Master was surprised and disappointed; and he told him that some fresh arrangement must be made as the School was beginning to suffer. At first the Assistant appeared to dissent to the proposal, but on the master telling him that he had no confidence in him, and that he would undertake to teach the School better with a good fourth year pupil teacher; an amicable agreement was come to between the two

that the Board should be asked to appoint the Assistant to another school, and a letter to that effect was written in the terms of which the Assistant concurred. Mr. Lee assented to the arrangement, and gave the Assistant the choice of two appointments, one of which—the Assistant Mastership of the Masterton School he accepted. But on the Local Committee writing to the Board requesting that the Assistant be not removed, the Inspector at once complied with their wishes. The Master upon this wrote to the Committee to the effect that the responsibility for the action that had been taken would not rest on his shoulders. On February 20th, and 21st, 1878, the school was examined with very unsatisfactory results, more particularly in those classes, which, at his own request, were under the Assistant Master. The report of the Inspector was very unfavorable, and the Master wrote a long letter to the Board, which was never read, explaining the reasons for the falling off, and pointing out how unjust the report was. He had previously complained to the School Committee, with what result the following extract will shew.

From Wairarapa Standard or Jolt 9, 1878. The master attended by request. He made M an explanatory statement respecting the unfavorable report given by the Inspector at the last examination in the Greytown School, and questioned its fairness. The Bev A. Knell expressed the opinion that the Committee would not consider the reputation of the master injured by the report referred to. The Chairman (Mr. Payton) said he gathered that the meeting concurred with the views enunciated by Mr. Knell, and the master expressed himself satisfied with the assurance given by the Committee. On August 9th, Mr. C. Pharazyn, a member of the Board, to whom (with Mr. Beetham) Mr. Wakelin's letter had been referred, called at the school and after a brief enquiry arrived at the conclusion that the cause of the non-success of the school would be removed if the Assistant was removed to another school. He told the Master that for the future success of the school the Board would hold him solely responsible. Upon receiving this information the Master addressed the following letter to the Chairman of the School Committee.

August 10, 1877. Dear Sir. —As you have informed me that there is nothing on minutes of proceedings of former School Committee, regarding my recommendations that in the interests of the school, the assistant-master should be removed, I feel it will be necessary to state that I wrote to the Committee to the effect that as my recommendations had not been complied with they would as usual bear the responsibility. At the same time I expressed the opinion that a capable mistress was necessary in such a large mixed school as that of Greytown.

As matters have not been altered, and as, consequently, the same results as last year will probably follow this year, I am constrained as early as possible, to declare that I have no confidence in the assistant master, and that I must most respectfully decline being held responsible for him in any way. I beg to repeat the opinion I have always expressed, that a competent mistress is absolutely necessary for the proper and efficient education of children in a large, mixed school.

On the same date he made a complaint against the Assistant Teacher, to which it is not necessary here more particularly to refer. On the above letter the Committee reported as follows;

(1.) That the sub-committee consider that Mr. Wakelin's request that Mr. Samuel should be removed from this school should be complied with, on the ground that the disagreement between the two is fatal to the efficient conduct of the school, and that it has led to a system of divided responsibility, and the sub-committee recommend that the Board should be requested respectfully to find Mr. Samuel another appointment of equal value to the one he at present fills. (2.) The sub-committee warmly approve of Mr. Wakelin's suggestion that an experienced mistress should be appointed to the school.

The report was adopted, and forwarded to the Board. The Assistant Master was appointed to another school and left on the 30th September. In his place, and on the Inspector's recommendation, the senior Pupil Teacher was appointed ; and to fill the vacancy caused by this promotion only a totally inexperienced Pupil Teacher could be obtained to do the work which even the skilled senior Pupil Teacher had found it difficult enough to do. It will thus be seen that the teaching staff instead of being strengthened, was greatly weakened by the removal of the Assistant, and the Master found that in trying to escape the frying pan he had jumped into the fire. He felt it was useless to carry on the struggle ; the worry caused him serious ill health ; and he applied to the Board for leave of absence. This, on the earnest recommendation of the School Committee, was ultimately granted until the Christmas holidays. Early in January Mr. Wakelin received the following laconic epistle from the Inspector. January 6, 1879. I write privately to inform you that the Appointment of Teachers Committee have decided that an entire change must be made in the teaching staff of the Greytown school. I therefore advise you to tender your resignation at once to save any unpleasantness to yourself. You will be recommended to a smaller charge as soon as possible, and every effort will be made to find you employment without delay. Shortly after the receipt of the above, namely on January 13th of the present year, Mr. Wakelin wrote to Mr. Lee a hurried letter which he did not stop to revise, stating, in effect, that he would be prepared to commence duties either in Greytown, or elsewhere, provided the new appointment did not reflect upon him to his discredit as a teacher in however small a degree, he shortly after received the following memorandum from Mr. Lee. January 23, 1879. The Appointment of Teachers Committee recommend your removal to the charge of the Kaiwairua School, which will be vacant by the end of the present month, by the promotion of Mr. Austin to the first assistantship of Te Aro. January 25th, 1879. Sir, —I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23rd inst. You do not say whether you have received my letters (2) of the 13th inst., but I suppose you have. If I have legally the power to do so I must respectfully beg to decline being removed to a school anything like one as small as that of Kaiwairua.

Extract from the Standard of February 1st, 1879, meeting held on 30th January:— Some discussion then took place relative to the removal of the master by the Education Board, when the following resolution was passed:—" That the Committee having taken into consideration the removal of Mr. Wakelin from the Greytown School to the one at Kaiwairua, beg to remind the Board that in recommending the removal of the late Assistant Master of this school they requested that he might receive another appointment of equal value. The Committee would, therefore, like to see Mr. Wakelin obtain similar consideration. The Committee would like the Board to take into consideration that Mr. Wakelin was master of the Kaiwairua school some six years ago, and that the change is very considerable one and likely to affect Mr. Wakelin's position both as a teacher and financially." Memorandum from Mr. Lee ; January 31st, 1879. As you decline to be removed to Kaiwairua, I am instructed by the Board to inform you that your services will not be required three months from date. It should be stated (1) that at the time the above notice of dismissal was assented to by the Board there were four members absent, including Messrs. Beetham and Pharazyn, who had been specially appointed to report on the subject, and the five members present were not unanimous in favor of the course adopted. (2) It should also be stated that no report of the

Board's proceedings with reference to this case has been published in the Wellington papers, and consequently the outside public are unacquainted with the decision arrived at. (3) In the above narrative an omission has been made which has an important bearing on the case. When the resolution of the Local Committee, requesting the removal of the Assistant Teacher was received by the Board, the Secretary was requested to ascertain from the Committee whether it would not be advisable that both teachers should be removed. The Committee, in reply, stated that they abided by their previous recommendation, namely that the Assistant Teacher only should be removed. (4) It may be well, in conclusion to state, that at the time the Board arrived at its decision to give Mr. Wakelin notice of dismissal, the School Committee had not been consulted, nor did they know anything about it when the resolution as given above was unanimously passed by them. Mr. Wakelin justly contends that as it is an administrative principle that the directing superior is responsible for any consequences resulting from his official acts, he ought not to be exclusively saddled with them ; and that as he had successfully taught for a period of between four and five years one of the largest schools, there are no grounds shown in the foregoing account for his removal to one of the smallest schools in the Wellington Educational district. In the foregoing compilation only the bare facts are recorded. There has been no attempt, by rhetorical artifice, " to make the worse appear the better reason." They are given to the public in the hope that some tribunal will be instituted to which teachers who feel that they have been hardly dealt with may appeal from the arbitrary acts and unfair treatment of School Inspectors.

27<sup>th</sup> February 1897 At the Education Board to-day, the appointment of the Rev T. Porritt as headmaster of the Greytown School was confirmed. The Teachers Committee recommended Mr. Pattie, while the Local Committee asked that Miss Maher should be appointed, as they preferred a mistress. The Inspector recommended that Mrs. Scale, of the Tenui School, should be appointed, and the Board adopted this recommendation, subject to the approval of the Local Committee. Mrs. Hansen was promoted from the Tauherenikau school to Tenui, subject to approval of Tenui Committee.

27<sup>th</sup> February 1897 After we went to press yesterday the following business was transacted at the meeting of the Education Board :—: — THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL. There was a long discussion upon the dismissal of Mr. Wakelin from the Grey town school- He received three months' notice from the Appointment of Teachers Committee, as he refused to accept the mastership of the Kaiwairua school. This step was taken partly in consequence of the unfavorable report of the Inspector, and partly in accordance with a request from the local committee that there should be "an entire change of teaching power." Mr. Wakelin had printed and sent to the members of the Board a statement of the matter from his point of view, in which he ascribed the unsatisfactory state of the school to the fact that he had incompetent assistants, and he pointed out that until the last two years — when the present assistants were appointed — the Inspector's reports stated the school to be in an efficient state. A question arose as to whether the notice given to Mr. Wakelin was a legal notice, as the local committee had not been " consulted " in accordance with the terms of the Act Ultimately a resolution was carried that a committee, consisting of Archdeacon Stock and Messrs... Toomath and C. Pharazyn, should inquire into all the circumstances in connection with the dismissal of Mr. Wakelin, and report at the next meeting.

28<sup>th</sup> February 1879 The committee appointed by the Education Board, re the dismissal of Mr. T. Wakelin from the mastership of the Greytown school, met yesterday and adjourned until Wednesday next, without coming to any definite decision.

1<sup>st</sup> March 1879 A subcommittee of the Education Board, consisting of Messrs.. Hutchison, Toomath . Pharazyn, Stock, and Gisborne, sat on Thurs day to enquire into all the circumstances connected with the dismissal of Mr. Wakelin from the Greytown School. The

sub-committee have written to the Greytown School Committee and will report to a special meeting of the Board to be held on Wednesday next.

1<sup>st</sup> March 1879 THE WAKELIN MATTER.

To the Editor of the Wairarapa Daily, Sir,—I was very glad to see a truthful and temperate Jotter in your issue of Tuesday last, taking up the opposite side of this matter, With the writer of that letter I also can speak of over twenty years' experience, and must endorse all 'lie says respecting our inspector, From the writings of Mr. Wakelin and his friends from the like save me) it will very readily be seen that Mr. Lee has not been satisfied with the whole results, or at least the system of teaching in Greytown school, and in a mild and forbearing manner endeavored to get the head master to alter it. In his report for 1875 the Inspector says: "Reading, writing, discipline, and general management should improve," It was. the duty of the teacher to. see that these suggestions were, attended to, but the sequel showed that they were, not, 'for in 1878 we again read;-" however such improvements effected in the general system of work as pointed out, principally with a view to greater uniformity in the work done, and an even distribution of the teaching power." No "tyranny" is here evinced, but once more a kindly remonstrance, and had it been attended to all would have' been well, but as it was not, and the school failed, nothing was left for the Inspector , to do but to record a direct censure. ' Against this Mr. Wakelin rebelled, the Inspector at defiance, and endeavored to throw the onus upon his assistant, and in . a ridiculous manner rushed his quarrel before the public. I venture to say that no efficient teacher ever put together such absurdities as were contained in Wakelin's letter to the Board some six months back. Inexperience and want of method and management were seen in every part of it, and the writer must have lowered' j himself in the eyes of-.the-whole profession. I do not think that Mr. Wakelin can blame anyone but himself for the position he now occupies. He has had a good school, better teaching power than any of his neighbors, and yet his pupils, have gone back. I have been in his company but little, but that little was enough.'... to convince me that when Greytown lost its male assistant it lost its best man, and Mr. Wakelin may date his .fall, not from the introduction of Mr. Samuel into life school, but from the time when, holding a good certificate, he bent his energies to take a higher literary position, instead improving the weak points in his system ; of teaching.—Yours, &c.

4<sup>th</sup> March 1897 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A special meeting of above was held at the schoolroom last evening, to consider replies to questions by the Committee appointed by the Education Board for the purpose of enquiring into the case of Mr. Wakelin, head master of the Greytown school. Present—Messrs.. Bock (chairman), Barnard, Hornblow, Cowper, Fenton, and Wakelin. The chairman explained the object of the meeting and proceeded to read the correspondence from the Board which ran as follows: Wellington, 27th Feb., 1879, To Chairman of Greytown School committee. I have the honor to forward to you a copy of' the resolutions passed by a committee of the Board, to whom the matter was relegated, and I am requested to inform you that the committee were aware that on December 14th 1878, Mr. Wakelin was the sole master, assisted by pupil teachers, or monitors. An answer is requested by the 4th March. R. Lee. Secretary. Resolutions op Sub-Committee op Greytown School. Meeting held 27th February, 1879. 1. That the Committee of the Greytown school be asked whether the expression in their letter, dated 14th December, 1878 "to provide other teaching power," meant that the head master be dismissed from the school if necessary. 2. That they be asked whether, in the event of the Board having no school of equal value to offer Mr. Wakelin. or if Mr. Wakelin be unwilling to accept such school as the Board offer, they are prepared to keep him, 3. That the attention of the Local Committee be called to the fact that the Act does not make provision that any local Committee may recommend the removal of a teacher to another school, when the Committee may be of opinion that though the master is not equal to their requirements he

may he efficiently employed in another school. In reply to query 1, Mr. Barnard moved, and Mr. Fenton seconded—" That the Committee cannot see how the Education Board could misconstrue their resolution of the 14th December, ult., when they afterwards recommended, on 30th Jan., Mr. Wakelin's removal to another school of equal value to the Greytown School, and that this Committee would point out to the Board that the matter of Mr. Wakelin's dismissal has not been brought before them, as required by section 45 of the Education Act." Carried.

Mr. Barnard thought that question No. 2 was ridiculous, in as much the Board advertises for teachers, we approve of a new master recommended by them, and then the question " are we prepared to keep Mr. Wakelin," - is asked.

In reply, Mr. Barnard moved, and Mr. Cowper seconded—" That the Committee cannot see their way clear to accede to the resolution, but request that the Board will reinstate Mr. Wakelin in as good a position as possible." Carried.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Cowper, seconded by Mr. Hornblow, in reply to clause 3, of memo from the Board, that the committee would call the attention of the Board to the fact, that the Board accepted the recommendation of the committee to the removal of the late assistant master, in August last, and took action in the matter by appointing him to the Waihakeke school, and therefore considered they were justified in offering a similar recommendation in regard to Mr. Wakelin. Re assistant teacher it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Wakelin, seconded by Mr. Cowper, that the Board's recommendation of Mrs. Scales appointment be approved, and that, as the application of Miss Maher had previously been entertained by this committee, they would respectfully request the Board to give her an appointment. The meeting then adjourned

4<sup>th</sup> March 1879 THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL CASE.

To the Editor of the Standard. Dunedin, Feb. 25, 1879. Sib,—I have just seen the statement of the Greytown School case. You seem to have sown among you the seed which, if not extirpated, will grow and develop to something like the present state of educational affairs in California. The San Francisco News Letter of the 18th ultimo, says:—"Had not the members of the Education Board better be quite sure what they are about before they proceed to deal out punishment to the wrong, persons? They have begun at the wrong end, and show no inclination to put their hands on the right one. . . . They are wreaking severe vengeance upon the victims of a vicious system rather than upon the designing authors of it." This, as you doubt are aware, refers to the surreptitious method of obtaining a knowledge of the questions to be set at the examination for certificates. The News Letter goes on to say:—" Their purchase from Ewald seemed to be the only way a teacher had of getting on in the department. . . . An open door was shown them through which they could pass to prosperity. . . . It is a dire calamity to deprive one of a profession in fitting himself for which he has almost surely unfitted himself for most other pursuits. Moreover the least guilty are alone likely to suffer. Those who have come forward and exposed the system are the only ones that have been selected for punishment. Punishing truth telling witnesses is not just the way to make investigations into frauds successful. It is a way we have in 'Frisco, but it is a mighty bad way." I much fear that you in Wellington have started in the 'Frisco way. Not so very long ago you had a case in point. I refer to the Gurr case. Your readers will no doubt remember how a First Class Certificate was obtained in this instance. " Their purchase from Ewald seemed to be the only way teachers had of getting on in the department." Ewald sold for hard cash. Other prices than hard cash can buy. The sale is no less a sale because the consideration given is not money—toadyism, for instance. 'Tis true this case is not nearly so flagrant bad as it is—as the San Franciscan one; but who will contend that the Californian Lupas tree did not develop from as small a beginning as the Wellington seed? *Obsta principiis* is advice that has stood the test of ages. •\* If," says the News Letter, " there are incompetent teachers in the



department, a sure way can be found of discovering who they are, when discovered let justice be done. But to make competent teachers suffer for wrongs forced upon them by either the laches or the positive designs of the highest educational department of the State, is a monstrous outrage against which we emphatically protest. We are told of more than one of those who have already suffered, who, we are assured, are, in point of honor and integrity, as far above the average school director as is a full-grown Australian Eucalyptus above a Nevadian sage bush. Sir, I am afraid the length of my quotations will exclude me from your columns, but the paragraph would interest your readers, and be well worth re-printing in the present juncture of affairs. The News Letter makes the charges against the “ highest educational department in the State but your “ Nevadian sage bush” is the small end of the wedge. Educationally small indeed is he, but from the adventitious circumstance of position, capable of doing much mischief. Lost it be supposed that I am under-rating this educational authority, I have but little fear of contradiction when I say that the Home Certificate of this Inspector is not so high by a whole class as is the Wellington Certificate (1st class 2nd division) of the Head Master of the Greytown School. But, it may be argued, a lower class Home Certificate is more valuable than the highest class Wellington one. Measure the wheat, however, by this man’s own bushel, — try this Inspector by his own Standard,—he has been known to issue to trained men certificates of a lower rating than those they held from the Committee of Council on Education in Britain. Incredible as it may appear this is beyond a doubt. It may be thought, however, that he possesses cumulative evidence of his super excellence as an educationist, I know not, unless a Nelson Certificate—a document at which he himself would flout if it were presented by any candidate for a Wellington rating. Now Sir, who and what is this man ? Is he a whale among the minnows? Nay verily. Is he not rather the “ Servant bearing rule”— the common schoolmaster set over schoolmasters—the “ beggar on horseback,” who cares not whom he may trample down so that he may have his rough-shod gallop ? It requires neither prophet nor prophet’s son to say what the consummation will be. I am, &c., Otagan

5<sup>th</sup> March 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

0 A special meeting of the above was held at the schoolroom last evening, to consider replies to questions by the Committee appointed by the Education Board for the purpose of enquiring into the case of Mr. Wakelin, head master of the .Greytown school. Present—Messrs.. Bock, (chairman), Barnard, : Hornblow, Cowper, Fenton and : Wakelin. The chairman explained the object of the meeting, and proceeded to read the correspondence from the Board, which ran as follows Wellington, 27th Feb., 1879. To Chairman of Greytown School committee.

I have the honor to forward to you a copy of the resolutions passed by the committee of the Board, to whom the matter was referred, and I, am requested to inform you that the .committee were aware that on December 14th 1878, Mr. Wakelin was the sole. master,- assisted by pupil teachers, or monitors. An answer is requested to. the .4<sup>th</sup> March.

,x R. Lee. Secretary, Resolutions of sub-Committee of Greytown School; Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 1879.

1, That the Committee Of the Greytown school be asked whether the expression in their letter, dated 14th, December, 1878 " to provide other teaching, power," meant that the head master be dismissed , from the school if. necessary,.

2, That they be asked whether, in the event of the Board having no school of equal value to offer Mr. Wakelin, or if Mr. Wakelin be unwilling to accept such school as the Board offer, ..they are .prepared to keep him.

3. That the attention of the Local Committee be called to the fact that the Act does not make provision that any local committee may recommend the removal of a teacher to another school when the Committee maybe of opinion that though the master is not equal to their requirements he may be efficiently employed in another school.

In reply to query 1, Mr. Barnard moved and Mr. Fenton seconded;— That the committee cannot see how the Education Board could misconstrue their resolution of 14th December ult., when they afterwards recommended, on 30th January, Mr. Wakelin's removal to another school of equal value to the. Greytown school, and that this committee would point out to the Board that the matter of Mr. Wakelin's dismissal hits not been brought before them, as required by Section 45 of the Education Act. Carried.

Mr. Barnard thought that question No. 2 was ridiculous, inasmuch the Board advertises for teachers, we approve of a. now master recommended by thorn, and then the question, " Are we prepared to keep Mr. Wakelin," is asked. In reply, Mr. Barnard moved, and Mr. Cowper seconded That the Committee cannot see their, way clear, to accede to the resolution, but request that the Board will reinstate Mr. Wakelin in as good a position as possible. Carried. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, seconded by Mr. Hornblow, in reply to clause 3 of memo, from the Board, that the committee would call the attention of the Board to the fact that the Board accepted the recommendation of .the committee to the removal of the late assistant master, in August last, and took: action in the matter by appointing him to the Waihakeke school, and therefore considered they were justified in offering a .similar recommendation in regard to Mr. Wakelin. Re assistant teacher, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Wakelin, seconded by Mr. Cowper, that the Board's recommendation of Sirs Scales' appointment be approved, and that, as the application of Miss Maher had previously been entertained by this committee, they would respectfully request the Board to give her an appointment, The meeting then adjourned

6<sup>th</sup> March 1879 A meeting of the committee of the Education Board, appointed to consider the case of Mr. Wakelin, master of the Greytown school, met yesterday. After some discussion the committee adjourned for the purpose of obtaining further information from the Greytown School Committee

8<sup>th</sup> March 1879 The committee of the Education Board which sat yesterday to inquire into Mr. Wakelin's case, adjourned, after considerable discussion, for the purpose of obtaining further information from the Greytown School Committee. We trust that the Committee will sift this matter to the bottom. Such treatment as that received by Mr. Wakelin is calculated to deter any man of ability and character from entering the scholastic profession.

8<sup>th</sup> March 1879 Tinui Report included I regret to hear that Mrs. Scales, our schoolmistress, is leaving Tinui to take charge of the Greytown School. This, I believe, is generally regretted, and all wish her well, and trust that her welfare and happiness will be promoted by the chance. Mrs. Hansen, is taking the Tinui School, a lady well-spoken of. It is hoped that the School Committee will see that the school-ground is gravelled before winter sets in.

11<sup>th</sup> March 1878 The Greytown School Committee have replied to the committee of the Education Board appointed to inquire into Mr. Wakelin's dismissal, saying that, while they feel that Mr. Wakelin is doing no good at Greytown, they do not want him dismissed from the service of the board, but would like to see him appointed to a post of equal value elsewhere.

13<sup>th</sup> March 1879 Mr. Samuel, late a partner in the firm of J. Payton & Co., and formerly an assistant teacher at the Greytown school, has been appointed master of the school at Kaiwairai

13<sup>th</sup> March 1879 The following report was read ;—The Committee on the Grey town case have had three meetings on the subject, and ultimately agreed to recommend the following resolution at which they arrived for the adoption of the Board—“ That the Greytown Committee be at once consulted as to whether it is in their opinion desirable to give Mr. Wakelin three months’ salary from March 1st, in lieu of notice of removal from the school, so that Mr. Porritt may take charge, it being understood that Mr. Wakelin will be eligible for another situation under the Board, when a suitable one can be found for him. This removal will not, be considered in any way to cast any reflection on the high and studious character of Mr. Wakelin.” The Greytown School Committee concur in the above, so that there is no obstacle to the Board agreeing to the course suggested, if the members think fit.

The report was adopted. Toomath dissenting. A long discussion subsequently arose on legality of the Board’s action in having passed a resolution that the report be adopted, but nothing definitely Was done. f. In reply to a question, Lee, Inspector, stated that the School had not improved during the -Kist year, but had retrograded He' could not consider Mr. Wakelin as either a disciplinarian or a school manager and the School was in a state of thorough disorganisation. This was not due to neglect on the part of Mr. Wakelin, but to errors of judgment.

Hutchison in moving the report said he j was sure the Board would be glad to hear as confirmatory of Mr. Wakelin’s studious character that lie had just received a telegram announcing that Mr. Wakelin had passed his B. A. degree

13<sup>th</sup> March 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday evening. Present—Messrs.. Barnard, Cowper, Pen ton, Wakelin, Hornblow, and Bock, (Chairman). Mr. Barnard, as visitor for the month, re-, ported that on his last visit the conduct of scholars seemed greatly improved. The following resolution from the Education Board was read;— “ That the Grey town School Committee be at once consulted as to whether it is in their opinion desirable to give Mr. Wakelin three months’ salary from 1st March, in lieu of notice of removal from the school, so that Mr. Porritt may take charge. It being understood that as this removal will not be considered in any way to cast any reflection on the high and studious character of Mr. Wakelin, he will be eligible for another situation under the Board, when a suitable one can be found for him.” Moved by Mr. Barnard, seconded by Mr. Cowper— That this Committee agree to the proposal of the Board to give Mr. Wakelin three months’ salary from 1st march, and that Mr. Porritt take charge of the school at an early date as possible.—Carried, Moved by Mr. Barnard seconded by Mr. Hornblow “ That this Committee have much pleasure in expressing its confidence in the moral and intellectual capacities of Mr. Wakelin (head master of Greytown school), and also certifying to his conscientiousness, sobriety, and integrity.—Carried. - Mr. Cowper moved and Mr. Fenton seconded, “ That a copy of the foregoing resolution from the Education Board be presented to Mr. Wakelin on his retirement.—Carried. The meeting then adjourned,

14<sup>th</sup> March 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. The following report from the committee in the case of Mr. Wakelin was) brought up and adopted" The committee have had three meetings on the subject, and have decided to recommend the following resolution for the adoption of the Board: ( That the Greytown committee 'be at once consulted as to whether it is in their opinion desirable to give Mr. Wakelin three months' salary from March, in lieu of notice of removal from the school, so that the Rev Mr. Porritt may take charge. It being understood that Mr. Wakelin will 1)» eligible for another situation under the Board when a suitable one can be found for him, as the removal will not be considered in any way to reflect on the high and studious character of Mr. Wakelin.' The Greytown school committee concur in the above, so that there is no obstacle to the course suggested, if the members think fit." Mr. Toomath considered the report inconsistent, and dissented from the other members of the committee.

The Inspector informed the Board, in answer to a question, that the school had retrograded. He considered this due to errors of judgment on the part of Mr. Wakelin. During a conversation which ensued it was mentioned that Mr. Wakelin had lately taken a B. A. degree 15<sup>th</sup> March 1879 PRESENTATION TO THE HEAD MASTER OF THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL T. WAKELIN, Esq., B.A.

A very handsome opera glass was yesterday presented to Mr. Wakelin. head master, by the girls attending the Greytown School, accompanied with the following :—" Presented to T Wakelin, Esq., B.A., by the scholars (girls) upon the occasion of his leaving the Greytown Public School, as a small token of their respect, and in gratitude for his earnest efforts for their improvement. Signed on behalf of the scholars—

Mr. Wakelin read the following reply;—" To Agnes Haigh and the other' girls of the school who have presented me with so valuable a gift on my leaving the Grey town School— Though I was aware I must have sincere friends in Greytown, for I have always tried earnestly to deserve the respect, confidence, «and regard for all of whom I work, yet I have been completely surprised by your presentation to-day. Surprised I say again, because I know that some dissatisfaction exists at the unsatisfactory state of the school, and while I have not perhaps in the least lost the confidence of a large majority, yet I have been blamed for not insisting upon having my own way. But we cannot have our own way always, and sometimes it is not good for us. On the other hand we should not be blamed when we have given way For the rather poor state the school has been in. you know I have always said I will not admit myself blamable, as I have not had my own way, and if I am made to suffer, then I say I suffer unjustly. I am proud to have so valuable a gift solely from yourselves, and my feelings have been much moved because you have shown such sincere regard for me. The presentation you have just made with such good feeling is of great value to me, and I deeply appreciate it. To yourselves in return I would say, you cannot all beat one another, but you can all improve, and I wish you most heartily, success in all you do, and that you may be happy throughout your lives, I thank you again from my heart for you good Wishes, and with feelings of regret now say good-bye, wishing you to believe that I have been

Faithfully your guide, T. Wakelin. Mr. Wakelin was loudly cheered by the scholars on his bidding them good-bye

17<sup>th</sup> March 1879 Tenders are invited for the erection of teacher's residence

18<sup>th</sup> March 1879 We understand that as Mr. Porritt (the newly appointed head master of the Greytown School) cannot take charge until the end of the week, the committee have sanctioned the school being closed for a day or two

19<sup>th</sup> March 1879 The Greytown school difficulty has been got over by Mr., Wakelin accepting three months' salary and quitting the school The school is closed this week, but will be reopened on Monday, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Porritt.

22<sup>nd</sup> March 1879 A meeting of the creditors of the Rev. J. I Porritt was held at Mr. Olivier's office to-day. The debtor did not appear, Mr. Ollivier intimating that he had left to take charge of the Greytown School. His liabilities were returned at £529 5s 6d, and his assets, consisting of debts owing by the parents of pupils, were estimated at £25. In addition Mr. Bowden held a bill-of-sale for £190. The debtor had left no statement showing his receipts or expenditure, but Mr. Ollivier said he had mentioned to him that he had spent a considerable sum in alterations and additions to the school premises, and he had taken the school at too high a rental — between £300 and £400 a year, on a five years lease, with a purchasing clause for £3000. A cursory examination of the statements submitted by the debtor showed that his liabilities were considerably under-estimated, four out of seven creditors present stating that their accounts were under-stated.....

4<sup>th</sup> April 1879 Mrs. Scales, late of Tenui, has commenced her new duties as assistant teacher ill the Greytown School.

8<sup>th</sup> April 1879 The contractor for the. School Teacher's residence at Carterton (Mr. W. B. Thompson) has commenced the building ; the frame being raised on Friday last. With the exception of a few alterations made to the place at the suggestion of the Local School Committee, the building will be the same as that in course of erection for the Greytown School

10<sup>th</sup> April 1879 A meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday evening. Present — Messrs.. W. Bock (in the chair), Barnard, Jackson, Hornblow, and Wakelin. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Treasurer reported £19 17s to credit of Committee at batik, and £2 in hand, total £211 7s The following accounts were passed for payment M. Caselberg & Co., £6 10s; Jas. Beard, £3; M. Ryan, 12s; T. Wakelin, £3 13s, £ and £1 10s for prizes.

A letter was received from the Education Board, stating that the Board would accept the sureties of C. W. Hornblow, Jun., for the contract of teachers residence, if the Committee were satisfied, it was resolved that the Committee were not satisfied and to ask \*Mr. Hornblow to propose two others by Saturday next. The head teacher suggested several matters that required immediate attention and the chairman was requested to see to them.

Other formal business was transacted and the meeting adjourned.

15<sup>th</sup> April 1879 The Greytown School Committee met at the Working Men's Club on Saturday evening to receive proposals from Mr. C. W. Hornblow, jun., of two sureties for the due completion of contract for teacher's residence. The names of Messrs.. A. McMaster and B. Gallagher, were submitted and approved of

22<sup>nd</sup> April 1879 The Rev Mr. Porritt, head master of the Greytown School has opened evening classes for the winter months. This opportunity of acquiring knowledge should not be missed by those young men who have not had an opportunity of attending a day school.

1<sup>st</sup> May 1879 Special Meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on Tuesday evening.

The Chairman reported the sureties, Messrs.. Stuart, and A. A. Armstrong, proposed by Contractor and approved by the Committee, had executed the bond and t\\at the contract would be signed without delay. lie Inspector of the work, Mr. E. Gray was proposed on the motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Fenton. Mr. Hornblow's amendment, that Mr. Geo. Wakelin, Senr., be Inspector, not finding a seconder lapsed. Mr. R. A. Wakelin thought it was not right to appoint an unsuccessful tenderer. In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Hornblow thought his son would have no objection to Mr. Cray being Inspector. Mr. Gray was therefore appointed. The meeting then terminated.

15<sup>th</sup> May 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

A meeting of the Committee was held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday evening. Present Messrs.. Barnard, Hornblow, Fenton, and the Chairman. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence, outwards.—To Education Board re the Teachers residence.

Inwards.—From the Board accepting the appointment of Mr. E. Gray, as Inspector of Works, and asking whether it was likely an advance would be required by the 1st prox. The Head Teacher submitted the following Report:— Greytown, May, 16th. To the Chairman of the Greytown School Committee, Sir,—I have the honor to submit, for the information of your Committee, the following brief report of the school for the past month: —The number of scholars has largely increased, the present number on the roll being 187, the average attendance was 139, and the highest number present on any half-day 154, Owing to the continuous wet weather the average attendance was not so great as it would have been had the weather been fine. The children are much more punctual than formerly, but some few are very irregular in their attendance. They seem to be kept from school for the most trifling reasons. The school is improving in order, discipline and manners, but much in this respect

yet remains to be accomplished. An infant class room is very much needed. Discipline and all school work is much impeded under the present organization, as it would be cruel to enforce from infants that amount of restraint which we expect from other children.

I trust your committee will take this matter into serious consideration.

I am anxious to introduce the Kinder Garten system into the infant department, but cannot do so as we are at present situated. The class room would also enable me to teach singing from notes by taking the school in sections. It is impossible to teach singing from notes to the whole school at once, or to take a section while others are at different work.

The ventilation is defective; tubes should be introduced from outside and carried up, say, 6 foot inside, and the ventilators in the ceiling should be made to open. The leaks in the porch and under the bell have not been attended to, A new door mat is required, the old one is quite destroyed through being constantly wet, caused by the leak in the porch. A sweeping-brush and shovel are also required. Rough sheds in the play grounds would be a great boon to children who have to come long distances to school, and bring their lunch with them.

A load or two of gravel round the end of the school and about the door would be a great improvement. The girls entrance to their play-ground is at present through the teacher's ground. It will not be safe for them to enter that way while the building is in course of erection; and when the building is finished it would be objectionable to have the entrance through the teacher's garden. I would therefore suggest that an entrance be made direct into the girls play-ground, and if the large gates were erected there, firewood, &c., could be taken close to the school and teacher's yard. All the teachers are working well together, and are doing good work in their respective stations. Yours Obediently. Thomas Porritt. Head Master. Resolutions. Resolved on the motion of Mr. Barnard seconded by Mr. Hornblow—that the Board be advised to remit amounts to an account at the Bank of New Zealand, Greytown, to be opened in the name of the "School Building Fund." So that advances may be paid to the Contractors required, upon the certificate of the Inspector, and that (£10!) be forwarded by the 1st proximo, and that the Chairman of the Committee sign the cheques for such payments. Be Report of Head Master, the Chairman was requested to see to the minor matters.

On the motion of Mr. Hornblow, seconded by Mr. Fenton—Mr. Porritt was requested to submit a sketch for a class room and outbuildings, to a special meeting to be held on Thursday 22nd inst., at the School.

29<sup>th</sup> May 1879 A request of Mr. Wakelin, late head master of Greytown School, that he might be appointed teacher at Kaitana (*Actually Kaitara School which was the Morison Bush School*) during the winter months was acceded to

31<sup>st</sup> May 1879 The Greytown School Committee have succeeded in getting a grant from the Education Board towards the extension and alterations to the School building, which is urgently required. According to the New Zealander, "the grant is made conditionally that the inhabitants contribute a portion towards the work." The Committee should have no difficulty in raising the necessary sum—considering that education is free, and the improvements are for the comfort and accommodation of the pupils. It is contemplated to alter the present building to a square, partition the present wing for a senior class -room, and make the addition for an infant classroom with gallery. The entrance will be altered, and the girls' playground made larger and more convenient. We understand when the alterations are made, the "Kindergarten" system will be introduced, so that the youngsters will obtain amusement as well as instruction, and have more pleasure in going to school than the arrangements hitherto have afforded. Without the additions that are now proposed, it has been impossible to conduct the school in a satisfactory manner.

6<sup>th</sup> June 1879 In a long article on the Lower Hutt School included The sum of £20 for sundries is allotted to the Lower Hutt School, though the local committee have repeatedly urged the necessity of additions to the head master's house to make it decently habitable. This

school has on its books as many scholars now about as either Carterton, Greytown, or Featherston Masterton being first in the country districts, and ' Carterton, Greytown, Featherston, and Lower Hutt standing next close together. It (the Lower Hutt) has a most efficient master and-mistress

17<sup>th</sup> June 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The adjourned meeting was held last evening. Present: The Chairman, Messrs.. Fenton, Hornblow, Wakelin, and Barnard. Mr. Hornblow, as visiting member for past month, reported that everything seemed satisfactory in the school. A letter from the Education Board respecting advances to contractor was read. Two prizes, value half a guinea each, have been offered by Dr. Smith for the two best scholars in classes five and six, after the approaching midwinter examination. Master James Baillie would cease to act as monitor after the present quarter. Resolutions. lie prizes, Mr. Wakelin proposed, and Mr. Hornblow seconded—That from 12 to 18 prizes be procured to be allotted at the discretion of the Head Master, for progress, regular attendance, and good conduct. Carried. Mr. Fenton proposed, and Mr. Hornblow seconded—That Messrs.. Wakelin and Gray be requested to go through specifications together, and that tenders be invited at once. Carried. Mr. Wakelin moved, Mr. Fenton seconded— That the Education Board be applied to for an extra sum of. £22 for fireplaces. Carried. The meeting then adjourned

17<sup>th</sup> June 1879 Tender for school/' are invited up to noon of MONDAY, 26th inst., for alterations and auditions to the Greytown School. Plans and specifications may be seen at this office. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. BOCK, Chairman

19<sup>th</sup> June 1879 At a meeting of the Greytown School Committee, held on Monday, it was stated that the average attendance at the school was 139, and the highest attendance 150. It was resolved that from twelve to eighteen prizes should be procured, to be given at the discretion of the head-master for progress, regular attendance, and good conduct.

26<sup>th</sup> June 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A special meeting was held at Mr. Bock's office for the purpose of considering tenders for additions to school.

Present: Messrs.. Barnard, Wakelin, Jackson, Horn blow, and the Chairman. Prior to opening the tenders, the Chairman asked Mr. Hornblow if the tender handed in by him was from himself. Mr. Hornblow answering in the affirmative, the Chairman expressed the opinion that Mr. Hornblow, as a member of the Committee, at any rate should not sit while tenders were being considered, and invited the opinion of members present. All were unanimous and Mr. Hornblow was asked to retire.

The following tenders were then opened : For carpenters' work : Bishop & Hawkins, £% 16s, accepted; E. Gray, £103; C. W. Hornblow, £121 10s; W. E. Thompson, £124. For chimney : J. Smith had put in two tenders, but it was unanimously resolved that the second should not be received. The following were then read : J. Maguire, £22; J. Smith, £20. Mr. Jackson proposed, and Mr. Barnard seconded, that J. Smith's tender be accepted. Resolved that Mr. Wakelin supervise the erection of additions and chimneys. The meeting then adjourned.

26<sup>th</sup> June 1879 On the application of the Greytown School Committee the sum of £22 was ordered to be voted for the erection of a chimney

With reference to the application of Mr. Porritt, master of the Greytown School, the Board decided' that the whole of his salary be paid, as they considered he .was entitled to it

28<sup>th</sup> June 1879 The Greytown School broke up yesterday for the midwinter holidays. Prizes are to be awarded when the school re-assembles.

17<sup>th</sup> July 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL will re-assemble on MON DAY, 27th instant, and the distribution of prizes will be made in the schoolroom on WEDNESDAY, 30th instant, at 2 p.m. Parents and friends are invited to attend. W. BOCK, 17-7 Chairman. GREYTOWN SCHOOL”

19<sup>th</sup> January 1879 Tenders for cartage for the Greytown School close on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> inst  
31<sup>st</sup> July 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The distribution of prizes in connection with the midwinter examination, took place at the school yesterday. About 50 persons were present. The Chairman of the Committee presided. The proceedings were opened by the children singing “ Ring the Bell, Watchman,” after which Mr. Porritt (the head-master) explained that he thought we were mainly indebted to Dr. Smith for this meeting. He was not aware that the Committee intended presenting prizes, but as soon as they were told that Dr. Smith had offered three books for the three best scholars in the three highest classes, the Committee instructed their Chairman to procure prizes for the other classes. After suggesting that in future prizes should be given only for attainments in the upper classes, and special prizes might be given for diligence and progress, he asked the parents to second their endeavors to educate the children, and expressed thanks to Mrs. Scale and the junior teachers for their hearty co-operation in all plans for the successful working of the school. The Chairman, on behalf of the School Committee, expressed the pleasure he had in seeing so many visitors present, at the same time could not help feeling disappointed at not seeing more parents and friends of the scholars. He always maintained that the more parents exhibit an interest, the more the children will take an interest in their studies. No doubt the parents were told of the improvements made for the comfort of teachers and Scholars, but the Committee would rather they came to see for themselves, and it was with that object a general invitation was given. After intimating that Mr. Haines had kindly consented to present the prizes, he submitted a sketch of the proceedings of the Committee since the first meeting in July 1878. Refer-

ring to the active part that had been taken by the Rev. Mr.\* Knell in all school matters, until he was unable to attend meetings, and regretting the loss thus sustained and the difficulties under which the late head master had had to work. The cost of the additions to the school was £127, of which the Board contributed £97, and there was yet a lot to be done in the Way of gravelling and fencing. He hoped that under the new arrangements the school might be brought up to the position it held in former years, but much depended upon the parents and friends, whose co-operation would be a great assistance to the teachers and committee.

Mr. Haines regretted the Committee had not selected some other person to award the prizes, as during his absence in England he had got rather rusty. He explained that Education to children was a great boon, and now was the time the foundation was being laid, and that if they embraced the opportunity they had, they would soon educate themselves. He would impress upon them that their education was always going on, he hoped they would attend regularly and punctually and conduct themselves so as to make their school a credit to the town and lighten the labor of their Teachers. He thoroughly endorsed Mr. Porritt’s remarks with respect to prizes, and the Chairman, with respect to the interest parents should take in these gatherings, and he thought it a very poor return to the Teachers if they could not spare two hours on an occasion like this. He understood it was the intention of Mr. Porritt to form a Drum and Fife Band in connection with the school, if so it would be the means of many a pleasant hour being spent and the funds should be forthcoming. The prizes were then presented in suitable terms to the successful candidates, after which the children sang “ Try, Try, Try Again.” Mr. Cuff said he did not come expecting to say anything so would not say much. He was glad to see the scholars had been regular in attendance, and that the number was increasing, and advised the Committee to try and arrange for a more suitable playground for cricket and other sports. Three cheers were called for by Mr. Jackson for the Teachers, Dr. Smith, and the Committee. The proceedings then closed with “ God Save the Queen,” sung by the children and visitors.

Buns were distributed by Mesdames Smith and Cuff as the children left the schoolroom. The following is a list of prize-takers in order of merit



Attainments.—G. Stevens, E. W. Porritt, Eliza Judd, Louisa Bovey, Percy Wakelin, and P. Smith.

Conduct.—S. Watson, R. Wakelin, Harriett Hollard, C. Hancock, Eliza Cowper, F. York, V. Ridley.

Attendance.—W. Knell, F. Humphries, G. Haigh, W. Haigh, J. Bishop, Ceclia Ticehurst J. Dockery.

14<sup>th</sup> August 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the School on Tuesday evening. Present—Messrs.. Wakelin, Jackson, Hornblow, and the Chairman. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Letters from Board re insurance and nomination of member for Board were read. Report of head-master was read, showing the average attendance for past week as 158, as against 148 for previous week. The number on the roll was 196. The treasurer reported a balance in hand of £6 11s fid. The chairman reported that the additions had cost £127. That £97 had been received from the Board and an amount of £30 would have to be provided by the Committee. Tenders for gravelling from C. Bishop at £B, and T. Wiggins £6 12s 6d. Resolved that the tender of T Wiggins be accepted, but the work be not proceeded with until instructions are given. Resolved that the Board be communicated with, re outbuildings to teacher's residence. Resolved—That the Committee do not nominate a member for the Education Board. This being all the business the meeting adjourned.

21<sup>st</sup> August 1879 An entertainment is to be given by the Greytown Christy Minstrels on behalf of the Greytown School Drum and Fife Band.

20<sup>th</sup> September 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Thursday evening.

Present—Messrs.. Barnard, .Wakelin, Hornblow Fenton, Jackson, and Bock. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The head teacher reported that the highest attendance for any half day during the present quarter had been 174, and that the average attendance was expected to be at least 140. Many scholars were very irregular in attendance, which alone greatly impeded the progress of the school.

The Chairman reported the receipt of further subscriptions, amounting to £2 4s 6d. and that an amount of £4 4s had been handed in by Mr. S. J. Lewis as a portion of the result of an entertainment in aid of the “ School Band fund’ Letters from Education Board re teaching stall, and declining grant for extras to teachers residence were read

Mr. Wakelin's notice of motion, viz. ; That Dr. J. Smith be elected a member of the Committee vice Mr. H. A. Cowper, was seconded by Mr. Fenton, and carried 1 . dissolved, on the motion of Mr. Wakelin, seconded by Mr. Barnard, That the Chairman communicates with the Board re the teaching staff, and point out that the attendance is likely to warrant the number, and it is the wish of the Committee to retain the present staff. Resolved, That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to those gentlemen who voluntarily undertook the entertainment on behalf of the School Band.

Resolved, That the Chairman be authorised to have the necessary outbuildings erected.

Resolved, That account for cleaning school room be paid, and that other accounts stand over until next meeting. Resolved, on the motion of M. Wakelin, seconded by Mr. Barnard, That a filter be procured for school room ; and that the gravelling be proceeded with at once. The meeting then adjourned

23<sup>rd</sup> September 1879 We understand that the instruments for the Greytown School Band are expected this week. We omitted in our last issue from 'the report of the School Committee meeting, “ that sewing would be commenced on Monday,” (yesterday)

2<sup>nd</sup> October 1879 THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

(To the Editor of the Standard.)

Sir, —In the interests of the Grey town School, I would like to set at rest an impression that I have been informed many parents of scholars have. That is “ that on rainy days the scholars are turned out of the school at the dinner-hour, and those who live at too great a distance from the School are compelled to take their lunch when and where they can.”

A complaint of a similar kind was made to me some three months ago. I immediately made enquiries, and was glad to be able to give the matter a distinct denial. The children are, and always have been (both in the time of the late master and the present) allowed to remain in the school, the master staying with them.

It is only natural that parents should believe their children, and again, in many instances, natural that children will get out of a tanning if they can at any cost, but I would point out one case of many that come under my own notice. No later than Friday last I directed the attention of several persons to a youngster just out of school walking in a gutter for a distance of twenty yards, with the water over her boot-tops. She seemed to be enjoying herself so much that I hesitated in stopping her sport, but I did so with a caution. The school no doubt has to stand the racket of such cases as these, as without enquiry, the parents would be led to believe that the school grounds were in an unfit state. The Committee are fully alive to the many disadvantages children at a distance labor under, but parents should thoroughly satisfy themselves that they have grounds for complaint, and who against I, as a member of the Committee very much regret we are not in a position at present to erect sheds and make the school grounds more comfortable, but even were we, I venture to assert, the evil of scholars getting wet and catching cold would not be avoided. Apologising for trespassing on your space so much, I am, &c., W. Bock.

4<sup>th</sup> October 1879 We have been favored with the information that R. Morton, Esq., of the Wellington Private Academy, has offered two prizes to be competed for by girls and boys in the Greytown School- the prizes to be given to the best scholars, who have been trained only in the local school. We understand it is also the intention of Dr. Smith to offer four prizes, so that with these and others in view, the scholars will have something more to encourage them for the Xmas examination

16<sup>th</sup> October 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The ordinary monthly meeting was held on Tuesday evening. Present—Messrs.. Barnard; Smith, Horn blow, and the chairman The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The master reported that the average attendance for the past fortnight was 198, and the number of scholars on the roll 242, showing an increased average of 51 on the past quarter, and that if the number is maintained an additional assistant teacher would be required. A map of North America is Urgently required. The attendance for this afternoon was 203.

The chairman reported that an additional £2 2s had been received towards the Building Fund, and suggested that two ladies should be asked to canvass for further subscriptions ; and reported further that the band instruments were expected in a day or two. It was also recommended that an application be made to the Board to refund the amount of £8 expended in out buildings, Ac.' to teacher's residence.

Dr. Smith moved, Mr. Barnard seconded; That as the average attendance warrants additional teaching power, an application be made to the Board for an assistant male teacher.

Mr. Barnard moved, Mr. Hornblow seconded : That the suggestions made by the chairman be carried out. Carried. Resolved on the motion of Dr. Smith seconded by Mr. Barnard: That two members of the committee visit the school during each month, and that Messrs.. Bock and Barnard be the first visiting members. The meeting then adjourned;\

14<sup>th</sup> November 1879 The Featherston School Cricket Club has challenged the Greytown School Club to a match on Saturday, but as the Greytown boys have only just started their

club the challenge has been accepted for Saturday week, We are glad to hear of such friendly contests; they tend to benefit both teachers and scholars together

15<sup>th</sup> November 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

A. meeting of the Grey town School Committee, was held mi Thursday evening last, present, Messrs.. Barnard, Jackson, Hornblow, Smith, Wakelin, and the Chairman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and on the motion of Mr. Barnard, seconded by Mr. Jackson, were confirmed. The treasurer reports that sums of £B, and £17 10s, had been received from the Board, the former for extras to residence, and the latter as capitation to September 30<sup>th</sup>, and that since last meeting Mrs. Smith had handed in £3 5s, contribution towards the alterations. That the balance had been paid to Bishop and Hawkins and there remained £17 12s 5d, Accounts amounting to £17 6 3, were passed and ordered to be paid.

Dr. Smith reported that Mr. Morton of Wellington, had offered a prize for the Boy, and Girl, who takes the highest places at the Christmas examination, and who had been entirely educated in the Greytown School,

Dr. Smith offered four books of a value of 10s each for the best scholars in the four highest classes. The chairman reported that a prize had been offered by a gentleman in Greytown of a value of £1 1s, for the best scholar In arithmetic,

Be other prizes, it was resolved to let them stand over until next meeting of the committee.

Report from head master read, shewing that 35 new scholars had been admitted during the past month, and that the number on the books was 260, the average for past month 197, and highest attendance on any half day, 211, also that further desk accommodation was urgently needed. Correspondence from Education Board read, staling that Maori children could be admitted providing that the rule as to cleanliness, was conformed with, that the present teaching staff be retained, and the application for an assistant teacher would be considered upon receipt of ensuing quarters returns. Be desk accommodation, the chairman was requested to apply to the Board for 12 dual desks, also for water supply for the school.

The chairman suggested that an application be made to the Board to provide tanks, or sink a well for the school. Mr. Wakelin said that his children had complained that the filter in the school was locked up and they could not get water. The chairman explained that the children were allowed to use the pump in the masters premises, during the time the school was closed. ; After further discussion Mr. Jackson moved and Dr. Smith seconded, that the Board be applied to for a well to be sunk and a pump fixed, on the school ground, Mr. Wakelin moved and Mr. Jackson seconded, that the visiting member Mr. Barnard sees that the children have the use of the filter. Resolved that 100, palings be ordered for dividing fence. The meeting then adjourned,

15<sup>th</sup> November 1879 NOTICE. TO PARENTS. GUARDIANS. AND YOUNG MEN OF GREYTOWN. EVENING CLASSES are now being formed for instruction in the subjects of HIGHER EDUCATION. Pupils attending these classes will be carefully and thoroughly instructed in all subjects prescribed in Standard VI, and prepared for Civil Service and other COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS. The course of instruction will include (besides all ordinary English subjects) Latin, Algebra, Euclid, Mensuration, Practical Mechanics, Geometrical and Freehand Drawing, Physical Science, Book-keeping, &c. Intending students are requested to communicate at once with the Head Master, Greytown School, from whom further particulars may be obtained. N.B. —No pupil admitted below Standard IV

17<sup>th</sup> November 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The monthly meeting of the Commit' tee was held at Mr. Bock's office on Thursday evening. Present: Messrs.. Barnard, Jackson, Smith, Hornblow, Wakelin, and the Chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing receipts from the Education Board of L17 10s for capitation and L 8 for extras, also L 3 5s from Mrs. Smith, being contributions collected by

her on account of the school building fund ; also, that the balance on contract had been paid Messrs.. Bishop and Hawkins, and the sum of 17 13s remained in hand.

Accounts amounting to L17 6s 3d were passed and ordered to be paid. Dr. Smith reported that Mr. Morton (late of Greytown) had offered a prize for the boy and girl who took the highest places at the Christmas examination, and have been entirely educated in Greytown. Dr. Smith offered four prizes of a value of ten shillings each for the best scholars in the four highest standards. The Chairman reported that a gentleman in Greytown would give a prize value LI Is for the best scholar in arithmetic.

Re other prizes, it was agreed to postpone the consideration until next meeting.

Correspondence from the Education Board was read stating, in reply, that Maori children could be admitted if the rule as to cleanliness was complied with; that the present teaching staff would be retained, and the application for assistant master considered upon receipt of ensuing quarter's returns.

Report of head master read, showing that 25 new scholars had been admitted during the past month. The average attendance was 197, and number on the books 260.

Re desk accommodation, the Chairman was requested to apply to the Board for twelve dual desks. Re water supply for the school, the Chairman suggested that application should be made to the Board to sink a well or provide tanks.

Mr. Wakelin said his children had complained that the filter in the school was locked up, and they could not get water. The Chairman explained that when the school was closed the children were allowed to use the pump on the teacher's premises.

Mr. Wakelin said that on a previous occasion the Chairman had defended the master, and he would as soon take his boy's word as the Chairman's.

' The Chairman said that he did not defend one master more than another when he knew he was in the right, and referred to his action in connection with Mr. Wakelin, the previous master, and suggested that Mr. Wakelin should put his complaint in the form of a resolution, so that other information might be given, and stated that were it not that there is only one more meeting before the term of office of the present Committee expires, he would resign his position at once. Mr. Jackson proposed, Dr. Smith seconded, that an application be made to the Board to sink a well and fix a pump on school grounds. Carried. Resolved that 100 palings be ordered for dividing fence. Mr. Wakelin moved, Mr. Jackson seconded, that the visiting member for the month (Mr. Barnard) be requested to see that the children have access to the filter. Carried. The meeting then adjourned,

22<sup>nd</sup> November 1879 Featherston correspondent writes The School Cricket club also intend to try conclusions with the Greytown School Club, and great interest is taken by the youngsters in the forthcoming match. It is no 1 strictly confined to present scholars, as I think it undoubtedly should. The game would be much more interesting for everyone, if teachers and boys who have long since left the day school made room for smaller boys who are bona fide scholars

25<sup>th</sup> November 1879 Featherston v. Greytown. The \_ match arranged between those attending the Greytown and Featherston Schools was played in Mr. O'Connor's paddock on Saturday last. Both teams were on' the ground punctual to time, but owing to an objection being raised by the Greytown boys to a pupil teacher, E. Gurr, playing, as they had understood it was to be strictly a scholars' match and had prepared accordingly, play did not commence till half-past eleven. The objection was arranged by the Greytown side allowing Gurr to play and the Featherston side allowing H. Hawke, a. late pupil, to represent the Greytown pupil teachers (who, by the way, are all young ladies.) Hawke had therefore a very enviable position as their champion, and one he upheld credibly pas the result given below will show. " .After the usual preliminaries Featherston won the toss , and elected to send their opponents to the wickets.; (E. Tully and James Judd (two promising cricketers) were the first to face the bowling of W.

Lucena and R. Hume, both bowling dead on, notwithstanding -the slippery state of 'the ground and the consequent greasiness of the ball; but the careful and clever play of Jas. Judd seemed to surprise them, as he was almost the smallest boy on the ground. H. Hawke topped the score with 15 (which he, of course, credits to the ladies); the next highest were Walter Udy, 12 ; Jas. v Judd, 7 ; J. Winteringham, j; W. Morris, 7. These last four were about a size. The innings closed for 60, all having done their best to contribute. The Featherston team handled the willow without delay, and, after some very careful play, retired with 32 runs to their credit, E. W. Gurr securing 6, E. Hume 6, W. Lucena 4, and W. Feist 5, little Wardell showing promise of good cricket, with 3. An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom for lunch; which was fully discussed, -after which • Mr. Porritt proposed " Success; to the " Featherston . School," and remarked that he felt much pleasure in seeing both masters and pupils meet on such occasions as the present, and thought friendly contests of the kind were calculated to place all concerned on a much better understanding than if they were not entered into. Mr. Gurr followed with the "Greytown School," and remarked that he felt very - much pleased at the way in which the game, so far, had been conducted. Last year the Greytown boy« had gone to Featherston, and were beaten, and in this match there was every probability of his school being beaten. He thought that if such was the result, one should be scored to Featherston, and one to Greytown. Master H. Wardell then proposed a vote of thanks to those who kindly provided the lunch. Mr. Gurr afterwards proposed " The Ladies," which was duly honored. Mr. Bock responded on their behalf, and regretted they were not present to witness the way in which the compliment had been paid. He said he did not agree with Mr. Gurr in the matter of going back to last year to score a win, but thought the victories should be won each season by one side or the other. The health of " Our visitors" was then proposed, and the National Anthem sung. The teams then again commenced work, the Featherston Club following their innings, which, after some good play on both aides, closed for 30 runs, out of which E. Gurr made 11, and A. Tait. (not out) 10, the Greytown school thus winning in one innings by eight runs. An effort was then made to arrange for the return match to be played on the 6th December, on a thorough understanding as to the match being confined strictly to pupils on the roll, the Greytown boys protesting against E. Gurr (who, by the way, is secretary to the Featherston Cricket Club) unless they were allowed to retain H. Hawke. Nothing definite was arrived at, the matter being left for discussion by the respective Committees of the Clubs

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2<sup>nd</sup> December 1879 At the Greytown, School yesterday the muster of children was higher than over before chronicled in the township, the number being 214, when Mr. Lee made his annual inspection, which probably accounts for so large a muster

6<sup>th</sup> December 1879 At a meeting of the members of the Greytown School Cricket Club the following officers were elected: Mr. Porritt, President; Mr. Buck, Vice-President; Messrs.. D. Baillie, W. Judd, W. Tully, W. Knell, and W... Udy, a Committee; Mr. Porritt, Hon. Treasurer; W. Knell, Secretary; W. Bock, Practice-Captain; W. Judd, Match-Captain. It was arranged to play the return match with Featherston on Saturday, the 13th December.

Mr. Lee completed his examination of the Greytown school on Wednesday evening, and proceeded to Carterton. We understand he will commence with the Masterton school on Monday. The following is the result of the Greytown examination, and which must be considered as highly satisfactory to the teachers and all concerned:—Number of children on the books, 245; present at examination, 228;

94 boys and 84 girls were sent up for examination, out of which 76 boys and 68 girls were classified as. follows.

45 in Standard 1, 37 in Standard 11, 35 in Standard 111, 17 in Standard IV, 6 in Standard V, and 4 in Standard VI. Out of the 178, 96 had made less than the 250 attendances,

9<sup>th</sup> December 1879 A much respected resident in Greytown brought to this office yesterday a large quantity of bread that had been thrown away by the school children, and which he had taken the trouble to pick up, as evidence of the badness of the times. He considers it disgraceful, and so must every right blinking person, that good food should be so shamefully wasted. This is not an exceptional occurrence, but one that can be daily witnessed : nor is it confined to the Greytown School, as we are informed the same thing takes place at Carterton. Possibly the attention of parents being called to the matter will be the means of abating the evil

9<sup>th</sup> December 1879 Four pupils from the Greytown School are candidates for the next primary scholarship examination of the Wellington College.

11<sup>th</sup> December 1879 The Greytown Nigger Opera Company have kindly consented to give a performance for the purpose of raising funds to enable them to give a treat to the Greytown school children and also to provide special prizes. The two children who gained prizes yesterday at the Greytown school for reciting will give the pieces on the night of the concert and will have the prizes presented to them at the same time- The programme of the concert will appear in a future issue

11<sup>th</sup> December 1879 In addition to the prizes already published for the Greytown Horticultural Show, there will be one valued at 15 shillings for mapping by boy attending Greytown School, 5s .additional for best hand bouquet, C pot plants for best hand bouquet made in the room by girl under sixteen. Several special exhibits of needlework, curios, etc., will be made, We expect to be able to report the most successful Show ever held in Greytown.

13<sup>th</sup> December 1879 An opportunity was afforded the Greytown School children on Thursday last of witnessing the Horticultural Society's' Show, when they were marched in order from the school to the Town Hall, by the head master, Mr. Porritt, and assistant teachers, The children appeared highly pleased with what they saw, and their appetites doubtless quickened when they saw some of the beautiful exhibits in fruit, as they might have been heard expatiating afterwards one with the other on the merits of each one's favorite fruit, but we dare presume the children were not the only ones who would like to have partaken of the forbidden

17<sup>th</sup> December 1879 The following extract from a letter has been kindly handed to us, and we have very much pleasure in publishing it A short time since some of the children attending the Greytown School subscribed an amount, which sum was presented to me with a request that I would have a photograph of myself taken that they may have it in the school. The bearer will hand you one,. which I hope will meet with satisfaction.-Yours, &c., W R Haswell

We have seen the picture which is a large oil painting 2'6 x 2'2, by Clark and Hamilton of Lambton-Quay, Wellington, in very handsome gilt frame a speaking likeness of Mr. Haswell, and will be a great adornment to the local school.-

20<sup>th</sup> December 1879 It has been decided to hold tie Greytown School Picnic on New Year's Day, when the school prizes will be awarded

20<sup>th</sup> December 1879 The Masonic Ball will be postponed in consequence of the death of Bro, W R, Haswell, The concert in aid of the Greytown School is postponed for a fortnight, owing to the sudden death of Mr. W, R, Eastwell

20<sup>th</sup> December 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The Committee met at Mr. W. Bock's office yesterday, Present—Messrs.. Smith, Barnard, Wakelin, Jackson. Hornblow and the chairman,

The head-master's report was read, showing the number on the books as 247, an average attendance for past month, oi 191, and highest attendance on any half day, 223.. The list of special prize takers, compiled from the Inspector's report, was read.

The Chairman reported having selected the special prizes, as requested by the donors, and also prizes amounting to £2 from Mr. St George. Mr. Wakelin thought other prizes should be given besides the special prizes, and that they should be obtained the same as last year.

Mr. Jackson proposed, Mr. Wakelin seconded, that an order be sent to R. Holliday & Co., for £10 worth of books to select from, and that the special prizes already selected be considered the first prizes of the school,—Carried,

the action of the chairman in selecting books from Mr. St George was endorsed, Mr. Jackson moved, Mr. Wakelin seconded, that the picnic be fixed for New Year's Day, and advertised to that effect. —Carried.

The Chairman was requested to arrange with Mr. O'Connor for the use of paddock, and make other arrangements, the meeting then adjourned until Tuesday, 30th inst.

27<sup>th</sup> December 1879 GREYTOWN SCHOOL PICNIC. THE ANNUAL PICNIC in connection with the Greytown School will be held in Mr. O'Connor's paddock, Kuratiwhiti road, on THURSDAY, New Year's Day. The Committee will be glad to see the parents and friends of the scholars present. The prizes will be presented on the ground in the afternoon. W. BOCK, Chairman

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3<sup>rd</sup> January 1880 We remind our readers of the Greytown N O Company's grand concert in aid of the Greytown school on Monday night. The varied programme, the reputation of the company, and the object for which the concert is given, cannot fail in attracting a large audience

5<sup>th</sup> January 1880 The following is a list of prizes awarded by the Greytown School Committee on Thursday last. Special prizes: For the highest number of marks obtained in Standard I. Herbert Brooks; II. James Judd; III. Jane Baillie; IV. Ely Hornblow; VI. Sydney Watson. Best Scholar educated solely in the Greytown School: George Humphries, Annie Ramsay. Special for writing: William Knell, and S. A. Mills. For reading. E. W. Porritt and S. A. Mills. Recitation: E. W. Porritt, S. A. Mills, Edith Cotter, Jane Baillie. Arithmetic: Sydney Watson. Spelling: F. Humphries. Drawing: W. Knell. Mapping: W. Knell. General Progress: J. C. Smith. Besides the above special prizes, others were awarded for the best boy and girl respectively in each standard, as follows:—Standard I, Robert Thomas, Zelia Porritt; II, Ernest Porritt, Laura Cowper; III, George Armstrong, Elizabeth Judd; IV, Thomas Baillie, Edith Cotter; V, J. C. Smith, Alice Hawke; VI, W. Morris, George Humphries. For attendance combined with good conduct, prizes were awarded in the following order:—1st. Sydney Watson; 2nd. F. Humphries; 3rd. E. Dailey; 4th. W. Haigh; 5th, Joseph Bishop; 6th. Angus Smith. Sixteen prizes were awarded for steady good work and a number to the ? (Probably infants)

7th January 1880 The concert in aid of the Greytown School was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening, and drew a good house. The Greytown Private Brass Band played several selections before the programme was taken in hand by the Nigger Opera Company, and added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening. We cannot let this opportunity pass without again complimenting the members upon the proficiency they have attained, and their liberal action in coming forward to assist in entertainments for such objects as the one on Monday evening. The curtain rose to a chorus by school children in the infant class, under Miss York, after which they sang "The Little Cock Sparrow," "When I fed my Father's Sheep," "I won't be a Dunce," in regular happy school children style. This part of the entertainment was sufficient in itself to gladden the hearts of parents and all present. The pieces were highly appreciated, and for the first appearance before an audience deserve special mention, Miss Mills then gave her prize recitation in a very creditable manner, and was deservedly

applauded. "Thou art so Near," by a member of the Company, was without doubt the ballad of the first part of the programme, being very carefully rendered, and without that exhibition of straining to high notes so often noticed in amateur performances. The favorite "comic" member of the Company was in his element, and gave "Underneath the Woodbine Vine" in his usual happy style. The trio, "Forgive, blest. Shade," was (considering the bad acoustic arrangement of the stage) very creditably rendered and loudly applauded. The next on the programme was a prize recitation by Master Porritt, The song, "My Arab Steed," was the next favorite piece of the evening, and was loudly applauded. Then followed "Nancy Lee," "Death of Nelson," and "Sweet Chiming Bells," all of which were well rendered by members of the Company, The dialogue, "Coriolanus and Anfinius," was well given by two members, and made more variety in the programme. The first part concluded with a song and dance, "Bunch of Roses," by the favorite comic of the Company, After a short interval and an overture by the band, the curtain rose to "Maritana." It will be remembered that this piece was given some little time ago in aid of the cricket club, and was so well received that it was decided to place it on the boards again, with slight alterations, With the additional practice and confidence obtained by some of the members the burlesque went off without a single hitch. The new parts introduced added to the piece, and kept the audience in good humour until 11 o'clock.

14<sup>th</sup> January 1880 The sum of £14 Is 6d has been handed, over to the Chairman of the Greytown School Committee by Mr. W. J. Salmon, as the net proceeds of the entertainment in aid of the school picnic and prizes

21<sup>st</sup> January 1880 The Committee met on Monday evening Present-Messrs.. Barnard, Smith, Fenton, Jackson, and the Chairman. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's statement was read showing an amount to credit of £29 13s. The capitation grant at 31st December had not been received, A letter from the Education Board authorising the construction of six forms for the school, was received. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the Greytown N. O. Company for their donation of £14 Is 6d, and to others who contributed towards the school picnic and prizes, An abstract of accounts for the past year was read, and it was resolved that Mr. W. J. Salmon be asked to audit the accounts. 'The draft report to be submitted to the annual meeting on Monday next was read and adopted.' The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair

27<sup>th</sup> January 1880 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The annual meeting was held on Monday evening. There were a fair number present. Mr. Baillie, having been voted to the chair, read the notice convening the meeting and called on the chairman of the late Committee, Mr. Bock, to read the annual report. The secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting which were confirmed. The report showed that owing to the interest taken in the school by the public they were able to show that the assets equalled the liabilities, and was a most satisfactory one The report was then adopted on the motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Fuller.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Thomas seconded that a vote of thanks be passed to the chairman and the committee for their services. Carried unanimously.

The balance sheet showed, total receipts, £231 3s 6d; expenditure, £239 11s 1d; balance £1 12s 5d. Assets, £21 12s 5d; liabilities, £23 7s 9d. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Gray seconded by Mr. Fuller that the balance sheet be adopted The election of a new committee was then proceeded with, before which Mr. Bock read the clauses of the Education Act relating to the election of committees

The following gentlemen were nominated : Dr. Smith, Mr. Bock, Mr. Jackson. Mr. Hammerich, Mr. Thomas, Mr. W. G. Beard, Mr. W. J. Salmon, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Barnard and Mr. Cuff. .



The following is the result of the ballot: Bock, 24; Smith, 24; Hammerich, 21; W. G. Beard, 21; Barnard, 20; Salmon, 18; Fenton, 15 ; Jackson, 12; Cuff, 8; Thomas,

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

#### COMMITTEE MEETING.

Present Messrs... Bock, Salmon, Smith Hammerich, Barnard and Fenton. Dr. Smith proposed and Mr. Salmon seconded that Mr. Bock be elected chairman. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Barnard, seconded be Dr. Smith, that the night of meeting be the second Tuesday in each

month, at Mr. Bock's office. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Salmon seconded by Mr. Hammerich, that the salary of the Secretary and Treasurer be £25, per annum.

Dr. Smith proposed and Mr. Salmon seconded that Mr. Webster be appointed Secretary and Treasurer, carried, It was resolved that No force pump be procured for the Teachers residence. Dr. Smith moved that as members of this Committee be appointed to visit school every month, Messrs.. Barnard and Beard to be the first visiting members, seconded and carried. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Salmon seconded by Dr. Smith—That the two first visiting members see to the dividing fence with power to act. Dr. Smith wished to know if there had been any word from the Board re the application for assistant teacher.

The Chairman replied that the matter would be considered at the next meeting of the Board. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business.

28<sup>th</sup> January 1880 We are glad to be able to report that no plumping was indulged in at the election of the Greytown school committee. Greater interest was shewn in the election by the residents than on any previous occasion; the consequence of which is that a good representative committee has been appointed. We do not infer that they will do more work than the late committee, but we advocate changes occasionally and think the selection of members satisfactory

29<sup>th</sup> January 1880 The balance sheet of the Greytown School Committee, read at the late meeting showed the receipts from the Board to be –

Capitation £57 10s,

special grants £105 ;

donations from residents £53 16s 6d;

other sources £14 17s ;

total, £231 3s 6d.

Expenditure—Cleaning, stationery, Ac, £24 13s 3d,

repair's and alterations, £150 14s ;

prizes, picnics, Ac., £37 6s 10d;

sundry accounts. £16 17s;

balance in hand, £1 12s 5d.

29<sup>th</sup> January 1880 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. A letter was read from the School Committee in reference to house allowance to Mr. Porritt, and it was resolved that the Secretary should explain that the salary paid to Mr. Porritt included the allowance for rent, at the rate of £20 per annum

4<sup>th</sup> February 1880 We are pleased to learn that the Greytown Trust Land Trustees have voted £ls towards the purchase of a harmonium for the Greytown school.,. This will be a great assistance in teaching singing, and will tend to further the interest already taken by .the pupils in their school.

12<sup>th</sup> February 1880 The usual monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held at Mr. W. Bock's office on Tuesday evening. Present—Messrs.. Bock (in the chair), Beard, Barnard, Hammerich, and Smith. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, The Treasurer's statement was read, showing a credit balance of £26 2s sd. Accounts, amounting to £25 5s, were passed for payment. Entries in Visitors' Book were read. It was

resolved that a dividing curtain be fixed partly across the main class room, and that an application be made to the Board to erect a dividing fence across the girls' playground and for the erection of sheds. Three members -for the Education Board were then voted for.

The head master reported 251 scholars on the roll, 45 of whom had been admitted as new scholars since 1st January. The average for the past week was 209, and for to-day 221; the space at present, allowing eight square feet per child, would only accommodate 207. Resolved that the matter be laid before the Board with a request to provide additional accommodation. • It was also resolved that the attention of the Board be directed to their communication of the 27th October, re additional teaching power. The meeting then adjourned

11<sup>th</sup> March 1880 A meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held at Mr. Bock's office on Tuesday evening. Present Messrs.. Bock, (Chairman) Barnard, Smith and the Secretary. After some preliminary business was transacted, Dr. Smith moved and Mr. Barnard seconded, that in future at least one week's notice be given to members of the committee of meetings, (carried,) The Chairman reported the receipt of £ls, from the Greytown Trust Lands for the purchase of an Harmonium, and asked for the authority to purchase a suitable instrument. Dr. Smith moved a vote thanks to the Greytown Trustees for the donation. Moved that the chairman be authorised to procure an Harmonium at £16. The head master reported an average attendance for past week of 218, and forecast month. 216. The secretary was instructed to advise Messrs.. Salmon and Fenton that they're the visitors for the next month,

11<sup>th</sup> March 1880 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The usual meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday evening. Present Messrs.. Bock (Chairman), Dr. Smith, Barnard, and the Secretary. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. CORRESPONDENCE. Outwards— ' - To the Education Board re dividing fence, school accommodation, and teaching power. Inwards— From the Education Board, stating that the fence should be erected out of school funds, and that the matter of accommodation and teaching power would be considered after the Inspector's report had been received, and that the cost of a pump would be defrayed by the Board. The Chairman reported the receipt of £ls from the Greytown Trust Land Trustees for the purchase of an harmonium, and was authorised to purchase a suitable instrument, Resolved, on the motion of Or Smith, that a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the Trust for their donation. Resolved, on the motion of Dr. Smith, that in future a week's notice be given to members of Committee prior to the meetings. The Head-master reported an average attendance for the past month of 215, and; an attendance for the past week of 218, being an increase average since last meeting of 9. The entries in the Visitors' Book were read, and some other formal business transacted. . Messrs.. Fenton and Salmon were reported as the visiting members for the month, and the meeting adjourned.

1<sup>st</sup> April 1880 A Concert in aid of the Greytown School Band is in preparation by the School children and lady and gentlemen amateurs, to be given on or about the 14th proximo. The first part of the programme will be filled by the School children, by trios and choruses, recitations &c, and the School Band. We hope to be able to report a large house

8th April 1880 GREYTOWN SCHOOL CONCERT. And ENTERTAINMENT in aid of the SCHOOL BAND, &c.. Will be given in the Town Hall Greytown,

ON WEDNESDAY EVENING,' 14th INST.

Programme—Overture School Band

Chorus Infant Class

Recitation Miss Mills

Quartette & Chorus. . .Upper Division

Recitation Master Porritt

Chorus Infant Class

Dialogue Pupils

Quartette & Chorus.. ..Upper Division

Round Pupils

Overture Baud

Part 2. Solos, Duets, and Recitations BY LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Particulars in future advertisement Doors open at 7.30, entertainment to commence at 8 o'clock, sharp. Tickets— Front Seats, 3/-; Back Seats, 2/-; Gallery, 1/May be obtained from Mr. St. George, Mr. Cuff, and members of Committee.

15th April 1880 The Concert in aid of the Greytown School Band, &0., has been postponed for about a fortnight on account of the inclement state of the weather. This will no doubt be a disappointment to many as the concert was looked forward to with some interest. The interval will possibly be filled up by extra practice and furnishing new pieces which will tend to make up for the disappointment, added to this the night now fixed will be moonlight which may prove the correctness of the old saying that all things end for the best.

15th April 1880 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The monthly meeting of Committee was held on Tuesday evening last, present Mr. Bock (in the chair) Messrs.. Barnard, Smith, Hammerich, Beard, Fenton, Salmon and the Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer reported 17s 5d to the School fund. The Chairman reported that the Harmonium had been purchased, and was now in the School. That sheds and lavatories were urgently required, and should be undertaken at once, the cost would not exceed £16. The head master reported the attendance for past quarter 203 and past fortnight at 223. That the present system re stationery and cleansing was not satisfactory, and that new mats were required at the entrance, and a scraper at the hoys entrance. Resolved that the Board be applied to for the cost of erecting sheds &c. and pointing out the urgent necessity of same. Resolved that the Committee procure stationery upon the head master furnishing statement of requirements, and that if be supplied to the scholars through the head master, and that he be requested to state what amount he would consider necessary for cleansing &c. Resolved that new mats and scraper be procured. Resolved that the Chairman be authorised to order sufficient quantity firewood and that the Board be asked to supply dual desks as promised. Messrs.. Salmon and Fenton were appointed visiting members for the month. The meeting then adjourned,

22nd April 1880 The Concert in aid of the Greytown School is definitely fixed for Tuesday next, and judging from the programme we have seen, and those who have kindly offered to assist, should be one of the most successful yet held in Greytown. The first part of the programme will consist of ten or twelve selections by the school children, and the second of some twenty pieces by ladies and gentlemen. The gallery will be free to children attending the school, and admission for children to the body of the hall sixpence. There will be a good moon, and we can safely promise that those who attend will spend a pleasant evening

29<sup>th</sup> April 1880 The concert given in aid of the Greytown school band. &c., in the town hall, on Tuesday evening, was on the whole a marked success. The total amount realised by the concert was £20, and after all expenses are paid there will be the very respectable sum of £1s to be devoted to the purposes for which the entertainment was given. The hall was perhaps better filled than we have seen it on any previous occasion, and great credit is due to Mr. Bock and all those in whose hands the getting up of the concert was placed. The first part of the programme was commenced by an overture by the school band, and considering that it was the first time the band had made its appearance in public the boys played well and were a credit both to their teacher and to themselves. This was followed by the infant class singing a chorus, which was the most pleasing part of the entertainment, and the way the little ones went through their piece must be alike gratifying to their teacher, Mrs. Scale, and to their parents. The recitation of Miss Mills, which came next, fairly captivated the audience, as a pin might have been heard to drop. The upper division then came forward, and, like the infant class, were greeted with applause from the audience, and their singing was even better than could have been reasonably expected, considering the time they have been practicing. The recitation of Master Porritt was hardly so good as the previous one, we hardly think the piece chosen was suitable, being to a certain extent difficult. The infant class, upper division, and band, came forward and were even more successful than on their first appearance. Messrs.. Salmon, Wickerson, and Williamson created no little merriment by singing "Three Blind Mice." The second part of the programme of songs, recitations, and glees, by ladies and gentlemen, but the time at our disposal prevents us from following the programme through in detail. The songs, "Kathleen Mavourneen" "A life on the Ocean Wave," and "Warrior Bold," were deservedly well received. The recitations, one "The speech of Brutus," and the other that of Mark Anthony, especially the latter, were executed in a masterly manner.

13<sup>th</sup> May 1880 The usual monthly meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday evening. Present:—Messrs.. Bock, (chairman) Beard, Barnard, Smith and Fenton. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Treasurers statement was read, shewing Credit balance, £20 17s sd. Accounts amounting to £16 10s 7d, were passed for payment.

It was resolved that the accounts be passed for payment as per statement. Correspondence onwards read asking Board to erect sheds and lavatories. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS. From W. Bock, slating that the liabilities on School Board was paid off. From Chairman of Featherston Committee. asking for information re sewing in School.

From Sec. Education Board, re sheds. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Beard, that the band instruments be vested in the Committee from time to time. And that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the public through the medium of the press. Dr. Smith proposed, Mr. Barnard seconded, that Mr. Porritt be authorised to procure the necessary material for sewing class, and that sewing be made compulsory throughout the School, It was resolved that the Chairman reply to the letter from the Featherston Committee. Mr. Beard proposed, and Mr. Fenton Seconded, that a letter be sent to the Sec. of the .education Board, pointing out head Masters report, on children leaving school earlier on account of the distance during the winter months, and requesting advice upon the subject, as the Committee do not feel empowered to tiler hours without the approval of the Board. It was resolved that Mr. Porritt's offer for cleaning &c. be accepted. Dr. Smith and Mr. Bernard were appointed visiting

members for ensuing month. Mr. Beard proposed. Dr. Smith seconded, that tenders be called for erection of sheds. &c. And that the chairman be requested to prepare specifications. The head master reported that there were 14 more Maori children attending the School, and observed ail conditions as to cleanliness etc. but some were over age. Mr. Beard proposed, Mr. Barnard seconded, that while the regulations were observed, children above School age be admitted. Carried. The head master reported the irregularity of some of the children. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Beard, that a circular be sent to the parents of the children. The headmaster suggested that in cases of contagious diseases that he be empowered to demand a medical certificate. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Burnard, seconded by Mr. Fenton, that the head master be authorised to demand a medical certificate in cases of contagion! diseases before admitting scholars from the same family. It was resolved that Friday the 14th, be a School holiday. The meeting then adjourned.

13<sup>th</sup> May 1880 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. TENDERS are invited up to 3 o'clock p m. on MONDAY next, the 17th inst., for the erection of wet weather sheds et the Greytown School. Particulars may be ascertained from the undersigned and to whom tenders are to be addressed. W. BOCK. Chairman

13<sup>th</sup> May 1880 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The usual monthly meeting of the Committee of the above School was held at the office of the 1 Chairman on Tuesday evening. Present—Messrs.. Bock'(in the chair) Messrs.. Dr. Smith, W, G, Beard, T. C. Barnard, and W. Fenton. , The minutes of the .previous meeting were read and confirmed. ' • Treasurer reported the receipt of capitation grant for the quarter .ending 31st March, and that the credit balance at date was £20 17s 5d. Accounts amounting to £16 10s 7d were passed, CORRESPONDENCE—OUTWARDS. To the Education Board, re wet weather sheds, &o. S: . . INWARDS, : From the Education Board, declining to erect wet weather sheds, and that dual "'desks'; could' be provided if there was room.

From W. Book, notifying-that the band instruments were cleared of debt, by the proceed} of an entertainment given by Mr." S. X Lewis and others, and a concert; by ladies and gentlemen and the 'school children, and were now the exclusive property of the school. From the Chairman Featherston School Committee, re sewing. - Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Beard —That the band instruments and harmonium be vested in the School Committee from time to time, and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the public,, and those ladies and' gentlemen taking part in, the concerts .for the donation-, of band instruments, through the medium of the REPORTS,

" The head-master reports the number on the Roll is 278,, The average for the past month at' 208, past week 227, and the highest present at any time 236. That in the matter of sewing great difficulty is experienced in getting the girls to bring their work;' "and that teaching only the few who do', totally' disorganizes the school, and that it. must be taught to all, or not to any, to, he suggests,, Mrs. Scale "should be authorised to purchase calico, print," &'0., to be made up .in the school and afterwards sold to defray the cost. . In the matter of school hours, parents of children who have to' travel long distances, wish them to leave at o'clock during the winter months, this disturbs the studies of other scholars. He therefore suggests that the committee should consider, that no interval of play be allowed during the afternoon, but that all. scholars be dismissed at 3.15 instead of 3.30 p.m. For sweeping, dusting, fire lighting, &c., daily, he would not consider from 7s to 10s per week too much sanitary labor and chimney sweeping could be done as required, Sheds and lavatories are more needed than anything else, and require immediate attention.

He regrets the committee do not visit the school, as they cannot know what is going on, or required, as ; well as they would by personal inspection . Resolved—That Mr. Porritt be authorised to procure the necessary material for the sewing class, and that sewing be made compulsory throughout the school, : .-"

Resolved—That the Chairman reply to the letter from the Chairman of the Featherston School Committee. . Resolved—That a letter be sent to the Secretary of the Education Board, pointing out the report of the Head Master re alteration of hours during the winter months,, and asking to be advised upon same, as the Committee do not feel empowered to alter the hours without the approval of the Board. Dr. Smith and Mr. Barnard were appointed visiting members for the month. Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Beard, seconded by Dr. Smith—That tenders be invited for the erection of wet weather sheds and lavatories, particulars of which may be ascertained from the Chairman. The Head Master reported 14 Maoris were attending the school, and observed all the regulations as to cleanliness, &c., but some were above school age, and he wished the sanction of the School Committee to admit them.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Beard, seconded by Mr. Barnard—That while the regulations were observed children above school age be admitted. ; The head-master reported the irregularity in attendance of some of the scholars, and suggested the parents should be communicated with. : It was resolved that a list of those absenting themselves should be supplied, and circulars sent to the parents, . It was resolved that the head-master be empowered to demand a 'medical' certificate from parents before re-admitting scholars from a family who have been afflicted with any contagious disease." ... It was resolved that Friday be a holiday; on the occasion of the opening of the railway. The meeting then adjourned,

2<sup>nd</sup> June 1880 The tender of Mr. E Gray for wet weather sheds to the Greytown school, at £16 10s has been accepted by the Committees

8<sup>th</sup> June 1880 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

(To the Editor of the Standard) Sir,— Since my last letter to you respecting the School playground appeared, I have been moving about quietly, noticing its effect on the public, and I am not in the least surprised to find universal sympathy for the children and their friend. Among others, I had some conversation with the Schoolmaster, who seemed very pleased at the prospect of something being done, and informed me that many offers had been made, one parent would gladly set on two teams to draw gravel, another, although he has not a team, and cannot give his own time, would send a man in his place; another, who is not a parent would do the same and I know of many others who are willing to help. Now Sir, as there is such a readiness on the part of the public to assist in this good work, (which I for one never doubted), it only remains for someone to take the initiative and get the work done as quickly as possible. In order to accomplish this, I would suggest that three or four gentlemen, say Messrs.. Bock, Barnard, Dr. Smith, and Porritt, who are members of the School Committee, and always takes an active and zealous part in matters relating to the School and its welfare; form themselves into a working committee, canvass the district, and appoint an early date for a “ grand working bee. ” I hope the above named gentlemen will pardon the liberty I have taken with their names, their acknowledged ability I and zeal is my only excuse. I am &c. The Children's Friend

10<sup>th</sup> June 1880 A "Bee," is organised for gravelling the Greytown School play-ground, and fixed for Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> inst. We understand special interest is being displayed by the residents, and expect to hear of the undertaking proving a gigantic success

12<sup>th</sup> June 1880 Sir, —May I trouble you with a few lines in reply to “ Children’s Friend” in your Tuesday’s issue re our school playground, for the information of the writer and the parents of scholars. Prior to the first letter appearing, it was suggested by several that a “ Bee” should be organised for gravelling the grounds, as it was evident something must be done at once, and the Education Board should render some assistance, but they declining to assist in the erection of wet weather sheds the whole of the cost was thrown upon the Committee. It is not fair that the public should always be called upon when the Government arrange to provide free education. The present capitation is hardly sufficient to cover expenses for stationery,

sundry repairs etc., but under the present management the attendance is increasing, and the capitation is consequently larger, but when such calls are made upon the funds, as lately ; the amount received does not go far. The suggestion of “ A Children's Friend, ” Therefore, could not have been made at a better time, but I think the writer should not hesitate in giving his name, and furnishing to the proper quarter any information he may have received. The object is a good one, and the suggestions will without doubt be carried into effect and to that end a list opened at my office last week for the signatures of those willing to assist, both with cart and labor, and I would thank all who can appreciate a good work to let me know, or at any rate roll up at the School at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, the 17th inst the date fixed for the Bee. A plan will be adopted for carrying out the work systematically, and any suggestions from “Children's Friend” will be thankfully received, and I hope he will not hesitate in giving his name. I am &c. W. Bock.

15<sup>th</sup> June 1880 GREYTOWN SCHOOL THE BEE to form and gravel the School playground will be held on THURSDAY NEXT, 17<sup>th</sup> inst. All persons interested are invited to attend with picks, shovels, etc.

19<sup>th</sup> June 1880 The Bee to gravel the Greytown school playground, held on Thursday, was a most successful affair. There were some dozen carts employed during the day and a number of willing hands assisted in filling them and distributing the gravel over the ground. Although the whole of the ground was not covered still the work done could not but be alike gratifying to those who assisted and to the teachers and children.

19<sup>th</sup> June 1880 The Bee in connection with the Greytown School, was as great a success as we had anticipated. By ten o'clock, ten carts were busily engaged plying between the river-bed and the school grounds; later on three more were put on and three times that number of bees were kept constantly going, some loading, others driving, and spreading gravel, with a will that could not be doubted, all who came, worked heartily, The only strange part to us, is that the scholars were not better represented by their parents, or relatives.

It was evidently- intended that whatever wanted doing should be done well. Both playgrounds were thoroughly drained and upwards of 150 loads of gravel placed in the boys' ground alone, Unfortunately so much wanted, doing there that it was found very little could be done on the girls' side, other than draining, Still, had it not been for a stoppage in the carting in the afternoon, caused by the owner of a section objecting to the gravel being removed, at least twenty loads might have been put on, which would have gone a good way towards keeping it high and dry. Other arrangements were quickly made and the carts plied with extra zeal, but the loss could not be made up. The committee should congratulate themselves upon the amount of work so willingly done for them and the scholars may be proud they have so many friends. Several of the elder boys did almost men's work, and now that, their side is done we shall expect to hear of another "bee" being .organised at the commencement of the holidays for thoroughly completing the work. We do not think the residents of Greytown will rest with it half done, and predict that if another " bee" is held at an early date it will be even better attended than the one on Thursday. We were surprised that the efforts of the workers, were not countenanced by the presence of persons who, perhaps, would not be expected to work, still could have given a word or two of encouragement. However, we suppose some good reason could be given, and hope that the next will receive the encouragement it deserves

30<sup>th</sup> June 1880 The Queen Bee for constituting the gravelling the Greytown School grounds, will be held on Monday next. As it is the Girls play-ground that requires most attention, we predict a larger gathering than on the. former occasion, All who are willing to assist, are; requested to meet at the grounds at 9 o'clock a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> July 1880 We have to remind our readers of the supplementary “ Working Bee, ” which will be held on Monday next at the Greytown School, for the purpose of finishing the gravelling of the girls play-ground which is in a very bad state, The Committee hopes to see a

good gathering on this occasion, and begs all who can possibly spare the time to give their assistance in this much needed work.

6<sup>th</sup> July 1880 The Bee which was to have been formed yesterday for the purpose of gravelling the remainder of the Greytown School playground was postponed till Thursday next on account of the heavy rain which fell yesterday

22<sup>nd</sup> July 1880 The teachers' examination was held at Greytown school on the 13th instant, and I am reliably informed that all the candidates were successful.

27<sup>th</sup> July 1880 The Greytown School Committee meet tomorrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to consider the matter of admitting Maoris as pupils, and general business

28<sup>th</sup> July 1880 The Greytown School Committee meets this afternoon, to consider the matter of Maori children being admitted., We understand a proposition will be made that a medical man be asked to report upon their present state, and that none shall be admitted without a certificate, and that they should be examined periodically

29<sup>th</sup> July 1880 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on Tuesday Evening last. Present—W. Bock (Chairman), Dr. Smith, and W. G. Beard,

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Treasurer reported a credit balance of £4 7s 6d.

Correspondence outwards was read: to the Secretary of the Education Board, re school hours, etc. Resignations from Messrs.. Salmon and Barnard were read

Letters from the head-master, re the Suspension of two scholars for gross misconduct, and also referring to the Maori scholars. .

Dr. Smith did not think the Maori children should be admitted

Mr. Beard thought it was a great pity they were ever admitted. They should not be placed; on the same footing as Europeans until they had to bear the same responsibilities;

In reply to Mr. Beard, 'Dr.' Smith thought they may. Have been blamed wrongly. ;

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Beard -That Dr.. Smith be requested as to the state of. the - Maori:-Children attending the School, and if he is of the opinion: that there is contagious disease amongst them', the Head-master be requested, to take the steps as provided by Clause 86 of the act

It. was resolved that the, resignations of Messrs.. Salmon, and Barnard, be accepted, and that the Rev H. Vere White and W.C. Cuff, be elected members of' Committee

Resolved .that the Board's prizes to E. Hornblow, be presented on Thursday

31<sup>st</sup> July 1880 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on Tuesday evening. Present—W. Bock (Chairman), Dr. Smith and W. G. Beard. The Treasurer, reported a credit balance of £4 7s fid. Correspondence. Letters were received from the head master, re the suspension of two scholars for gross misconduct, also referring to the Maori scholars —Dr. Smith did not think the Maori children should be admitted.— Mr. Beard thought it was a great pity they were ever admitted. They should not be placed on the same footing as Europeans until they had to bear the same responsibilities.—In reply to Mr. Beard, Dr. Smith thought they may have been blamed wrongly. Resolutions. That Dr. Smith be requested to report as to the state of the Maori children attending the School, and if he is of opinion that there is any uncleanness or contagious disease amongst them, the head master be requested to take the steps as provided by Clause 87 of (he Act.—That the resignations of Messrs.. Salmon and Barnard be accepted, and that the Rev H. Vere While, and W. C. Cuff, be elected members of Committee. —That the Education Board's prizes to Miss E. Horn blow, be presented on Thursday next, and at the request of the Chairman, Rev Mr. While be asked to present them at 3 o'clock

2<sup>nd</sup> August 1880 [To the Editor of the: Wairarapa Daily] • Sir,-As there is an evident mistake in the local columns of your issue of the 29th inst., respecting the working average of the



Greytown. School, I would be glad if you will rectify the error. I do. not know from whom your information was obtained, nor, how 1 the error occurred, but the following is the exact working average for the past year, ending on 5 June, 1880, and which can be verified at, any time. I give the average for the quarters:—30th Sep. 1879, 148; 31st Dec., 1879,193; 31st March, 1880, 203; - 30th June, 209 ; which gives a working average for the year of; 188, and shows a gradual increase each quarter. The matter is no more important than that we like our due share of credit for our town- j ship, and your statement showing us the lowest average when it should be the 5 second highest has caused me to trouble- l m, &c., W. Bock. [Our return was taken from the official report of the .Minister of Education, and is quite correct.—Ed. W.D.]

7<sup>th</sup> August 1880 The presentation- : of. the Education Board's prize at .the Greytown School to Miss Elizabeth, Hornblow was made on Thursday last by the Rev H, Vere White, in the presence of several visitors and-the school children. Mr. White congratulated the pupil on the success she had attained, and hoped her example would be followed by his fellow scholars, and thus 'assist the Greytown School to uphold its position as' 'One of the Reading in the Wairarapa

30<sup>th</sup> August 1880 The adjourned ordinary meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held at the office of the chairman on Friday Present-W. Bock (in the chair), Rev H. V. White, and W, O. Cuff. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, A letter was read from the secretary of the Education Board intimating that as the Government had reduced the capitation to the Board, a reduction would be made in the allowance to school committees. The entries in Visitors' Book were read. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £24 6s 10d. Accounts amounting to £40 10s 8d were passed for payment. Re prizes, the chairman suggested that steps be taken at once to obtain special prizes, and that the committee's prizes be limited in number, so that scholars may know they will have to work for them. Mr. Porritt was asked to prepare a plan of award necessary and submit to next meeting. The Rev Mr. White offered a special prize for history and geography in Standard V., and the chairman offered prizes for the best writing by boy and girl. Resolved that the matter of object lesson cards stand over for the present, The Rev Mr. White and Mr. Cuff were appointed visiting members for the month. It was resolved that the next meeting of the committee be held on Tuesday, 14th inst., at 10 o'clock a.m. The meeting then adjourned.

13<sup>th</sup> September 1880 A special meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on Saturday morning, to take into consideration the advisability of closing the Greytown school, it having been officially reported to the secretary that two of Mr. Porritt's (the schoolmaster's) children were suffering from Scarlatina. The committee decided to await the report of the medical officer before taking further action

16<sup>th</sup> September 1880 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee, was held on Tuesdays evening. Present: W. Bock (in the chair), Rev K. V. White, Cuff, Beard, Hammerich and Fenton. A letter was read to the Secretary Education Board re temporary assistance. The Chairman stated that he had found it necessary to close the school until Wednesday when the assistant mistress would be able to take the temporary management, and it was expected that the head master would be able to resume his duties on Monday. It was resolved that in the event of an assistant master being sent, the Chairman and the Rev H. V. White be a subcommittee to make any necessary arrangements. Resolved that Messrs.. White, Beard, and the Chairman consult with the head master, re awarding prizes Messrs.. White and Cuff were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month.

8<sup>th</sup> October 1880 A special meeting of the Greytown School Committee was hold on 11th September, to take into consideration the advisability of closing the Greytown school, it having been officially reported to the secretary that two of Mr. Porritt's (the schoolmaster's)

children were suffering from Scarlatina. The committee decided to await the report of the medical officer before taking further action.

28<sup>th</sup> October A report on the Colonial Museum included Among the art specimens were two drawings by Mr. J. G. M. Hamilton, a piece of needlework representing a well arranged bunch of flowers by Mrs.. C. F. Forbes, and a map of Africa and Arabia drawn by Master W J. Knell (aged 12 years), of the Greytown School, each displaying no ordinary amount of talent, particularly the latter, which would do credit to even an experienced draughtsman

4<sup>th</sup> November 1880 The monthly meeting of the Greytown' School Committee was held on Tuesday evening. Present Messrs.. Bonk (Chairman '), Cuff, Beard, Smith, and White. A letter was read from the Board to the effect that all repairs required must be paid out of Capitation Grant. The Sab-Committee appointed to arrange for prizes recommend that first and second prizes only be provided by the Committee for the highest aggregate number of marks in each Standard, and that special prizes be obtained for extra subjects to be awarded upon the Inspector's report. It was resolved that an entertainment be arranged to be held after the examination instead of the annual picnic; that C. Pharazyn, Esq. be invited to award the prizes on the occasion. The matter of an assistant-master wats again discussed, and it was resolved to /make an application to the Board for one.

27<sup>th</sup> November 1880 A concert is being arranged in connection with the Greytown School, for Friday the 17th of December, at the Town Hall. The first part of the programme will comprise selections by the School children, the School band, and the presentation of prizes, and the second songs, duets, glees &c., by ladies and gentlemen. It is proposed to make the price of admission within the reach of all, and admit bono-fide scholars free, and to devote any surplus to general school purposes

9<sup>th</sup> December 1880 Mr. Lee has just finished his annual inspection of the Greytown school, and has expressed great satisfaction at the amount of work done during the past year

11<sup>th</sup> December 1880 The examination of the Greytown School, the results of which will be found in another column, speaks for itself. The teaching power requires no commendation. We shall watch with interest the results of other examinations for competitive analogy, Our own people are very fortunate in the manner in which their children are educated. We hope they will be grateful.

11<sup>th</sup> December 1880 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The Annual Examination of the Greytown School by R. Lee, Esq., Inspector of Schools, was held on the 6th, 7th, and 8th inst. As the Examinations throughout the colony this year, will be looked upon as the test of the Standard system, and as considerable interest in Educational matters is manifested in this district, especially by parents of children attending the school, we have great plea sure in placing before our readers the result as regards Greytown School. The following table explains itself.

Greytown School Examination,

Standards	Inf	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	Total
No on Books	67	48	49	34	28	14	5	245
No. Examined	0	43	44	30	27	14	4	162
No Passed	0	31	37	27	26	6	1	128
Present Classification	59	37	38	40	28	34	9	245

A child is not expected to pass who is under Standard age or who has made less than 250 attendances. The above table shows that 162 children were examined and that 128 passed, which may be considered as fairly good; but as only 110 were expected to pass (that number only having fulfilled the requirements as to age and attendance) the result must be highly satisfactory both to teachers and 'scholars.

At the close of the examination the Inspector complimented the School as a whole on the satisfactory result of the Examination and remarked that Standards III and IV under Mrs.

Scale had done very good work. There was only one failure out of 27 in Standard IV and three failures out of 30 in Standard III. The infants under Miss York also did remarkably well, no less than 17 children from that department passing the 1st Standard. The questions set for the higher standards require children to possess a good general knowledge—careful thought, and to know the why and the wherefore of things, and the examination is purposely very severe for children of that age.

The prizes will be given to the successful candidates in their respective standards and for special subjects at the Concert to be given by the children in the Town Hall on Monday the 20th inst. As the School Committee have no power to spend any portion of their small capitation allowance on prizes, it is pleasing to see some of our leading residents offering prizes for special subjects. We venture to say that if the Committee had made known the fact that they were not allowed to spend any of their capitation money on prizes, the public would have come forward more liberally. Perhaps it is not too late yet. The following are the names of the children pasted in the various Standards.

Standard I.—Charles Petersen, Frederick King, Richard King, James Reed, Richard Morris, Hans Prebbersen, Thomas Haigh, Edward Harris, Charles Wiggins, "Frederick Cowper, Frederick Wood, Frank Hawke, Louis St. George, Edwin Thomas, William Bollard, Walter Davie, Caroline Lowe, Kate Croot, Susan Saywell, Laura Smith, Alice Maguire, Mary Bishop, Mary Quin, Rose Cotter, Kate Wilkie, Kate Bishop, Ethelwin Knell, Lilian Morris, Jane Terry.

Standard II.—Arthur Thomas, Robert Thomas, Ebenezer Hornblow, George Hawke, Alfred Press, Robert Hall, Herbert Brooks, Percy Wakelin; Frederick Cotter, Robert Ramsay, Leonard Knell, Frank York. Angus Smith, Arthur Brooks, Pierce Cotter, Herbert Wilkie, John Saywell, Frederick Saywell, Thomas Walker, Percy Beauchamp, John Dockery, Percy Cotter, Cecelia Jackson, Clara Jackson, Eliza O'Connor, Eva Wilkie, Elizabeth Raisin, Jessie Roydhouse, Mary Mills, Annie Judd, Emily Manihera, Amy Saywell, Jessie Polling, Ellen Armstrong, Edith Saywell, Mary Trotter, Elizabeth Harris.

Standard III.—Joseph Bishop, Leonard Fuller, Ernest Porritt, John Thomas, Robert Judd, James Judd, Herbert Maunsell, William Wiggins, Kate Armstrong, Henrietta Jackson, Elizabeth Wakelin, Sarah York, Sarah Ring, Jane Bishop, Augusta Cowper, Mary Goode, Maud Jackson, Eleanor Knell, Amy Hollard, Edith Hollard, Victoria Fuller, Isabella Hodge, Mary Haigh, Emma Beard.

Standard IV.—Walter Tully, Frank Knoll, George Armstrong, Ernest Humphries, Oswald Porritt, William Haigh, John Roydhouse, Harry Tally, Walter Udy, Arthur Hawke, Thomas Hawke, John Handcock, Jane Baillie, Stella Jackson, Sarah Reynolds, Margaret Cotter. Ada Wilkie, Elizabeth Judd, Susan Wagland, Harriet Hollard, Laura Cowper, Fanny Hollard, Harriet Cole, Maud Hollard, -Mary Jackson, Ellen O'Connor,

Standard V.—Richard Wakelin; John Carr Smith. Alfred Jackson, George Haigh, Edith Cotter.

Standard VI David Baillie

18<sup>th</sup> December 1880 The concert by the pupils attending the Greytown School, will be given at the Town Hall on Monday evening, and considering the object for which it is given, the success attending the efforts of the youngsters at the previous entertainment, and the energy of their teachers and themselves in again preparing a programme, and the reasonable admission advertised, there should be a bumper house, For our part, we often prefer the simple pieces given by children to more serious selections of elders, and it is pleasing to note so agreeable a close to the year's work, an example worth following by other schools in the Wairarapa. A correspondent written that Carterton has the credit of being "the only School" decorated with flowers at the examination. This assertion I must have been written without

knowledge of facts, and that the example of the Greytown School is invariably found worthy of imitation

21<sup>st</sup> December After a letter of complaint from Mr. W Waite of Masterton School the following piece was inserted by the Editor We are quite willing to accept Mr. Waite's statement as accurate; but even if he be credited with passing 77 per cent, of His pupils we can hardly regard the result as satisfactory. The Carterton School passed 92 per cent, and the Greytown School 96 per cent, in the same Standard.

23<sup>rd</sup> December 1880 The concert given on Monday evening by the\_ scholars attending the Greytown School, assisted by lady and gentlemen amateurs, was pronounced by all present to be a great success. The manner in which the children went through their part of the programme reflected great credit on their teachers, and showed great care had been taken in teaching them the different parts. The programme commenced with an, overture by the School Band, then trios and choruses by the infants who caused a good deal of amusement by their earnestness. Miss Haigh gave a recitation which was deservedly applauded- ' 1 Say a kind word when you can," by the school children fairly captivated the audience, which was followed by the children marching round the stage singing " Merrily, merrily." This concluded the first part of the programme, (when His Worship the Mayor, (H. Udy Esq.,) presented the prizes in a few appropriate remarks, and congratulated the teachers on the success of their past years work. Mr. Porritt, in reply took the opportunity of bearing testimony to the efforts of his assistants, and remarked that Mr. Lee had said that the school could not have done more satisfactory work if it had the best assistant under the Board. Three cheers were given for his Worship the Mayor, with (musical honors), and three cheers for Mr. Porritt. When a pleasing ceremony took place, Mrs. Scale being presented with a handsome card case, by her fellow teachers, and the scholars in her classes. The second part of the programme consisted of songs, etc., by well-known amateurs. The Greytown Private Band with their usual kindness played several selections during the evening, also previous to the entertainment. Mrs. Knell kindly presided at the piano.

23<sup>rd</sup> December 1880 GREYTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The Greytown School broke up last Thursday, and the concert given by the children attending this school, and the distribution of prizes, took place on Monday evening in the Town Hall, Greytown, and was in every respect a great success. The children met at the school, and marched to the hall with their teachers, headed by the school band. The hall was literally crammed with the parents and friends of the children. The first part of the programme consisted of selections by the school band, and songs, rounds, choruses, and recitations by the children, whose performances throughout were highly applauded. Mrs.. Scale, the assistant-mistress, presided at the piano with her usual ability. Previous to distributing the prizes, his Worship the Mayor, of Greytown, in a few happy remarks, congratulated the parents on having such an excellent school for their children, and spoke very highly of the teachers and their work. The prizes consisted of good and suitable books. The standard prizes were given by the committee, and those for special subjects by some of the leading residents, who take great interest in the school. The Mayor addressed a few encouraging words to each recipient. After the distribution of prizes, the Rev. T. Porritt, the head master, said he had been requested by and on behalf of the teachers and the third and fourth standard scholars to perform a pleasing little duty, viz., to make a small presentation to Mrs.. Scale. Mr. Porritt said he was highly gratified by the very high estimation in which the school was held, but he would not be doing his duty if he did not share the honor cl success with his fellow workers, especially Mrs.. Scale, of whom he spoke in the highest terms as a hard-working, careful, and pains taking teacher. He considered the chief cause of their success lay in the perfect harmony and unity of purpose which existed among all the teachers ; during the whole two years they had been working together not one single cause of unpleasantness had arisen. He said that, no

matter however learned and clever teachers might be, if they lacked the bond of union their efforts after success would be futile.

- Mr. Porritt then, in an appropriate little speech, presented Mrs.. Scale with the token of respect and esteem, a beautiful mother-of-pearl card case, which was received amidst such tremendous cheering and stamping that it was quite impossible to hear anything Mrs.. Seale may have said in acknowledgement. Three cheers were then called for the Mayor and the head master, which were given as only school boys know how. This finished the first part of the programme. The second part consisted of selections by the brass (private) band, and songs, duets, trios, &c., by lady and gentlemen amateurs, and as all were highly applauded, it would be invidious to mention any in particular. The piano, however, should be mentioned as being simply an execrable instrument of torture. Mrs.. Knell presided, and if anybody could bring music out of it she could, but it was not to be done. The National Anthem by the brass band concluded the celebration.

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1881	166	Greytown	Porritt	Thomas	Headmaster	£270	\$43,619
1881	166	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£120	\$19,386
1881	166	Greytown	Burch	Emily	Female	£112	\$18,094
1881	166	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$6,462
1881	166	Greytown	Haigh	Agnes	Female Pupil Teacher	£35	\$5,654

Charlotte Fanny Holmes was born in Alferton, Derbyshire in 1846 to Christopher Francis Holmes, a retired army Captain and Annie Aniss nee Harding. The family were of a comfortable Middle/Upper Middle class but her father was declared bankrupt in 1860, he had returned to the army not long prior to this, as a Lt Col, presumably in an (unsuccessful) attempt to stave off the bankruptcy. He died in 1865, leaving the family in heavily reduced circumstances. They were forced to move into rough lodgings, and Charlotte took jobs as a teacher. By 1871 he was teaching at a workhouse in Litchurch and in 1873 she married a Welsh policeman named William Scale. Scale had served as an enlisted man in the Royal Artillery, of a class well below that of her birth. The two emigrated to Queensland in 1874, William working as a Police Constable and drill instructor and Charlotte teaching at St George's school. The family migrated to New Zealand in 1876, initially settling in Wellington before William was appointed as the first Policeman at Castlepoint. Charlotte taught at the nearby Tinui School. William left for Masterton in 1878 but Charlotte stayed on until 1879, when she took up a position at Greytown, then the largest school in the Wairarapa. She would remain here until 1896, William had spells in Masterton and Oamaru but the two appear to have lived more separate lives than the usual.

They had one son together, Wilfred Harry, born in 1874 in Brisbane, and in 1889 she took a year off to travel to England with him. Here he was placed as a Railway Clerk, as several of his uncles also were its presumable he was under their care. She returned to NZ the following year, but may have left her son behind!

William went to Dunedin as Clerk of Court in 1896 and Charlotte followed him, resigning from Greytown. By 1904 they were in Collingwood, where William died. Charlotte had been working as an Inspector for the Industrial Schools, and would then work for the Department head office. She moved to Auckland, where she did occasional relieving work into her 70's. When she turned 90 she was interviewed by the Herald.

#### NINETY YEARS OLD

#### FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER MRS. CHARLOTTE SCALE

A white-haired old lady who yesterday celebrated her 90th birthday is Mrs. Charlotte Scale, of Ponsonby. Mrs. Scale left England in 1874 with her husband, this voyage constituting their honeymoon trip. They stayed for a time in Australia and then came to New Zealand, where Mr. Scale was a clerk of the Courts until his death in 1904. Mrs. Scale was born in Derbyshire and is a daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel C. F. Holmes, of the Imperial Army, Sixth Regiment. Most of Mrs. Scale's life has been lived in Dunedin and Wellington, the latter city of which she is very fond. For the past 20 years, however, she has lived in Auckland, where she claims to have been lured by reports of a beautiful climate.

These reports she considers much over-rated. Attached to the Education Department from 1879 to 1921, the last 18 years of which were spent as a member of the head of the staff in Wellington, Mrs. Scale was a general inspector of industrial schools when she gave up general school teaching. "I did all my own domestic work except the washing and had the house in order before I left for work each morning," Mrs. Scale told an interviewer. "My only pleasure in those days was horse-back riding, of which I was very fond. I had little time for friendships and those I did make were chiefly among those with whom I came into contact through my work.

I have now survived nearly all my contemporaries." Asked her opinion of the modern girl. Mrs. Scale, in her replies, showed a remarkably tolerant and broad outlook. "The girls of to-day are very differently reared from those of my day when obedience and industry were the main rules," she said. "Nowadays girls are much more capable and I admire them exceedingly.

Although they show a remarkable aptitude for getting into difficulties, they show an equal ability in extricating themselves," she laughed.

When asked if she read much, Mrs. Scale's eyes twinkled. Read?

Oh, yes, you should ask the librarian, she said. "I read anything I can get, including modern novels and daily newspapers, and enjoy them all." Mrs. Scale, who had one son, and has three grandchildren, is now living in Yarborough Terrace, Ponsonby, where her house commands an uninterrupted view of the harbour. It is one of her chief joys to sit at the window and watch the ever-changing scenes from this vantage point.

She passed away in 1940, aged 93.

Her son Wilfred, a head clerk, married and had 3 children. However he cheated on his wife and fled to Sydney. He subsequently travelled to the USA before heading north to British Columbia. He enlisted here in 1915, listing W F Roydhouse of Carterton as his "Uncle" and next of kin. On the end of hostilities he returned to Queensland, labouring and subsisting at the lowest rungs of society. Convicted of several thefts in 1940 he spent the rest of his life in the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum, dying in 1945. It appears he had been completely disowned by his family.

Research by Grandson Sam

12<sup>th</sup> January 1881 The following names are suggested as likely to come forward for the new Greytown School Committee:- Messrs.. St George, Haigh, G, Bollard, Bock, R, Wakelin, J. Tully W: Skeet, A. B. Jackson, Dr. Smith, and the Rev H. V. White. We are glad to see so much interest taken in the school by men who will undoubtedly give every satisfaction in the capacity of committee men

13<sup>th</sup> January 1881 The usual monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on ; Tuesday evening. Present: Messrs.. Bock (Chairman), Beard, Dr. Smith, and . Rev. H. W White. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and con- ; firmed. Letters were read from R, Lee, Esq., re additions; also re nomination of members of Education Board, It was resolved that the' matter-stand over till the incoming Committee had been elected, It was resolved that the Board be written . to, calling attention to the application of , the Committee-for an assistant master. ' It was resolved that the Committee recommend Miss York to be appointed as infant mistress. The following accounts were passed .'for payment:—Mr. St, George, L7 5s 5d; Rev. T. Porritt, L8 8s; Secretary, £2 10s; W.-Pole, LI 8s; H Udy, L1 4s 6d; Caselberg &Co., 19s 6d. (*Printers often used L as the pound sign*) The balance sheet was submitted, and adopted as read. It was resolved that Mr. White be requested to audit the accounts; also, that the Chairman and Rev. Mr. White draw up a report to submit to the annual meeting, and that the Committee meet on Monday evening, the 24th inst., at 7.30 "p.m. in the schoolroom

25<sup>th</sup> January 1881 The following gentlemen were elected last evening for the Committee of the Greytown School. There were eleven candidates:— Messrs.. J. Cotter, W. Bock, F. H.: Wood, L. St. George, W. G. Beard, Rev. H. V. White, and B. A. Wakelin.

26<sup>th</sup> January 1881 It is significant that at the Masterton and Greytown school elections, independent resolutions were carried unanimously condemning the cumulative vote

27<sup>th</sup> January 1881 A special meeting, of the Greytown School Committee, was held on Tuesday evening. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, The Chairman reported that the Board's instructions for the Committee to meet, had been given in the advertisement relating to the elections. After some discussion, during which the Chairman explained that Messrs.. Bunny and Pharazyn had already been nominated as members of the Board, It was resolved—" That this committee do not nominate any one for the Education Board." The standing rules were then discussed and amended? It was resolved—" That two

members of the committee be appointed as school visitors for the month, at each meeting." Re cleaning, It was resolved—"That the Head-master be asked what he would agree to do it for, and if the terms were not satisfactory to the Committee, that tenders be called, and that Mr. Porritt be asked' to continue it. at the same remuneration until fresh arrangements are made. It was resolved that a copy of the resolutions passed at the annual meeting re clauses referring to the election of Committees be forwarded to each committee in the Wairarapa, and asking them to co-operate in the matter. The clerk was instructed to see to repairs to the pump, Messrs.. St, George and Cotter were appointed school visitors until the next meeting of the committee. Attention was called to the inefficient accommodation there existed in the matter of out buildings, The chairman was requested to communicate with the Board re the same, also asking them to push on with the additions at once.

10th February 1881 The usual monthly meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday evening. Present—Rev H. V. White (chairman), and Messrs.. Beard, Wood, Book, and 'Cotter.

The minutes Of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The correspondence was read. Letters were read from two candidates for election to the Education Board.

From the Chairman of the Featherston School Committee, stating that the Committee were in favor fit Amendments to Act, but it was thought advisable to convene a meeting of the public to consider the matter.

From Education Board advising that £150 had been voted for erecting an additional class room, and that Miss York had been appointed infant mistress. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Bock seconded by Mr. Wood, That the Board be asked in the event of tenders being accepted below the £160 the balance be expended-in erecting necessary urinals and closets, as the funds at the disposal of the Committee are totally inadequate for building purposes. The reports of visiting members were -read.

Mr. St, George moved Mr. Bock seconded That the Board be asked to expend any balance above accepted tenders in extras. This was thrown out on the casting vote of the Chairman, Mr. Cotter called attention to the immediate necessity of providing water for the scholars. It was shewn that the Well and pumps had been attended but the water failed. Mr. Beard moved and it was carried, That Mr. Bock be requested to have a pipe driven as early as possible. The Head Master's report Was read, shewing the roll number at 268, and an average of 202 for past week. It was resolved that tenders be invited for firewood.

The matter of proposed Amendments to Act was allowed to stand over until replies had been received from other Committees.

The meeting then adjourned,

11<sup>th</sup> February 1881 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on Tuesday. Present—Rev. H, V, White (Chairman), Messrs.. Beard, Bock, Wood, St George, and Cotter. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence outwards was read to Education Board asking for necessary out-buildings. To various- School Committees re cumulative voting at School elections. Inwards-From the Board stating that £150 had been voted for additions to the School,. also that Miss Yorke had been appointed infant teacher. From candidates for Education Board asking for. the support of Committee re urinals and closets, It was resolved—That the Board be asked to include them in the specifications as the Committee thinks that the funds at their disposal totally inadequate for building purposes. Ro cumulative vote, it was resolved to let the matter stand over till next meeting waiting answers from other Committees. The Treasurers statement was read shewing credit balance £21 3s 1d; amount due £21 16s 11d. The head masters report was read shewing average attendance 191, he called attention to the school well, also the swing ropes. The same engagement as to cleaning could continue until 30th April next.- Re well, it was resolved— That Mr. Beard be engaged to drive a pipe in present school well at once and



utilize present piping, and that Mr. Bock be asked to see that this resolution is carried out. The visitors for the month were requested to get new swing ropes, It was resolved—That. the offer of the Head Master, re cleaning be accepted. The entries in visitors book—were read suggesting anions other things, Venetian blinds for infant classroom. It was resolved—•That the Secretary be instructed to ascertain the quantity of firewood consumed last year, and invite tenders to be received at next meeting, for, say ten cords or more of 2 fool lengths Matai firewood, to be subject to approval of the Head Master, it was resolved—That the visitors for each month be taken alphabetically, and that Messrs. Beard and Bock be visitors for next month. The meeting then adjourned.

16<sup>th</sup> March 1881 The usual monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on Monday evening, at 130. Present—Rev H. Vere White (Chairman), Messrs. Beard, Wood, Wakelin, and Cotter. The minutes of the .previous meeting were read and confirmed, Correspondence outwards was read from the letter book,, and correspondence inwards—from Education Board, stating that urinals, &c, would be added to specifications; from same, stating that it may be found necessary to reduce capitation allowances after present quarter; from Carterton, Masterton, and Clareville School Committees, agreeing with Greytown re cumulative vote. A resolution was carried on the motion of Mr. Beard, seconded by Mr. Cotter—That the Chairman be requested to draw up a letter to the Education Board informing them of the views of the Committee re cumulative voting, and to forward same to the other Committees who have signified their approval of the views expressed, It was - resolved that the Secretary be instructed to call for tenders for seven cord 2 foot firewood. The Treasurer's statement was then read, also the entries in Visitors' Book. Mr. Cotter offered a blackboard for use of school, Resolved that the following be carried out:—Repainting blackboards, repairing fireplaces, procuring ink wells, call bells, and map of North America, and that the schoolmaster be empowered to employ a man to level the playground, Preferring to the matter of savings banks, Mr. Wood offered, with the permission of the Committee, to give each child attending the schools bank-card, with the first stamp attached. The offer was accepted with thanks. It was resolved that application be made to the Town Lands Trustees for the sum of £10 for the purchase of necessary furniture, The meeting then adjourned,

17<sup>th</sup> March 1881 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The usual monthly meeting of the School Committee was held on Monday evening. Present, Rev. White (Chairman), Messrs. Beard, Wood, Wakelin and Cotter. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and continued. Correspondence outwards read from the letter book. Inwards: From Education Board stating that the outbuildings had been added to the specifications of additions. From same stating that it may be found necessary to reduce the capitation allowance after the present quarter, From Carterton, Clareville, and Masterton School Committees stating that they were supporting Greytown Committee in their efforts to have the act as regards cumulative voting amended.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Beard, seconded by Mr. Cotter, that the chairman be requested to draw up a letter to the Education Board stating the views of inn committee re cumulative voting, rand to forward the same to the other committees who have signified their approval of the views expressed.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Beard, seconded by Mr. Wood, that the Secretary be instructed to call for tenders for 7 cords, of 2 foot firewood at once.

The Treasurers statement was read, showing a balance to credit, of £3, 14s 1d accounts due £3 13 6d which were passed for payment The entries in the visitors book were read Mr. Cotter offered a black- board for the-, use of the School, which was accepted with thanks.

The Secretary was requested to have the black-boards repainted and to procure 4 dozen ink wells. 3 call bells., and a map of North America

The repairs to fire places was left in the hands of the visiting members for [he month The matter of cupboards was held over till next meeting. The head master was authorised to employ a man to level the School playground. The matter of Saving Hanks was then discussed. Mr. Wood suggested that with the permission of the committee he would present each child attending the School with a card as issued by Government with the first stamp attached, he would do this because bethought so much of the system, and it might give the young a start in the saving direction. It was resolved that Mr. Wood's oiler be accepted with thanks.

It was resolved on (he motion of Mr. Beard, seconded by Mr. Wakelin that application be made to the Town Lands for the sum of £10 for the purchase of necessary furniture. The meeting then adjourned.

29th March SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A special meeting oi the Greytown School Committee was held on Saturday morning. Present—Rev. H. V. White (chairman) Messrs. Bock, Cotter, and Wood.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Tenders were then 1 opened for supplying the School with seven cords of Matai firewood, two foot lengths, and the tender of Mr. G. Pound was accepted. The special business was taken into consideration,, the overcrowded state of the School, The entries in the ..visitors';, book, showed it was the .opinion of the visitors that the room was too much crowded and the Chairman said that he had asked the Wesleyan Trustees about renting the Sunday School room, to be used as an infant class, and it could be had for 5s per week.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Wood seconded by Mr. Potter, “ that the offer of the Wesleyan Trustees of a room at 5s per week be accepted.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Wood “that it be represented to the Education Board the committee have been compelled to make arrangements outside the School for the accommodation' of the infant class at a cost of 5s per week, and that the Board be asked-to provide for the expense, also that a suitable building can be obtained for conducting the School during the time the alterations are being made, and that the Board be asked to authorise the committee to arrange for same. It was resolved that an appeal be made to the parents of the- children attending the School and other friends to help. to put the School play grounds in repair. It was resolved that Friday the 8th April be fixed for holding the Bee, and that an advertisement be inserted in the paper.,: v The meeting then adjourned

29<sup>th</sup> March 1881 A special meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on Saturday last. Present-Rev Mr. White (in the chair), and Messrs., Colter, Wood, and Bock. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. George Pound's tender for firewood at 11 shillings per cord was accepted. Entries in the visitors' book were read re over-crowded state of school. The Rev Mr. White said that for a sum of 6s per week the Wesleyan Sunday School-room could be obtained. Resolved—That the offer of the Wesleyan Sunday School Trustees be accepted for the use of the infant Class. Resolved—That the overcrowded state of the school be represented to the Education Board, informing them that the Committee have had to make arrangements outside the school at a cost of 53 per week, and that the Board be requested to provide the required sum; also, that the Committee know of a suitable building for the carrying on of the school during the erection of necessary addition, and asking for authority to engage it. Resolved—'That an appeal be made to parents of children to put the playground in repair for the ensuing winter,

7<sup>th</sup> April 1881 GREYTOWN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

(To the Editor of the Standard ) Sir, —I was pleased to observe in our issue of Saturday last, an advertisement with a bold heading “ Bee! Bee !! School Playgrounds ” and also a letter from the Rev H. Vere White, Chairman of the School Committee, calling attention to the same. It is well known that the members of the Committee, both collectively and individually,

have done a great deal for the comfort, convenience, and welfare of the children attending the School, and they would have done more had the scanty funds placed at their disposal permitted. They are now making praiseworthy efforts to have the playground put in order before the coming winter, and have appealed to the parents and friends of the children to help them. Judging from the past I am sure their appeal will be met with a hearty response. To a superficial observer the grounds appear to be in fair order, but on closer inspection I find much requires to be done. I well remember the state they were in last winter, when the children had to flounder through the mud as best they could, and I fear some of them, more than once, got a whipping when they returned home covered with mud through no fault of theirs. But no sooner was the attention of those interested called to the matter than a "Bee" was forthwith organized and work done to the value of about £20. The object of the Bee on that occasion was to fill up the large holes with boulders, and to cover the mud, for which coarse material was used. The larger stones have now been raked off into the hollows, and the whole requires to be covered with finer material in order to bind the stones and make the ground fit for children to play upon. Judging from its present rough state, parents must have found it difficult to keep their children well shod. As the present is rather a slack time in farming operations, it is hoped that all who can possibly spare the time will respond to the appeal of the Committee, and assemble in force on Friday next (to-morrow.) Being curious to know how many "parents" were attending the School, I made a personal visit, and on putting the question to the master he seemed not a little amused, but when I drew his attention to the Rev. Mr. White's letter he assured me there must be some misprint, for as the Rev. Mr. White was Chairman of the School Committee he would know that children above a certain age could not be admitted without his consent, and would, therefore, certainly not invite the attention of parents attending the School. On interviewing the Chairman my mind was set at rest. He acknowledged that his letter, as it appeared in print, was calculated to convey a wrong impression *Then copy became uncopiable*

14<sup>th</sup> April 1881 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The usual Committee meeting was held Tuesday April 12th. Present—Rev H. Y. White (chairman). Messrs.. Wood, Cotter, Wakelin, and St. George. Minutes read and confirmed. Correspondence outwards, to Chairman Education Board re accommodation of infant class. To Chairman of Trust Lands asking for assistance in purchasing school furniture. The following accounts were passed for payment, L. St George £2 10s 6d. T. Porritt, £4 4s. G. Pound £415. The headmaster's report was read showing that the infant class had been removed to the Wesleyan Sunday School room which relieved the school considerably. That the roll number was 254 and the average for past month was 202 It was resolved that a proper bolt be put on the school gate. Mr. Cotter proposed and Mr. St. George seconded that tenders be invited for cleaning the school for six months and that the headmaster be requested to draw up specifications.

The headmaster stated that a difficulty existed in the matter in the event of the removal of the school during additions, and that he would be willing to continue the present arrangement as to cleaning. The offer of Mr. Porritt was accepted and Mr. Cotter withdrew his proposition. Rev. Mr. White and Mr. Wakelin were appointed as visitors for the ensuing month.

Mr. Colder stated that he was requested to procure three bells for use of the school which he would now present on his own behalf to the committee. Mr. Cotter's present was accepted with thanks. Mr. Cotter proposed and Mr. Wakelin seconded the motion, that a small cluck be procured for the infant class room. Mr. Wood proposed and Mr. Colter seconded that the thanks of the committee be passed to all those who assisted in the late Bee to put the school grounds in order. Carried.

Mr. Cotter proposed that in future newspaper correspondents be excluded from the meetings of the committee, he did not wish to press the proposition but wished to say that the report in

the Standard relating to the school Bee was incorrect when it stated that there were only two or three of the committee present as all the committee if not present were represented.

The chairman said that it was unfair and reflected on the committee, and that the correspondent should have gone to the headmaster for his information. And did not see what this matter had to do "with committee meeting. The matter then dropped. The meeting then adjourned.

14<sup>th</sup> April 1881 Extracts from Inspector Lee's report to Wellington Education Board included

- a) best, results were this year obtained all Carterton and Greytown;
- b) The Lower Hutt School, made fair passes, and the general condition is satisfactory. In the Greytown School the class presented in Standard IV. by the assistant mistress, did remarkably well, 26 candidates passing out of 27. (*Teacher Mrs. Scale*)
- c) The teaching of the Infant Departments at Featherston, Carterton, Greytown and Masterton I found much improved in method and effectiveness.
- d) Needlework is taken up at the Lower Hutt, Masterton, Clareville, Carterton, Greytown, Featherston, and Kaiwarra, the work at Carterton and Greytown being best presented,

27<sup>th</sup> April 1881 J Smith awarded contract for alterations

24<sup>th</sup> May 1881 The committee of the Greytown School have arranged with the Trustees of the town hall ( for the use of the hall for .purposes during the alterations is now being made to the school building. : The -furniture - has' been removed and the School Will reassemble on , Wednesday (to-morrow) morning.

Messrs. Trotman .and Smith have commenced' their contract of additions to the Greytown School.

14<sup>th</sup> June 1881 The alterations and additions to the Greytown school are progressing rapidly, and the contractors hopes to complete their work within their contract time, if not delayed for want of material. The shell of the additions is completed, and the exterior of the old part has already received one coat, and the interior two coats of paint; but the supervisor appointed by the Education Board has not put in his appearance.

16<sup>th</sup> June 188 A meeting of the" Greytown School Committee was held on Tuesday' evening. Present-Rev H. Vere White (Chairman), W. G. Beard, W. Bock, F, H. Wood, It, A. Wakelin, and J. Cotter. The minutes of I he previous meeting-were read and confirmed, and correspondence inward and outward read, The Treasurer reported Credit Balance at £15 0s 11d Accounts amounting to £8 14s 8d were passed for payment, Subscriptions towards the late School- Bee of £1 0s 6d were received. .The' head 'Master reported the number of scholars on the' roll were 250, the average attendance 192. A vote of thanks was passed to the : Trustees for. kindly, allowing-the use of Town Hall for School purposes, Messrs. Bock and Cotter were appointed visitors for the ensuing month, and some matters relating to fire-places hi schoolroom and the fence round the master's house were left in their bauds. The meeting, then adjourned.

30<sup>th</sup> June 1881 The children of the Greytown school were dismissed fur their usual fortnightly midwinter holidays yesterday. We are glad to be able to state that many of the children have reached the maximum in attendance. The head master congratulated the children upon the progress made during the last quarter, and urged upon them the necessity of regular attendance and attention to their duties. Before breaking up cheers were heartily given for the teachers, and perhaps q little of the enthusiasm may have been infused by the idea • of a holiday, for which all children are ready. We may state that the holiday was granted a little early this year on account of the Hall being required for other purposes, and the business will be resumed in the school, the additions by that time being completed.

19<sup>th</sup> July 1881 At a meeting of the Greytown Lands Trust the following was asked from Chairman Greytown School Committee, asking for the withdrawal of Sections 19 and .20 from sale—and that the same be vested in the school committee for a playground

26<sup>th</sup> July 1881 The desks and -forms are being removed from the Greytown school to the Town Hall-.again; where the teaching will .be, conducted till the school .additions are completed.

2<sup>nd</sup> August 1881 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. •THE Evening Glasses have re-opened. Hours of attendance, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, from 6.30 to 8 o'clock. For particulars apply to Mrs. Scale

16<sup>th</sup> August 1881 Although the additions to the Greytown School are not finished the school duties will be carried on in the old buildings, the desks and forms being taken for that purpose, from the Town Hall yesterday, Since the Town Hall has been used for school purposes both teachers and scholars have been greatly inconvenienced, for on many occasions when the Hall has been wanted for entertainments, it was necessary to give the scholars a half holiday so %tit could be cleared for such purposes.

15<sup>th</sup> September 1881 The Greytown School Committee met. on Tuesday evening, when the following were present—Rev H. V. White (chairman,) Messrs. Beard, Cotter, Wood, St. George, Buck, and Wakelin. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence inward was from Education Board, stating that according to the number of pupils on the roll no more teaching power could be allowed, and that certain small matters required for the school could not be attended to. The head master's report was read. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Wood seconded by Mr. Bock; that this committee beg to draw the attention of the Board to the fact that the average attendance for the past half year was 183 and according to the regulations this school is entitled to six teachers, It was resolved that the matter of capitation be left in the hands of the Chairman. It was resolved on the motion of Rev Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Beard, that the Town Lands Trustees be asked to put the sum ; of £60 in the hands of the committee for ' distribution as a bonus among the teachers of the school]. Messrs. Beard, and White were appointed" a committee to enquire into the working of the compulsory clauses of the Education Act in those districts in which they have been enforced and report at next meeting. Accounts amounting to £4 5s 6d were passed for payment. The entries in the visitors book were read. Messrs. Beard and Book were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month,, and it was. resolved that they be. requested to procure some necessary small matters required for the School, \ The meeting then adjourned

13<sup>th</sup> October 1881 A meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on Tuesday evening Present —Messrs. Beard (in the chair), Wood, and Cotter,

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Letters were read from the chairman, re his absence from the meeting, and calling the attention of the meeting to the circular of the Education Board; from Mr. Bock, regretting absence from meeting and reporting on the compulsory clauses; from Dr. Spratt, re the vaccination of the children ; circular from the Education Board, re compulsory clauses and also corporeal punishment. Re vaccination the headmaster reported that Dr. Spratt intended to visit the school on the following day, and would examine the children either in the school, or at home, or at his surgery. Mr. Cotter objected to see the school made the scene of an examination of the children. It was explained that the matter remained with the parents of the children whether they had them examined at home or elsewhere, and it was therefore decided not to interfere with the matter. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Wood, that the compulsory clauses of the Education Act be brought into operation, and that the chairman be requested to inform the constable of the action Of the Committee, and draw his attention to the clauses of the Act bearing on the subject.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Beard, seconded by Mr. Wood, that Mr. Cotter be requested to see the Rev. Mr. White and ask him to inform the secretary of the Board that the capitation for the June half year should have been based on 180 and not 150 children, being the number on which the Board paid; also to get the Board to forward at once the easels which are urgently required. The headmaster's report was then read as follows :

Sib,— I have the honor to submit the following report of the school for the past month. —The average attendance for the month was 184. and for the past week 186. The largest attendance on any half day was 197. Many children are very irregular in their attendance. If regularity could be secured the average attendance would reach 200. Three children have left, and ten have been admitted during the month. The present roll number is 212. Black boards and easels, which were reported last month as urgently required, have not yet been supplied. I may remark they have been urgently required for several months past. The following accounts were passed for payment: St. George, £2 5s 9d ; Mills, £L 2s; Caselberg & Go., 14s; Trotman and Smith, £1 10s; cleaning, £5 4s. The headmaster complained of the condition of the fireplaces in the teacher's residence. Mr. Cotter and Mr. St. George were appointed visitors for the ensuing month. The meeting then adjourned. ,

20<sup>th</sup> October 1881 Grey town, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 1881. To the Chairman of the Town Lands Trustees, Greytown Sir, —I have been requested by the Greytown School Committee to ask the Town Lands Trustees to place the sum of £60 in their hands to be distributed in the shape of bonuses among the teachers of the school. The salaries given to the teachers are not large, and such good work has been done in our school that we feel sure that those to whom these good results are mainly due are deserving of special recognition by the local authorities. The granting of such a bonus would not be like an annual grant, but would I be understood to be a special reward for the present high state of efficiency into which the school has been brought by the exertions of the headmaster and his assistants. I may add that the Masterton Trustees give an annual grant of £30 to augment the salary of the assistant master, so that this request of the committee is not without precedent. An application of this kind is the only one in which the committee can give practical evidence of their appreciation of the good work of the teachers, and, as the efficiency of the school is a matter affecting all residents in the township, they trust that it will be favorably considered by the Trustees.

I am, &c., H. V. White, Chairman.

Re application from school committee, Mr. Cuff thought the application was unreasonable and should never have been made. Mr. Wyett thought that it was made under a misapprehension as to the purposes of the Trust. It was resolved that the school committee be informed that the Trust is not in a position to comply with their request

25<sup>th</sup> October 1881 Our Masterton contemporary states that the earthquake on Thursday evening caused a feeling of alarm among 'he in' habitants. Such trifling matters do not generally disturb them in the least, it is only when (hey see a candidate making his appearance in the town that any feelings of alarm are exhibited. We have been informed by the head master of the Greytown School, that the Hon. the Defence Minister approves of the formation of a Cadet Corps in connection with the school, and that His Excellency the Governor will be advised to accept the services of the same as soon as a nominal roll, and the proposed title of the Corps have been submitted to the Defence office. All youths intending to join the Cadet Corps are requested 'o meet in the town hall this evening at 7 o'clock when Mr. Porritt will be in attendance to receive names. &c. .We hope to see the boys of Greytown muster in force and take the matter up heartily They already know something of their drill and will probably be sufficiently advanced to take part in the forthcoming review.

25<sup>th</sup> October 1881 A meeting of Wairarapa Teachers was held in the Greytown School on Saturday afternoon, and was moderately attended. It was unanimously resolved that it is highly desirable to form a Teachers' Association for this district, and a subcommittee was

appointed to obtain information and draft rules to be submitted to a general meeting at Greytown on the 5th November

26<sup>th</sup> October 1881 A letter was read from the Greytown School Committee intimating that they had decided to enforce the compulsory clauses of the Education Act. *Re attendance of pupils*

29<sup>th</sup> October 1881 At a meeting of the Education Board on Wednesday in answer to a communication from the Greytown School Committee, was resolved that as soon as the average attendance at the Greytown School reached 180, the question of a pupil teacher and assistant master in place of two pupil teachers, would be entertained.

19<sup>th</sup> November 1881 His Excellency the Governor has accepted the services of the Masterton and Greytown School Cadets,

24<sup>th</sup> November 1881 At a meeting of the sub-Committee, appointed by the Greytown School Committee to consider the matter of an amalgamated picnic, and it was decided to recommend that the picnic in connection with the school be deferred until Easter. That 1st and 2nd prizes be awarded for proficiency in each standard, a special prize for needlework, and special prizes for attendance, etc. ; and that an entertainment be given after the examination, at which the prizes will be awarded. It was proposed that a canvass be made for prizes, and ladies and gentlemen be invited to assist in the entertainment

8<sup>th</sup> December 1881 Included in a long report of the Greytown Horticultural Show was

The needlework done by the school children also came in for a share of admiration, and, from the general excellence of the work, it was a very difficult matter for the judges to decide which was best, The same can be said of the penmanship of both girls and boys, and it reflects great credit upon the master and teachers of the Greytown School when such really good work is performed by its scholars,

About two o'clock the school children were admitted, a boon which they but the tempting fruit being placed just out of their reach was very tantalising to them

15<sup>th</sup> December 1881 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The above took place on Tuesday evening last, at which the following gentlemen were present: —Rev Mr. White (chairman), Bock, Wood, and St. George. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer reported a credit balance of <£3 6s. The chairman reported that he had received certain moneys from the Hoard for work done for the school, and rent for Wesleyan Sunday Schoolroom, when used for school purposes. The headmaster's report was then read, as follows : To the Chairman of the Gray town School Committee. Sir.—I have the honor to submit the following report for the past month : The annual examination of the school was held on the 8th, 9th, and 10th, There were 230 names on the books, and the highest number present was 211. 170 children were examined, and 120 passed various Standards. The Inspector reported the School to have done well, on the whole, but in some subjects the upper Standards were weak. The failures were chiefly in the upper Standards.

There' is a good year's work between the Standards, and children cannot reasonably be expected to pass unless they are pretty regular in attendance. The attendance fell off very much during the winter months, and the elder children, being useful at home, are, in many instances, very irregular.

Parents would do well to allow their children every opportunity in the way of regular instruction while they are young. When children attend school only by " fits and starts," they fail to reap the benefits attending a regular and systematic course of instruction. Only 60 per cent of the children examined had fulfilled the requirements of the Act in the matter of attendance. The average attendance for the past month was 182, while for the last week it reached 204. With a little effort and self-denial on the part of many parents, there appears to

be no reason why the average should fall much below 200. The following is the result of the examination :

	Infants	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	
Roll	49	49	38	41	25	23	4	230
Examined		49	34	35	25	23	4	170
Passed		41	28	24	19	7	1	120
Classified		63	47	39	30	35	11	230

The Inspector kindly undertook to name the best and second best candidates in each Standard, The following are the names of the successful candidates Standard 1: 1st, Joseph Avery ; 2nd, Mary McPhee. Standard 2: 1st, Lillian Morris; 2nd, Joseph Quin. Standard 3 : 1st, Frank York ; 2nd, Arthur Brooks. Standard 4 : 1st, Daniel Reardon ; 2nd, Mary Haigh. Standard 5 : 1st, Henry Leppien; 2nd, Annie Ramsay. Standard 6 ; 1st, Frank Humphries; 2nd, George Haigh. Sawing; 1st, Kate Armstrong; 2nd, Henrietta Holland ; 3rd, Elizabeth Wakelin. The committees\* prize for regular attendance is to be shared equally by the children who obtained 1st degree attendance certificates. Good attendance certificates offered by Government in accordance with clause 79 of the Education Act have been obtained by the following; 1st degree certificate, Henry Wood, Joseph Avery, Lillian Mortis; 2nd, Frederick Wood, William Avery. The following children passed two ( Standards, and, if funds permit, I would recommend them for a special prize ; Andrew Hornblow, Pierce Cotter, and Cecelia Jackson passed Standard 3 and 4. Daniel Reardon and Eleanor Knell passed Standard 4 and 5. The following are the names of the children who passed in the .various Standards :

Standard 1 —John Cotter, Herbert Beard, Joseph Avery, Vincent Ridley, Peter Peterson, Joseph Perkins, Ernest Leppien, Charles Cotter, John Hornblow, Charles Rush, Hugh McPhee, Henry Wood, Thomas Ryan, John Quinn, George Pound, Wilfred Scale, Henry Mills, Frank Ofsoski, Charles Sears, Joseph Judd, George Press, Arthur Poison, William York, Charles Poison, Amelia Brooks, Annie Knell, Kate Harris, May Thompson, Mary McPhee, Eliza Gallagher, May Skeet, Edith Ticehurst, . Elizabeth Warrington, Elizabeth Gray, Eliza Gray, Olive Fuller, Mary ‘Ann Merson, Ellen Merson, Rose Perkins, Phoebe Morris, and Selina Stewart.

Standard 2.—Joseph Quinn, Edwin Thomas, Thomas Haigh, William Hollard, Richard King, Frank Hawke, James Reid, Loom St. George, Charles Petersen, Frederick King, Frederick Wood, Richard Morris, Stephen Jackson, Annie Beard, Zelia Porritt, Laura Smith, Rose Cotter, Kate Bishop, Lillian Morris, Elizabeth Hobman, Cecelia Ticehurst, Annie Hollard, Harriet Skeet, Caroline Lowe, Mary Bishop, Kate Wilkie, Ethelwin Knell, and Alice Kempton,

Standard 3.—David Dockery, Ebenezer Hornblow, George Hawke, Frank York, Thomas Walker, Alfred Press, John Dockery, Arthur Thomas. Herbert Brooks, Robert Ramsay, Arthur Brooks. Percy Cotter, Herbert Wilkie, Pierce Cotter, Robert Thomas, Robert Young, Annie Ticehurst, Jessie Roydhouse, Eliza O’Connor, Emily Manihera, Elizabeth Harris, Annie Judd, Elizabeth Raison, and Alice Brooks. .

Standard 4. —Ernest Porritt, Herbert Maunsell, James Judd, Arthur Leppien, William Wiggins, Joseph Bishop, Percy Wakelin, Andrew Hornblow, Alfred Udy, Mary Haigh, Emma Beard, Elizabeth Wakelin, Kate Armstrong, Sarah King,

-Amy Hollard. Mary Good, Sarah York, Henrietta Jackson, and. Cecilia Jackson

Standard 5. -Henry Leppien . Harry Tully Arthur Ramsay. Daniel Reardon. Annie Ramsay, Henrietta. Hollard, Eleanor Knell

Standard 6 —Frank Humphries.

It was resolved that three prizes of equal value be given to Henry Wood, Joseph Avery, and Lilian Morris, for best attendance.



It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Bock, “ That the committee feel satisfied at the result of the late examination, and think the number that passes is as high as could be expected considering that only 60 per cent of the children made the required number of attendance during the year, and that for some months, owing to the alterations being made in the school building, school had to be carried on under grave difficulties.”

The sub-committee appointed to make arrangements re picnic reported that it was thought advisable not to hold the picnic until Easter. It was decided not to have the picnic until Easter. It was resolved that the school prizes be presented at an entertainment to be given by the school children on Friday the 23rd inst, at the town hall, and that a charge of fee be made for admission, school children to be admitted free. The Rev Mr. White, as chairman of the committee was asked, and consented, to act in presenting the prizes. Messrs. Porritt and Bock were asked to select books suitable for distribution.

A sample uniform for the school cadets, was shewn, and approved of, with the exception that braid be substituted for the present cuff. It was resolved that Messrs. Bock, Wakelin, and Porritt be a sub-committee to carry out arrangements for having the bell tower put into repair.

One account for the sum of £4 5s was passed for payment.

The meeting then adjourned.

21<sup>st</sup> December 1881 On Friday evening next the children of the Greytown School will give an entertainment in the Town Hall, consisting of quartettes, choruses, rounds, recitations, and musical selections by the band, after which the prizes will be presented to the scholars by the Rev. H. V. White, chairman of the School Committee.

28<sup>th</sup> December 1881 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The distribution of prizes to the scholars of the Greytown School took place at the Town Hall on Friday evening last, the weather was everything that could be desired, consequently the Hall was well filled. An entertainment was given by the school children, consisting of pianoforte duets, recitations, part singing and choruses, which were all rendered in first class style, eliciting hearty applause from the assembly. Great praise is due to the teachers, especially to Mrs. Scales for the pains taken in teaching them, as it was evident from the manner in which they went through the programme that more than ordinary interest had been taken in their rehearsals. The prizes were distributed by the Rev H. V White, who, in the course of his remarks, said he was not in favor of free education stopping at the fourth standard, and thought that the children of the working class should have more extended privilege of free education offered them,

The following scholars were then presented with their prizes :~ Prizes for best passes in each standard,

Standard I.—Joseph Avery 1st, Mary McPhee 2nd.

Standard II, -Lillian Morris 1st, Joseph Quin 2nd.

Standard III Frank York 1st, Arthur Brooks 2nd,

Standard IV.—Daniel Reardon 1st, Mary Haigh 2nd.

Standard V.—Henry Leppien 1st, Annie Ramsay 2nd,

Standard VI.—Frank Humphries 1st, George Haigh 2nd.

SPECIAL PRIZES. : Infants.—May Thompson, Prudence Dockery, Emily Judd, Charles Rush, John Quin, and Bella Armstrong—for progress.

Standard I.—Mary McPhee, and William York—for spelling.

Standard III -Emily Manihera—general progress.

Standard IV.—Ernest Porritt . and Eleanor Knell-general progress

Standard V.—Harry, Tully-general progress.

Standard VI—Frank Humphries—arithmetic.

Needlework.—1st prize Kate Armstrong .work box; 2nd' Hetty Hollard, fern and flower album; 3rd Elizabeth Wakelin, work basket.

Home Lessons;— Mary Haigh 1st  
Attendance,—Joseph Avery, ; Henry Wood, Lillian Morris.,  
Good attendance certificates.—1st class, Joseph Avery , Henry Wood; and Lillian Morris

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1882	176	Greytown	Porritt	Thomas	Headmaster	£270	\$44,326
1882	176	Greytown	Arnold	Theodore	Assistant Master	£140	\$22,984
1882	176	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£120	\$19,700
1882	176	Greytown	Burch	Emily	Female Pupil Teacher	£50	\$8,209
1882	176	Greytown	Haigh	Agnes	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$6,567
1882	176	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$6,567

12<sup>th</sup> January 1882 meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on Tuesday evening. Present—Messrs. W. 6. Beard, St. George, Wood, and Cotter. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence outward was read from the letter book ' Inward—From Mr. Book, reporting as to alterations to bell tower, and also as to school prizes, from the Chairman (Rev H. V. White) regretting his absence and making certain suggestions to the Committee. It was resolved that the tender of Mr. E. Gray tor improvements to bell tower, be accepted, on condition that the same be executed before the 24th instant. The Chairman was requested to prepare the annual report. Accounts amounting to £4 6s were passed for payment. The meeting then adjourned, the next to be held half an hour before the annual meeting,

28<sup>th</sup> January 1882 Mr. T. P. Arnold has been appointed to the assistant-mastership in the Greytown School.

16<sup>th</sup> February 1882 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday evening last. Present: Rev. H Vere White, in the chair Messrs. Cuff, Sheet, Black, and Haines A letter was read from Mr. Wood, apologising for his unavoidable absence. Constable Eccleton reported on the non-attendance of a boy at the public or any school. It was resolved that the usual notice be sent to the boy's father. The head master mentioned in Report that the attendance was not as good as it ought to be, and suggested that the Committee should supply him with printed forms, to be sent to the parents of absent children, asking for an explanation of the cause of absence The Committee adopted the suggestion. The election of members of the Education Board was then proceeded with. Nine candidates had been nominated by the various committees in the Wellington district, out of whom the Committee were to select three. After a short discussion on the merits of the various candidates, the following were selected; —W. C. Buchanan, J. 6. Cox, and Coleman Phillips

4<sup>th</sup> March 1882 We are glad to learn that a pupil in the Greytown school, Master Ernest Porritt, has been successful at the recent examination in obtaining one of the scholarships offered by the Trustees of the Wanganui Collegiate School. Out of sixteen competitors, Master Porritt came out third. We believe the scholarship is worth £20 per annum.

4<sup>th</sup> March 1882 On Monday next, at the Town Hall, Mr. V. de Beere will exhibit views of New Zealand and Australia. The entertainment is said to be a very interesting one, and is a means of imparting useful information to young and old, showing what New Zealand is really like. The lecturer has a thorough practical knowledge of the colonies, having travelled through New Zealand, Fiji Islands, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, and delivered over 600 lectures. It has taken several years to obtain the views, which are well worth seeing by persons who have not travelled in the colony. Part of the proceeds of this entertainment will be devoted to purchasing uniforms for the Greytown school cadets

4<sup>th</sup> March 1882 THE GREYTOWN RIFLES and GREYTOWN SCHOOL CADET CORPS will parade (or inspection and exercise as under— Cadets, at 3 p.m. on the 7th inst. Rifles, at 7.30 p.m.. (Signed.) J. TULLY, Captain Commanding Wairarapa District. Greytown, 4th March, 1882

7<sup>th</sup> March 1882 As our readers know, the Greytown School Committee recently brought into operation the compulsory clauses of the Education Act This was done after full consideration, and with the approval both of the Wellington Board, and of the Greytown householders, who in a full meeting last January, adopted the report of the Committee in which this action was mentioned, and thanked the Commit. we for their work during the year, of which this was by far the most important part. It now remains for the Committee to persevere resolutely in insisting that the compulsory clauses be obeyed, and for the householders to support them in this action, which is sure to meet with opposition from those parents—and we rear there are some such—who care more for the convenience of having their children at home to work, than for the permanent interest of the children themselves.

We are informed that already the parents of eleven children have been served with notices calling upon them to send their children to school, and that it is the intention of the Committee to follow up these notices with summonses before the Resident Magistrate's Court, if the parents persist in their neglect of a duty which they owe, not only to their children, but to society. The demand made upon parents by the State is so reasonable that no fair minded person can resist it, or think it a relic of "paternal government." In these days a fair amount of education is simply a necessary of life. To be able to read and write and do simple sums in arithmetic, is not a heavy mental exercise, and without that much education a person has no chance of making his way in the world. It would really be almost kinder for a parent to let his child die of starvation in infancy, than send it out into the world quite ignorant of "the three R's," Since, then, every civilized State forces parents to give the, children, whom they have called into being, the means of life, it would be in no way tyrannical for the Government to say to parents, " You must educate, as well as clothe and feed, your children, at your own cost, and you shall be punished for neglect of education as severely as for neglect of the other necessities of life." But New Zealand parents are not asked to do this. The means of education are put within their reach free of charge, and they are only asked to avail themselves of them. Nor is the State education forced upon them. They can get their children educated elsewhere than in the public schools if they choose; all the State demands is that young children shall receive, in some way, enough instruction to save them from utter ignorance. That the State is justified in adopting this principle, that it has a right to guard itself against the dangers arising from a quite uninstructed democracy, are truisms which, until someone has the hardihood to deny them, need neither explanation nor defence.

16<sup>th</sup> March 1882 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting; was held at the schoolhouse on Tuesday. Present -Rev. H. V. White (chairman). Messrs. Cox, Black Wood, Haines, and P. Cotter The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed A communication was read from the Education Board refusing to give the committee a special grant, but sending cheques in payment of sundry accounts. From Constable Eccleton, reporting names of children not attending public or any school.

From W. G. Beard enclosing acknowledgments of resolution pasted at the last annual meeting, of which he was chairman.

From Minister of Education and Education Board, to whom he had been requested to forward the resolution. In their reply the Education Board stated that though that at present receive no

grant from the Government for school committees, yet they give the committees a capitation grant of 5s per head, being half the former allowance

The chairman reported that on receipt of Constable Eccleton's report, he had carried out the directions of the committee, and sent notices to the parents of children named by the constable. The head master reported that the attendance for the past month had increased and that the week's average was 206. Messrs. Cuff and Haines were appointed visiting members for the month. A circular was read from the Education Board, calling upon the committee to nominate a member for the vacancy on the Board caused by the resignation of Mr. O. Pharazyn. Mr. Coleman Phillips was nominated for the vacant seat

16<sup>th</sup> March 1882 At the Greytown School Committee meeting held on Tuesday evening Mr. Coleman Phillips was nominated to fill the vacant seat in the Education Board, head-master also reported that the attendance had increased during the past month; last week's average being 205 The compulsory clauses were in operation; the chairman having, on receipt of the Constable's report, notified to parents of children named, the intention of the committee, Messrs. Cuff and Haines were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month.

6<sup>th</sup> April 1882 GREYTOWN SCHOOL CADETS.

After the usual monthly inspection parade on Tuesday, the Greytown School Cadets assembled in the school room for the purpose of electing officers, when the following were unanimously elected : Lieutenant, S. Tully ; sub-lieutenant, O. Porritt; color-sergeant, Q. Hirschberg; sergeants, O. Haigh, A. Udy, and J. Judd ; corporals, H. Tully, A. Hawke, E. Udy and W. Wiggins. Sergeant Bezar complimented the boys on the proficiency they have already attained in their drill, and informed them that application had been made to the Defence Office for a supply of arms, of a suitable for drill purposes. He impressed on them the necessity of ready obedience, not only to the drill instructor and captain, but also to the subordinate officers whom they had themselves just unanimously elected. He also reminded them, that when on duty, the officers must not be addressed by their school-mate names, but by their proper titles. The head master, on behalf of the boys, thanked Sergeant Bezar for the kind interest he takes in the corps, and for the strict discipline which he maintains and expressed the hope that the corps would continue to deserve the high compliment just paid them by their instructor. Three hearty cheers for Sergeant Bezar, terminated the proceedings.

8<sup>th</sup> April 1882 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A special meeting of the Committee was held on Thursday evening, 6th inst. Present—H. Vere White (chairman), Messrs. Bock, Wood, Cotter, Haines and Skeet. The chairman read a notice from the Education Board calling upon the Committee to elect out of four candidates, one to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by Mr. O. Pharazyn's resignation. The gentlemen nominated were—Messrs. Buchanan, Darby, Phillips, and Archdeacon Stock. Some circulars with reference to the election having been read, the Committee proceeded to the election. Four votes were recorded for Mr. Phillips, and two for Mr. Buchanan; the former was therefore declared elected. It was then resolved, on the motion of Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Haines, that the Committee now proceed to the ordinary business of the monthly meeting, and that there be no meeting on Tuesday evening next. A report from the head master was read, showing the average attendance at school for the past month to be 208, and for the past quarter 186. The report called attention to the necessity of having certain repairs executed in the teacher's residence. The chairman was asked to write to the Board on the subject. It was proposed by Mr. Haines, seconded by Mr. Skeet and resolved unanimously—that the school girls be in future not allowed at any time to use as a playground the paddock granted to the Committee by the Greytown Lands Trustees. Messrs. Skeet and White were appointed visitors for the ensuing month

20<sup>th</sup> April 1882 . The Greytown School Cadet Corps concert is postponed from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> inst. to May 4<sup>th</sup> in consequence of the Masterton gentlemen who promised to take part having other engagements on that date.

2<sup>nd</sup> May 1882 The programme for the concert in aid of the Greytown School Cadet Corps has been prepared, and contains 23 pieces, vocal and instrumental. There will be selections by the Greytown private band, piano and ,cornet duets' piano duets, and vocal solos, duets, trios and glees; Altogether the programme is one of the most elaborate that has been presented to the Greytown public for some time. And when such favorite vocalists as Messrs. Bish, Moore, Stevenson and Rapp are included in the programme, not forgetting the Greytown talent, we can safely promise the audience on Thursday evening next one of the most enjoyable evenings they have ever spent

11<sup>th</sup> May 1882 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of the committee was held in the schoolhouse on Tuesday evening last. Present—Rev. H. Vere White (chairman), Messrs. Cuff, Skeet, Cotter and Wood. The head master reported average attendance for past month 198, also that fifty carbines had been received for drill purposes for the Cadet Corps.

It was resolved that a Bee ” for the purpose of completing the gravelling of the school yard should be held on Friday, May 19, and that parents of the children and other residents in the township be invited to assist. A discussion took place as to the possibility of having a night school started. The head master expressed his willingness to open one if the committee could guarantee that it would be properly supported. It was resolved that the chairman should insert an advertisement in the paper asking those anxious for a night school to send in their names to the head master, and that if a fair response was made to this invitation, the committee should be called together to consider 'what assistance they could give him in beginning the school. Some routine business having been disposed of, the meeting closed.

11<sup>th</sup> May 1882 Mr. Porritt, the head master of the Greytown School contemplates opening a night school,

18<sup>th</sup> May 1882 A bee to put the Greytown school playground in - order ; is organised for tomorrow . ' We hope it' will be as successful as the one held last year

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1882 It is with some regret that we learn that the offer of the Greytown School Committee to open a night school at a nominal charge has met with but little response, only one applicant having sent in his name. Mr. Porritt tried the experiment for three seasons on his own responsibility but had barely sufficient scholars to pay for the cost of lighting.

The Bee held on Friday for the purpose of gravelling the Greytown school yard was not so well attended as on former occasions. Last year about fifteen carts put in an appearance. This year there were only about six. It is however gratifying to be able to state that this tailing off must not be attributed to any lack of public spirit on the part of the Greytown residents, but is clearly owing to the fact that it was an exceptionally, and moreover the first really fine day that we have had for more than a fortnight, and farmers and others were bound to take advantage of it to harvest the potato crops. Many indeed sent an apology to Mr. Porritt to that effect. Those who did attend did good service, the fire carts bringing the gravel to the playground, where Mr. Porritt aided by about a dozen boys distributed it. The chairman and a majority of the committee attended and in various ways gave much assistance. An excellent lunch was provided, which, judging from the fragments that remained when our reporter arrived, had suffered a severe

attack. We are glad to hear that the call for subscriptions to defray this and other incidental expenses was more than sufficiently responded to. Working hard as they did however, those present were not able to finish one playground, and it will be necessary to hold another “ bee ” at an early date, and which no doubt will shortly be advertised

14<sup>th</sup> June 1882 The monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee-was held in the School house on Tuesday evening;. Present Rev, H V. White (chairman), Messrs. Cuff, Wood, Cotter, and Skeet. Some routine business having been disposed of, a loot; discussion took place on the proper method of dealing with persons who neglected, sending, their children to school. The constable sent in a report containing the names of .children absent from school on June 7th and 8th, when he visited their parents' houses.. The names were considered one by one, and it was resolved that the usual notices be sent to the parents of those of them who have been very irregular in their attendance, and that if the notices be disregarded the parents be summoned before the R.M, Court to answer for their neglect. The head master announced that he intended soon holding a half-yearly examination of the children, and it was resolved that Messrs.' Cuff and Wood be appointed a sub-committee to collect subscriptions for prizes to be given to the best answerers.

1<sup>st</sup> July 1882 The Greytown school broke up early yesterday afternoon for the winter vacation. The results of the recent examination and the names of the prize takers will be published when the school re-assembles

13<sup>th</sup> July 1882 GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of the committee was held on Tuesday evening last, in the School house. Present—Rev. H. V. White (in the chair), Messrs. Wood, Cuff and Cotter. A letter was read from the clerk of the Borough Council, requesting the committee to have the fence of the Town Belt sections, leased by them, removed back to its proper place. Resolved : That this be done as soon as possible. A Report was read from the Head Master, giving result of his recent examination: also the names of some children who have been extremely irregular in their attendance during the past half-year. It was resolved that the prizes, in connection with the recent examination, be distributed on the first day of school after the holidays, in the afternoon That the Mayor of the Borough, Mr. F. H. Wood, be asked to distribute the prizes, and that the parents of the children be invited to be present Resolved: That as it appears that Charles Wiggins has made only 07 attendances at school during the past half-year, out of a possible 213, ins father be again served with the notice, requiring his attendance ; and that if the boy be not sent to school, or a satisfactory reason given for his absence, the chairman be authorised to Summon his lather before the Resident Magistrate's Court, to answer for his neglect. Mr. Cotter called attention to the fact that Standing Order, No 1., under members of the committee abse.it without having sent a written excuse to the chairman be deemed, has not been acted upon. The chairman was requested to strictly enforce this rule in future. Messrs. Haines and bisect Were appointed visitors for ensuing mouth

18<sup>th</sup> July 1882 GREYTOWN SCHOOL

About 200 children assembled yesterday afternoon at the school to receive the half-yearly prizes given by the committee for attendance and progress. There were several visitors present, chiefly ladies. The Rev. H. Vere White, in calling upon Mr. P. H. Wood, the Mayor, to take the chair spoke of the extremely satisfactory results of the last examination It was customary, he said, to give the nauseous dose first, then the sweets. It was for him that afternoon to give them a nauseous dose and Mr. Wood would follow with all kinds of sweet things. He then spoke of the necessity of being Punctual in attendance at school, and of cultivating the habit of Politeness. No one single thing he said, would tend to carry them through the world with success as this habit. He liked to be upon friendly terms with the children when he met them in the street, but he did not always meet with politeness. It was only that day that he met a little girl and she said “ Halloa, Mr. White,” instead of saying “ Good day,” or something of that kind. He hoped they would remember the P’s He then called upon His Worship (he Mayor to present the prizes. Mr. Wood first referred to the liberality of the School committee in giving these half-yearly prizes, and hoped the children would appreciate it and try to do their best to gain the prizes offered from time to time. Those who

were not successful this half year should try for the next. He considered the present educational scheme of the Government as very liberal, and did not think with some that it would end in all who participated in it, wishing to become masters and mistresses. He had found upon some of the stations in Victoria highly educated non, but who by their own faults and failings had been brought down in circumstances; but upon inquiry he found that they were the best workers. He, however, he thought there was one blot in the educational scheme, and that was the exclusion of the bible from the schools. He pointed out to the children that advantages and comforts they had, and expressed a hope that they would grow up to be useful members of society. Their example and influence would be felt beyond themselves. He then, with some very pleasing remarks, distributed the prizes for the half-year for attendance and progress. The following is the list : Infant Class.—First prize, Frederick Goode, who made 211 marks out of a possible 213 ; 2nd prize, Geo. Bishop. Standard I. - First prize, Geo de Clifton ; 2nd prize, Leonard Humphries.

Standard 11. First prize, Ella Gallagher ; 2nd prize, Herbert Beard. Standard 111. —First prize, Lilian Morris, 212 marks out of a possible 213; 2nd prize, Ellen Kempton, 200. Considering the long distances these girls come from, the marks are highly creditable.

Standard IV.—First prize, David Dockery ; 2nd prize, Arthur Thomas. Standard V.—First prize, Fanny Hollard, 213 marks. Though living at Kuratiwhiti this scholar has not lost a single mark. 2nd prize, Mary Haigh. Standard VI.—First prize, George Haigh ; 2nd prize, Harry Tully. , The following additional prizes were presented by the teachers: Given by Miss Burch, Standard II.—First prize, Eliza Gray; 2nd prize, Lizzie Gray. Given by Miss Haigh, Standard I.— First prize, Herbert Haigh; 2nd prize, Henry Wood. Given by Miss York, Standard I.— Frederick Brooks.

Mr. W. C. Nation then spoke to the children, seconding the remarks of the Rev. Mr. White upon politeness. He was glad to make the acquaintance of the children, but he hoped that when they met their seniors in the street they would avoid using the word “ Halloo.” In addition to the two P’s -punctuality and politeness—given by Mr. White, he would give them a third, and that was Perseverance. If they used that during the next half-year, they would find it would stand them in good stead at the annual examination. Mr. Porritt, the head-master, on behalf of the children, thanked the committee for the prizes and hoped the three P’s would not be forgotten. He was glad to report a great improvement in the behaviour of the children. He then called for three cheers for the Committee, which were heartily given by the children. Mr. W. White, as Chairman of the Committee, returned thanks and called for cheers for the chairman, the head master, the other teachers, the lady and gentlemen visitors, and last of all for themselves. It is needless to say that the juveniles made the schoolroom ring again, and they were then dismissed for the afternoon.

The visitors expressed themselves much pleased with the deportment and appearance of the children, and they thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings.

3<sup>rd</sup> August 1882 The Greytown School Cadets were put through manual exercise on Tuesday afternoon, by Sergt. Major Bezar. The lads showed much proficiency in drill, and the instructor spoke in favorable terms of their attention and progress. They received a lesson on “piling arms” during the afternoon. We should be glad to see an effort made, before long, to raise funds to get the cadets into uniform. The Government will find the material, but the making up costs money. The lads, with their rifles, would look exceedingly well upon the field in uniform, and we should be glad to hear of some generous individual making them a present of a sum of money to pay the tailor’s bill.

5<sup>th</sup> August 1882 The Wellington “ Our Boys ” Football Club have sent a challenge through Mr. T. Porritt, to the Greytown school, to play a match on the 26th inst. There being no Club in connection with the school, Mr. Porritt has handed the letter to the Greytown Youths’ Club, and at a meeting held last evening, it was resolved to accept the challenge.

10<sup>th</sup> August 1882 Greytown School Committee.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Committee was hold on Tuesday evening last in the school-house. Present—Rev. H. V. White (in the chair), Messrs. Cuff, Cotter, Black, Haines, and Skeet.

A latter was read from Mr. Wood, apologising for his unavoidable absence. It was resolved that the Education Board be asked to give the Committee a grant of money for the purpose of gravelling the school yard. The Chairman reported that Mr. James Beard refused to reduce his charge for marking with lines on one of the black boards, and it was resolved, that while the Committee consent, rather than have litigation about the matter, to pay the account, they consider the charge to be excessive. A report from the head-master was read, stating average attendance at school for past month to have been 183; number of children on roll, 230; and making various suggestions. It was resolved that the head-master be authorised to expend .£6 in the purchase of reading books for use of school, and £2 in the purchase of apparatus for teaching experimental physics.

The visiting members for the ensuring month—Messrs. White and Wood—were requested to report to the Education Board on the state of the drainage system in connection with the teacher's residence.

12<sup>th</sup> September 1882 Much pleasure, and no small degree of excitement, is felt by the Greytown School Cadets in consequence of receiving by this morning's train seven cases of ammunition. They are eager to blaze away.

14<sup>th</sup> September 1882 The Greytown School Committee met on Tuesday evening. Present—Messrs. Wood (in the chair), Skeet, Black and Cotter. A letter was read from the secretary of the Greytown Town Lands Trust, stating that the £10 which had been applied for had been granted. The Secretary of the Board of Education intimated by letter that the Board had authorised the necessary expenditure in connection with drainage works for the school. The chairman and Messrs. Wood, Skeet and Black were appointed a sub-committee to carry out the work. In accordance with a request made to the Borough Council it was decided to remove the fence at the back of the school it was resolved to get rack scrapers for the doors. The scientific apparatus was granted to Mr. Arnold for a lecture on chemistry, which be proposed to give to the Juvenile Mutual Improvement Society. Messrs. Black and Cotter were appointed visiting members for the month.

16<sup>th</sup> September 1882 Greytown Juvenile Society

Most of thee children in the township have for some time past been attending weekly meetings at the Temperance Hall, and these meetings have been productive of much good. Subjects, somewhat dry at first sight, have been, made interesting by the simple meaner in which they have been dealt with, and the young people themselves have also contributed in no small measure to the enjoyment of each other by recitations and singing. The meetings have steadily increased in attendance, and last Tuesday about 190 were present. Believing that a lecture on chemistry, accompanied by experiments, would prove highly instructive to both parents and children, the President of the Society communicated with Mr. Arnold, of the Greytown school who has studied end takes great interest in the subject. This gentleman readily consented to lecture on the subject, and the school committee also kindly granted the school apparatus tor the illustrations. The lectures will be during the week after next, but the exact day has not been fixed. We hope the public will encourage by their presence the efforts of this society, the members of which will be present the full facts

22<sup>nd</sup> September 1882 Captain Porritt marched the Greytown School Cadets to the butts: yesterday afternoon, and put them through the exercise's, and also gave them some firing practice. They behaved themselves admirably throughout the whole drill,



23<sup>rd</sup> September 1882 Greytown School Cadets.

On Thursday afternoon there was great enthusiasm among the Cadets at fee Grey\* town school as they looked forward to their first target practice with hall cartridge. About so fell in and wire marched to the butts by Captain Porritt. On the road they were put through various maneuvers . which they executed with gnat precision, ' showing that no little care had been bestowed in their training. The lads reflected much credit upon their officers. Upon arriving on the ground they were first put through exercises, followed by some practice in blank cartridge safety. The volley firing was very good and would have reacted credit upon an adult corps. At the conclusion of the afternoon's exercises, the cadets were allowed to fire a round of ball cartridge at the target, at a distance of 100 yards, A. Udy, A. Thomas, J. Judd and R. Judd, hitting the bull's eye. Altogether the lads seem to be well ep to their work, and promise well for the future as marksmen.

23<sup>rd</sup> September 1882 A son of Mr. Nation, of Greytown, met with a somewhat serious accident on Wednesday last. Standing on some loose boards covering a well near the Greytown School, the boards tilted up, and he fell into the well beneath. In the descent his head came into contact with some framework surrounding the piping, and he received a severe gash on the back part of the head. He is now progressing favorably

3<sup>rd</sup> October 1882 We would remind our readers of the lecture to be given to-night in connection with the Grey town Juvenile Mutual Improvement and Temperance Society, by Mr. Arnold of the Greytown School. The subject of the lecture is chemistry, and will be treated in connection with air and water. As Mr. Arnold will illustrate his subject with experiments, and the society is popular in the township, there should be a good attendance. The lecture will be delivered in the Temperance Hall, and in order to accommodate the public additional sittings have been provided. The price of admission for adults is fixed at Is ; children not members of the society 6d

6<sup>th</sup> October 1882 Last Thursday afternoon, and again this morning, the Greytown School Cadets, under proper supervision, armed with their newly acquired rifles, marched to the butts, went through their exercise, as usual, very creditably, winding up with firing practice—first with blank and then with ball cartridge. The volley firing was considered highly satisfactory. In the target tiring at 100 yards four of the lads made bull's-eyes.

Last night the Temperance Hall, Greytown, was crowded with the members of the Juvenile Temperance and Improvement Society and their friends to listen to a preliminary address upon experimental Chemistry, by Mr. Arnold, Assistant Master at the public school here. The meeting closed earlier than usual, so as to afford opportunity at the evening's concert at the Town Hall. , In accordance with advertisement, the Greytown Philharmonic Society held their grand opening concert last night at the Town Hall, about forty singing members taking part. Miss Hirschberg was the pianist, and the whole performance was under the able leadership of Mr. Wilson, of Carterton. The attendance was large, but not so numerous as was expected. A number of visitors from all parts of the Wairarapa honored the performance with their presence. Mr. Buchanan, M.H.R, President of the Society, opened the proceedings with a well-chosen and exceedingly well expressed remarks, and then the concert commenced with the National Anthem, each verse being sung first in solos, and then repeated in chorus in full harmony. This was followed by a solo by Mr. Wilson, from the "Messiah," "But Thou didst not leave," and was sung with much musical pathos, though the accompaniment was somewhat deficient. This was succeeded by the chorus, " Behold how good and joyful.\* It was opened with spirit, and the recitative was well sustained and effective. The duet following was well sung but lacked power, the chorus and repeats increasing in executive efficiency as the finale was approached. This was followed by a solo, " How beautiful are the feet, &c., sung by Miss Wyett with exquisite musical taste. Mr. Black followed with a bass solo, " Nazareth, life for evermore," admirably bringing out his vocal powers, and be was

well assisted by the accompanist, both deservedly earning the applause which followed. Next came the anthem, "To the Great Lord" (Mosdin Egitto). The bass and tenor solos opened out fairly, but somewhat lacked in musical precision; the treble solo was good and more artistic in its performance; the closing chorus was just fairly in harmony, though denoting a lack of well-concerted practice in rehearsal and strict attention to the musical score in singing." This was succeeded by the solo from the "Messiah," "I know that my Redeemer Liveth," sung by Mrs. Cuff with much ability, musical precision and pathos, her sweet treble voice, fairly held the audience to its finish, and elicited well deserved applause. The duet by the Misses Wyett, "He wipes the tear from every eye" (Alex. Lee), was beautifully rendered; whatever it lacked in power was fully atoned for in precision and expression. The anthem which followed, "O, Lord! how manifold" (Barnatz), in full harmony, was evidently better understood, and had doubtless been well rehearsed, being the best rendered during the evening. After an interval, the secular part of the programme commenced with Miller's "May Hay," in full chorus of six parts; the blending of the harmony was good, tenor weak, treble, alto, and bass well sustained. A ballad, "Only tell me that you love me," was sung by Miss L. Hornblow with splendid effect, her rich contralto voice being just suited to the music of the piece, and well sustained by the accompanist, Miss Wyett; an encore was gracefully accorded. A four part song, "Departure," by Messrs. Black and Wickerson and Mesdames Wyett and Hornblow, followed, bass and alto predominating. It was sung with good expression. The solo "I cannot sing the old song," by Mrs. Hume, was much appreciated. Her musical articulation and artistic power took the house by storm, and elicited an encore. An aria followed, "Tia the Harp in the air," by Mr. Wickerson. This was well sung, only needing a little more power. The full chorus, "Since first I saw your face," was then given. In this there was a lack of power in both tenor and bass, the trebles and altos predominating. A duet by Messrs. Black and Wickerson, "The Moon has raised her lamp above," was very well sung and much applauded, and won an encore, after which the glee from "Oberon in Fairy Land" was sung in full chorus with excellent taste and effect, and amidst most deservedly-earned applause brought the concert to a close.

7<sup>th</sup> October 1882 The Greytown school cadets have received the cloth for their uniforms, and tenders are called for milking them up. The cloth is a good blue serge and the dress will be cap, tunic and trousers. To-day the cadets age to go out for bull practice. Some of them are remarkably good shots.

9<sup>th</sup> October 1882 Captain Porritt took 18 of the Greytown School Cadets, to the butts on Saturday last for ball practice, when some very good scores were made, by the boys, Five shots each were fired at 100 yards, the six highest being—Udy 20, H. King 20, A. Hawke 18, H. Tully 16, S. S Tully 12,0. Porritt 12. Two shots were fired at 200 yards; by young Udy, a centre and a bullseye being the result.

4<sup>th</sup> November The results of the examination were published in the Wairarapa Standard but were impossible to transcribe

15<sup>th</sup> November 1882 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

A meeting of the Committee of the Greytown School was held last evening, present—Rev, H. Vere White (Chairman); Messrs. Black, Wood, Cuff and Cotter, The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, -

The treasurer reported a credit balance of £23 The head, master's report, was then read as follows:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the school for the past month, and stating the result of the annual examination by the Inspector; The School was open on 44 half days during the month, but owing to bad weather and sickness the average attendance was only 179 with 220 names on the roll. The examination took place two weeks earlier this year; and occupied the greater part of two days. I regret to have to state that the result is not altogether satisfactory. (We gave the result in a previous issue.) There, were 147

children presented for examination, 101 of whom passed. The almost total failure of one class (No. 3) remains to be accounted for, but irregularity of attendance is the chief cause of this unsatisfactory result. Out of the 46 failures 20 had made less than 300 attendances, the average being 266, or a little over six months. When it is remembered that there is a good year's work between the standards it would be unreasonable to expect children who attend at irregular intervals for only half that time to come up to the Standard requirements or make any show at the examination. The attendance of some children has been so irregular and unpunctual that they would have been better out of the school altogether. They manage to make their 250 or 300 half day attendance but at such irregular intervals that they derive but little benefit from such disjointed periods of instruction, they are a great drag on others. Unless we adopt to secure both regularity and punctuality I cannot be held responsible for the success of the school, I trust both the Committee and parents will be prepared to strengthen my hands; in this matter, but hitherto corporal punishment has the exception in this school, but if the following rule be adopted, viz, "That every child coming, ten minutes late or returning to school after absence 'Without a written excuse from the parent will, be met, with punishment," good results" would

speedily ensue, and after a short time the rule would rarely be required to be enforced. The fault does not always rest with the parents, for, some children are observed loitering on the way long after the school bell has rung and it is for such that the rule should be adopted. When children are detained or kept from school by their parents they will bring a written excuse signed by the parent; (not brother or sister), which will free them from punishment.

Another very serious hindrance to progress has been the extreme reluctance of many parents to provide their children with books; exercise books, &c. In other schools, children are not permitted to attend unless they are properly supplied with things necessary. The same rule must be enforced here if any real progress is to be made,

As already stated, there is a good year's work between the standards, but there would be no difficulty in any child of average mental ability accomplishing the work, provided the attendance, was fairly regular and punctual, and that they be provided with the necessary books, to carry out their studies. Although certain portions of the school have not come up to my expectations in the recent examinations, that is no proof that much good-work has not been accomplished. The school maintains a very creditable position and will, compare favorably with other schools of like size. Out of 225 children, 202, or 92 per cent., are classed in Standards,

After a considerable amount of discussion, the Committee decided to approve of the headmaster adopting the rules re corporal punishment and sending home all children not provided with necessary books, &c.

Accounts presented for payment amounting to £8-16-4d

It was resolved that a No. 3 pump be put in the boys' playground,

Only one tender was received for cleaning the school premises, viz. T. Braggins, £7, which was accepted.

The Rev H. Vere White was appointed; visiting member for the ensuing month.,

16<sup>th</sup> November 1882 Greytown School Committee Meeting.

The usual meeting of the above Committee took place on Tuesday evening, when the following report was submitted by the head master:— Report. "The School, Greytown, "November 14th, 1881. "The chairman, " School Committee, " Greytown. " Sir, —I have the honor to submit the following report of the school for the past month, and also the result of the annual examination by the Inspector. —The school was open on 44 half days during the month, but owing to bad weather and sickness, the average attendance was only 179, with 220 names on the roll.

The examination took place five weeks earlier this year, and occupied the greater part of two days. I regret to have to state that the result is not altogether satisfactory. The following table gives every information re attendance and remits in each Standard ;

“ It will be seen from the above table that 147 children were presented for examination and that only 101 passed. The almost total failure of one class remains to be accounted for, but irregularity of attendance is the chief cause of this unsatisfactory result. Out of the 46 failures 20 had made less than 300 attendances, the average being 246 for a little over six months. When it is understood that there is a good year's work between the Standards, it would be unreasonable to expect children who attend, at irregular intervals, for only half that time, to come up to the Standard requirements, or make any show at the examination. The attendance of some children has been so irregular and unpunctual, that they would have been better out of the school altogether. They manage to make their 250 or 300 half day attendances, but at such irregular intervals that they derive but little benefit from such disjointed periods of instruction, and they are a great drag on others. Unless means be adopted to secure both regularity and punctuality, I cannot be held responsible for the success of the school. I trust both the committee and parents will be prepared to strengthen my hands in this matter. Hitherto Corporal punishment has been the exception in this school, but if the following rule be adopted, Viz., ‘ That every child coming late or returning for school after absences without a written excuse from the parent will meet with punishment, a good result would speedily ensue, and after a short time the rule would rarely be required to be enforced. The fault does not always rest with the parents, for many children are observed loitering on the way long after the school bell has rang, and it is for such that the rule should be adopted. When children are detained or kept from school by their parents they will bring a written excuse signed by the parent (not brother or sister ) Which will free them from punishment. Another very serious hindrance to progress has been the extreme reluctance on the part of many parents to provide their children with necessary text books, exercise books, &c. In other good schools children are not permitted to attend unless they are properly supplied with things necessary. The same rule must be enforced here if any real progress is to be made. “As already stated there is a good year's work between the 8 tan cards, but there would be no difficulty for any child of average mental ability accomplishing the work, provided his attendance fairly regular, and punctual, and that he was provided with necessary books, &c., to carry on his studies

“ Although certain portions of the school have not come up to my expectation! in the recent examination, that is no proof that much good work has not been accomplished, The school maintains a very creditable position, and will compare favorably with other schools of like size\*. Out of 220 children on the books, 202 or 92 per cent, are classed in Standards.

" I have, At. “ Thomas Porritt, “Head Master."

The report was adopted and resolutions passed approving of the suggestions contained therein referring to the irregular attendance on the part of scholars and the reluctance on the part of many parents to provide their children with the necessary books. It was decided to erect a pump in the boys playground. 24<sup>th</sup> November 1882

24<sup>th</sup> November 1882 Yesterday was the day appointed for the 'opening of a new school at Papawai, near Greytown. Particulars of the event are not yet to hand, but we learn' that- the natives there had sent out a large number of - invitations to a grand dinner to-celebrate the event, and included in such invitations all the Greytown School children," for whose delight- sports and refreshments would be provided! Arrangements will be made when the school is open- for the board and lodging of native children coming from a distance. The teacher! appointed is Mr. Clifford Di Satchell, who holds good credentials

25<sup>th</sup> November 1882 The Greytown School.

The result of the late examination of the Greytown school by the Inspector, has been disappointing to all concerned, to the teachers, the pupils, and their parents : for though the school could not be said to have broken down in the examination, a percentage of sixty-eight passes being by no means disgraceful, yet better results had been looked for with confidence by everyone acquainted with the past history of the school. But, as the old proverb says, “there is no use in crying over spilt milk.” Perhaps this year's comparative failure will stir everyone connected with the school into fresh exertion, and then we shall see a very different result next year. Our object in touching on this subject now, is to bring under the notice of the parents of the children attending the school, two ways in which they can do much to secure the good results we all hope for when Mr. Lee next examines the school. First, by Insisting on their children attending school regularly and punctually; secondly, by supplying them with necessary text books. We observe that in the last report made to the school committee by the head master, attention is called to these two points, and the committee at their last meeting adopted resolutions approving of the following regulations which are now in force in the school “ Any child coming to school late, or returning after absence, without a written excuse from the parent, will meet with punishment and every child be permitted to attend school unless provided with the necessary tools it might be thought by some of our readers that the first of these regulations is unnecessary, because, as the compulsory clauses of the Education Act have been brought into force here, children can be forced to attend whether they or their parents wish it or not. But the compulsory clauses, though useful so far as they go, do not apply to all children attending the schools ; children over thirteen years of age, or who have passed Standard IV are exempt from their operation; and, besides it is quite possible for a child to make the requisite number of attendances in such an irregular way that he might as well not come to school at all. Everyone conversant with school work knows that regularity and punctuality of attendance are absolutely essential if a child wishes ' to make any progress. We sincerely trust that the parents will work loyally with the master and the committee in their efforts to increase the efficiency of the school and that we shall not hear of any foolish objections on their part to children receiving punishment for playing truant, or loitering on their way to school. Nothing can be more ridiculous than an attempt to govern a school upon “ constitutional ” or sentimental principles. What children need is a firm benevolent despotism, with a wise system of rewards and punishments. Tender mothers and proud fathers need not at all fear that their boys will be injured physically or morally by a little judicious caning, and the boys themselves, when older, will feel grateful to those who forced them to learn the good habit of punctuality. As to the second point alluded to above, the supply of proper text books, it will not\* be needful to say much, for it stands to reason that a child cannot derive full benefit from school if not supplied with the books used by his schoolmates. The School Committee have not funds to supply books to all the children, and if they had money to spare, that would not be a wise way to spend it, for everyone knows how careless people are of public property, and books supplied to children free of cost would last a very short time. Even if the Committee had money for such a purpose, and supplied all necessary books, the expense would still have to be borne by the parents ; out of their pockets the taxes come, and it is as well to pay directly as indirectly. The expense of providing school books is trifling, the price of a second rate bonnet, or of a bottle of brandy, would buy almost as many books as would be needed by a child in a year, and if parents refuse to go to this expense, they must take to themselves, and not lay upon the teacher, the blame of their children's failure in satisfying the Inspector's requirements

25th November 1882 Now that the annual examination of the five large schools of the Wairarapa has been completed by the Inspector—and completed most satisfactorily, on the whole, as the results fully attest, although held at least six weeks earlier than usual-it will not be an unprofitable expenditure of time if we-consider for a while to what extent, if any, the

benefits offered by the Education Act have been seized upon and utilised by the children attending these large schools,

For that such benefits have been offered, and well paid for, by the fostering care of a benevolent Government| there can be no shadow of doubt.

It might have been thought the change of the head masters in all the schools except Greytown during the last four years, and the manifold changes of assistant teachers during the same. period would to a certain extent have militated against any appreciable increase in the results of the examinations during the first few years after such changes were effected, because some considerable time must necessarily elapse before the system of a new head master can be regarded as in full working order. Such, however,' has not been the case,

Steady progress has been made from year to year, and. better results have been obtained, in spite of such disquieting elements; and wonderful as it may appear, the only school (Greytown) where such disturbing causes have been unknown, stands alone in not furnishing any cause for congratulation or rejoicing to the inhabitants after their late annual ordeal. In vain one looks in the various reports to find one word expressive of satisfaction. or commendation from the Inspector, and the residents of Greytown. may be pardoned if they are inclined to envy Featherston and Carterton, Clareville and ' Masterton the well-earned tribute of praise and words of encouragement with which they were greeted by the Inspector. Of course the Greytown School may have received its measure of. congratulation, although the fact has not been made public from a commendable, though mistaken, sense of modesty.

That steady progress has been made in these large schools will be more readily understood by a perusal of the subjoined tabulated statement,' which compares' • the number of pupils who were presented for, and the numbers who passed in the examinations held in the years 1879 and 1882

	1879		1882		
	Presented	Passed	Presented	Passed	Increase in passes
Masterton	168	98	279	244	146
Clareville	58	52	64	56	4
Carterton	150	122	164	137	15
Greytown	149	110	147	101	Decrease 15
Featherston	110	87	104	89	Increase 2

It will be observed that while the increase in the number of candidates amounts to 118 the number; of the successful ones has. increased by 152..-' ; . These figures would, doubtless, have been replaced by some of even higher value had the examinations been held at the usual time, and had not the measles made their appearance so; inopportunately in Masterton. As it is this satisfactory increase is mainly owing to .the brilliant positon. which the Masterton School has .earned for itself, other, schools, have also shewn most praiseworthy improvement for, with the number of; candidates remaining about the same as four years, marked increase –in passes has been obtained. ,Greytown alone shows. A very considerable decrease. –This is apparently owing to the irregularity and unpunctuality on the part of some of the children; and to such an extent does this seem to have been carried that the head master protests in his report' that-" unless means be adopted to secure both regularity and punctuality, I cannot be held responsible, for the success : of .the school. The. great progress .which has been made during four years in these schools proves beyond question that when any school shows signs of, becoming .torpid, and content to rest satisfied with a mediocre position, and with just life enough to enable its .pupils to. barely scrape-through the examinations, or when difficulties arise which appear hopelessly beyond, remedy, an infusion of new blood or a radical reformation of the teaching staff is highly beneficial, and may become as time goes on absolutely necessary. : It will also be an advantage to set down, side by side, the results of the late examinations of the various schools. A comparison may thus be easily made; and at a glance the public may become acquainted with the work which is being done in the other schools as well as in that with which they are specially connected. Moreover, the results thus brought into juxtaposition will tend to promote that .friendly emulation and generous rivalry between ;the schools, which will administer to their future success. The work done in the first four standards has, with one or two exceptions, been so generally good that nothing further need be said about them than that they are efficiently officered. The fifth and sixth standards only are taken into this account, because, as the Inspector is reported to have said at Masterton, " such high passes in the upper standards could not be expected as in the lower ones, as each upper standards appealed so much more to the intelligence of the pupils." Yet it will appear from the statement below that most "ratifying results in these standards can be, and are, obtained when the teachers are honest, diligent, and capable, and not : content with the bare performance of their duties in a merely .perfunctory manner. May all due honor, 'assistance, and sympalhy.be accorded to such to cheer them in their arduous duties.

	Standard V		Standard VI	
	Presented	Passed	Presented	Passed
Masterton	30	17	14	10
Clareville	-	2	-	3
Carterton	13	12	13	9
Featherston	10	6	7	7
Greytown	16	8	2	2

It will be observed with deep regret that the Greytown School occupied so poor a place in this comparison with the other schools, For, even granting that the irregularity of attendance is the cause this year, surely the same plea will not apply to the three previous years. A very disagreeable and disheartening fact stares us in the face, viz.; that during the last, four years only about thirty pupils have passed in Standard V, while less than half-a dozen have succeeded in passing Standard VI There is, there must be, some wry grave causa to produce such a state of things; and the sooner the evil is discovered and removed the better. It cannot be that the majority of the children in any particular locality lack the necessary intelligence which the pupils of all the other schools abundantly possess, Whatever the cause is, it is very evident that the children attending the Greytown' School do not reap the advantages of the higher branches of education which are provided for them by the Legislature of the country, 30th November 1882 A report was received from Mr. Lee upon the state of the Greytown school, setting forth that Mr. Arnold, the assistant master, had not brought about such results as might reasonably have been expected. Out of a class of twenty seven taught by him, only one had passed at the recent examination. The local committee wrote to the board expressing a desire that Mr., Arnold be retained for another year, as he was: in many respects an excellent teacher. The matter was allowed to stand over till the next meeting in order that the inspector might be. Present

7<sup>th</sup> December 1882 THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

To the Editor

Sir,—A touching 'the Greytown School, the report furnished by the inspector to the Wellington Education Board, and that- laid before the Greytown School Committer by the Headmaster, are remarkable for the undersigned coincidences which are very observable in them. 1st The Inspector is said to have "sent in a report strongly unfavourable to the teaching capacity of Mr. Arnold, the assistant master at Greytown. Out of a class of 27 taught by Mr. Arnold, only one passed at the recent examination." The Headmaster reports the almost total failure, of one class remains to be accounted for, but irregularity of attendance is the chief cause of this unsatisfactory result." Probably what remains to be accounted for in the headmaster's opinion is supplied by the Inspector's opinion as to the incapacity of the assistant master. Both are, however, quite in accord in bringing into very prominent notoriety, the fact of the failure of the children taught by the poor Assistant. 2nd; Undesignedly, of course, and with an innocence and simplicity quite overpowering in their guilelessness, both reports agree in making no mention whatever of the total failure of every candidate to pass in Standard VI and of the wretched results of Standard V. At least, if the Inspector has done so that part of his report has not as yet been made known to the public. This would not worry so very much if it were the first year of such poor results; but when it is known that this state of things has been going on four years' it worrisome Very serious question indeed, Fair play is a jewel and a right which every Englishman may claim, and if the "almost total failure". of one class : is to be attributed to the master's incapacity to teach, surely the total failure of another class should be assigned to the same cause —especially when such very: marked weakness in the



same class for four years cannot but point either to incapacity or want of energy on the part of the master. . lam, &c.) Fair Play,

21<sup>st</sup> December 1882 Greytown School Rifle Cadets.

PRIZE FIRING. On Tuesday the Greytown school cadets were marched to the butts, under the command of Captain Porritt, accompanied by Mr. Arnold, the assistant master. Sergeant Major Bezar was present and superintended the firing.

Thos. Baillie made 88 points out of a possible 40, and took first prize.

The following are the scores with prizes

	100 Yards	200 Yards	Total	Prize Money (Shillings)	Worth in December 2016
Cadet T Baillie	20	12	32	15	\$128 42
“ R King	17	12	29	10	\$85.61
“ R Judd	15	12	27	7	\$59.93
“ P Wakelin	13	11	24	5	\$42.81
Corporal E Udy	11	10	21	5	\$42.81
Cadet W Haigh	17	4	21	5	\$42.81
“ A Ramsay	13	7	20	5	\$42.81
“ A Thomas	16	4	20	5	\$42.81
Lieuts O Porritt	12	7	19	5	\$42.81

Sergeants G. Haigh and J. Judd Corporal A. Hawke and Cadet H. King came next, with an average of 17,

22<sup>nd</sup> December 1882 The Greytown School broke up yesterday for Christmas holidays.-. '{ It was not to have commenced the .holidays till to-day, but the School is being used as examination room by the competitors for Education Board scholarships. ;'The examination is expected to be concluded this afternoon.

## 1883

1883	163	Greytown	Porritt	Thomas	Headmaster	£270	\$46,184
1883	163	Greytown	Ward	Hugh P	Assistant Master	£160	\$27,368
1883	163	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£120	\$20,526
1883	163	Greytown	Haigh	Agnes	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$6,842
1883	163	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$6,842

19<sup>th</sup> January 1883 The Greytown School picnic will be held at the Willows on Monday next. Parents and friends are cordially invited, The children will meet at School at 10 a.m., form procession and march to the grounds with teachers, all kinds of games have been provided for and abundant supply of provisions and refreshments, prizes, &c., &c. A free conveyance for mothers with infants only will leave Mr. Wood's auction room at 11 a.m.

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1883 Yesterday afternoon the children attending the Greytown School were entertained at a picnic in a large paddock about two miles from the town. The paddock has the advantage of numerous fine dumps of English trees, so there,! was ample shelter for the children while , they discussed their dinner and tea, which they did in each case with infinite enjoyment. There wore the usual outdoor games, &o.^ The headmaster (Rev. T. S. Porritt) personally superintended the festivities, and was assisted by a number of ladies. The merry party returned, home in the cool of the evening, after spending a very pleasant day in the open air.

*Property owned by Mr. Pierce Cotter*

24<sup>th</sup> January 1883 Greytown School Picnic.

The children attending the Greytown Public school mustered at the schoolroom on Monday morning, and about 10 o'clock, under the charge of Mr. Porritt, they started down the Kuratiwhiti road for "The Willows," on the property of P. Cotter, Sen. Esq. The spot is most suitable for such gatherings, the trees affording ample shade for all. Mr. Cotter jun., had been busy at work since daylight, in making preparations and putting up swings, and when the children arrived on the ground they lost no time in commencing the amusements of the day. The children present numbered somewhat over 200, and there would have been several more but for the prevalence of measles and attractions elsewhere. The committee are to be congratulated upon the way in which everything was carried out, and the catering by Mr. E. B. Bell gave general satisfaction. There was an abundance of good things and both children and adults had enough and to spare. During the afternoon the ground was visited by parents and friends who found their enjoyment in seeing the juveniles making merry in different groups and in helping them with their games. There was some good fun over the boys' races, in which a few novelties were introduced. The committee had provided a good assortment of prizes and these were keenly competed for by both boys and girls. Through the kindness of Mr. Cotter, jun., a harmonium was on the ground, and those children who are members of the Greytown Juvenile Society sang some of their pieces of music. Altogether a very pleasant day was spent, and judging by the way many of the adults entered into the games there will be some stiff joints for a few days yet as a penalty. Mr. Phillips' brake carried the mothers and I small children to town at the close of the day.

24<sup>th</sup> January 1883 GREYTOWN. The annual General Meeting of Householders to elect a school Committee for the ensuing year was held at the Greytown school room last evening. Mr. W. C. Cuff in the chair. The report and balance sheet for the past year were read and adopted. The meeting then balloted for the election of a new school Committee. The result was that the following gentlemen were elected, viz:—Rev. H. T. White, Dr. Bey, Messrs. W. Udy, J. Fuller, R. Black, W. C. Nation, and W. C. Cuff. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business. We have a full report of the meeting prepared which is unavoidably held over till next issue owing to pressure upon space.

24<sup>th</sup> January 1883 About 400 persons were present at the Greytown School children's treat; held on the "willows" on Monday which was an immense success from beginning to end. From an early hour the Kuratiwhiti road, was a pleasant scene with the various groups of children and their friends wending their way to the scene of the day's amusement. Arriving on the ground the scene presented was one to dwell upon with pleasure and to remember for years. The "willows" is naturally a very pretty place with trees, and shrubs scattered all about the ideal place to hold a picnic. But when the children and their parents had arrived and were spread over the scene, it was enchanting. The committee had worked hard to have all the requisites for the day's outing in order, such as swings &c., and the children were soon busy at the various sports suitable for their age, while the adult portion were gathered in groups, assisting the young ones to enjoy themselves, or standing spectators of the scene, or (will we say) gossiping, while others were unable to forget the hours "when they were young" and joined in with the youngsters in such games as "drop the kerchief". &c., &c., while those who were of a more romantic disposition had plenty of opportunities to whisper their confidences. In fact these opportunities were taken advantage of to a large extent, and we hope with mutual pleasure to those interested. The children had a grand time of it, what between scrambles for lollies and apples &c., and prizes for running, they all seemed to get a share of the good things going about. Half a dozen tins of lollies were scattered through them, and they had as much fruit, cake &c., as they could manage, and to spare, nor were the adults badly off, as they also had the pleasure of enjoying that blessing (1) of civilization called tea. The members of the School Committee deserve great credit for the way they worked to make

things successful, as do several who assisted, both ladies and gentlemen. Mr. W. O. Nation kindly brought his harmonium, and the members of the Juvenile' Templars gave several selections which gave great pleasure to those who heard them, The owner of the "willows," Mr. Cotter, deserves the thanks of the public for permitting the treat to be held on his property,

26<sup>th</sup> January 1883 The newly elected committee of the Greytown school met on Tuesday evening and elected the Rev H. V. White as chairman for the ensuing year. The only other business was the appointment of a sub-committee to arrange for the cleaning of the school.

#### 26<sup>th</sup> January 1883 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. REPORT

The outgoing committee have held 14 meetings, ordinary and special. The credit balance at the bank is To I Is 5d ; liabilities 65., against which £ to be set off the capitation grant due from the Education Board for the December quarter, which will amount to about £10. The committee thank the Town Land Trustees for a grant of £10 received during the year and applied to general school purposes. In answer to the resolution which was passed at the last annual meeting and which was forwarded to the Education Board, a reply was received stating that the reduction made in grants to committees was due solely to the action of the legislature, which had reduced the grants made to Boards by the amount formerly given to school committees, and that the Board now gave a 5s capitation grant to committees though receiving no funds for the purpose from the Government. The committee record their opinion that it is undesirable that school committees should be left without sufficient funds to carry on local works and so they obliged to appeal to the Board for money to carry out small improvements and necessary repairs, but they acknowledge that the Board have shown themselves ready to entertain in a liberal spirit any applications made to them. A grant of £30 has been made for drainage of the head master's residence and playground, only part of which has been as yet expended, and the Board promise to make some much needed alterations in the residence when they have funds to spare for the purpose. The project of opening a night school was abandoned, there being only one applicant who expressed a wish to attend. The compulsory clauses of the Education Act have been strictly enforced, but the committee have no means of preventing irregular attendance on the part of the children as it is possible for a child to make the number of attendances required by law and yet attend at such irregular intervals as to lose all benefit of his schooling. The committee fully approved of the action of the head master in punishing those children guilty of irregularity, unless they brought a written excuse- from their parents, and call the attention of parents to the absolute necessity of regularity on the part of the children. The committee have not yet been informed as to the Board's intent in about filling up the vacancy caused by the retirement of Miss Burch.

1<sup>st</sup> February 1883 Wellington Education Board meeting Mr. Arnold resigns and Mr. Ward (formerly a teacher in Ireland) of Greytown is appointed

The Greytown School Committee applied that a competent assistant master be appointed for their school, and, the Inspector supporting the request, it was resolved to invite applications.

5<sup>th</sup> February 1883 A special meeting of the School committee was held on Saturday evening. Present -Rev. H. V. White (Chairman), Cuff, Black, Nation and Udy. Mr. Black was elected secretary and Mr. Cuff treasurer The Board having recommended Mr. Ward assistant teacher and forwarded that gentleman's testimonials, the committee passed a resolution approving of the appointment. Mr. John Fuller having resigned his seat on the committee owing to pressure of other duties, Mr. E. Gray was elected to the vacancy. The subject of repairs to (he teacher's residence was brought up, The committee had written to the Board. but no reply had been received, anti the secretary was instructed to write again upon the subject, A letter was received from Mr. Arnold announcing his 'resignation,

An application was received for the post of pupil teacher, but nothing was done in the matter as the present teaching power in the school was sufficient. The sub-committee reported that Mrs. Thompson had undertaken the work of cleaning the school. A subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Black and Udy was appointed to see to the drainage of the school grounds. Dr. Bey and Mr. Black were appointed visitors for the month.

15<sup>th</sup> Feb 1883 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on Tuesday evening. Messrs.. J, G. Cox, 6. Beetham, and Archdeacon Stock were elected members of the Educational Board, The turn of £2 was voted for the purchase of cricketing material hut the sum of £5 for the purchase of two lamps for the school room,

The Sub Committee appointed by the Greytown School Committee some time ago to arrange re putting the school yards in order, have decided to put on a man with horse and cart for about six weeks and have the job made a thorough good one. It will be a great boon for the children to have a good dry ground to play on during the winter

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1883 Captain Porritt of the Greytown School Cadets has received the last year's capitation which will be distributed at an early date

14<sup>th</sup> March 1883 The Greytown school committee met last evening. The Standing Orders were considered and approved of, aid the following new orders were added; —No. 8. Question of order shall be decided by the chairman. No. 9. Any of the foregoing standing orders may be suspended by an unanimous vote of the committee, or by the vote of not less than five members. The head master was authorised to- get certain repairs effected at his residence. It was decided to advertise for pupils to attend an evening school. The following accounts were parsed : —R. J. Thompson, 9s ; D. Clark, £5 9s 9d ; W. C. Nation, 9s ; Mrs. Thompson, 30s J. Beard, 32s 6d.

9<sup>th</sup> April 1883 NIGHT SCHOOL. The Head Master of the Greytown School will conduct Night Classes during the Winter Months, if a sufficient number of young person's signify their willingness to attend. Application should be made to him at once. H. V. WHITE, Chairman. April 9,1883

18<sup>th</sup> April 1883 The Greytown School.

We have received the report of the Inspector of Schools, but defer commenting upon it till next issue. We regret to note “ that the Standard passes at Greytown fall much below the average, the work being weak in all Standards except the second and fourth.” The work in the third Standard is described “au being almost a complete failure.” This is a most unfavorable report

18<sup>th</sup> April Extracts of Inspector Lee's report included

The standard passes at Greytown and the Lower Hutt , fall much below the average, the work at Grey town being weak in all standards, except the second and fourth, and that at the Lower Hutt in all except the first and second. At Greytown the work of the third standard was almost a; complete failure, In the upper classes of these two schools, taught by the headmasters, the results both in quantity and quality were far from good.;

The best taught classes brought up for examination in these schools were the first four standards at Masterton; standards I and VI. at Featherston, standard IV at Greytown,

7<sup>th</sup> May 1883 DISTRICT ORDERS. Military and Volunteer Office, Featherston, 6th May, 1868. THE Greytown Rifle Volunteers and the Greytown School Cadets will PARADE in front of the Town Hall at 9 a.m., on the 24th instant, and march to the Railway Station and proceed by train to Clareville to take part in the celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday. This will be an Inspection Parade, Signed, H. BUNNY, Major Commanding Wairarapa District.'

9<sup>th</sup> May 1883 Greytown School Committee.

The usual monthly meeting of the school committee was held last evening. Present Rev H. V. White (chairman), Dr. Bey, Messrs. Black, Gray, Nation and Udy. The minutes of last meeting were continued.

Mr. Gray moved, and Dr. Bey seconded, that two lamps be ordered for the night school. Carried.

Mr. Cuff having resigned the office of treasurer to the committee, Mr. Black was appointed.

A communication was read by the chairman which had been received from Mr. W. J. Steward, M.H.R. for Waimate, Smith Canterbury, containing a series of questions in connection with the election of school committees under the present system. These were partly considered, and the remainder will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ten cords of firewood was ordered for the school, several accounts passed, and the Rev H. V. White and Dr. Bey appointed for the month

It was resolved to have a working bee to finish the gravelling of the yard

The Headmasters report said that the attendance had improved. Before the meeting broke up the committee decided to issue summonses to the parents of two families for non-attendance ' of their children at school

11<sup>th</sup> July 1883 Greytown School Committee.

The monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held in the schoolroom last evening. Present—Rev H. V. White (chairman), Dr. Bey, Messrs. Gray, Cody, Nation, Black, and the head teacher, Mr. Porritt.

The committee having asked the Town Lands Trust for the sum of £10 for the purchase of school reading books, the Trust wrote, enclosing a cheque for the amount. A vote of thanks was passed for the donation.

The Featherston school committee having passed a resolution that the sixth standard was too high for country schools, a letter was sent to the committee of the Greytown school asking them to consider the matter. After some conversation on the matter it was resolved, " That this committee is unable to agree with the resolution passed by the Featherston school committee with reference to the difficulty of the sixth standard, and is of opinion that if any change is made in the present standard system it ought to be in the direction of raising, rather than of lowering it." Two or three accounts were passed for payment. The Rev H. V. White tendered his resignation as a member of the committee 'and as chairman. He thanked the committee for the courtesy they had always displayed towards him as chairman. The resignation was accepted, and a vote of thanks passed to Mr. White for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. Regret was also expressed at losing this gentleman's services upon the committee and in the district.

Mr. F. H. Wood was elected member of the committee in place of Mr. White,

30<sup>th</sup> July 1883 A correspondent calls attention to the state of the water channel outside the gate of the Greytown school. He says it is a wide pool of mud which children delight to push each other into. The Borough Council should see to this

15<sup>th</sup> Aug 1883 The Greytown School committee met last night, Mr. Gray being voted into the chair. Present—Messrs. Gray, Black, Bey, Wood and Nation. The head master's report stated the average attendance for the past month was 164; 10 had left, and there were six new comers. The night school was not well attended, the number having dwindled down to 6. Mr. Lee had paid a surprise visit and had suggested that the scholars should do without the

afternoon spell. The school hours now are from 9.30 to 12.30 and from 1.30 to 3.30. The committee approved of the alteration, and Mr. Wood gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the school hours in the morning be hours without any intermission for play. This will give the children another half hour in the middle of the day. Three or four accounts were passed subject to inspection by head master. Upon the motion of Dr. Bey, seconded by Mr. Wood, Mr. Gray was proposed as chairman of the committee. Carried. Some other trifling matters were considered, and the meeting adjourned

29<sup>th</sup> August 1883 Sir,—At a late meeting of the Greytown School Committee the head master reported that;" Mr. Lee had paid a surprise visit and .had suggested' that the scholars should do without the afternoon spell. The school hours' now are from' 9.30 to 12.30, and from' ,1.30 to 3.30 p.m.;" The committee approved alteration, and Mr. Wood gave notice that at. the next meeting he "'would move—That the school hours in the morning be two. and a-half hours without any intermission for play. This will give the children another half hour in the middle of the day. from this it is evident that the Inspector suggests a remedy whereby .the pupils may receive .the full time for instruction to which they are entitled, by reducing the play-time, which hitherto has been extended to too .great, a length; 2, that the committee graciously approve of the Inspector's suggestion and 3, that a member of the committee immediately proceeds to give notice of a resolution which / if carried, will not only stultify the committee, but also undo all the good that . the Inspector wishes to accomplish, and will give nearly two hours per week of extra play-time more than is allowed by the regulations, Parents view with alarm this threatened extension of time, at mid-day, as it will leave their children .free to go hither and thither at their own sweet will without check, or, at least, without any. efficient supervision or control,—to say nothing of the waste of time which will be forced upon the elder pupils, who are being trained for examination in 5th and 6th' Standard subjects, and to whom every minute' must be precious. It is much-to be hoped that Mr. Wood will not press his motion, but will withdraw it, so as. to avert its mischievous results; It was probably the contemplation of-this motion being carried that "the Institute committee to' resolve that the. Use of the. chessboard and. men.be granted to Mr. Porritt for the use of the boys at the Public School .in their. spare. hours. Now, what spare hours can-the boys possibly have, in addition' to the dinner hour! Of course, to extend this would make the time most worrisome to the boys, and, doubtless, .the head teacher , in hid deep sympathy for them, has' secured the chessboard .and men for their intellectual development even in their hours of enforced idleness. -But then, what is one board and one set of men among, so many boys Only two can play at the same time, and where is the provision for the many that are left Could not the School Committee supply a dozen sets ? Sir, the whole affair is too ridiculous—too transparent. If any member of the Institute Committee wishes to have .the use of a chess board and men for his own family, without incurring the expense of purchasing 'them, why does he not say go, and not pretend they are .for "the use of the at the Public School in their spare hours. No doubt, it is a graceful, compliment which the committee has paid their chairman,, in .making .ibis, grant—a grant which is made in all. good faith , that it will benefit the boys in their "spare hours'— but it may be questioned if they have the power to .deal with the property in such a manner. At all events, any question . which practically - alienates ..the property of a public institution should: .have been ventilated and decided at-the general annual meeting, and not at the committee meeting held immediately afterwards. It does not look well in the eyes of the people. 'I am, etc. Umbra

6<sup>th</sup> September 1883 Great complaints are made by a number of the parents of the children attending the Greytown school at the change in the dinner hour, ns it is a source of great inconvenience to many, particularly-the laboring class, It is probable that the matter will be brought before the Committee at; their next meeting

12<sup>th</sup> September 1883 The Greytown School committee held their monthly meeting last night in the schoolroom. Present Messrs. Gray (chairman), Cuff, W. Udy, Bey, Black, Wood and Nation. The balance in bank was reported as L 5 15s Od. Several accounts were passed for payment. A letter was received from Mr. John Hall requesting the committee to grant him the right to teach a lad at home for 12 months. The matter was adjourned until next meeting for consideration.

A petition was handed in signed by several householders, protesting against children being kept in till 12.30, and requesting that the ordinary hour of coming out be adhered to. .

Mr. Wood said he was desirous of withdrawing the notice of motion given in by him at the last monthly meeting. He had found, in conversation with the head master and others that it was not considered wise to keep the children too long at work without a short interval of recreation. His object in introducing his motion was because he thought much valuable time was lost in these spells, and that in these spells, without supervision, the children learned much that was no good when together, he would, however, move that the old hours be adhered to, and that the head-master be instructed to limit the interval both in the morning and afternoon to ten minutes, and that the children be under the supervision of the teachers during these intervals. Mr. Nation seconded the motion, which was carried.

The school-hours will now be from 9.30, to 12 and from 1 to 3.30.

It was resolved that the head master see that the school bell is rung a quarter of an hour before the opening of the school, and for 5 minutes before the school opens.

Reference was made to the bad state of the guttering on the roof and the way in which the water poured in. Mr. Wood reported that Mr. Gray, the builder, had promised to report upon the state of the roof that evening, but no report had been received from him as yet. Attention was called to the school harmonica Mr. Wood stated that it had been purchased for the purpose of teaching the children to sing. He thought if it was of no use to the school it had better be sold. No resolution was come to, however, upon the subject. The Head-master's report quoted the average attendance for month as 161. There were 210 scholars on the roll.

10<sup>th</sup> October 1883 The Greytown School Committee met last evening. Present—Messrs. Gray (chairman). Bey, Wood, Nation and Black. Two accounts were passed for payment. A letter was received from Mrs. Scale asking for increase of salary. The committee were unanimous in according Mrs. Scale every praise for her work in school. Mr. Wood proposed, and Mr. Nation seconded “ That Mrs. Scales' application be forwarded to the Board, with a strong recommendation from the committee that her request be acceded to, the committee expressing their appreciation of Mrs. Scales' services in the past, and of the high and satisfactory results accruing therefrom.” Carried unanimously. The head master's report stated that there was an improvement in the attendance; and called attention to the fact that the roof of the school was in an unsatisfactory condition. The secretary reported that he had written to the Board enclosing a tender from Mr. E. Gray for a new roof at a cost of £47. As no answer had been received, it was resolved to write again on the subject, and also to call the attention of the Board to the fact that, the capitation allowance for the past month had not been remitted. A fine was imposed upon two committeemen who were absent. Mr. Hall's letter re teaching a boy at home was considered, and the committee after consulting the Act, resolved that the request could not be acceded to. Messrs. Cuff and Gray were appointed visitors for the ensuing month. It was left to the visiting members to consult with the head master concerning the use of the harmonium in the school and the necessity of giving a little time for instruction in music. It was decided that a list of delinquent scholars should be prepared, and that the constable should receive orders to enforce their attendance.

1<sup>st</sup> November 1883 Mr. Lee yesterday concluded the examination of the Greytown School, which shows very good results, seventy-nine per cent. of those presented having passed. Standards I, II, IV, and VI. being particularly good

2<sup>nd</sup> November 1883 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. The annual Examination by the Inspector, R. Lee Esq., was completed on Wednesday last with satisfactory results, 79 per cent having passed. The Inspector remarked that the Arithmetic paper of George Haigh, a 6th Standard boy, was the best he had yet seen.

The following are the names of the children who passed in their respective Standards:—  
Standard I.—Boys—Alfred Kempton, Leonard Wakelin, Dan Udy, H Udy, F Thompson. B Young, F Merson. H Cotter, E Raison, W Smith, H Mills, W Thompson, A Wishart, H Gray, W Hobman, A St George, G Bishop, J O'Connor, IT Porritt, and R Hebley.. Girls:—Annie Ha, , 'lice Cotter. Sarah A Morris, Alice Gray. Arabella Thompson, Alice Perkins, Mary Hillier, Georgina Raison.

Standard II —G de Clifton, F Brooks, A Maguire, G Pound, T Ryan, A Hobman, J Goode, J Montgomery, G Loader, John Quin. Girls—Phoebe Harris, Emily Judd, Jessie Nation, Prudence Dockery, Kate Morris, Emily Kempton, Jane Beard, Elizabeth McKirdy, Miriam Hillier, Ellen Player, Alice Sayer, Ellen Merson.

Standard III—Boys—Herbert Beard, Chas Cotter, J Perkins, W Scale, H Mills, F King, F Hawke, G Ritchie, R King, F Wood, L St George, A Montgomery, Fredk Hawke, T Haigh. Girls—Rose Cotter, Kate Wilkie, Amelia Brooks, May Thompson, Ella Gallagher, Elizabeth Gray, Mary E Udy, Kate Bishop, Mary McPhee, Alice Kempton, C Ticehurst, Ethelwyn Knell, Mary Bishop, Lilian Morris.

Standard IV—Boys ; G Hawke, J Dockery, A Press. F Cotter, R Hall, Edwin Thomas. Girls—Annie Judd, Eliza O'Connor Jane Montgomery, Mary Mills, Ellen King, Eva Wilkie, Ada Udy, Louisa Gallagher.

Standard V—Boys—Percy Cotter, Robert Judd, Frank York, Arthur Brooks. Girls— Julia Smith, Margaret Cotter, Cecelia Jackson.

Standard VI—Boys—Harry Tully, Wm Haigh, George Haigh, Ernest Humphries, Septimus Tully. Girl—Elizabeth Hornblow.

29<sup>th</sup> November 1883 Wellington Education Board meeting included A number of necessary repairs to the Greytown school were ordered to be undertaken at a cost of £52. It was further resolved that £35 be expended in adding another room to the same school.

12th December 1883 The monthly meeting of the committee was held last evening. Present—Messrs. Gray (chairman), Udy, Bey, Black, and Nation. An apology was received from Mr. Wood for non-attendance.

A letter was received from Mr. H. P. Ward, a teacher in the school, asking the committee for a testimonial in the event of his getting a more lucrative appointment. The committee, while willing to aid Mr. Ward in any way, felt that they could not testify as to his teaching capabilities, and it was proposed by Mr. Nation, seconded by Mr. Udy, that Mr. Ward be recommended to apply to the Inspector of Schools, as he was the best person to form a judgment. The head teacher reported that the progress of the school was satisfactory. The average attendance during month was 107. The report recommended an application by Miss York, who had been teacher of the infant class for four years, to the favorable consideration of the committee as she had given every satisfaction.

The chairman bore testimony to the excel lent manner in which the children under Miss York's charge had acquitted themselves on a recent occasion when he visited the school.

Dr. Bey proposed and Mr. Nation seconded, " That Miss York's application for an increase of salary be recommended to the Board of Education."

The credit balance at bank was reported as £8 16s 6d. Two accounts were passed for payment.

The head teacher was authorised to get the school pumps put in good order. The committee having decided to present the scholars who had made the three best passes in each standard with a prize, it was resolved to canvass among parents, and to ask the Town Lands Trust for



£10 for prizes. The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Buchanan, M.H.R., and ask him to present the prizes on the 21st instant, the day for breaking up. The presentation to be made at 2 p.m.

Dr. Bey and Mr. Wood were appointed visitors for the month.

14<sup>th</sup> December 1883 The average daily attendance of the Greytown school during the past month has been 279, not 107 as appeared in error in our last.

14<sup>th</sup> December 1883 PRIZE FIRING. THE Greytown School Rifle Cadets will hold their Annual Competition for the Prizes, so liberally offered by their Friends, on TUESDAY NEXT, 18<sup>th</sup> instant. Each Competitor will contribute 6d towards cost of Conveyance. T. PORRITT, Capt. Commanding.

17<sup>th</sup> December 1883 The Greytown School Committee.

To the Editor of the Standard. Sir—Your paper of Wednesday last contains a report of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Committee; in which it is stated that Mr. Ward's application for a testimonial could not be entertained because "the-committee felt that they could not testify to his teaching capabilities. Why not?. Does this mean that in spite of the weekly visits to the school by the committee, they have positively been unable to observe the punctuality, regularity, ability, and diligence with which Mr. Ward performs his onerous duties all such qualities are well known to, and recognised by parents who have children under his charge, although they have the special opportunities which are accorded to the committee of forming a judgment. Further on, I read-" The chairman bore testimony to the excellent manner in which the children under Miss Yorke's charge had acquitted themselves on a recent occasion when he visited the school. Well, sir, what is this if it be not " a testimony to the teaching capabilities of a teacher. And, very strong testimony too, as coming from a gentleman whose training must have made him exceedingly cautious in his utterances. The chairman having borne such a testimony, the committee very rightly resolved " that Miss York's application for an increase of salary be recommended to the Board of Education, hope sincerely the Board will accede to this recommendation, and double Miss York's salary, as she well deserves it But, then, is not this also a testimony to her "teaching capabilities" from the whole committee. Once again, did not the committee, a few weeks ago, recommend the increase of salary in the case of another assistant, and backed it up by very strong expressions indeed as to the " teaching capabilities of the teacher interested ? If these recommendations are not testimony to the " teaching capabilities " of the teachers, upon what grounds were they made at all. And why did they feel that they could testify to the " teaching capabilities " in the two previous above mentioned, but not in that of Mr. Ward ? I hold that the members of the committee, who constantly pay visits to the School, are competent to give a testimonial to the teacher of far higher value than one received from an Inspector, who visits twice during the year. At present, the conduct of the committee somewhat inconsistent; but probably it is not so, but is capable of a satisfactory explanation, which, I trust, will be forthcoming, I am, &c., A. Knell.

19<sup>th</sup> December 1883 On Friday next the Greytown School breaks up for the holidays,, and the prizes offered by the committee to the three best passes in the various Standards at the last examination will be presented. Another interesting ceremony will be the presentation of prizes to the cadet corps in connection with yesterday's shooting. The ceremony commences at 2 o'clock, and Mr. Buchanan, M.H.R., will make the presentations. The scholars will sing two or three selections, and it is hoped that parents and all those interested in the welfare of the young people will be present

27<sup>th</sup> December 1883 GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

The annual breaking up of the Greytown school for the holidays took place yesterday when the prizes annually presented by the committee for the three best passes in each standard were given. At two o'clock there was the usual large attendance of children and a number of ladies

and gentlemen among the latter being Mr. Buchanan M.H.R, Mr. Wood the Mayor of Greytown, Mr. Revans, and members of the of the committee. Mr. Wood occupied the chair, in the absence of Mr. Gray the chairman of the committee, The children sang a little song "The sparrow on the tree" in excellent form. Mr. Wood commenced by stating that he was called upon by the committee at the last moment to take the chair owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Gray but he would not make a speech as no doubt Mr. Buchanan had a lot of nice things, to say to them. He then stated the object of the gathering.. He also congratulated the head master and his assistants on the result of the recent examination, it showed that they had worked hard and the children, .he hoped would work hard in future. Mr. Buchanan referred to the great

pleasure it afforded him to be present and in complying with the request of the chairman, When he looked 'round on happy faces it reminded him of the bygone days, He also congratulated the Head Master, assistants, and the committee on the favorable passing of the various standards at the examination, comparing favorably as it did with the other schools in the district, He was sorry to see by the reports of the committee that it was found necessary to proceed against some parents for not sending their children to the school. He spoke with a view of encouraging the children, not only those who had succeeded in gaining prizes, in trying to maintain that position, but to those who had failed to try harder the next time. He also referred to the great advantage this country had in a liberal system of education, and concluded an interesting speech by a few well-chosen remarks on the cadets.

The following prizes were then given ; Infant Class.—1 Jessie Webster, 2 Mabel Bishop, 3 Frank Wakelin, 4 Maud Fuller, 5 Vincent Brooks, Standard I.—1 Arabella Thompson, 2 Arnold E. Porritt, 3 Bertie Young, 4 Sarah A. Morris. Standard II.—1 Kate Morris, 2 Ellen Player, 3 Emily Kempton, 4 Geo. De Clifton, Standard III—1 Mary Bishop, 2 Ethelwyn Knell, 3 Alice Kempton, 4 Lillian Morris. Standard IV.-1 Eliza O'Connor, 2 John Dockery, 3 Louisa Gallagher. Standard; V.-1 Julia Smith, 2 Margaret. Cotter, 3 Cecilia Jackson. Standard VI—1 George Haigh, 2 Harry Tully, 3 William Haigh. There were special prizes given by the teachers in the following Standards :—Infant Class, 23 specials; Standard I, 7 specials; Standard II, 9 specials; Standard IV, 13 specials; Standards V and VI, 3 specials. After the presentation of the prizes, the children sang " Hearts of Oak," the infant class singing the "Snowdrops."

The cadets too also presented with their prizes for shooting, the following being the highest six: —Corpl Judd, cadet Baillie, Sergt. Haigh, cadet T, King, Corpl. R, King and Corpl, W. Haigh. Ten others also received prizes, the last being won by cadet Thomas, who, upon going up to receive his prize, was presented with a pair of babies slippers, Mr. Nation then spoke to the children upon various subjects of interest, and the children after cheering for the Chairman, Mr. Buchanan, the Committee, head master and assistants, sang "God save the Queen," and went away in an orderly manner.

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1884	157	Greytown	Porritt	Thomas	Headmaster	£270	\$47,404
1884	157	Greytown	Ward	Hugh P	Assistant Master	£160	\$28,091
1884	157	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£120	\$21,068
1884	157	Greytown	Haigh	Agnes	Female Pupil Teacher	£45	\$7,901
1884	157	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,023

4<sup>th</sup> January 1884 Mr. T. P. Arnold, formerly assistant master of (he Greytown school, but latterly of Christchurch, has again paid a visit to this district with a view of a fortnight's trip on the ranges. He, in company with two other gentlemen from "Wellington, started from

Greytown yesterday. The weather is very unsettled, and not the most pleasant for travelling on the higher ranges

28<sup>th</sup> January 1884 Greytown School Treat.

The Greytown school children's' treat, as it is called came off on Saturday last, and was a most pleasant holiday for all who could make it convenient to attend. The spot chosen was the eastern end of Steward's paddock, which the leasee, Mr. Varnham, kindly placed at the disposal of the committee, and it appeared in every way to suit the tastes of those who were present. The placing of chairs and forms upon the ground was a good idea, and they were fully occupied with the adult visitors. The work of the committee was considerably lessened by the ladies who "out up "and dispensed the good things to all around, and the committee desire to tender their hearty thanks for the help thus given. There was plenty to eat and drink and the young folks especially did full justice to both meals. The way in which they made away with the ham sandwiches and cake puzzled a great many, and when goose, berries, plums, pears and apricots followed, the juveniles appeared to have got fresh appetites. Then there were " scrambles " for lollies, lozenges, nuts and almonds. During the afternoon there were games and loot-races, and several good prizes were awarded to the winners. The committee consisted of Messrs. Black, Nation, Porritt and Wood. This latter gentleman was prevented from being present owing to business engagements. To Mr. Black belongs the chief credit in connection with the affair, he having collected over £18 in the township, and made all the necessary arrangements.

29<sup>th</sup> January 1884 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. The following committee were elected :— Trotter, Nation, Cotter, Udy, ' Gray, Wood, and Muir. There was a large attendance, and the cumulative system was taken full advantage of

30<sup>th</sup> January 1884 At the Greytown meeting for the election of a fresh school committee on Monday evening, just as the ballot papers were given out and some of the householders were busy with their pencils, a gust of wind came in through one of the windows which had just been opened to get a little fresh air, and one by one the lamps went out until the meeting was enveloped in total darkness. After a short delay in re lighting the business was resumed.

13<sup>th</sup> February 1884 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held last evening. Present - Messrs. Gray (in the chair), Wood, Muir, Trotter and Cotter. The minutes of the last ordinary meeting and of special meeting were read and confirmed. An apology was read from Mr. Nation for absence. The standing orders of the old committee were read, amended and adopted. Several small accounts were passed for payment. The chairman reported the receipt of L13 2s 1d capitation allowance for December quarter. It was resolved that the chairman send notices to the parents of several children who have been absent from school since the opening in January, requiring that those children shall be sent to school. Messrs. Muir and Nation were appointed visitors for the month.

10<sup>th</sup> March 1884 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee will be held to-morrow evening, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Gray will move the following resolution: —“ That the resolution of the committee passed at its meeting held on 12th February, to strike out Standing Order No. 3 (given below) be rescinded, and that such Standing Order remain a Standing Order of the committee.” Standing Order, No. 3 • “ That the head master of the school be invited to attend all meetings of the committee, with the privilege of taking part in the discussions

12<sup>th</sup> March 1884 The Greytown School Committee met last night, Messrs. Gray, Wood, Cotter, Nation, Muir, Trotter and Udy being present. The chairman undertook to write again to the Board concerning an increase in Miss York's salary. After some discussion, the motion of Mr. Gray; to rescind a motion carried at last meeting re the head master's attendance, was lost. The question of giving holidays to the scholars upon the race days was considered, and Mr. Cotter moved and Mr. Nation seconded, that no holidays be given in future upon such

occasions unless with the authority of the chairman and visiting members for the month; carried. This resolution agrees with the opinion of the head master. Mr. Nation undertook to go with Constable Eccleton to the parents of those children who were continually absent from school. The meeting of the Greytown Juvenile Society to-morrow evening will be devoted to readings, singing, recitations, and the reading of essays. Members are requested to be present not later than 7 o'clock.

19<sup>th</sup> March 1884 Last Tuesday night the Greytown School Committee held their ordinary monthly meeting at the schoolhouse. All the members were present. After the usual routine and financial business was gone through, a discussion ensued upon a proposition to strike out standing order No. 3, "That the head master of the school be invited to attend all meetings of the committee, with the privilege of taking part in the discussions." Three members were for its retention and four against. The following amendment was subsequently agreed to, "That the head master be requested to attend all meetings of the committee." The question of giving holidays to the scholars on race-days was considered, and very sensibly discussed re its inadvisability and impropriety. Moved by Mr. Pierce Cotter, jun., seconded by Mr. Nation, "That no holidays be given in future upon such occasions, unless with the authority of the chairman and visiting members for the month." Carried unanimously. This resolution has the unqualified approbation of the head master. Some conversation then took place re the continuous absence of sundry scholars, resulting in Mr. Nation volunteering to, in conjunction with the local constable's assistance, making inquiries, with a view to enforcing their attendance. This offer, which was received with thanks, brought the meeting to a close.

9<sup>th</sup> April 1884 The usual monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held last evening. Present Messrs. Gray (chairman), Wood, Trotter, Cutter, Nation and Muir. The Treasurer stated that the Credit balance at the Bank was £6 11s 3d. Accounts presented were passed for payment. The Chairman was authorised to call for tenders for a supply of firewood for the school during the winter months. The Chairman was requested to write to the head master respecting the half holidays given to the cadets for firing at the butts. The general opinion was that Saturday would be a better day, inasmuch as the boys would not have to be taken from their school duties. The visiting members for the ensuing month were requested to make enquiries respecting the cause of one of the teachers being absent yesterday afternoon. Mr. Nation reported that he had, in company with Constable Eccleton, visited the parents of those children who did not attend the school with anything like regularity. He also called attention to the fact that parents complained of the filthy and obscene language used by some of the bigger boys during the play hour—language which was often heard in the adjoining premises. Mr. Muir corroborated the statement, and the visiting members were requested to mention the matter to the head master. The committee expressed a determination to use stern measures to repress such a state of things.

Messrs. Wood and Cotter were appointed visitors for the month, and the meeting broke up

25<sup>th</sup> April 1884 Tenders are invited for a supply of firewood for the Greytown school.

30<sup>th</sup> April 1884 The Greytown School Cadets held a meeting in the schoolroom yesterday afternoon for the election of officers, So., when the following were unanimously elected in place of those resigned Lieutenant, Harry Tully ; color sergeant, B. Judd; sergeants, W. Haigh, A. Thomas, and G. Hawke ; corporals, J. Dockery, A. Brooke, R. King. A match committee, consisting of the officers, Sergeants Haigh and Judd and Cadets Wiggins and Hall, was appointed to arrange for matches with other cadet corps. The final match with Featherston cadets will take place on the Greytown range, at 1 p.m., on Saturday next

26<sup>th</sup> May 1884 Captain Porritt and a number of the Greytown school cadets spent some time on Saturday at the new rifle range burning logs and clearing the stones away. We hear that two men will be put on this week to clear the logs and erect the new butts. The targets are expected to be in position by Saturday next.

14<sup>th</sup> June 1884 The -monthly meeting of - the Greytown School Committee took place last night. The head teacher's report showed that Mr. Lee had spent a day last week at the school on a surprise visit, and had expressed himself much pleased with the working of the school. A communication from Mr. Steward was received, read, and approved of by the committee, re his Bill relating to School Committees. The petition to the Legislative Council was signed by those present

13<sup>th</sup> August 1884 The Greytown School Committee met last night. Present—Messrs. Gray, (chairman), Wood, Trotter, Nation, Cotter, Udy and Muir. The business was unimportant. Messrs. Wood and Udy were appointed visitors for ensuing month

11<sup>th</sup> September 1884 The Greytown School Committee met on Tuesday night. Present—Messrs. Gray (Chairman). Udy, Cotter, Trotter, and Muir. The only important business brought before the committee was relating to a boy named Reed, who, his father said, had been turned away from the school. However, the Committee requested Mr. Heed, the head teacher, and the assistant to come before them at this meeting. Mr. Reed, for some reason or other, did not, and Mr. Porritt (the head teacher) wrote a letter relating the circumstances, but could not attend owing to being engaged otherwise. After some discussion on the matter a vote of censure was passed on Mr. Porritt for not attending ... ;

24<sup>th</sup> September 1884 The Greytown school cadets yesterday afternoon had a little practice at the target with one of Morris's tubes, a recent invention which has been largely patronised in the Old Country by volunteers, as it enables them to practice in any long room. Major Butts and Sergeant Major Bezar were present yesterday afternoon, and the shooting was very satisfactory

15<sup>th</sup> October 1884 Greytown School Committee.

The Greytown School committee met last night, Present— Messrs. Gray (chairmen). Cotter, Nation, and Trotter. An apology was received from Mr. Wood for non-attendance. Several accounts were passed. Mr. Cotter asked how it was that Mr. Maguire, account which was passed some months ago, had not been paid. In the absence of the Tree Hirer no definite answer could be given, but the chairman thought it might probably be because Mr. Maguire had not applied for the amount. A communication was read from the Board announcing that Mr. Lee would probably visit Greytown on the 32nd to undertake the annual examination of the school. The head master's report stated that there were 306 names on the roll and that the average attendance was 170. A letter was read from the head master commending the vote of censure that was passed at the last meeting. Mr. Cotter proposed that any discussion upon the letter should be postponed until the next monthly meeting. Mr. Trotter seconded. Mr. Nation gave notice that he would move at the next meeting "That the vote of censure passed at the last meeting of the committee be rescinded." Mr. Cotter withdrew his motion and Mr. Nation's will be discussed on next meeting night. A circular was received from the Education Board asking for a return of the value of school building, outhouses, master's dwelling house, &c. So. The committee considered it was rather too much for the Government to expect school committees to pay for the valuation of school properties out of the ordinary funds. It was decided to leave the matter to the Chairman for him to write and ask concerning the expense. The nomination of candidates for the Education Board was next considered, and circulars were announced from Messrs. Young and Shannon. Mr. Cotter and Mr. Nation appeared to favor the nomination of Mr. Young, but there was no discussion upon the question and the matter was left until the ballot to be taken at a later meeting. Messrs. Nation and Mair were appointed visitors for the ensuing month.

22<sup>nd</sup> October 1884 Mr. Lee, Inspector of Schools, is engaged examining the Greytown School to-day.

24<sup>th</sup> October 1884 Mr. Lee is still examining the Greytown School. He takes the higher classes to-day

29<sup>th</sup> October 1884 The scholarship examination was fixed for the 19th and 20th proximo ; the Wairarapa pupils to be examined in the Greytown School, and those from Wellington in the Training School, Thorndon.

12<sup>th</sup> November 1884 The Greytown School Committee met last evening. Present -Messrs. Gray (chairman), Outer, Nation, Trotter and Udy, Previous minutes were confirmed and accounts passed. The Chairman reported that the capitation grant for the quarter L13 2s 6d had been ' received. The headmaster reported that the number on the books was 207 ; on the day of examination 194 were present, 117 of whom were presented. Some discussion took place over the giving of prizes when the 1 school broke up to those who had passed beat in the various standards. It was resolved ( to ask the Trust Lands Trust for a grant of L10 for the purpose. Mr. Nation moved 1 That the vote of censure passed upon the head master at a former meeting be rescinded and stated that lie did this because ' he felt the committee had exceeded their c powers in so doing This was seconded by the Chairman and after some discussion . carried, the other members present not voting

26<sup>th</sup> November 1884 The Education Board's primary scholarship examination is now being conducted at the Greytown school by Mr. McGregor. There were 10 candidates present this morning, and the examination will last three days. The Greytown school will be closed this week in consequence.

5<sup>th</sup> December 1884 Mr. Porritt, the head teacher of the Greytown school, has given his attention to the culture of some very fine strawberries. The sample shewn us this morning is a remarkably good one, and will not easily be beaten

20<sup>th</sup> December 1884 GREYTOWN. Yesterday afternoon will be long remembered by not only the young ones of Grey town but the old ones too, it being the day appointed for the distribution of prizes. The afternoon being beautifully fine a great number of people took advantage. of the occasion and attended the school and expressed themselves well pleased with the afternoon's amusements, which was opened by the children in the higher standard singing very nicely "Work for the' night is coming."..

Then the young ones followed with a very nice little song "Laughing at the fountain," Mr. A. Gray Chairman of the Committee in a few short and appropriate words introduced Mr. W. C. Buchanan, M.H.R., who, before presenting the prizes, addressed the children and those present on the satisfactory result of the examination.

He also urged, parents to see that their children attended school regularly as it was impossible for teachers to show good results if the children were not regular in their attendance, He also complimented the school on their cadet corps and from the interest the Government had taken in the matter he hoped next year they would be benefited. He then presented the following children with prizes.

The infant class each received a prize and of course were highly delighted

Standard I—H. Webster 1, Edward Sayer 2, Kate McPhee 3, Frank Cole 4,

Standard II.—Harold Porritt 1, Annie Fall 2, Leo Wakelin 3, Sydney Cole 4.

Standard III.—Ellen Player .1, Marion Hiller 2, John Cotter 3, Joseph Judd 4

Standard IV,—Henry Wood 1, Ellen Gallagher 2, Ethelwyn Knell 3, Amelia Brooks 4, Lillian Morris 5.

Standard V.—Pierce Cotter 1, drawing instruments Herbert Wilkie 2, Boys' Own Annual Annie Judd 3, Girls' Own Annual.--.,.

Standard VI.-Queen Handcock; work-box; Arthur Brooks 2, Chambers Dictionary; Julia Smith 3, album,

Special,—Best needlework, Julia Smith I/ needlework in Standard VI, Cissy Jackson I,; needlework, in Standard V, Victoria Fuller 1; needlework in Standard IV, Kate Wilkie; needlework in Standard III Edith Ticehurst 1. Best arithmetic in school, Pierce Cotter, Standard V, 1.

Best attendance, maximum 410 Lillian Morris, Standard IV, 1 Henry Webster, Standard I, 2, Both made the maximum,

Miss Haigh .gave three prizes to pupil teachers in Standard II for general progress. They fell as follows —Alice Cotter, George Bishop, and James Mills,

Miss York gave a number of prizes to children in Standard T and the infant class

After the distribution of the prizes the children sang "Try, try again," but with the exception of. those-who-had obtained prizes it was not sung with the same fervor as the first had been. Mr. Nation then addressed-a few' words to the children asking them to try hard for next year's prizes.- The Chairman,, Mr. A. Gray .then : announced- that Mr. Buchanan intended to. give prizes to the pupils who had made the most attendances during the past year and that they would be presented on the re-assembling of the school.; He also announced that the annual picnic would be held next month. .The singing of "God save the Queen"-;then closed the proceedings.

We should have mentioned that the school -was very tastefully decorated by the teachers and, children and reflects .great credit to their tastes.'

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1885	162	Greytown	Porritt	Thomas	Headmaster	£270	\$49,108
1885	162	Greytown	Ward	Hugh P	Assistant Master	£160	\$29,101
1885	162	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£120	\$21,826
1885	162	Greytown	Haigh	Agnes	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,275
1885	162	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,275

14<sup>th</sup> January 1885 The Greytown School Committee met last evening. Present—Messrs. Gray, (Chairman), Cotter, Trotter, Wood and Nation. The treasurer, Mr. Wood, reported credit balance at bank as £13 14s 5d. Several accounts were passed for payment. Mr. Cotter, \_as one of the visitors for the past month, called attention to the docks and thistles growing in the yard, and to the damaged trees, and suggested that a man should be put on to put things right. The matter was left to the visitors for the ensuing month. The school picnic was then discussed. Mr. Trotter complained that the paper had left his name out, although he had been elected upon the committee. The Chairman thought that newspaper reports should have no influence with any of committee ; the minutes were for them to go .by. Mr. Nation said he was not aware that Mr. Trotter's name was placed upon the committee ; and therefore the name had been omitted in error. Mr. Trotter said he declined to act in any way. In discussing ways and means for the picnic, the difficulty was felt of getting some energetic person to canvas the town for the necessary funds, although it was thought that the parents and friends could not but subscribe as no call had been made upon them for the school prizes. Mr. Cotter proposed that the committee as a whole take measures for organising the school treat. Mr. Nation seconded. Mr. Cotter further suggested that a meeting be held on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. This was agreed to and the ringing of the fire bell brought the meeting to a close. Messrs. Gray and Muir were appointed visitors for the month.

14<sup>th</sup> January 1885 Before the Resident Magistrate and 8. Revans, J.P. Four boys were charged with an offence at the pump at the Greytown School, two other boys being brought forward as witnesses. The accused were cautioned and discharged.

19<sup>th</sup> January 1885 The Committee of the Greytown Public School met on Saturday evening to take steps to organise the annual picnic. Messrs. W. Udy, Cotter, Trotter and Nation were present, the first named gentleman being called to the chair.

Mr. Nation stated that Mr. Cuff had kindly consented to the use of Steward's paddock for the picnic, which was accepted with thanks. Mr. Cotter said the result of his canvas for

subscriptions to defray the expenses was the sum of £19 Is. In addition to this there were gifts from three or four individuals. Mr. Trotter proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Trotter for the way he had taken up the work of canvassing. Mr. Nation seconded the motions which was carried.

It was thought advisable to make provision for 400 persons, and Messrs. Gray, Wood, Nation, Cotter and Udy were appointed a subcommittee to make all the necessary arrangements and to carry out the programme ; a meeting to be held on Monday evening at the school house at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Nation was asked to see the bakers and ask upon what terms they would supply the necessary bread and cake, and report at the next meeting. It was decided that the children should gather at ten o'clock on the morning of Thursday next at Steward's paddock. The meeting then adjourned.

24<sup>th</sup> January 1885 At the Greytown school picnic on Thursday a boy named Brookesbroke his arm went to Dr. Bey to have it set and then returned to the picnic to have his fun out,

29<sup>th</sup> January 1885 REPORT OF THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1884.

Your Committee have the honor to report that since their election in January 1881, they have held thirteen ordinary and three special meetings, The balance sheet made up in accordance with the requirements of the Education Board, to the 31st of December, 1884, shows that on that date the Committee had a credit balance of £12 14s sd. In addition to that amount, the sum of £13 2s 6d is due by the Education Board for capitation grant for quarter ending 31st December, and the sum of £10 is due by the Greytown Town Lands Trustees for a grant in aid of prizes, and taking into consideration certain accounts which have been passed since the end of the year, the actual balance to the credit of the Committee at this date is £18 4s 3d. The Committee have once more to thank the Trustees for their continued liberality. The attendance of the children has, on the whole, been satisfactory, although there are still a few offenders who do not appear to realize the advantages of early educational training. The Committee cannot help thinking however, that in some cases the parents of these children are more to blame than the children themselves, The school has been singularly free from any epidemic, and the conduct of the children in the main has been very good. The number of children on the roll at the end of the year was 210, - and the average attendance 164. The cadet corps is still an institution in connection with the school, and great praise is due to the Head Master for the efforts which he almost single-handed has made to keep the corps up to an efficient standard. The Company has been inspected at regular intervals by the adjutant of the district who has expressed his satisfaction with their appearance and proficiency.. Military drill is one of the subjects prescribed by the Education Departments syllabus, and its importance and advantages are beyond question, but hitherto the parents and friends of the pupils attending the Greytown school have displayed singular apathy in the matter and, as the corps -is not in receipt of any capitation or grant in aid the Committee would again on their behalf beg for outside assistance. No change had been made in the teaching staff, The progress made by the school generally has been very good and the results obtained at the late examination by the inspector of Schools were eminently satisfactory and reflect great credit on the teachers of the school, The Committee desire to place on record their sense and appreciation of the zeal and energy displayed by the head master and his able assistants, The Committee desire to thank Mr. Wood for his service as Honorary Treasurer to the Committee for the past year. The attendance of the several members of the Committee at their meetings during past year are as follows :-A Gray 16 P Cotter, 14; P Trotter 13; A, F. Muir; 11 F. H. Wood, 10; W C Nation 9; W Udy 7

A. GRAY; Chairman. Greytown, Jan. 26, 1885.



2<sup>nd</sup> February 1885 A meeting of the Greytown School Committee took place on Friday night. Present— Messrs.. Young, Western, H. Udy, Cuff, Hillier. Mr. Cuff was appointed Chairman, Mr. Western Treasurer, and Mr. F. H. Wood Secretary. Some correspondence was read and the meeting adjourned till the ordinary meeting night

11<sup>th</sup> February 1885 The Greytown School Committee met last evening. Present—Messrs. Cuff (chairman), Hillier, W. Udy, Trotter and Revs Young and Western. The Rev Mr. Western was elected Secretary. Messrs. Cotter and Udy presented an account of school treat, which shewed the nett balance of L4 8s 10d. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Cotter, and all others who assisted in carrying out the school treats Some conversation took place upon the head master 's report, and a difference which had arisen between an assistant and the head master, but no action was taken. The Rev Mr. Young and Mr. Trotter were appointed visitors for ensuing month.

13<sup>th</sup> February 1885 A New School Lesson.

\* To the Editor of the Standard. Bib,— I do not pay much attention to what children bring home from school, but a day or two ago I heard two boys imitating a scene which was said to have taken place at the Greytown school between Mr. Porritt the headmaster and Mr. Ward his assistant. I asked a few questions and was told by them that there had been a row between these school officials. In your last paper I see (that the committee had been talking about the matter but did nothing. Now, as a parent I consider the committee did not act with much spirit in shelving such a matter as an altercation between the master and his man which took place before the whole school, and I think it is the duty of the committee to see who is in the wrong. If two boys did the same thing in school hours they would be thrashed (or it. The headmaster and the assistant go at each other, and they go unpunished. It is not justice and it demoralises the school. Let them be thrashed too. I am, &c., Parent

25<sup>th</sup> February 1885 The Greytown School Committee met last night and they recommended the following gentlemen as members of the Wellington Education Board Rev W. C. Oliver, Rev J. Patterson, Mr. Speedy. It was also thought expedient to close the school on account of the very small attendance arising from the threatened spread of diphtheria. It was resolved that the head master have instructions to close the school till Monday next, and to re-open then if there are no more fresh cases of diphtheria. This concluded the business.

Just at present in Greytown, there is what may be called a diphtheria scare. If any person is known to have a sore throat or cold on the chest ; or if a medical man is seen to visit any dwelling, the rumor is soon in circulation that So-and-so has got the diphtheria. From enquiries we have been unable to find any truth in the report that diphtheria is prevalent in Greytown. We know of two or three children who were kept from school because they complained of a sore throat, but it has proved to be nothing more, and they are now quite well. The state has arisen through reports taken home by the school children which are most unreliable at any time

11<sup>th</sup> March 1885 The Greytown School Committee held its usual meeting last night. Present—Messrs. W. C. Cuff (chairman), Rev W. B. Western, Rev R. Young, W. Udy, Trotter and Hillier. The head master's report was read and considered very satisfactory. Accounts were passed for payment. Messrs. W. Udy and the Rev R. Young were appointed visitors for the month. The Rev R. Young, who is leaving for Opunake shortly, will send in his resignation before next meeting, when another member of the committee will be appointed. Some evil disposed persons smashed the windows of the residence of Mr. Curtis, schoolmaster, Papawai, last night. The police have taken the matter up.

15<sup>th</sup> April 1885 The Greytown School Committee met last night. Present— The Rev W. T. Western, and Messrs. W. Udy and Hillier. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. Western was asked to preside. One small account was passed for payment, and the other business was adjourned until next meeting

4<sup>th</sup> May 1885 Among others his Excellency the Governor has been pleased to revoke the commissions held by the undermentioned captains of cadet corps, who will revert to the rank of honorary captain, with seniority according to date, of commission : — Capt. T. Porritt, Greytown School Rifle Cadet Volunteers ; Capt. W. T. Grundy, Masterton School Rifle Cadet Volunteers

6<sup>th</sup> May 1885 The children attending the Greytown school, carried home some very unsavoury tales, yesterday, re a fracas which occurred in the school between one of the boys and one of the assistant teachers, which caused much uproar. Such occurrences are much to be lamented, and the committee should make an enquiry into the cause.

11<sup>th</sup> May 1885 The Chairman of the Greytown School Committee calls for tenders for 10 cords firewood for Greytown school.

13<sup>th</sup> May 1885 Mr. Ward teacher at Carterton School's brother is teacher at Dalefield school

2<sup>nd</sup> September 1885 The following charges have just been decided on in connection with the visit of the school children to the Exhibition Children will be conveyed by train from all parts of the Wairarapa at one shilling each. The fares for parents and teachers accompanying them will be: From Masterton, Carterton and Greytown, 5s ; from Featherston and Cross Creek, ss. Additional carriages will be attached to the ordinary morning trains from the Wairarapa, returning from Wellington at 4.25 in the afternoon. We are not surprised to hear that in several of the schools the teachers refuse to accompany the children and take the responsibility of their returning safe and sound, while having to pay such a fare themselves. In one of our largest schools the whole of the teachers have resolved to have nothing to do with the school excursion trip, and under the circumstances it is a poor look out for the scholars seeing the Exhibition. Can we wonder at such a resolve? At an enormous expense Government will at times put on a steamer and give members of Parliament a free holiday trip, but when it comes to the little children in country schools who seldom have an opportunity of seeing anything of the world outside their district, they want the pound of flesh. It is only after much badgering that the children's fare has been brought down to a shilling ; but the teachers are charged 5s and 6s. Every certified teacher should be allowed to go free to look after their young charges, and until this has been done or the fare considerably reduced, the school children of the Wairarapa will probably not be able to visit the Exhibition at all,

3<sup>rd</sup> September 1885 We hear that the teachers of the Greytown School are rather inclined not to accompany the school children to the Exhibition, on account of the charge of six shillings being made. They consider if they are to be made assistant guards for the occasion, they ought to travel free. There is no doubt the children will require some looking after, and we think the authorities might yet consider the advisability of issuing tickets to the teacher? at reduced rates

12<sup>th</sup> October 1885 Greytown School Committee.

A special meeting of the Greytown School Committee took place last Friday afternoon. Present— Messrs. Cuff, (Chairman). Skeet, H. Udy, jun., Hillier, Western, Hornblow, (secretary), and T. Porritt. headmaster. Sundry accounts were passed for payment. Correspondence - a letter was received from Mr. Wm Udy tendering his resignation as a member of the Committee. Accepted.

From Education Board and from Railway Department stating terms, re railway excursion and visiting Industrial Exhibition by the children, teachers and friends belonging to Greytown Public School.

Resolved that the Chairman write to the General Manager for carriage accommodation for 150 children.

Resolved that the Committee provide the children with refreshments during their visit to the Exhibition at a cost of 1 shilling each. Canted. Resolved that Mr. Benjamin Kimberley be elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Wm. Udy's resignation.

The headmaster reported all school matters as satisfactory .

Mr. Porritt applied for the sum of £2 to be available for tree planting in the school grounds. Agreed to, so soon as funds are available for the purpose.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Kimberley re his election and appointment as one of the visitors to the school for the ensuing month. This concluded the business of the meeting.

12<sup>th</sup> October 1885 It has been arranged that the children attending the Greytown School shall proceed by train to the Exhibition on Wednesday, morning next. The school committee, on Friday, instructed the Secretary to ask for carriage accommodation for 150 children and decided to themselves supply the juveniles with refreshments whilst in Wellington. This is very generous of the committee. The children will be admitted to the Exhibition on payment of 2d each ; the teachers enter free ; the Education Board will, we understand, pay the train fare of the teachers and hold them responsible to look after the welfare of the children. First class accommodation by rail is provided for the teachers, parents and friends accompanying the children —the fare being 6s, return ticket. We hope the children may have a fine day and that the visit to the Empire City may be long remembered with pleasant recollections. Mr. Porritt, the head master, requests that all children intending to go to Wellington on Wednesday, will apply to him for tickets not later than 4 o'clock on Tuesday, and that they be at the Greytown Station at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

14<sup>th</sup> October 1885 Exhibition School Excursion.

#### GREYTOWN SCHOOL

The Greytown school children, with their five teachers, numbering 141 all told, left this morning for Wellington to visit the Exhibition. The railway authorities provided ample accommodation, having four carriages at the disposal of the company at the Greytown station. The morning boded well for a fine day, although a little windy. The children left in high spirits, especially the boys, who were, as boys usually are when in company, particularly boisterous, and upon leaving, sent up a cheer which was proof positive that the rising generation of Greytown are not deficient in sound lungs. Many friends and parents of the children accompanied them, and our reporter heard one unfortunate might who is a confirmed bachelor, lamenting that he could not for the nonce borrow a few children from some other resident and thus save paying the full fare. The head teacher Mr. Porritt, with Mr. Ward, accompanied the boys, and Mrs. Scale the mistress, with Miss York and another teacher took charge of the ladies. On the arrival of the train at Woodside it numbered, together with the Masterton addition, twelve carriages. There were 200 children from the Masterton School, and 70 from Featherston School and the teachers, Also some from Kaiwairua School, making 150 in all from the several schools in the Valley.

#### PAPAWAI SCHOOL.

The children of the Native School at Papawai, under Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, proceeded to Wellington this morning to visit the Exhibition. The Native children were very neatly and nicely dressed, and looked quite like little ladies and gentlemen, doing great credit to their parents and teachers. There were 30 in number, and being in the same train with the Greytown children, were quite as delightful, waving their prettily coloured handkerchiefs out of the window, and presenting quite an interesting appearance. The Education Department had very liberally provided for the free transport of the children and their teachers, in advance of forethought, which our native neighbours will no doubt fully recognise.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> October 1885 School Excursion.

The visit of the children attending the Masterton, Featherston, and Greytown schools to the Exhibition, on Wednesday, was no treat. The journey down, it is true, was all that could be desired, the weather being very fair ; but arrived at the Exhibition the children were ready for a good meal, and this they did not get. Speaking more particularly for the Greys town children, we can only express regret that they should have fared so badly. Some of them had nothing but a bun or two from the time they left in the morning until they arrived home in the evening. The fact was, too many children were taken down by the train; the total number from the various schools was between 450 and 500. The caterer at the Exhibition was not prepared for such a number, and consequently, there was confusion. Numbers of the children were kept in waiting for fully two hours for a bite of something to eat, and then did not get it. Mr. Porritt, of the Greytown school, had to send out to the shops for a supply of buns, &c. This waiting about for refreshments prevented anything like an examination of the exhibits, and weary of waiting and discontented, the children had to return to the train for home, a drizzling rain setting in at the time. Arriving in the Wairarapa, the children had to find their way home drenched in a pelting rain, some having to go long distances. A combination of adverse circumstances made the outing a failure.

#### 30<sup>th</sup> October 1885 Greytown School.

At the annual examination of the Greytown School last week, the following children passed in their respective standards

Standard I—Charles Black, Stuart Burns, William Good, Leonard Harris, Ernest Haigh, Vivian Higgins, Thomas Lee, Edmund Mills, Harry Howe, Henry York, Laura Collier, Edith Dockery, Alexandria Fabian, Alice Hebley, Ada Hall, Sarah King, Maude Lee, Christina Montgomery, Lilly Shaw, Mary Skeet, Charlotte Udy.

Standard II—Ernest Dockery, Ernest Jackson, Angus McMaster, Leonard Howe, Edward Sayer, Leonard St George, Walter Terry, Frank Wakelin, Morris Wood, Henry Webster, Mabel Bishop, Helenetta Clifton, Maude Fuller, Annie Gallagher, Rachael Hebley, Annie Kempton, Kate McPhee, Margaret Morris, Annie Nation, Harriet Thomas, Mary Ann Terry, Kale Udy, Jessie Webster.

Standard III—George Bishop, Henry Cotter, James Huntley, James Higgins, George Loader, Frank Merson, James Mills, Arthur St. George, Fred Thompson, Dan Udy, John Whiteford, Prudence Dockery, Eliza Gray, Phoebe Harris, Emily Judd. Emily Kempton, Eunice Ritchie, Jeannie Wood.

Standard IV—George Clifton, Herbert Haigh, Frank Hawke, Fred Hawke, John Hornblow, Richard King. John Quin, Wilfred Scale, Henry Wood Jane Beard, Eliza Gallagher , Kate Harris, Robertson Higgins, Miriam Higgins, Kale Morris, Ellen Player, Mary Quin, Susan Saywell. Edith Ticehurst, Mary Thompson, Kate Wilkie.

Standard V—Herbert Beard, Fred Coker, John Dockery, Adam Montgomery, Frederick Wood, Amelia Brooks, Kate Bishop, Bosnia Cotter, Ellen Gallagher, Alice Kempton, Marv Udy.

Standard VI—Alfred Press,

25<sup>th</sup> November 1885 Greytown School Committee.

To the Editor of the Standard. Sib, — I should like to ask where are the Greytown School Committee ? At the annual meeting of householders in January last I and others attended, and the meeting proceeded to elect a committee. A number of gentlemen were appointed who were considered from their high position most suitable to preside over the interests of our scholastic matters. Certainly, several of those gentlemen were not present at that meeting, but I presume in tacitly assenting to allow their names to remain they accepted the responsibility. But, Sir, from their actions subsequently I should imagine that by allowing their names to remain on the record as members of the committee, they considered they had fulfilled their duties, as I do not hear that they have attended many committee meetings since, neither have they taken any further interest in the well-being either of the school or the scholars. I should consider, Sir, that apart from having ornamental names on our school committee, we should have the names of gentlemen who are willing to sacrifice some portion of their valuable time to the advancement of the cause in which they wish to be identified. I am, &c., P. Cotter , Junior.

19th December 1885 The Greytown School broke up for the Christmas holidays yesterday\_, During the holidays it is the intention of the -Committee to treat the children to a picnic probably somewhere along the railway line. Before breaking up, the cadets who won the prizes at the late prize firing, Im& them presented to them

#### 1886

1886	160	Greytown	Porritt	Thomas	Headmaster	£270	\$50,487
1886	160	Greytown	Cox	Theophilus A	Assistant Master	£160	\$29,918
1886	160	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£120	\$22,439
1886	160	Greytown	Haigh	Agnes	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,480
1886	160	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,480

Theophilus Alexander Cox was born in Edmonton, London in 1855 to Edward Burton Cox, owner of a substantial drapery business and Margarette, daughter of Major Cooke.

After attending Mill Hill, a Public School in England, he arrived in NZ in 1877, settling in Auckland. Here he seems to have enjoyed the life of a "Gentleman", he made trips around the Islands, possibly trading and played cricket.

In 1878 he was arrested after selling a horse and bridle he borrowed from a friend, subsequently winding up at the local Hotel. He was already on bail for another offense of larceny at the time. He was given 9 months imprisonment, despite his youth.

This doesn't appear to have dented his socialising, immediately returning to cricket upon his release. In 1881 he was recorded as working as a Dairyman, a pretty ignoble occupation for a man like him. He however made it worse, being brought up on charges of adulterating his milk, this time he won the case.

He then shows up in Wellington in 1884, being appointed as an Assistant at Mt Cook Boys School. This despite have no teaching experience or qualifications. Later that year he was part of a group attempting to make a cricket team for ex Public School boys.

In 1886 he was appointed as an assistant to Terrace School, a large Wellington School, but instead swapped appointments with a Mr. Fairbrother, instead going to Greytown.

Cox was also good enough in this time period to play several representative games for Wellington.

He remained at Greytown through till 1887 when he returned to Wellington. Here he appears to have either taught privately or perhaps lived off money from his recently deceased mother. Mid way through 1891 the NZ Times reported that he was examined by two doctors who certified to his insanity. Less than a month later he was on a boat to Calcutta, supposedly to live with relatives there.

In December 1892 he was picked up in Maitland, NSW. Here he was again deemed a lunatic and sent to a Reception House for the Insane. It doesn't appear as though he ever recovered, and he died in 1908, probably still in an Asylum

Research by Grandson Sam

6th January 1886 Meeting of the Greytown School Committee took place last night at the school house. Present—Messrs. Cuff (chairman), Western, T, Udy, jun., Hillier, Trotter, Skeet and Hornblow (sec). The treasurer reported balance U credit, £11 Is 1d. Sundry accounts were passed for payment. The committee full' discussed all matters in connection with the forthcoming railway excursion and picnic. A sub-committee was appointed to carry on arrangements and report to the general committee meeting to be held in the course of a fortnight when final arrangements will be made for the event, which is expected to occur on the 23<sup>rd</sup> proximo

25<sup>th</sup> January 1886 Mr. H. P. Ward, of the Greytown school has been appointed to the position of head master to the Johnsonville school, subject to approval of the Committee.

25<sup>th</sup> January 1886 GREYTOWN SCHOOL PICNIC.

The children attending the Greytown School were given their annual picnic on Saturday, At 8.15 a.m., the children assembled at the Greytown Railway Station, and were marshalled in admirable order under Mr. Porritt, the headmaster, and Miss Haigh, (no other teacher being present,) and assisted by the Rev. Mr. Western. Miss York, another of the teachers, attended during the latter part of the day. The train conveyed the load of youngsters to Matarawa, the scene of the operations, where they arrived before 10 o'clock. The teachers, assisted by Misses Spratt, A. Hastwell, 4. Jackson, L. Jackson, O. Jackson and Mrs. Wright, and Messrs. Western, H. Udy and Trotter, committee men, at once set to work to provide lunch for their large family, while the latter scattered themselves about occupying themselves with the usual games. At 12 o'clock, the whistle of the headmaster was the signal that lunch was ready, and with the greatest promptitude the children were in their places, and had sufficient to supply their wants for the time being, after which further games were the order of the day. Adults now began to arrive, more particularly the residents of Matarawa, who turned out, in force, and seemed by their thorough enjoyment of the round games; etc. to put new life into the proceedings, and it was remarked that if anyone wanted to enjoy a picnic to recommend them to Matarawa. "At four o'clock tea was ready under the able management of Miss Haigh and let it be here stated that this young lady deserves more than passing mention for her untiring efforts to make everything pass off successfully, indeed she was indefatigable in her attention, not only to youngsters, but also the adults that arrived in great numbers during the afternoon. After some more games, races, swinging, &c, in which everybody seemed to join with gusto, the children were marched to the station by Mr. Porritt, who had them under excellent control during the day, and were taken home after passing a most delightful time

29<sup>th</sup> January 1886 The vacancy of assistant teacher in the Greytown school will be filled by a Mr. Fairbrother

8<sup>th</sup> February 1886 The monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee takes place tomorrow evening at the school house, when the whole of the members of committee are requested to be present for the despatch of important business.

10<sup>th</sup> February 1886 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee took place yesterday evening. Present—Messrs. Cuff (chairman), Skeet, Trotter, Hillier, Western

and Hornblow (secretary). The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the business of the meeting may be summarised as follows The assistant master, Mr. Ward, will be shortly transferred to Johnsonville School; Mr. Fairbrother will succeed him here. Messrs. G. Beetham and Blair were nominated members of the Education Board for the forthcoming election. A vote of thanks was passed to Mesdames Tally and Western for their report of the girls' sewing class. A subcommittee was appointed to report alterations necessary to school buildings, with a view to comfort and proper ventilation. Treasurer reported credit balance of £16 2s 7d. Messrs. Skeet and Trotter were appointed visitors for the month

11<sup>th</sup> February 1886 The Standard reports that, there has been quite an epidemic of sickness among children in the Wairarapa during the last week or two, Whether it arises from eating unripe fruit, or what, we cannot say, Some children are seized with fainting and pains in the stomach, and for days lie about almost helpless. In the Greytown school several cases have occurred, the children having to leave for home. Parents will act wisely in cautioning the children not to eat unripe fruit. Numbers are to be seen at the present time stuffing themselves with laurel berries, which are very injurious,

12<sup>th</sup> February 1886 The new native school at Papawai will be opened on Friday next, not Thursday, as previously arranged. There will be a large gathering of natives from different parts of the Valley and several invitations have been sent to Europeans to partake in the festivities. The opening will take place at 11 ; lunch at 1 o'clock. The children of the Greytown school have been invited, and will enliven the proceedings with singing. The opening will no doubt attract a large number of persons from Greytown

22<sup>nd</sup> February 1886 Part of an article on the opening of the Papawai School read About four years ago the native school at Papawai was opened with some ceremony, a large number of Greytown residents and the children of the Greytown public school taking part in it. Mr. C. D. Satchell, who died some time afterwards, was the first teacher, and he was highly esteemed by the Maoris. It was believed that his death was caused by catching cold in walking from Greytown to the school and spending the day in the draughty building.

24<sup>th</sup> February 1886 A special general meeting of the Greytown School Committee took place last night at the school house. Present—Messrs. Cuff (Chairman) Skeet, Hillier, Hart Udy, jun., and Hornblow (Secretary). After reading and confirming minutes of last meeting, the committee proceeded to the election of three new members for the Education Board, Out of the four who are nominated, it was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Messrs. G. Beetham, Blair and Newman be members of the Board. Mr. Fairbrother, the recently appointed assistant teacher, who was to take Mr. Ward's place, wrote asking the Committee to accept his resignation of the post, and suggesting the name of another person in his stead. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman stated that the funds showed a good credit balance. Messrs. Udy and Cuff were appointed visitors for the ensuing month. A letter enclosing estimates Ac., of work urgently needed in the school building and master's residence has been sent by the Chairman to the Education Board.

26<sup>th</sup> February 1886 Greytown cricketers will be pleased to hear that Mr. Cox, who will succeed Mr. Ward as assistant teacher in the Greytown school, knows how to handle " the willow." He was one of the players in the Wellington team against Napier in the match just concluded at Wellington *Mr. Cox came from Mt Cook Boys' School*

6<sup>th</sup> May 1886 Professor -De Mey paid, a visit to the Greytown school on Friday.' and put the [children through various extension portions, which they appeared to thoroughly enjoy, He said some of the ,were remarkably, well done, better ,than he had seen in any school for the first time. ' After ,the children were dismissed,! The teachers, at their own request, were 1 ,put ( through the motions very much to his satisfaction. They will thus know better what they are supposed to-teach the children.

24<sup>th</sup> March 1886 The Greytown School Cadets.

An excellent assembly took place at the Greytown Hall on Monday night. being the initiation of a series of winter dances in aid of the school cadet fund. After dancing had been indulged in for some time, the Mayor (Mr. F. H. Wood) came forward and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present on the occasion.....

14<sup>th</sup> April 1886 Greytown School Committee.

The ordinary meeting of the Greytown School Committee took place last night. Present—Rev Western, Hillier, Trotter, and C. W. Hornblow, Sec. Mr. Western was voted to the chair. Correspondence inwards from Education Board re audit, and in reply to alterations and additions asked for was read. The Board will send architect to inspect and report upon the matter. Sundry accounts were passed for payment. The head-master reports the school as working most satisfactorily. The present roll number is 207, and the average attendance for the past month 189. The Education Board, through their Gymnastic Instructor, Mr. Be Mey, strongly recommend the election of parallel bars in the playground. A long discussion ensued re the foregoing suggestion resulting in a subcommittee being appointed to attend the matter. The committee express their pleasure at hearing that the school is working very satisfactory, Messrs. Hillier and Western were appointed visitors for the month. This concluded the business

12<sup>th</sup> May 1886 GREYTOWN. The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee took place last night at the schoolhouse. Present—Messrs. Black (chairman) Muir, Trotter, Thompson, H, Udy, jun., P. Cotter and Hornblow (sec). The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The standing orders were, with trifling alterations (of no outside interest), adopted. Mr. Black (chairman), was appointed Treasurer.

The following accounts were passed for payment Wairarapa Standard, 18s 9d ; Mrs. Thompson's cleaning account, £1 12s; J. Beard, plumber, 10s. The Head Master reported the school as working satisfactorily during the past month ; the attendance has been very fair, notwithstanding the wet weather. The present roll number is 202, average attendance, 150; the average, however, ought to be higher, but for the fact that several of the scholars in the higher standards have, for some time past, been very irregular in their attendance. An interesting discussion ensued upon this report being read, resulting in a subcommittee being appointed to see the parents and friends of the scholars complained of in the head master's report, and other children who should attend the classes mentioned by Mr. Porritt, but fail to do so." This resolution was carried unanimously.

It was resolved that tenders for ten cords of firewood, 2 foot lengths, for school buildings, be called for at once, Resolved, That the visiting members attend to sundry work required to be done in the playground. Meant a Black and Cotter were appointed visiting members for the ensuing month. This concluded the business

9<sup>th</sup> June 1886 From the Greytown Winter Entertainment article came 7. Bound, "The Bose's Age this was given by eight of the Greytown school children, via , Eliza Gallagher. Ellen Plover, Miriam Hillier, Kate Wilkie. Leonard Humphries, John Quin, and Frank and Frederick Hawke. The piece was sung in excellent time, and the young folks received a good encore, responding with -Take Me Home

14<sup>th</sup> July 1886 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee took place last night at the schoolhouse. Present—Messrs. R. J. Thompson, \* Muir, Trotter, P. Cotter, jun., and Hornblow (sec). In the absence of the Chairman Mr. P. Cotter was voted to the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Sundry school matters were briefly discussed and accounts passed for payment. Tenders are to be called for gymnastic appliances for the use of scholars in the school playground. Messrs. Udy and Thompson were appointed visitors for ensuing month.



30<sup>th</sup> July 1886 The following team from the Greytown school will play the Carterton school tomorrow, at Greytown L. Humphries, T. Haigh, J. Quin, W. Smith, G. Loader, H. Haigh, J. Montgomery, A. Smith (captain) A. Maguire, J. Hornblow, M. Wood, W. Smith, J. Jury, L. Wakelin, P. Colter. Emergencies—A. Press, A. St George, F. Cotter. Play commences at 2 o'clock sharp.

11<sup>th</sup> August 1886 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee took place last night at the schoolhouse. Present—Messrs. B. C. Black (chairman), H. Udy, jun., P. Cotter, jun., Trotter and Hornblow (secretary). Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. After passing sundry accounts a conversance" discussion took place after the reading of the head master's report, which was of a satisfactory character and rather lengthy. It was resolved that the committee attend at the school on Friday next at two p.m. to present drawing certificates to the scholars entitled to receive them. It was unanimously resolved to take steps to compel the attendance at school of sundry children resident in the Borough who never go to school. Messrs. Trotter and Black were appointed visitors for the ensuing month.

30<sup>th</sup> August 1886 Inspector Lee's report included Greytown school organisation satisfactory, discipline very fair, buildings satisfactory, accommodation sufficient

6<sup>th</sup> September 1886 The first of a series of sixpenny concerts in aid of the Greytown School Cadets will be held at the Town Hall this evening.

15<sup>th</sup> September 1886 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee took place last night at the school house. Present— Messrs. B. C. Black, Chairman, P Cotter, jun., Trotter, B. J. Thompson, and Horn blow (secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting was read and confirmed.

Mr. P. Cotter, apologised for Mr. H. Udy, jun., whose unavoidable absence was accepted. Correspondence outwards to Greytown Town Lands Trustees, asking for a grant in aid of Committees funds of £1s has received a favorable reply. Circulars to parents of son attending scholars have been delivered by the local constable, and proceedings will issue in due course if not complied with. Head master's report shewed an average attendance during the past month 160, and for the last two weeks 174 with 216 names on the roll.

The cleaning and lighting bill was passed In payment. The committee propose gravelling the playground where required. Messrs. Cotter and Kimberley were appointed visitors for the ensuing month. This concluded the business.

29<sup>th</sup> September 1886 Cricket.

#### GREYTOWN SCHOOL CLUB

At a large meeting of the Greytown School boys (Mr. Porritt in the chair) it was resolved to form a cricket club, to be called the Greytown Cricket Club. Rules for the club have been framed. Mr. Porritt was elected President, and Messrs. Black and Cuff Vice Presidents. The secretaryship was left in the hands of one of the senior boys, Louis St George, whilst Mr. T A Cox was appointed treasurer. The committee were next proposed, and as there were numerous candidates, a ballot was taken and the following were elected A Smith, A Maguire, T Haigh, P Cotter, and Fred Hawke. The following were elected a Match Committee Mr. T A Cox, A Smith, and P Cotter. We might add that over 40 members have been enrolled, and as the subscription is only 1s to start with there is every probability of the boys getting cheap and healthy exercise. One remarkable thing in reference to this ballot, was that there was only one informal voting paper, notwithstanding that the election was carried on as formally as the Ballot |Act specifies

30<sup>th</sup> September 1886 The usual weekly entertainment in aid of the Greytown School Cadets was hold on Monday and proved an unqualified success, both as regards the attendance and also the attractiveness of the programme.

13<sup>th</sup> October 1886 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee took place at the schoolhouse last night Present—Messrs. Hart Udy, jun., P. Cotter, jun., Muir and

Hornblow, secretary. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman Mr. P. Cotter was voted to the chair. Correspondence outwards was read, a letter to the Education Board covering committee's reply re gymnastic exercises, as asked for by the Education Board. No reply had been received. The Head schoolmaster's report was read and received. Sundry accounts were passed for payment. The appointment of Messrs. Muir and Trotter as visitors for the ensuing month brought the meeting to a close.

18<sup>th</sup> October 1886 The Greytown Rifle Volunteers will muster for inspection tomorrow night. All members must attend. The Papawai Rifles, will meet tomorrow, at 12 noon; Greytown School Cadets, tomorrow afternoon, at 3 ; and the Featherston School Cadets, on the 22nd.

20<sup>th</sup> October 1886 The monthly parade of the Greytown School Cadets took place yesterday when Sergeant-Major Bezar put them through the usual evolutions. Captain Porritt and Lieut Cox may be congratulated upon the proficiency manifested, and Major Bunny did not fail to speak in warm terms of it, stating also that the lads as a whole were fit to pass for their capitation fee. Fifty three were present.

25th October 1886 The percentage of passes at the Greytown school last week at the examination was 81 per cent.

25th October 1886 To the Editor of the Standard. Sir,—Since the late School examination I have heard it stated two or three times by school children that Mr. Lee gave it “ hot ” to some of the teachers. In other words Mr. Lee had severely reprimanded one or more of the school teacher\*, and this in the hearing of the pupils. If the above is true I trust the Committee will enquire into the matter with a view of reporting to the Education Board. Apart from the question of good taste it is quite obvious that such conduct on the Inspector'\* part would have a distinct tendency to lessen the respect of pupils towards their teachers. I am., Ac., A. L. WEBSTER

27th October 1886 Mr. Lee's report to Wellington Education Board included The results of the examination of the lower standards in the Greytown School are fairly good, but those of the higher standards an very unfavourable

29th October 1886 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. The examination of the above school took place last week. The following are the names of the scholars who passed the examination in their respective standards

Standard I.—Roland Cotter, Ernest Cook, James Eccleton, John Fabian, Stacy Fuller, Frederick Good, Edward Hobman, Leonard Morris, George Phillips, Henry Reed, George Stockdale, Albert Thompson, Frank St George, Jessie Bishop, Olive Cole, Kate Douglas, Agnes Good, Lilly Hawkins, Edith Kempton, Isabella Morris, Camilla Maguire, Ethel Rowe, Hannah Richardson, Emily Snowshell, Hellene Sydow, Lyna Thompson, Ethel Wood, Edith Webster. Standard II,—Vincent Brooks, Charles Black, Stuart Barns, Bertie Cotter, Frank Haigh, Ernest Haigh, William Hawkins, Richard Hebley, Vivian Higgins, William Loader, Thomas Lee, Thomas Merson, Edmund Mills, Henry Rowe, Frederick Ridler, Matilda Cotter, Ada Hall, Alice Hebley, Louisa Judd, Kale King, Maude Lee. Christina Montgomery, Jane Shaw, Emily Thompson, Eva Udy.

Standard III.—Charles Jury, Ernest Jackson, Albert Maguire, John O'Connor, George Press, Harold Porritt, Leonard It owe, Joseph Shaw, William Thompson, Leonard Wakelin, Henry Webster, Morris Wood, Bubel Bishop, Alice Good, Annie Hall, Annie Kempton, Annie Morris, Ellen Phillips, Arabella Thompson, Jesse Webster, Frank Wakelin. Standard IV.—Fred Brooks, John Cotter, Henry Cotter, James Huntley, James Higgins, Joseph Judd, George Loader, John Montgomery, Frank Merson, James Mills, Arthur St George, William Smith, Frail Thompson, Prudence Dockery, Eliza Gray, I Phoebe Harris, Emily Judd, Emily Kempton,; Annie Knell, Dora McKirdy, Alice Maguire, Mary Merson, Bertha Nation, Jessie Nation, Zelia Porritt, Eunice Ritchie, Alice Seward, Jeannie Wood. Robertina Higgins, Miriam Hillier, Eliza Gallagher, Kate Wilkie. .

Standard VI.—Percy Cotter, Fred Cotter.

10th November 1886 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held in the Schoolhouse last night. Present— Messrs. P. Cottar, Jun, Trotter, Thompson and Hornblow, sec. Mr. P. Cotter was voted to the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence inwards—Letter from Mr. B. C. Black, resigning his position as chair« man, treasurer, and committee man. Moved by the chairman, seconded by Mr. Trotter, “ That Mr. Black’s resignation be not accepted, except in the presence of full committee with himself present as chairman and treasurer.” Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Trotter, seconded by Mr. Thompson, " That Mr. H. de Clifton be nominated to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Kimberley ceasing to be a committee man through absence.” Carried.

It was unanimously resolved that the headmaster be asked his reasons lot not sending in his usual monthly report to the committee.”

It was resolved “ that this meeting stand adjourned until Tuesday, the 15th nit, and that all members of committee be summoned by circular to attend." The meeting then closed

12th November 1886 Wairarapa Standard Published Tri-weekly, Price Id. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1886. School Examinations.

A few days ago a couple of letters appeared in this paper commenting upon the conduct of Inspector Lee towards certain teachers in the Greytown school during the examination. The writers led their readers to infer that the Inspector was wanting in common courtesy, and that he had his idiosyncrasies the same as other men.

We cannot speak with any degree of certainty as to his conduct towards the teachers, though we believe the teachers are unanimous in feeling that they were “ snubbed.” That the Inspector has his idiosyncrasies we believe, and we fear that all Inspectors are alike.

It is unfortunate that it should be so when dealing with children, but it is a fact nevertheless. We have heard it said by teachers that some of the brightest and best scholars daring a long period of the year have failed upon examination day through the brusqueness of Inspectors, and this we know to be too true.

We have known children sit in terror of an Inspector, and rendered utterly unfit for any mental work because of his rough and austere manner. It is a great mistake upon such an occasion for an Inspector to put on such a front. If a man is gentle in manner and firm in purpose he will get a great deal more out of the children before him, than by being austere in manner. We are inclined to think that the unsatisfactory figures in the last educational report ate the result of these idiosyncrasies on the part of the Inspectors, and if this be se our annual examinations are not to be taken as a fair criterion of the abilities of either teachers or scholars.

The report shows different results in different parts of the colony. For instance " In Nelson 165 out of 5000 have passed the Sixth Standard; in South Canterbury only 44 out of 4200 ; in Wellington only 166 out of 8000; in North Canterbury 203 out of 19,000; and in Auckland only 74 out of 20,000.” How is it that there are these varying proportions ?

We have heard several persons complain of the results of the late examination of the Greytown school. They do not consider that the percentage of passes as compared with other schools has been satisfactory for a long period, and pressure has been brought to bear upon the school committee in reference to the matter.

There are members of the school committee who feel likewise on the subject, but up to the present no action has been taken. But we would rather ~ he committee take up the consideration the matter at once, for it is not fair to the head teacher and his assistants that it should become a fretting sore.

If the members of the committee are not satisfied they should say so and seek for a remedy. That there is the best of feelings towards the teachers from the head master downwards we

cannot doubt, but for all that it should be settled whether the low percentage of passes in certain standards is due to the defective teaching, careless or stupid children, or from want of tact on the part of the Inspector. If the committee feel unable to deal with the matter, let them resign, and thus leave the matter in the hands of the householders

17th November 1886 The examination for 13 scholarships, tenable for two years from the 1st January next, offered by the Education Board will be held simultaneously in the Training College, Wellington, and in the Greytown School on Wednesday, the 1st prox. Four primary scholarships are open for competition to pupils of the age of 12 years and upwards attending any primary school in the Wellington Provincial District, each scholarship tenable up to the age of 16 years. The examination will be hold on Wednesday, the 1st December.....

19th November 1886 Mr. P. Cotter, Jun., has been elected Chairman of the Greytown School Committee, vice Mr. Black resigned.

29th November 1886 The report of the last meeting of the Education Board which appeared in our last and was copied from the Post is incorrect in stating that Mrs. Scale, of the Greytown School, had applied for a bonus. This lady knew nothing of the application until she saw it in a public print. It was the School Committee, who, recognising the excellent work done in the school by Mrs. Scale year after year, made the application

1st December 1886 The examination for the Education Board scholarships now being conducted at the Greytown school will last three days, consequently there will be no school for the remainder of this week for the Greytown children.

13th December 1886 The cricket match between the Greytown school boys and the Masterton school boys did not eventuate on Saturday, owing to the weather not being favorable

15th December 1886 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee took place last night in the schoolhouse. Present— Messrs. Cotter, jun. (chairman), Trotter, Hart Udy, Jun, Thompson, and Hornblow (sec). The minutes oi last ordinary meeting were read and confirmed, and the minutes of a special general meeting held subsequently were also read and confirmed. Correspondence outwards—Letter to Education Board read. Inwards—Letter from Education Board, in reply. From Messrs. Mackay, booksellers. Head master's report for past month, states “ the school is progressing satisfactorily.” The attendance, as is usual at this time of the year, has fallen off, the average attendance daring the past month was 163, with 317 names on the roll. Treasurer reported to credit balance £11 0s 4d. Accounts passed for payment—Education Board, £2 10s ; Mr. Maguire, £1; Mr. Porritt, 10s ; Mrs. Thompson's cleaning account, £2. After a brief discussion of the correspondence, it was moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Trotter, and carried unanimously , “ That the matter of the removal of the cesspools be referred to the Education Board, accompanied with head master's letter, and an estimate of the probable cost, and requesting their prompt attention to the matter. Proposed by Mr. Trotter, seconded by Mr. Cotter “ That Mr. Hebley be elected a committee men, vice Mr. B. O. Black, resigned.” Carried. Messrs. Cotter and Clifton were appointed visitors for the ensuing month.

17<sup>th</sup> December 1886 A correspondent writes to ask if the children attending the Greytown school are to have a picnic before the Christmas vacation is over. He expresses a hope that the present energetic committee will not forget the usual annual gathering of children, parents, and friends.

20<sup>th</sup> December 1886 To the Editor of the Standard.

Sin, —Can you tell me if it is true that no member of the school committee have children at the school who would be likely to get prizes, and if this is the reason that no prizes will be awarded this year. I am, Ac., Education,

31<sup>st</sup> December 1886 A special meeting of the Greytown school committee was held last night to consider the Inspector's report. Present—Messrs. P Cotter (chairman). Thompson, Trotter, tidy, De Clifton and Muir. Sundry small accounts were passed for payment

It was unanimously resolved that the chairman write to the Board of Education, earnestly requesting the Board to exchange the head master of the Greytown school to some other school, or that he be immediately asked to resign his position at the Greytown school, and that the members of the Board of Education for the district be written to, to support the resolution.

At the regular meeting of the committee held afterwards it was reported that the attendance during the month was 153, with 217 members on the roll. Mr. Hebley was elected a committeeman.

The following is the letter from the Secretary of the Board of Education "I am directed to inform you that Mr. Porritt has received notice that should the results at the next examination be unsatisfactory his appointment will thereupon terminate. Signed A Dorset, Secretary

It was resolved " That this committee consider the action of the Board of Education with regard to the head master very unsatisfactory, and that a public meeting be called to consider the same

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1887	178	Greytown	Porritt	Thomas	Headmaster	£270	\$52,909
1887	178	Greytown	Cox	Theophilus	Assistant Master	£160	\$31,354
1887	178	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£120	\$23,515
1887	178	Greytown	Haigh	Agnes	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,838
1887	178	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,838

4<sup>th</sup> January 1887 THE GREYTOWN SCHOOL.

A meeting of the householders is to be held on Thursday evening at the, Greytown schoolhouse, called by the; school committee, :to. consider a communication from the Education Board re the head master. In order that our readers may thoroughly understand, the case, we may-state that at a special meeting of the committee, hold on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, it was resolved "That the Chairman write to the Education Board earnestly requesting' the Board either to exchange the head master of the Greytown school to some other school, or that be .(Mr. Porritt) be immediately asked to resign his position at the Greytown school, and that the members of the Education Board for the district be written: to asking them to support the resolution," This resolution was passed because; the committee were dissatisfied with the progress! of the scholars. The Inspector examined the school on the 20th October, and the result was as follows :

Percentage of passes 54; percentage of failures 25. Mr. Lee, the Inspector, in his. report added " For next year, and for one year only, I suggest that Standard . III be given to Mrs. Scale; Standard , V, VI, to Mr. Cox, and that the head master take St. IV. giving close supervision to. P.T." (*Pupil Teacher*)

In our last issue we ,reported that the Education Board had replied, stating that if the ;next examination be unsatisfactory the appointment of the head master will thereupon terminate. This reply is considered very unsatisfactory by the Committee, and they have therefore resolved to call the householders together to consider the matter. It is therefore to' be hoped that all householders will assemble on Thursday evening and vote in accordance with their convictions.—Standard,

	Presented	Failed	Passed
Standard VI	9	4	2
Standard V	17	9	8

Standard IV	29		29
Standard III	43	14	22
Standard II	35	8	25
Standard 1	32	2	28

5<sup>th</sup> January 1887 NOTICE TO HOUSEHOLDERS,

THE HOUSEHOLDERS of the Greytown School District are requested to attend a Meeting to be held at the Schoolroom, Greytown, on THURSDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 1887, to consider the action of Committee re head master. Meeting commences at eight o'clock sharp. P. COTTER, JUNR , Chairman Greytown School Committee

7<sup>th</sup> January 1887 Greytown Public School.

**PUBLIC MEETING OF HOUSEHOLDERS** A public meeting of householders was held last night at the Greytown schoolhouse, called by the members of the school committee. There was a large attendance and much interest was felt in the proceedings. Mr. E. Gray proposed that the Mayor (Mr. Udy) should take the chair. Mr. Fabian seconded. Mr. B. J. Thompson thought the chairman of the school committee was the proper person to preside, though he did not object to the Mayor. Mr. Gray thought a chairman outside of the school committee would be the best. The committee were there to speak upon the case. Mr. Cotter, chairman of committee, then left the chair, agreeing with Mr. Gray's remarks.

His Worship the Mayor having taken the chair, read the advertisement calling the meeting, which was to consider the action of the committee re the head master. Not knowing much of the matter, he was quite independent, and he hoped those present would express themselves candidly and considerately. He would call upon Mr. Cotter the chairman of the committee to state his views.

Mr. P. Cotter said as a public man with public duties to perform, there were at times unpleasant duties, and on this occasion he regretted that the duty he had before him was unpleasant. The meeting had been called together to consider the teaching in the Greytown School and the head master. The fifth and sixth standards had not been satisfactory for a considerable time, and pressure had been brought to bear upon the committee to look into the matter and know the reason why. As a gentleman and private individual he respected Mr. Porritt, but as a schoolmaster he was more a failure than otherwise. It was upon his continued failures, and not this year alone, that the committee took action. By the paper those present had been made acquainted with the doings of the committee. On the 18th November, a special meeting was held to consider Mr. Lee's report, and the result was a letter to the Board of Education, asking that the head master be exchanged. A reply was received to the effect that the Board had adjourned consideration of the matter for a month. At the end of the month a letter was received stating that should the results of next examination be unsatisfactory the engagement of the head master would terminate. This the committee thought very unsatisfactory, especially after they had put up with the head master for eight years, and tonight they were there to ask the public to say whether they had done right or wrong. Mr. Cotter then read Mr. Lee's last report (a summary of which appeared in the Standard of Monday.) Mr. Lee in suggesting that Mr. Porritt should take a lower class had really acknowledged in so doing his (Mr. P's) inability. It lowered the tone of the school to give Mr. Cox the head master's place and get the head master to take smaller classes. Since the change the people of Greytown had asked why it was and the constant pressure had led to the present action of the committee. After the children had passed the 4th Standard it was optional with the parents whether they sent them to school or not. and they were allowed to run about the streets rather than be sent to school to be taught by the head master. Every year there had been failures in the upper standards.

Mr. Gray asked that the whole of the correspondence be read,

Mr. Cotter—I have done so.

Mr. Gray—But there is more than the resolutions passed.

Mr. Cotter—I will read the copy of a letter. It is merely the same as the one sent.

The following is the letter referred to :

Greytown. Nov 5, 1886. The Chairman Education Board, Wellington.

Silt, —I have the honor, by direction of the Greytown School Committee to forward you a copy of a resolution passed at a special meeting of the Committee held at the school house on the 18th November, 1886" It was unanimously resolved that the Chairman write to the Education Board, earnestly requesting the board either to exchange the head master of the Greytown School to some other position, or that he be asked to resign his position as head master and that a more competent nun be appointed to the vacancy

The reasons of the committee taking this step are

1<sup>st</sup> . On account of the low Percentage of passes in the school for the last few years and notably this year. viz., 54

2nd. The inability of Mr. Porritt to conduct the school. .

3rd. General dissatisfaction of the residents of the town at the neglectful teaching of the head master, thereby causing them to take their children away from the Greytown School, and, in some cases pay for their children being taught at private schools in other cases, and by far too many, their children to run about the streets, than send them to Mr. Porritt classes.

4th. Also on account of the Inspector Mr. Lee, reducing the head master from the 5th and 6<sup>th</sup> Standards, and putting him to teach the 4th Standard, thereby acknowledging the incapacity of the head master, and lowering the tone of the school."

I have the honor, to be, Sir.

Yours respectfully, Pierce Cotter, Jun.

Chairman School Committee.

There were cries of " Name," when that part of the letter was read referring to some parents sending their children to private schools, rather than to the public school.

Mr. Cotter—I can name Mr. R J Thompson and Mr. Wood.

Mr. Wood —I beg pardon. In fairness to the head master I will say that I kept two of my boys away because I did not wish them to pass—believing it required more than twelve months to ground them in the work of a standard. Mr. Lee, the Inspector, censured me for so doing, saying I was doing an injustice to the head master by my action.

Mr. Cotter—I considered that one of my sons would be better away, and I kept him away. But though I did not wish him to pass the first year he did not succeed the second year. I then took him away altogether. He was a smart boy, too. Mr. Cotter then said he considered the reply of the Board evasive. Mr. Porritt could perhaps get a better percentage of passes out of the fourth standard, but it was not fair to Mrs.. Scale that she should be reduced to take the third standard. Mrs. Scale had fairly driven it into the children, and yet she was reduced. In conclusion Mr. Cotter said that the committee had called the meeting to see if the householders would endorse the action of the committee. If they, as committeemen, had not done their duty the meeting must say so,

Mr. Cox, assistant teacher explained that taking a lower standard in a school did not mean a reduction as Mr. Cotter had put it At the Mount Cook school he had passed every child in the fourth standard ; he had taken the third, and had not succeeded so well. It was no slur on teaching ability to teach a lower standard.

Mr. H de Clifton, one of the committee, said they had brought the matter before the public in justice to Mr. Porritt, and it was to the meeting to say whether he should be kept or not. Some present had no children and others never would have any (laughter), and he thought they should hold back and let parents decide the questions.

Mr. F H Wood suggested that Mr. Porritt should be permitted to speak on his own behalf. In reply to Mr. Cotter, the speaker said it often happens that the head master took no class at all,

but supervised ; or he might be placed in charge of a class, that did not need all his attention. It was no disgrace to teach a low standard. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. R. J. Thompson (one of the committee), said he had no selfish thought in this matter, but several Greytown residents had been to him and asked if nothing could be done to improve matters at the school. Being influenced he consented to the letter. The Board had replied and really coincided with the Committee. The question was, Shall we submit to the suggestion of the Education Board? If so, be, for one, would wish every success to the head master in his future work.

Mr. Porritt, the head master, then came forward and said that the Committee had held a meeting which seriously affected himself. He heard of it accidentally from Mr. Nation. He was afterwards asked if he would resign, by two members of the Committee —Mr. Udy and Mr. Cutler—and even at that time he did not know what had been written to the Board. Under these circumstances he declined to resign his position, He would answer the matters in the School Committee's letter one by one. The percentage of passes for the last few years were—1883, 79 ; 1884, 89; 1885, 72 ; 1886 . 81. . This year the poor percentage of passes was based on the number on the roll and not on the number examined. 141 were examined, and 114 passed, equal to 81 per cent of the failures in the upper standards, three were under age, and four made very little over half attendances. As to ability he thought the Inspector was the best judge, The accusation of the Committee he (Mr. P.) could put in a very different light. The Inspector had no right to interfere with the organisation of a school; his duty was to report things as he found them. The organisation of a school belonged to the head master and his ability to conduct a large school was tested by his organisation. He would therefore read what Inspector Lee had to say in his Inspection reports: " June, 1880, Accidental visit. School in active and efficient working order ; the teaching power is sufficient, and the discipline is much improved under Mr. Porritt, who is an energetic and painstaking master." June, 1881 — Found the work of the school going on with very good order in all classes. The general working arrangements appears to me good, the teaching effect and the discipline all that could be desired. Most of the written work is neatly done." June, 1882—"After the muster was completed the school settled down to very quiet and methodical work. The school is well appointed and with few exceptions well ordered The discipline on the whole is good. The upper classes are under very good instruction. . . Altogether I am much pleased with the school as a whole ,I have reason to think the school promises to show improved work at the next examination." August. 1883 - Order of school is good and the children appear to be kept well to their work." June, 1881-1 find the school in good an improved working order. The general tone of the school and the discipline are much higher than they were a few years ago. The school is generally satisfactorily managed and well appointed. I have Had good opportunity afforded me today of seeing the drill, sewing, singing; and drawing --these subject are an improvement from what I found last year

August 1885 The school is in fair order of work, and the discipline is very good throughout, Speaking of the condition of the school generally, I find the work being satisfactorily carried on. August 3rd 1886 The organisation of the school is satisfactory. The timetables of Standards, 4 5. and 6 are good. Standards three needs modification, and Standard 2 should provide for two drawing lessons. The teachers are mostly experienced, and the methods and quality of instruction are of quite average value. The order, discipline and tone of the school are 'very fair. The supervision in recess is satisfactory, one of the teachers always on the ground. The manners and general behaviour of the are fair. The cleanliness and tidiness of the rooms and premises, including the out offices, ventilation, and warming, are satisfactory. The rooms were well warmed on a cold wet day. The fences have recently been repaired. I was much pleased with a science lesson in methods of producing heat, given with suitable experiments by the head master. Vere Foster's copy books are used, and the writing is good."



After reading these reports, Mr. Porritt, in answer to the third accusation in the letter to the Education board, said he did not know of a single case. As to accusation four he said it was simply absurd for it was a well-known fact to all who had any knowledge at all of educational matters, that the lower classes require the most teaching power

*A small section could not be read*

The third standard, which has been the weak point in the school for several years past, was worked up to the standard point. Mr. Porritt said he proposed taking it himself, but on talking the matter over with the Inspector he suggested that Mrs. Scale should be asked to take it, which she kindly consented to do, on condition that it was for one year only, so that she might have the same children in Standard 4 next year. He decided to take Standard 4 this year, so as to be at liberty to supervise the pupil teachers and the school generally. Having Standards 5 and 6 he cannot possibly devote so much attention to the other Standards as he ought to do.

Mr. Cotter complained that children were kept away from school and ran about the streets. He had mentioned Mr. Thompson's children as being privately taught, but Mr. Thompson's children were never under his (Mr. P's) tuition, and it was wrong to judge him regarding them. When Mr. Thompson's little girl left the school she said she was wanted at home.

Mr. Muir mentioned Mr. W. Udy as having removed his children. Mr. Porritt said Mr. Udy came to him like a gentleman and told him that so much time was lost in crossing the river that he was going to remove his children. Mr. Cotter had taken his boy away being dissatisfied, but Mr. Ponsonby, the master of the Matarawa school, told him that the boy was well grounded in everything and was surprised that he did not pass. Mr. Cotter had visited the school as chairman but he had never said anything of what was going on concerning him (Mr. P.).

Mr. Cotter—How is it that so few pass in 6th Standard.

Mr. Porritt—Because they are kept at home.

Mr. Haigh said he kept his boys at home as he found work for them to do.

Mr. Udy, junior, (one of the committee) said the action of the committee was taken because of outside complaints. Mr. Porritt was a useful gentleman in Greytown, but they had to deal with him as a schoolmaster. Two or three persons spoke briefly on the subject before the meeting, and ultimately

Mr. Gray proposed That this meeting has full confidence in the teaching abilities of Mr. Porritt."

Mr. Haigh seconded the motion, which was carried, and the meeting broke up

14<sup>th</sup> January 1887 The Greytown School.

To the Editor of the Standard. Sir,— In reply to a letter in Wednesday's issue of the Standard, signed "School Teacher," I should be better pleased to reply if I knew his name, for I consider such a bright luminary ought not to hide himself under the proverbial bushel. No wonder our young New Zealanders, "especially in the Greytown District," progress backward. When a man in the position of teacher sits down and writes such a paltry account of Mr. Porritt's defence; when the defence really was not worth the paper it was written on. Now, sir, I consider any man carefully going through Mr. P's defence will find that the Inspector's report of a flying visit to the school can have no weight with regard to the real teaching of the school. The Inspector comes into the school; stays, possibly three or four hours, and finds the children very at tenure. While he is there he looks around the buildings and fences, has dinner with the head master (possibly); pats the headmaster on the back, saying, He's a jolly good fellow gives him a flattering report, and goes home thinking no more about it. But when it comes to the Inspector's annual examination the case is vastly different, as that report has to come before the public; it is then that the actual condition of the school is found out; after two or three days' careful examination then is the time the teaching power is found out, and

not by the paltry report of a flying visit. With regard to the letter referred to and my own action in the matter I leave the householders to judge, not a paltry "teacher." Now, Mr. Teacher, a word of advice Get back into your shell do not leave the school doors ; you may do yourself an Injury. Leave the people that are not "Teachers" to judge for themselves Do not poke your nose into other people's business, you may get it pulled. Keep quiet, there's a good soul, and above everything see that you, as a "teacher," get good results for the particular school you represent, which we hope is not in the Greytown district. Do not go into politics, you will spoil yourself Apologising for trespassing on your space so far. I am, Etc., P. Cotter Jun. Greytown, Jan. 12.

17<sup>th</sup> January 1887 The Greytown School.

\*. To the Editor of the Standard.

Sib, —Will you kindly allow me a small space in your paper to reply to "Fair Play" I will not trouble you again on this matter Should any further comments be made I shall treat them with contempt. Ho si -ns "Fair Play," I think "Foul Play" would have been much more proper. Now with regard to "Mr. Udy being ashamed of himself for writing such a letter." I say that I wrote the truth, and I am not ashamed. There is a saying like this, "Speak the truth and shame the Devil I am now trying to do it. I may inform "Fair Play" that I have been asked to take the chair several times by gentlemen, and they have thanked me for the same, independent of the thanks of the meeting. At any rate I never wished to be chairman in of such a meeting where there was such confusion. He says "during that meeting any person could speak as often as he pleased," referring to Mr. Cotter being on his legs several times. There were several others on their legs. If it was wrong for people to be on their legs would you have them to be on their heads ? As for calling forth "unfavorable criticism from a large number of my fellow townsmen," I have been among them over thirty years and I am well known. As for "Fair Play," I consider him a cur for having used my name and having withheld his own. I shall never court "Fair Play's" favors, nor care a straw for his frowns. If "Fair Play" was anything of a man, after using my name, he would have signed his own at the bottom of his effusion. But now I must say that he is a dastardly fellow. I am, &c., H. Udy, Snr.

17<sup>th</sup> January 1887 The Greytown School Meeting.

To the Editor of the Wairarapa Standard. Sib,— The people in this town are rather amused at the unseemly row reported in the Standard from time to time between the schoolmaster in your Borough and the school committee. We are amused for this reason : we think either the committee or the master should be sacked, and as the people appear to hold meetings and do neither, they must be a most tolerant community. I fancy sir, if the same deadlock occurred here, our opinions and actions would be more promptly and definitely pronounced. I am, Ac., Commentator. Featherston, January 15th, 1887.

17<sup>th</sup> January 1887 He-Haw! He-Haw.

To the Editor of the Standard.

Oh, wud some power the giftie gie us

To see ourselves as ithers see us."

*As written*

Sir,—The letter which appeared in your issue, signed P. Cotter, Jun ., reminded me of the fable entitled "The Ass in the Lion's Skin," which reads somewhat thusly:—A poor ill-used donkey found a lion's skin. Aha," said he, Now I will have my revenge." So the donkey put the skin over him and lay down on the side of the road. Presently one after another of the poor donkey's tormentors came along, and seeing what they supposed to be a sleeping lion on the roadside, were seized with terror and fled for their lives. The donkey was so overcome with joy at the success of his stratagem that he brayed with delight Whereupon the affrighted ones discovered that what they thought was a lion was only a poor silly ass in disguise. The moral

is obvious. If the chairman of the Greytown school committee wishes to be thought a lion he must not open his mouth to bray Please insert this for the good of the young gentleman to who as likely as not will be, by and by, M. H R. 1 am, &c , Mt Gracious.

19<sup>th</sup> January 1887 That Schoolhouse Meeting.

To the Editor of the Standard.

Sin, —When I wrote a few lines last week criticising the action of the Chairman of the late meeting at the Greytown school house, I pointed out in a fair way that Mr. Udy, Sen., allowed the speakers too much latitude suffering them to speak just when they pleased. Thus time was lost, and when a show of hands was called for and taken the chairman did not decide upon it. When I opened Monday's Standard to read the news I found a letter signed by Mr. Udy, Sen., and though I laughed heartily to find that his dander was up, I was sorry for the sake of Greytown that I had been the means of drawing out the Mayor to make himself look so foolish. The angry spirit shown surprised me. Because I chose to criticise his action as chairman of a public meeting I am called " a cur " and " a dastardly follow." Mr. Udy—I beg pardon—Your Worship the Mayor, I will speak. Remember " Hard words break no bones " and I am not to be sat upon even by such a high and mighty potentate as the Mayor of Greytown. Again I say your action at the meeting gave pain to your best friends and I, for one, consider that you are very much to blame for the unsatisfactory way in which the meeting broke up. Because I complained of one and another being on their legs to speak several times, you reply "If it was wrong for people to be on their lees would you have them to be on their heads ?" So profound a question I would rather not try to answer. I will not insinuate that you was " off your head " when you wrote the letter, but I may express a hope that at the next meeting of the Council if you are again asked to rise upon your feet when addressing the members, you will not, in an angry spirit, stand upon your head. I am, etc., Fair Play.

To the Editor of the Standard. Sir,— I notice that the chairman of the Greytown school committee is the scape goa 4 of the whole of the committee for the action taken respecting the bead master. This is not right, and if I may use the words of Mr. Udy, Sen., towards one of your correspondents, I would say they are a lot of "curs." But as this is not gentlemanly I will be satisfied with saying that as the whole committee had a finger in the pie they should get a little of the odium of the affair. Mr. Cotter acted as Chairman, and as such it was for him to take the leading part. Now he gets abused all over the place—is called an ass for bis pains, and I am inclined to think that some of the committee are laughing in their sleeves at the turn things have taken. Mr. Cotter had an unpleasant duty to perform at the meeting he said it was an unpleasant one.—and he did it in a frank way. In a very tame way the committee backed him up. But where were those who were to give evidence as to the unfitness of the bead master for teaching the higher standards ? That there were several persons who spoke against the master is true —but why did they not speak out and second the chairman that night. Let the Chairman alone, I say , and give the others a taste of public opinion and I wonder how they will like it. I am, &c , X.X X.

To the Editor of the Standard. *Set out as written* There was a Mayor who took the chair At a meeting in this Borough, The people came to see the same, But, all present were not thorough. Many spoke (quite " a pig in a poke,") 'Bout head master and his teaching, Gave short result—made parents sulk And say, " he'd better go a preaching." After discussion—and some fussing The chair put question to the vote, Count hands—uproar—division called for The meeting thought it " all a joke," Then what do ye think—rushed into print Teacher, Mayor and Cotter, To prove and strive " how many beans make five," And this made matters hotter. Let parents pause, nor lay the cause Of bad results in Standard passing To teachers share, when all the scare Is scholar's want of brains (no laughing] Sib,— The few

people know it, You see I'm a Poet, And think it just the time, To give you a scrawl And aid in the brawl Going on in this Boro' of mine. I am, &0., Fiddle De Dee.

26<sup>th</sup> January 1887 That Schoolhouse Meeting

To the Editor of the Standard.

Sir,—The school committee, in a way that was dark —like the heathen Chinese —wrote to the Education Board asking that the Head Master of the Greytown school should be dismissed. The master knew nothing of it—he was kept in the dark by this honorable body of men—and the Board came to the decision that if matters were not satisfactory at the next examination the master's name should be Walker. When the questionable tactics of the committee got wind in Greytown, the public were surprised and remarks not very complimentary were banded about at the committee's expense. Smarting under this the committee called a meeting and asked the householders to endorse their action. But the householders were for giving the head master an opportunity of defending himself. He did so and turned the tables upon the committee. With all their wriggling they could not get the public to countenance their peculiar action and a vote of confidence was passed in the master. Now the committee had written to the Board, and the Board had replied saying that the head master should leave the school if the next examination was not satisfactory. As the householders have practically condemned the committee and passed a vote of confidence in the master, I want to know if the committee have withdrawn their letter to the Board, or do they mean to leave matters in the hope that the master may be dismissed at the next examination and the public euchred after all ? I am, &c., Householder

7<sup>th</sup> February 1887 Mr. H. P. Ward and the Head Mastership.

To the Editor of the Standard. Sib,—I have just read your remarks in today's issue, concerning a bogus letter sent to Mr. H. P. Ward, of Johnsonville, soliciting his application for the head mastership of the Greytown school, and I presume you will permit my comment on the matter. I may plainly say at once that I don't see the necessity of publishing particulars of ill-advised doings that will without doubt be alike painful both to Mr. Porritt and Mr. Ward, and yen, yourselves, even seem to think a vague apology necessary, for you state that you " have certain reasons that need not be mentioned here." Yon admit that the first letter would have been better unwritten ; but you apparently overlook the fact that its utterly bad taste is surpassed by the second communication to Mr. Ward. Mr. Ward's reply, too, was evidently not intended for the columns of a newspaper. But, still, had its writer known the whole circumstances, he could not have expressed himself with better judgment, and his sensible letter and his share in the affair, are the only redeeming features of a most discreditable transaction. I only know Mr. Ward as an acquaintance, and at regards the font individuals who signed the letters it is most unlikely that I know them at all. If they pose as friends of Mr. Porritt. the friendship must be all on their side ; if as enemies of Mr. Ward, then we must congratulate that gentleman on the fact that they ate his enemies, however insignificant, and not his friends. I am, Ac.,

16<sup>th</sup> February 1887 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held last night at the school house. Present—Messrs. P. Cotter, jun., (chairman), Hebley, Trotter, R. J. Thompson and Hornblow (secretary). Correspondence outwards—Letter to Education Board re cesspools. Inwards—Answer received from Education Board re the matter ; also sundry letters from candidates for election as members for vacant seats on the Education Board. The treasurer repotted a good balance to credit: Sundry accounts were passed for payment. Report from head master.—School reopened 24th January, with 207 names on roll; since then eight children have left and 33 have been admitted, leaving present roll number 232, average attendance past week 160. The report was read and adopted. Resolved—that a clock be procured for Mrs. Scale's room, and that the secretary write to the Education Board for a teacher's desk for Miss York's room. The visiting members and the

chairman were to see into the matter re cesspools during the month. Dr. Spratt, who was present, rose to address the committee upon the subject of 41 "Temperance" with a view to introducing the "Temperance Lesson Book," as a suitable book of lessons to be used by the teachers in the work of tuition. The address was cordially received and the Doctor having left, it was proposed by the chairman, and seconded by Mr. Trotter, that 44 "The Temperance Lesson Book," be one of the series used in the school, subject to the approval of head master. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Spratt for his subscription of two guineas towards the purchase of two and a half dozen of these books for school use. Messrs. Thompson and Trotter were appointed visitors for ensuing month.

28<sup>th</sup> February 1887 TENDERS for the Removal of Night Soil at the Greytown School Grounds, for twelve months will be received by the undersigned by SATURDAY, March 5, 1887. Specifications to be seen on application to Mr. Porritt. P. COTTER, JUN., Chairman of Committee. February 31, 1887

9<sup>th</sup> May 1887 Friday evening the Greytown School Committee met, all the members being present. Mr. Cotter was appointed chairman and treasurer, and Mr. T. Johnston secretary. The head master's report was presented. It was resolved to get 36 sets of drawing materials.

15<sup>th</sup> June 1887 The Greytown school children will be able to keep up the Queen's Jubilee if nobody else in Greytown does. The school committee intend giving a public tea meeting on Tuesday afternoon next, 21<sup>st</sup> instant, at the Town Hall, this day being chosen so that it should not interfere with the doings at Carterton on Monday. After tea is over there will be some amusement out of doors and then the children will re-assemble in the hall to witness some magic lantern scenes. The Greytown Orchestral Society will discourse sweet music and during the evening the Maypole Dance will be given. The Papawai Native children will be present by invitation. It is expected that Mr. Buchanan, M.H.R., will preside and address the audience. Altogether the children will have a good time of it and as the price of admission to the tea is low there will doubtless be a good number of friends present. No charge will be made at the doors for the entertainment.

24<sup>th</sup> June 1887 The Greytown School Treat

To the Editor of the Standard,

Sir,— In writing a letter to you concerning the management of the entertainment which was given to the Greytown children on Tuesday last, I am but re-echoing various complaints against the committee and their chairman, and which it is right should be publicly explained by them:—Complaint No. 1. The ball was let by the Chairman of Committee to the Fire Brigade for a dance at 8 o'clock. Complaint No. 2. The Chairman of School Committee being in the chair at the time, shortened the programme, and to leave out some well-known amateurs who had promised to assist at the entertainment. Complaint No. 3. The Chairman of School Committee invited openly, before the Matarawa school children, the whole of them to join in the tea, procession and entertainment. The committee declined to endorse this, because the Masters were people who had not assisted with funds, &c. Complaint No. 4. The suave Chairman of School Committee (Mr. Pierce Cotter, jun.), on Mr. Buchanan vacating the chair, owing to pressing business, took the chair, and from that time to finish, the whole of the meeting was egotistically conducted, and the word "I" seemed to be used as often as it was possible. Enclosing my card, I subscribe myself, *Ne Quam Nimis*. (Not very much.)

27<sup>th</sup> June 1887 A Jubilee School Committee Meeting.

Last Friday evening a special meeting of the Greytown School Jubilee Committee was convened to square up matters in connection with the late Jubilee entertainment at the Town Hall, at which were present—Messrs. P. Cotter (chairman), Johnson, Thompson, Hebley, Lewis, Porritt (head master), and Brittain (master at Papawai Native School). The proceedings were enlivened by some very plain speaking on the part of some of the committee men, though there was little ebullition of temper. The committee unanimously

passed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Hebley for their assistance at the hall, to the teachers of the school for the trouble they had taken in the decorations, to Mr. Nation for a gift of fireworks, to the Band, to Mr. Johnston, the secretary of the committee, and all who had labored to make the treat successful.

It was decided to publish the list of subscriptions by the public in the Standard. After "Ting all expenses there is a balance to the good" of £10s. Mr. W. K. Thompson said he had a matter to bring before the committee it was a charge against the secretary, Mr. Johnston. A programme had been carefully arranged for the entertainment which had not been carried out, and this had given rise to a great deal of dissatisfaction.

Mr. Johnston said he did not know how to answer the charge. Mr. Porritt, Mr. Brittain, and himself were appointed to draw up a programme. He drew one up and it was considered a good one; four copies were made, one of which was given to Mr. Buchanan, the chairman of the entertainment. When Mr. Buchanan left, Mr. Cotter took the chair, and perhaps Mr. Cotter would explain.

Mr. Cotter—The charge should have been laid against me. It had been decided at a committee meeting that the entertainment should conclude about quarter past 8 o'clock.

Mr. Brittain—It was to be as long as the children could be kept amused.

Mr. Cotter—Mr. Porritt and I conferred together about striking out some of the items and there were so many by little children and it was getting monotonous. It was decided to curtail the programme.

Mr. Porritt—I objected to cutting out the children because I knew it would be a disappointment to them.

Mr. Cotter—I considered that they had two hours' entertainment and that it was enough. Many of the children live long distances off, and a quarter past 8 was late enough.

Mr. Thompson—You promised the hall to the Fire Brigade for a dance didn't you?

Mr. Cotter—I did not promise the Brigade as chairman, but as a private individual. I may state in connection with this matter that when the names of Mrs. Hume and Mr. Black were crossed off the programme I was under the impression that Mrs. Hume was not in the hall. Mr. Johnston informed me to this effect but it appears she entered by a side door and therefore the mistake.

After some further remarks respecting certain persons whose names were crossed off

Mr. Thompson asked of Mr. Cotter Who appointed you chairman of that entertainment after Mr. Buchanan left

Mr. Cotter—The meeting was essentially a school children's treat and the committee carried out the programme. I was appointed chairman of the committee and therefore took the chair.

Mr. Porritt—It is not fair to bring up such a matter now.

Mr. Thompson—I hold that Mr. Cotter had no business to take the chair unless proposed by some member of the committee or person in the hall

Mr. Cotter—I did not take Mr. Buchanan's chair.

Mr. Thompson—No, but you took one from a lady, which I was surprised at. It was very bad manners.

Mr. Cotter—I did not take it as you say. Perhaps you wanted to take the chair.

Mr. Thompson—No, sir; I am an honourable man. Mr. Colter—Am I not?

Mr. Thompson—No, sir; if you were you would not have gone to the Fire Brigade and offered them the hall for a dance without consulting your colleagues,

Mr. Hebley—By whose authority were the names of the performers crossed off the programme.

Mr. Cotter—I did it on my own. Mr. Hebley—

You had no right to do so.

Mr. Cotter—Well, I admit it. I consulted with Mr. Porritt upon the matter though.

Mr. Porritt—Mr. Cotter asked me, but I did not wish for any omissions.

Mr. Thompson—I move that an apology be sent to Mrs. Hume, Mr. Black, and the children who were treated in such an unmannerly way.

Mr. Hebley—I second it. Mr. Johnston—The committee had nothing to do with it.

Mr. Lewis—As Mr. Cotter has admitted he made a mistake, he ought to be made apologise.

Mr. Cotter—Made ! Made !

Mr. Lewis—Yes. made

Mr. Colter—Oh, no. I will use my own opinion about the matter.

Mr. Lewis—Then I will move that you be no longer chairman of the committee.

Mr. Cotter—You may do as you like.

Mr. Lewis—So I will. I will move a resolution to that effect next Friday. You speak disrespectfully of the committee outside, calling them barbers, snobs and other names.

Mr. Cotter—I deny it. I treat you all as gentlemen and I expect you will do the same with me.

Mr. Hebley—Did you not say outside that you were the chairman of the committee; that none of us were up to much, and that you had a mind to resign ?

Mr. Johnston—Well, gentlemen, I object to as a committee sending an apology. I will resign first.

Mr. Lewis—Let us apologise for the conduct of our chairman.

Mr. Hebley—Ob, no. Let the one who did the mischief apologise.

Mr. Cotter—Mr. Black was not in the hall when his name was erased. Mrs. Hume came in at the back and I did not know it. It was a mistake and I very much regret that it was made.

Mr. Hebley—How many names were scratched off the programme that night. Mr. Johnston (looking over the list)—Nine, but I am not certain.

Mr. Thompson—You invited all the Matarawa school children I believe. How came you to do that on your own responsibility ?

Mr. Cotter—I did not. I met Mr. Ponsonby, the teacher of the school, and I told him there was some talk of asking the Matarawa children, but we feared that the crossing of the swing bridge at night would be against their coming. Mr. Ponsonby said he thought it would not. I then suggested that his committee might talk over the matter. He said he would see Mr. Gallon and Mr. Welch, as he himself would be in Masterton on the Monday, and perhaps these gentlemen would come over and confer with this committee. It would have been a piece of impudence on my part to invite the Matarawa children. A letter in the Standard of today says I asked it in the presence of the Matarawa children. This is a downright lie. I mean to answer the letter.

Mr. Brittain—I saw Mr. Ponsonby and he told me that perhaps delegates would be sent.

Mr. Hebley—Can you say, Mr. Cotter, that you did not invite Mr. Ponsonby and the children?

Mr. Cotter—I did not. Mr. Hebley—Mr. Ponsonby told me that you did, and that he would----

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Mr. Cotter—It is a lie.

Mr. Hebley—Will you face it out ?

Mr. Cotter—I will. Do you think I would be fool enough to take the responsibility of inviting another school without consulting this committee ?

Mr. Hebley--Mr. Walter Udy was present when Mr. Ponsonby told me.

Mr. Porritt—Mr. Ponsonby certainly thought the children had been invited.

Mr. Johnston—Mr. Ponsonby was under the impression that the Matarawa children had an invitation to this treat and that the settlers there would be expected to subscribe. But he did not like to bring the children over and then ask the parents to pay after.

Mr. Cotter—All I said was that if delegates were sent they could cooperate with us, but I gave no free invitation.

Mr. Thompson —Let us write and ask Mr. Ponsonby about the matter.

Mr. Lewis—Why did you, Mr. Cotter, call for tenders for the treat before we had decided upon having one.

Mr. Cotter—In order to know the cost I asked Mr. Loasby and also Mr. Grigg. It was merely to get information.

A short and warm passage of arms upon this “ tender ” question brought a very interesting meeting to a close. Mr. Cotter stated that in getting the figures at which the treat could be supplied he did it that the committee should know what the probable cost would be. Some of the members, however, appeared to think that he had ignored them, and that tenders should have been called after the treat had been discussed.

29<sup>th</sup> June 1887 The Greytown School Committee.

To the Editor of the Standard. Sir, —I was glad to see that the committee of the Greytown School Committee have tried to put themselves right with the public concerning the cutting down of the programme of the recent entertainment. Such a proceeding was universally condemned and I am glad to see that the Chairman of the meeting, Mr. Cotter, has acknowledged his error. But there is another matter I would like the committee to inquire into. They have I believe spoken of it amongst themselves privately, but it should be brought before the committee as a body. One of their number used language before the children which was anything but becoming. If he wanted a child to get out of his road, it is said he swore at them. Now, if this is true, it shows a very bad state of affairs--the sooner snob men are off the committee the better. I am, Ac., Parent.

1<sup>st</sup> July 1887 The public of Greytown are much interested in the differences which have arisen between the Greytown School Committee and their cl ' Airman, and we believe there will be a good Attendance at the meeting tonight at half past 7 at the schoolroom, when several matters will be brought forward for discussion. We trust that the committee as a whole will avoid unnecessary personalities

1<sup>st</sup> July 1887 To the Editor of the Standard.

Bib,—The members of the Greytown School Committee had an unpleasant task before them last Friday night in having to call upon their chairman to account for sundry misdoings, but I believe all right thinking people will agree that the members were just and deserving of praise in seeking a thorough explanation of matters from their chairman, who did not by any means acquit himself ' creditably. The chairman appears from first to last to have taken upon himself all business connected with the Jubilee treat without having the common courtesy to consult any of his colleagues, thereby showing that he is totally unfit to hold his position, having grossly abused the trust reposed in him by placing the Committee in an unpleasant light before the eyes of the public. Such being the case it is clearly impossible the entire confidence of the Committee can be again placed in Mr. Cotter, who has yet to explain one or two matters to the satisfaction of the Committee, which it is to be hoped he can do. It was not only towards his colleagues that Mr. Cotter was guilty of discourteous treatment, but also towards those ladies and gentlemen who had kindly come forward to assist at the entertainment. If Mr. Cotter's ambition so led him away as to take the chair at snob entertainment without being asked, why in the name of reason did he not extend mere common courtesy towards the public. No, Mr. Cotter, there is no denying the fact that you have taken too much upon yourself, and smart though you be and bard as you struggled to wriggle yourself out of the difficulty you did not do it sufficiently well to satisfy the views of the public. I think, Mr. Editor, that there is only one respectable course open to Mr. Cotter, and that is for him to quietly resign without waiting for committee-man Lewis to move his resolution at next meeting. If Mr. Cotter will do this he will show his good sense and perhaps with admiration and even respect of his colleagues, and now, Mr. Editor, I would like to say a little about a certain venerable individual, who by his choice language and rowdy behaviour,



made himself prominently unpleasant at the children's treat. I was very much surprised and could scarcely credit it when I heard this person was a member of the School Committee ; one, who at his years ought to have been one of the first to preserve order and set an example to the children instead of polluting their ears with bad language, and conducting himself in each a manner as would lead a person to believe that he and whiskey were by no means deadly enemies. I hear that this person is a great supporter of Mr. Cotter; now will Mr. Cotter kindly do one good action and thus earn the gratitude of many. That is to try and (reform this individual and tone him down. Thanking yon Mr. Editor for your kindness in allowing me this space.

I am, &c., HOUSEHOLDER Greytown ,June 20, 1857.

1<sup>st</sup> July 1887 The Greytown School Committee, after payment of all expenses in connection with the 'Jubilee treat, have a small balance to credit for future festive occasions

4<sup>th</sup> July 1887 The Greytown School Committee hold another lively meeting on Friday night and the Chairman was asked to resign, which he positively refused to do. After the meeting the Chairman and another member of the Committee attempted, to settle their differences by a pugilistic encounter in which it is said' that the Chairman came off second best

5<sup>th</sup> July 1887 If the Greytown School Committeemen are an index of the class of men ruling the destinies of the rising Colonial youth', there is not much prospect of them turning. out anything but prize-fighters, judging by the Standards comments on a recent meeting of that august body. "Some may think it a fitting climax to such a meeting that the chairman and Mr. Thompson should settle their differences " outside." It was so. It is understood that these two gentlemen after a few warm words went at it, the aggressor being Mr. Cotter. But " soldier Thompson" evidently knew how to use his " fives " and notwithstanding being nearsighted went for his opponent in a vigorous manner and compelled him to beat a retreat,. The victorious committee man losing sight if the chairman,, and being defective in vision, was-nearly slaying an onlooker before he discovered his mistake,. Of course the bystanders enjoyed the fun, but such proceedings are scandalous, and the effect upon the youth of the town is of a most debasing character

9<sup>th</sup> July 1887 At the ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee a member gave notice of motion that the Chairman should resign his office, as the Committee have no confidence in him. One Committeeman accused a colleague of using profane language in the presence of the children at the Jubilee treat. The Committee got through their routine business, but broke up in loud confusion later in the evening. One Committeeman struck another in the face, whereupon the person attacked knocked his opponent down : here let the curtain fall

27<sup>th</sup> July 1887 Wellington Education Board meeting report included On the motion of Mr. Bunny, it was decided to supply the Greytown School with a new bell. It was also decided to supply forms for the school as requested, but that an application for alterations to the school should be held in abeyance.

28th July 1887 cracked bell at the Greytown School formed a subject for the consideration of the Education Board yesterday. Mr. Buchanan mentioned the existence of the evil, ~ and suggested that it should be remedied. The Chairman of the Board (Mr. Blair) remarked good-humouredly that the matter was an important one, for there was no more unpleasant thing than a cracked bell. Mr. Bunny backed Mr. Buchanan up, and suggested that the bell should be returned and a new one sent up. This was agreed to

27th December 1887 The prizes were presented at the Greytown school on Friday last, There was a good attendance of parents and friends, and Mr. F. H. Wood handed the awards to the successful children, accompanying each gift with a few pleasant, and encouraging remarks

Note this must have been a very difficult time for the school as none of the 4 newspapers were carrying any news of the school and the School Committee were clearly barely operating

## 1888

1888	173	Greytown	Porritt	Thomas	Headmaster	£255	\$49,970
1888	173	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£115	\$22,535
1888	173	Greytown	Bannister	Matilda	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,838
1888	173	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,838

7th May 1888 The match Masterton School v, Greytown School played at Greytown on Saturday, resulted in a victory for the former by two tries to nil

27th June 1888 The Board of Education had under consideration this morning the question of the transfer of one of the assistant teachers in the Greytown School, the committee having preferred a request that he should be re- | moved. The matter was considered in committee and it was decided to take certain action in the matter

21st June 1888 Great preparations are being made for the reception of Sir George Grey at Greytown on Friday. The local school children will be drawn up in array near the Post-office at 2 o'clock, and it is expected a large number of Natives will also be present.

23rd June 1888 The reception to Sir G. Grey at Greytown this afternoon was most enthusiastic. Old settlers came in from different parts of the Wairarapa. Influential and representative men also took part. Addresses were read by the Mayor of the borough and by H. Mahupuku, on behalf of the Maoris. The school children were assembled, and sang the National Anthem. The native rifle corps acted as a guard of honour, and the proceedings from first to last were very successful. Never has the town of Greytown presented such an animated appearance. About 1000 people were present, and Sir G. Grey was much pleased and affected by the hearty welcome he received.

27th June 1888 The Greytown Committee applied for a new board and easel. It was resolved to ask them to explain what had become of all the other boards and easels.

24th July 1888 The Greytown school boys played the Masterton lads on Saturday at Masterton a match of football, which resulted in a draw, neither side scoring

12th October 1888 The Greytown School examination results are as follows

Standard I.— Presented, 29 passed, 29.

Standard II.— Presented, 39 passed, 29.

Standard III.— Presented, 37 passed, 28.

Standard IV.— Presented, 35: all passed.

Standard V.— Presented, 14 passed, 8.

Standard VI.— Presented, 16 passed, 7.

Total, 83 per cent. The report is good, the school's only weakness being in arithmetic in the upper standards.

28th September 1888 Miss Agnes Haigh for some years past one of our most efficient pupil teachers at the Greytown Public School has, through ill health, been compelled to send in her resignation to the Education Board

13th October 1888 He complimented the headmasters, Mr. Bunting and Mr. Porritt respectively, upon the general efficiency of the schools and the teaching power, and congratulated them upon the success attending their efforts, especially as both percentages of passes were good

31st October 1888 Inspector Lee's report included Greytown, not satisfactory, assistant's work on the whole good, head master's arithmetic weak; Mr. Lee said that, apart from arithmetic, the work of the Greytown higher standards could not be said to be weak, though it was certainly not strong. After some desultory dissuasion, it was decided that the Inspector's report should be referred to the Greytown Committee for their attention, and that its consideration be resumed at next meeting.

20th November 1888 Some difference of opinion has been expressed among the residents as to the teaching power of the Greytown school.

A petition has gone round, and was signed by 19 parents desiring a change, but a counter-petition has been signed expressing entire satisfaction with the headmaster and his coadjutors, the latter represented a very large majority of the parents of children attending the school, so no doubt the matter, which has been deferred by the local committee, is now practically settled at any rate, the School Committee refuse to bear the onus of expressing their opinions, as they consider the Education Board should be best able to judge

1<sup>st</sup> December 1888 Yesterday, at the Public School, a presentation took place, One of the teachers (Haigh), has through ill-health been compelled to, resign, and many, of their friends subscribed *Rest blotted out by an ink blob*

6<sup>th</sup> December 1888 The Chairman of the Greytown School Committee has received notice from the Wellington Education; Board that Mr. Porritt, of the Greytown School,, is to be removed; to Pahautanui -.The name of his successor cannot, be published at. present pending the: approval of the local committee

8<sup>th</sup> December 1888 A-requisition signed by parents whose children attend Greytown School and many residents of the townships is to be forwarded to the Board of Education Wellington, praying that Mr. T.' Porritt may be retained as headmaster of that School.

10<sup>th</sup> December 1888 From Our Own Correspondent), The reported intention of the Education Board to remove the head teacher from the Greytown school has caused a deal of speculative talk amongst the residents here, one result being two numerous signed requisitions of heads of families, sending their children for tuition and others whose children were scholars, and of persons of influence and intelligence not requiring school help all of whom deplore such action on the part of the Education Board. The petitions with names attached were published in your local contemporary the Standard, in its last issue. A few remarks re the foregoing will probably be interesting to the Outside reader. Some time ago a strenuous effort was made by sundry residents here to oust Mr. Porritt from his position, the reason being as alleged something like the following sentence: The children didn't get on as they ought to". This effort signally failed. The intelligent portion of the community could see that the dissatisfied ones required what no teacher could give to a scholar, viz., more brains. It is alleged that the reason why the change is to be made, is weakness in arithmetic passes, The question arises, is this the fault of the teacher or the scholars Is it not rather the fault of the precious examination system three-fourths of which is of no earthly use to nine tenths of the scholars in their future career.

Mr. Porritt is held in esteem by his scholars and the general public of Greytown, and justly so. He identifies himself with the Volunteer Involvement, and His various Societies, social and religious, in the place, and should the Education Board persist in his removal, Greytown will lose one of its most useful citizens

11th December 1888 The parents and children attending the Greytown School have forwarded a petition to the Board of Education praying that body not to carry out its intention of transferring Mr. Thomas Porritt, the headmaster, to another district after the Christmas

holidays. Mr. Porritt is a very efficient teacher, and the Greytown people are loath to part with him

13th December 1888 Harold E. Porritt, of Greytown, aged 11 has succeeded in carrying off the second of the Junior Scholarships offered by the Wanganui Collegiate School!. This is the second time a pupil from the Greytown School has carried off this scholarship.

19th December 1888 The Greytown Committee applied for additional accommodation. It was decided to have the work done at once, and the Chairman was authorised to accept a tender.

20th December 1888 Mrs Scale granted leave of absence for one year with one month's salary by Wellington Education Board

20th December 1888 Mr. Porritt. It was decided that Mr. Bunting should be appointed to the Greytown school, and that Mr. Porritt should be appointed to the charge of the Featherston school, subject to the approval of the Committee.

## 1889

1889	216	Greytown	Bunting	Henry	Headmaster	£275	\$49,998
1889	216	Greytown	Vacant		Assistant Master	£100	\$18,181
1889	216	Greytown	Leighton	Lucy	Assistant Female	£85	\$15,454
1889	216	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,272
1889	216	Greytown	Mowat	Elizabeth D	Female Pupil Teacher	£35	\$6,363
1889	216	Greytown	Bunting	Elizabeth	Female Pupil Teacher	£30	\$5,454

12th January 1889 We are pleased to find that the long services of Mr. T. Porritt, the master of the Greytown School, is about to be recognised before his departure, by a testimonial.

He has been a very useful and energetic public servant apart from his school duties. For a long time he has been connected with the Literary Institute, and has 'taken a deep interest in its welfare; in horticultural matters he has been one of the chief supports of the Greytown Horticultural Society. His work, too, at the Cemetery will be a lasting monument to his zeal. It is owing' to Mr. Porritt that the ground has been laid off in 'a proper manner, and the different sections numbered he also did a great deal to the of the Cemetery with shrubs and trees. He has been an active member of the Greytown Rifle Corps, and holds the position of Lieutenant; he is also captain of the cadets, Quiet and unassuming he has worked steadily on for the welfare of any Society or institution he has been identified with, and his departure from Greytown will be regretted by many.- We hope the testimonial will be a substantial one,—Standard

30th January 1889 Wellington Education Board The question of accepting a tender for repairs to the Greytown schoolhouse was deferred until next meeting, the Chairman and Mr. Bunny undertaking to inspect the building in the meantime and bring in their report.

An application for part salary for Mrs. Scale, of the Greytown School, during her absence in England, was not granted

30th January 1889 Our late schoolmaster, the Rev. T. Porritt, has not as yet commenced the work of tuition at the Featherston School, owing, it is alleged,- as rumour has it; to offered by -the Featherston-. -School Committee

31st January 1889 The. - Board decided to adhere to their determination to place Mr. Porritt in charge of the Featherston School. An application from Mr. Porritt for compensation for a coach house erected at Greytown. and an orchard was refused.

21st February 1889 No definite action will be taken in reference to the proposed enlargement of the p Greytown School until next meeting of the ii :o Education Board, when the gentlemen who when he visited the district yesterday will report on the subject. We understand, however, that d they are impressed with the necessity of w providing greater accommodation for the recent influx of scholars

21st February 1889 Mr. Blair and Dr Newman, members of the Education Board, with Mr. Dorset, the Board's secretary, went up to the Wairarapa by train yesterday morning, and returned last night. The object of the visit was in connection with the Greytown School, in which Mr. Bunny was to assist

27th February 1889 The roof of Tauherenikau Aided School was also getting into a bad state. The report was adopted, and! tenders were ordered to be called for the alterations at Greytown, which it was mentioned would cost nearly £500. The sub-committee also reported that they were favourably impressed with the manner in which the business of the Greytown school was being carried on under difficulties. The attendance had increased by 60 since January, and they believed that in Mr. Bunting the Board had a valuable servant

20th March 1889 The extensions and additions to the Greytown and Clareville Schools, decided upon by the Education Board, will be proceeded with at once, and tenders will be called for the works immediately

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It was decided to advertise for an assistant at Greytown at £100 a year

27th April 1889 The Waihi Football Club has lost one of its best members in Mr. J. E. Kalaugher, who has been appointed to the Greytown school in the Wellington district. Mr. Kalaugher was trained in the Geraldine school, and was for some time a teacher on the staff of that school till receiving an appointment on the Temuka High School staff about twelve months ago. His departure will prove a great loss in football circles in South Canterbury. Though only about eighteen years of age, he proved himself to be one of the fastest three-quarter backs in the local Union, his play receiving the highest encomiums from all football critics. He has played for his Club in all its most important matches, and was a member of the South Canterbury representative team which played against the Maoris

24th April 1889 School Committee election GREYTOWN. R. Black 26, A. L. Webster 23, W. C. Cuff 20, B. W. Tate 20, L. St. George 19, B. A. Wakelin 17, Dr. Smith 14.

Last night the annual election of School Committee took place. There was not a very attendance of .holders present owing to the very creditable manner in which the retiring committee carried out their duties. After the adoption of the report and balance sheet, Mr. W. C. Cuff was voted to the chair, when the election of committee proceeded with in the usual manner resulting in the following gentlemen being declared duly elected, Messrs. .Black, Cuff, Tate, Webster, Wakelin, Dr. Smith, St. George. Eleven were nominated At the subsequent meeting of the new committee, Mr. Cuff was elected Chairman and Mr. Tate Secretary

30<sup>th</sup> May 1889 Wellington Education Board included An application by the Greytown Committee that the roof of the school should be covered with iron, and that certain drainage work should be carried out, was referred to the Board's architect.

17<sup>th</sup> September 1889 The public school, under Mr. Bunting, appears to be progressing well, and the same may be said of the Featherston school, under Mr. Porritt. Both schools are steadily increasing in the numbers of scholars attending

20<sup>th</sup> September 1889 The attendance at the Greytown School seems to have increased considerably during this last year. The following are the comparative daily averages; —June quarter, 1889, number of names on roll ,266, average attendance 216; June quarter, 1888, on the roll 217, average attendance 171.

This is an increase of forty-five in the daily number of scholars present. A wet day makes a remarkable difference in the patronage of the children.

On Tuesday last week, which was a fair day, 288 were present. The next day (Wednesday) was stormy, and only 167 pupils braved the elements

26<sup>th</sup> September 1889 Resignations.—Mr. J. P. Kalaugher, assistant teacher at Greytown, forwarded his resignation, stating that he had received the offer of a better situation in Canterbury, from which place he had some about three months ago.

Mr. Bunny thought that the case should act as a warning to the Board not to employ teachers coming from the South.

Rev J. Paterson disapproved the frequent changes of teachers which necessitated the upsetting of the school routine.

Dr. Newman did not think the man could be blamed for accepting a better position. The Chairman suggested that they should communicate with other Boards with a view of coming to some definite understanding as to the interchange of teaches. After further discussion the Board decided to accept the resignation.

*Mr. Kalaugher went back as an assistant teacher at Timaru School*

7<sup>th</sup> October 1889 A daily average of two hundred and sixteen children attended Greytown School during the quarter just ended. The highest number for any one day was two hundred and thirty-eight, and the lowest one hundred and thirty-eight These figures are very good for the winter quarter

14<sup>th</sup> October 1889 The results of the annual examination of the Greytown School by Mr. Lee are as follows :—

Standard 7—5 presented, 1 failed, 4 passed.

Standard 6—34 presented, 1 absent, 2 failed, 30 passed.

Standard 4—31 presented, 1 excepted, 4 failed, 26 passed.

Standard 3—36 presented, 1 absent, 1 excepted. 1 failed, 28 passed.

Standard 2—38 presented, 1 excepted, 1 absent, 1 failed, 35 passed .

Standard 1-34 presented, 1 absent, 33 passed.

Preparatory standard— 61 presented, 2 absent.

Totals— 195 presented, 4 absent, 4 excepted, 17 failed, 170 passed

*No Standard 5 in either of two lists published*

24<sup>th</sup> October 1889 The result of Inspector Lee's examination of the Greytown, Featherston and Carterton Schools stands thus:—Passes, Greytown, 91 per cent, Featherston, 86 per cent, Carterton, 80 per cent

29<sup>th</sup> October 1889 Our school children have passed through the ordeal of examination very creditably indeed, and show a good average, Greytown securing 91 per cent, of passes, while Featherston follows with 86 per cent. This week our Mayor had the pleasant duty of presenting drawing certificates to the successful Greytown scholars. The averages in this class for the three large schools of the South Wairarapa may be considered satisfactory, the figures showing :— Greytown, 23 ; Featherston, 23 ; Carterton, 21

14<sup>th</sup> November 1889 Mr. Cuff, who has been the agent for the Now Zealand Bank here for the last twelve years, left this place for Auckland last week. Previous to his departure a purse containing forty guineas was presented to him by his friends in the town.

14<sup>th</sup> November 1889 The testimonial to Mr. W. C. Cuff on his departure from Greytown is to take the form of a purse of sovereigns with an illuminated address, on which all the subscribers' names are to be engrossed. The value of the purse is expected to reach £50 and the presentation will most probably be made by Mr. C. Pharazyn

23<sup>rd</sup> November 1889 The annual examination of candidates for the scholarships offered by the Board of Education will commence on Wednesday next.

The city candidates, numbering 108, are to be examined in the Terrace School, Mr. T. R. Fleming supervising, while the country candidates, of whom there are 21, will undergo examination at the Greytown School, under the supervision of the Rev. J. Hewson. The number of candidates is larger than was the case last year



20<sup>th</sup> December 1889 The distribution of prizes to the scholars of the State School here took place yesterday afternoon ,at' the School house. Further information is impossible as the authorities in the matter had not the courtesy to invite your correspondent

24<sup>th</sup> December 1889 Our Wairarapa schools have broken up for the Christmas holidays, and this end of the Valley may well be congratulated upon the success attained by the juveniles at the late examinations. Two of the Board's scholarships have boon retained in this district Francis R. Wakelin securing one for Greytown with a total of 364 marks, while George Toogood takes one to Featherston with 350 marks. In connection with our two principal Schools, Mrs. Scales, who had gone to England on leave of absence, has returned, and will resume duty as assistant at the Greytown school after the holidays

## 1890

1890	210	Greytown	Vacant		Headmaster	£275	\$51,879
1890	210	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£115	\$21,695
1890	210	Greytown	Mackenzie	Alexander	Assistant Master	£100	\$18,865
1890	210	Greytown	Braithwaite	Mary S	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,546
1890	210	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,546
1890	210	Greytown	Bunting	Elizabeth	Female Pupil Teacher	£35	\$6,603
1890	210	Greytown	Brunton	Ella	Female Pupil Teacher	£15	\$2,830

16<sup>th</sup> January 1890 Assistant Masters, Greytown, Hutt, and Carterton ; salaries, £100

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1890 Our Greytown correspondent informs us that the school picnic on Saturday was a big success, Mr. 'O'Connor is deserving of consideration for. his cheerful permission to the above, and to other schools holding an outing in his grounds

29<sup>th</sup> April 1890 The School Committee elected for Greytown is as follows:— Messrs. Black Webster, St George, Cuff, Wakelin, Udy, Wood. Chairman, Mr. St George. . -

4<sup>th</sup> June 1890 The applications for the newly created office of Assistant Inspector of Schools in the Wellington district wore considered fit a meeting of the Board Of Education this morning. The matter was discussed in committee at some length. Mr. T. It. Fleming, of the firm of Sinclair and Fleming, "solicitors, Mr. W. T. Grundy, head master of the Clyde-quay School, and Mr. H. Bunting, head master of the Greytown School, were proposed, and a vote resulted in the selection of the first mentioned gentleman

24<sup>th</sup> June 1890 Mr. Young, a member of the Wellington Education Board, visited, on Thursday last, the Greytown School, and witnessed an exhibition by the girl pupils under Mrs., Scale of the stave drill.' The Standard reports that Mr. Young was so much struck with the drill that he wished every member of the Board had an opportunity of witnessing it. So far all this is satisfactory enough, but what is "stave" drill? Conducted by Mrs. Scale, it has an apparent musical ring about it, but, of course, that cannot be. Then it must be " staff " drill, and if so, what kind of staff ?

Mr. Young's gratification thereat might imply that it was a sort of drill which the teaching staff might participate in with excellent results, educationally and physically ; but then why should the girl State school pupils of Greytown demonstrate anything of that kind to the Education Board 1 ,

After all, " staff or stave " drill must mean a series of exercise with staves or sticks. Now, the physical results of this drill may be excellent, but just fancy the vista it opens up for the future husbands of these Greytown School girls ? Will it not be certain that the homely but useful domestic broom handle will be tabooed in the Greytown homes of the near future? And was there any particular satire in Mr. Young's wish that the Wellington Education Board had an

opportunity of witnessing the possibilities associated with our girls being adepts in the use of the quarter staff

1<sup>st</sup> July 1890 The good people of Greytown were last evening treated to a novel, pretty and interesting entertainment. The children of the public school devoted an evening to the denotation of their parents and friends, and to do justice to the youngsters and their trainers, they certainly did wander amongst the various fixtures of the evening the stave drill certainly took the palm. The lithesome forms of the girls, the pretty white dresses with gay coloured sashes, and the regularity and precision with which the evolutions were performed presented an imposing and pleasing picture. The boys also in their drill certainly were not behind, and would make some of our volunteers feel abashed. The different stages of the drills were interspersed by dialogues, recitations, songs, &c, and the juvenile\* did marvels, jib not a single hitch occurred during that long evening's entertainment. It was gratifying to find that part of the hall open to the public more than comfortably filled. I should like to see this made an annual affair

4<sup>th</sup> July 1890 ARBOR DAY.

Demonstration at Greytown

The first regularly organised tree planting day yet held in New Zealand was celebrated in Greytown yesterday, and after the success which attended its institution and the admittedly good results which may in the future be expected from it, "Arbor Day," as it is called, will undoubtedly become an annual event of increasing interest as the years roll on, and Greytown will not alone bear the honour of taking part in such a demonstration, for the movement is bound to spread. Indeed it has spread, reports from other places tell us,

The day was beautifully fine, Captain Edwin, 'although unable to respond to the cordial invitation of the Secretary and come himself, had sent along one of his real tip-top' compounds in the way of weather, and yesterday, specially manufactured to the order of Greytown, regardless of expense, was simply perfect. A dear mild atmosphere, a blue Italian sky, and under foot just enough of the traces of recent inclemency to make one realise how gracious the elements were in their desire to pay respect to Greytown's gala day, now all over. The day, is wet and cold and "dreary"

It rains and the wind is never 'weary,"

The procession started punctually at 11 a.m., and the proceeding lasted three hours, concluding at 2 p.m. Everything passed off well. There was no tedious waiting, and no confusion or carelessness in the planting of the trees. Today's rain should indeed make them spring up in all the flourishing growth of a hardy youth, for they were all healthy saplings. The total number of trees planted was one hundred and fifty three, and they consisted of Spruce, Tubocoulata, and Pinus Maritia.

The Greytown Brass Band led the procession, and then followed about 250 school children, each bearing a flag. A huge wagon carried the younger children, next came Mr. A. Bowers' brake, laden with trees, and the farmer costumed in the smock frock and dress of an English farmer. Mayors, Councilors, Committee and Road Board Chairmen, townspeople, buggies and horsemen completed the retinue. Upon arrival at the scene of plantation it was noticed that the protecting triangles extended from the railway along the Featherston road towards the Cheese Factory, and it was this, the south approach to Greytown, it was proposed to beautify. There were by this time --fully 400 adults and 250' children present,, and the appearance was bewilderingly gay and alive with the air of festivity to the onlookers. The children as they marched along fell in to the railed enclosures which had been numbered and allotted to them, and soon all were busy planting the trees which will so long survive even the youngest of those responsible for their existence. The following will also be commemorated by a tree of their planting:—Mr. Wood, who represented Mr. F. H. Wood, an ex-mayor, Mr. Win. Beetham, (Chairman of the North Wairarapa County Council and Master- £ ton Road Board);

Mr. H. Braithwaite, (South County Council and Taratahi-Carterton Road Board); Messrs. .Udy, senr., Udy, junr., (ex-. Mayors), Mr. R. Fairbrother, (Mayor of Carterton.) The teachers of the Greytown school, and the natives. A tree each for Sir George Grey and Mr. W. C. Buchanan, M.H.R., was planted by the Mayor of Greytown. These gentlemen, it might be mentioned, were unavoidably absent on their Parliamentary duties. \_ They each, however, generously contributed five guineas towards the expenses fund. Sir George Grey, in excusing his own absence, sent one of his charmingly expressed messages fraught with the congratulatory sentiment and delicate flattery to the recipients, which he invariably so well conveys. Other apologies were read from influential settlers, who all commended the undertaking. Short speeches were made by several of those whose names we have previously mentioned, and also by Mr. Bunting, Tenuiorangi, (Mr. Brown), and S. Mahupuku. The proceedings terminated with three cheers for the schoolmaster, and the singing by all present of God Save the Queen. The crowd then dispersed.

This record of the day's proceedings would not be complete without a tribute of praise to Mr. W. O. Nation, the gentleman who initiated the idea of an Arbor Day in Greytown, and who has so ably and successfully conducted the scheme to a practical issue. Mr. Nation is ever ready to spend his time and his energy in whatever benefits his township, in the unselfish way in which he does -this is an example of true patriotism, if this expression may be used in speaking of one who loves his country. The benefit to Greytown in making it attractive to visitors, with its future Sylvan beauty, is hard to overestimate. It is a pretty retreat now for those who are weary of a city life in Wellington, and what it will be in a few years to come, with continued nourishment, is easy to perceive by those who at all reflect. The concert in the evening was equally successful, and completed the day's triumph

22<sup>nd</sup> September 1890 Mr. H. Bunting headmaster of Greytown School, who is at present incapacitated through very serious illness was slightly better yesterday

29<sup>th</sup> September 1890 . By the death of Mr. Henry Bunting, headmaster of the Greytown School, the Wellington Education Board loses one of its most valued servants. Inspectors, officials, and all who were familiar with his methods, speak highly of the admirable manner in which all his schools were disciplined, and personally mourn the decease of such an excellent friend as Mr. Bunting proved himself to be. At the request of the Greytown Committee directions have been given to close the school for a week. It is probable that the Rev. H. E. Tuckey, the Board's relieving teacher, will be sent to Greytown to take charge pending a permanent appointment

29<sup>th</sup> September 1890 Greytown North, This Day. Mr. Bunting, headmaster of the Greytown School, died on Saturday evening. He had been ailing for about a fortnight. The deceased gentleman was born in Belfast, Ireland, and held a position as headmaster for 21 years in various schools in England.. On arriving in New Zealand about seven years ago, he was appointed the head of the Gladstone School, afterwards to Featherston, where he remained for about six years, coming then to Greytown. His death has opened a profound sensation. He was respected by all who came in contact with him, and loved by the children of all the schools . He will be buried at Featherston to-morrow, at 3 o'clock. The children of the Greytown School are to be taken to Featherston in braked, in order to follow. The Featherston School will also attend. Mr. Bunting leaves a widow and five children, the youngest about 9, to mourn his loss. Evening Post

29<sup>th</sup> September 1890 Wairarapa Daily Times We regret to chronicle the death on Saturday at about. six o'clock in the evening, of Mr. Henry Bunting, head- master of the Greytown School, at the age of fifty three years. The deceased is to be buried on Tuesday in the Featherston Cemetery. The hearse, and cortege will leave the schoolhouse, . Greytown, at one o'clock, and will go { by road to Featherston, The Greytown School Committee is arranging for braked to convey those of the school children who are desirous of attending the funeral. A

more extended obituary . notice from the pen of our South Wairarapa correspondent will appear in to-morrow's issue

30<sup>th</sup> September 1890 Wairarapa Daily Times Last Saturday evening Mr. Henry Bunting, head teacher of the Greytown public school, breathed his last after a short illness, of about a week. Deceased died upon the eve of his 53rd birthday. He was born in Belford, Ireland, and finished his education at Homerton College, near London. He was appointed headmaster of Dorchester school, which situation he held for 10 years and afterwards held a similar appointment in the south of England. Being ill-health he consulted his medical man, who advised him to "go abroad," so he determined to come to New Zealand, arriving here in 1883. His testimonials were highly approved by the Wellington Education Board, who appointed him to Gladstone school, Palmerston North, and afterwards to Featherston, and finally to Greytown, where he was highly esteemed by those who knew him. He was a man of strictly temperate habits, with a "penchant" for study, and in public was known as a quiet, unassuming, Christian gentleman. His death is a loss to the Education Department and a calamity to the widow and bereaved family, for whom much sympathy is felt. He will be buried in Featherston cemetery to-day. Mr. Bunting was a Freemason, but the ceremonious rites of the craft will not be introduced into the quiet funeral proceedings of today. The Masons will be there, and so will the school children whom he loved so well and served so faithfully, but these and all his friends will follow sadly in the garb of ordinary life, the remains to the grave of their departed fellow-sojourner in this life's short existence.

A Masterton correspondent writes: —"Poor Bunting is dead. His complaints were complicated. Congestion of the liver, followed by inflammation. He leaves a wife and three daughters and two sons, one of the latter being a pupil teacher in the Masterton school. His fellow teachers will miss him very much and deeply regret his death."

1<sup>st</sup> October 1890 AN IMPOSING FUNERAL. [By Telegraph] {Our Own Correspondents.) Palmerston North, This Date. The funeral of the late Mr. Henry Bunting, which took place yesterday, was the most imposing one ever seen in Featherston. At one o'clock the hearse, followed by the Greytown school children, and a large number of friends, proceeded down Main street, Greytown. On arrival at the railway station, the children entered brakes, and were driven to Featherston, where the cortege was joined by the children of the Featherston School and a large number of adults. The sight was most imposing. The girls wore white dresses with black sashes, and each bore a bouquet or wreath of flowers.

Arriving at the grave the Rev. Mr. Murray (Presbyterian), assisted by Rev. Mr. Dellow (Wesleyan), conducted the services. More than a thousand persons were present. It is proposed that the tomb be erected by subscriptions from the scholars, both past and present, of the schools that the deceased gentleman presided over for so long. All business was suspended in both townships yesterday. Evening Post via Palmerston North

11<sup>th</sup> October 1890 The Board of Education have arranged to place the Rev. H. E. Tuckey in temporary charge of the Greytown School, which has been carried on since Mr. Bunting's death by the assistants. The Wainuiomata School, which Mr. Tuckey was to have taken charge of during Mr. McNeill's indisposition, is not to be reopened until the end of next week

29<sup>th</sup> October 1890 The resignation of Mr. Wilford Scale, pupil teacher at Greytown, was accepted

30<sup>th</sup> October 1890 The Greytown School Committee recommended that Mr. Flux, of the Clareville School, should be appointed successor to the late Mr. Bunting. The Board decided to invite applications for the vacancy, and in the meantime the Rev H. E. Turkey to take charge.

31<sup>st</sup> October 1890 An application from Mrs. Bunting for the transfer of her daughter, a pupil teacher in the Greytown school, to Masterton. Was granted The Education Board resolved to

refund the expenses (£2 each), incurred by pupil teachers in the Wairarapa in attending the approaching examinations at Masterton.

19<sup>th</sup> November 1890 Wellington Education Board require a Headmaster for the X Greytown School ; average attendance, 200. Salary, about .£275 (according to certificate and residence. Applications must be made on forms to be obtained at this office, and be sent here not later than Saturday, 22nd inst. A DORSET

20<sup>th</sup> November 1890 About a dozen applications for the position of headmaster of the Greytown School, vice the late Mr. Bunting, have been received by the Education Board, and others are expected before Monday next. All the applications will be dealt with by the Board next Wednesday. The salary is .£875, and the successful applicant will be allowed the use of a residence. The school is at present in charge of Mrs. .Scale, one of the staff.

20<sup>th</sup> November 1890 The headmastership of the Greytown School, made vacant by the death of Mr. Bunting, is being temporarily filled by the Rev Mr. Tuckey, the Education Board's supernumerary master. Applications are invited for the position, the salary attached to which is £250 per annum NZ Times

22<sup>nd</sup> November 1890 The Greytown Flower Show and Hose Exhibition held in the Palace Hall yesterday was a decided success The exhibits generally were most numerous and of a higher class than last year, and the attendance, which was a liberal and constant sprinkle of visitors in the daytime and a, perfect deluge of people in the evening, when the brass band also played, must be considered as highly satisfactory. With the Barnum-like spirit with which they are thoroughly imbued the Greytown. people had arranged for the attendance of school children each tastefully dressed and bearing flowers. Two hundred came from the Greytown school, about one hundred from Featherston, and nearly forty - from Kaiwairua, • When the children paraded in the hall, the girls in one avenue the boys in the other, to have their floral bouquets

inspected and distinguished by awards where merit warranted, the effect was picturesque and pleasing in the extreme

22<sup>nd</sup> November 1890 Mrs. Bunting and her; family have removed from Greytown to Masterton.

13<sup>th</sup> December 1890 hear on good authority that Mr. George Flux, at present master of the Clareville School, has been appointed head master of the Greytown School, There will; therefore be a vacancy at Clareville

16<sup>th</sup> December 1890 The Greytown School Committee meets to night. We understand that its members are unanimously in favor of confirming the appointment of Mr. George Flux to the Greytown head mastership, and that the Clareville School Committee are just as united in their feelings of regret at losing be admirable a teacher

## 1891

1891	194	Greytown	Flux	George	Headmaster	£275	\$51,422
1891	194	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£115	\$21,504
1891	194	Greytown	Mackenzie	Alexander	Assistant Master	£100	\$18,699
1891	194	Greytown	Braithwaite	Mary S	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,480
1891	194	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,480
1891	194	Greytown	Brunton	Ella	Female Pupil Teacher	£15	\$2,805

15<sup>th</sup> January 1891 The meeting of the Greytown School Committee which was to have been held last night was adjourned for want of a quorum.

12<sup>th</sup> February 1891 public holiday is to be observed in Greytown to-morrow in honour of the annual school fete

14<sup>th</sup> February 1891 The Greytown School Committee abandoned yesterday their intention of taking the children to Woodside for their picnic, on account of the unpredictable weather, but decided to take advantage of Mr. Barnard's kind offer to allow them the use of his commodious and centrally situated Hall, free of charge, for the day. All day long the room was thronged with numbers of laughing children, who seemed to be in the height of enjoyment. The usual games were indulged in, under the superintendence of several young ladies. At intervals during the day the children were regaled with all sorts of "good things," and evidently appreciated Mr. Duffs catering. The teachers, Mesdames. Scale, Yorke and Braithwaite, and Messrs... Flux and McKenzie, ably assisted by the School Committee and Mesdames. Black, Duff, Fuller, Roydhouse and Thompson (2) are to be thanked for their untiring zeal displayed in attending to the young people. Special praise is due to Mr. W. R. Thompson for the enthusiasm he has shown all through.

17<sup>th</sup> February 1891 The Greytown School held their races which were postponed last Friday in Mr. O'Connor's paddock kindly lent for the occasion

17<sup>th</sup> February 1891 The annual picnic of the Greytown School will very likely be put off until Easter Monday, when in all probability an endeavor will be made to have a special train laid oil to Eketahuna, and the charges made moderate, so that all the Greytown residents may take advantage of it, have a day's outing, and an enjoyable trip in the train through country that not many of them have had the opportunity of seeing

19<sup>th</sup> May 1891 EDUCATION BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS.

(to the editor.) Sir.—At the ordinary monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee, the following resolutions were carried : (1) "That the Education Board be requested to increase the value of all country scholarships from £30 per, annum to £60 per annum." (2) " That a copy of the foregoing resolution and the following circular be forwarded to all the chairmen of the School Committees in the Wellington District, asking for the co-operation of their Committees."

For some years past it has been evident to everyone who has considered the question, that the present scholarship value is quite inadequate for country competitors. The majority of parents of children attending country schools do not receive more than £100 and £120 a year income. The gainer of a scholarship, to avail himself of the prize, would cost h s parents at least £40 in addition to the £30 value of Scholarship, for board, lodging, etc. It is quite out of the question for the majority of parents to find this sum. We know from experience that parents in country districts have declined to take up scholarships which their children have won, because of their utter inability to meet the extra expense .....

28<sup>th</sup> May Wellington Education Board meeting At the meeting of the Education Board yesterday, a letter was received from the chairman of the Greytown School Committee, stating that it had been resolved that the Board be requested to increase the value of all country scholarships from £30 to £60 per annum. The Board deferred consideration of the matter until next meeting, Mr. Buchanan undertaking to bring down a motion dealing with the question.

11<sup>th</sup> June 1891 ARBOR DAY AT GREYTOWN The residents of Greytown yesterday celebrated the anniversary of their first Arbor-day by another successful planting of useful and ornamental trees. The place chosen was the side of the road leading from the . Station to x Mr. T. Kempton's. The school children, in number of about 800, assembled at the: school

and formed a procession under the command of Mr. Flux and Mr. W. R. Thompson, marshal. In front of the Palace Hall a halt was made and Mr. Price took a photograph of the procession; The 'Greytown Brass Band, who kindly gave their services free, now headed the company and a move was made to the scene of operations; His Worship the Mayor (Mr. R. A. Wakelin) opened the proceedings with a short address, which was interpreted to the Maoris – by the 'Rev Mr.' Dowse. ; The first tree was then planted by the Mayor, Mr. Tunuiorangi, on behalf of the natives, planting the second. The children then began their duties and worked away most energetically. No less than 40 of the 120 trees planted Were put in by. native children, and they have named their plantation "Kuraiaura." All who assisted to make the affair a success, are to be complimented upon the result. The following are the gentlemen who acted on the committee, Messrs. R. A. Wakelin,' Nation. Izard, Flux, St. George and W. B. Thompson.

27<sup>th</sup> August 1891 An application from the Greytown School Committee for a sum of money for gravelling the playground, and for the erection of lavatories was considered, and it was decided to let the matter stand over until the inspector's report was received.

30<sup>th</sup> September 1891 The Greytown Committee were anxious that scholarship examinations should be hold alternately in Masterton, Greytown, and Featherston. The request of the Greytown Committee was refused, and it was decided that the examinations should be hold at Masterton.

The Chairman stated that the Government had reported in a favourable manner of the Papawai School. There were at present 21 white children, one half-caste, and 21 Maori children, attending the school, and he thought it would be advisable to take it over from the Education Department. Only English was taught in the school. It was decided to take the school over.

21<sup>st</sup> November 1891 The Greytown Horticultural Spring Show was held yesterday, and hundreds of persons turned out last night to see it. In the afternoon the school children of Featherston came np by train, and. the children of the Kaiwairai and Waihaakeke Schools were brought in brakes. The Greytown School also attended, and the whole of the children were admitted free.

12<sup>th</sup> December 1891 A concert was hold m the Palace Theatre at Greytown before a very large audience last night, in aid of the Public School Library of that place, and was a decided success from every point of. view. The programme, which consisted of a number of club exercises, pole drill, songs, etc., by the schoolchildren, fencing and single sticks by Mons de Mey and Mr. R. Wallace, of Wellington, and club exorcises by Mr. A. G. Kemp, also of Wellington, was carried out in a highly satisfactory manner, it was evinced by the hearty applause of the audience

## 1892

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1892	205	Greytown	Mackenzie	Alexander	Assistance Male	£150	\$27,824
1892	205	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£115	\$21,331
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1892	205	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,420
1892	205	Greytown	Brunton	Ella	Female Pupil Teacher	£20	\$3,710

26<sup>th</sup> January 1882 SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS.

The awards in the late Scholarship Examination have been declared by Messrs. Lee and Fleming, School Inspectors, as under, the maximum of marks obtainable being 700:



WAIRARAPA SCHOLARSHIPS. L30 a-year, tenable for two years.—Charles Black, Greytown, 560 ; George Barron, Masterton, 416; Gwendoline Powell, Masterton, 431. CITY SCHOLARSHIPS. L15 a-year, tenable for two years.— Ettie Rout, Terrace, 580 ; Edgar Feltham, Newtown, 503 ;.....

2<sup>nd</sup> January 1892 The Educational Institute opens its annual session at Christchurch on Tuesday next. The Wellington delegates are Messrs. Ford (Wadestown), Pilkington (Porirua), and Flux (Greytown). Mr. Grundy (Clyde quay school) also attends as treasurer. Mr. H. Worthington, of Auckland (the secretary), who is on route, was in town on Thursday.

11<sup>th</sup> February 1892 Ella Brunton Greytown now classified second year pupil teacher

25<sup>th</sup> February 1892 Evening Post article included At Greytown, in the Wairarapa, two celebrations of the kind have, we think, been held, and it may be looked upon as an established event there

11<sup>th</sup> March 1892 Greytown North, This Day. The Greytown Town Lands Trust last night voted £60 a year to the School Committee — a welcome donation, as the Committee have found much difficulty in keeping things going in good working order

*Greytown North is like Havelock North. There was another Greytown near Mosgiel in Otago*

17<sup>th</sup> March 1892 Inspector's Report included The seventeen schools in class B range from 101 to 286 in attendance, and contain 2781 children, or about-j one-fourth of the total of the district schools. With the exception of some depression in the condition of the Taita and Featherston Schools, the results are good and the quality of the work improved. The improvement is most marked at Fernridge, Greytown, Hutt, Mangatainoka, and Vogeltqwn.' Fernridge presents as salient features excellent' drawing, science, recitation, and drill, Greytown is distinguished by neatness and accuracy, and by excellent standard VI and VII arithmetic and study of Scott

7<sup>th</sup> April 1892 We have received a copy of the words of a now cantata produced at Greytown last evening. The cantata is entitled "The New Zealand Arbor Day," words by the Rev. E. H. Wyatt and music by Mr. M. R. Varnham. The work, which was performed by the Greytown school children, is dedicated, to Sir George Grey

26<sup>th</sup> April 1892 Greytown, This Day. The following were last night elected a School Committee for Greytown: — Messrs. St. George, Black, Izard, Fildes, Hagerty, Pepper, Varnham, Shearer, and Skeet

28<sup>th</sup> April 1892 Leave of absence was granted under the regulations to Miss L. Treadwell, Upper Hutt, Miss M. Newton, Kaiwarra (three months each), and Miss Mary Yorke, Greytown (two months),

27<sup>th</sup> May 1892 It was decided to allow Miss Yorke (Greytown), who is on leave, a month's salary.

The matter of re-shingling one of the outbuildings in connection with the Greytown School was deferred, in order that the carpenter might report

31<sup>st</sup> May 1892 A football team picked from the Masterton School will play the Grey town School on Saturday next at Greytown,

30<sup>th</sup> June 1892 Mr. G Flux, murder of the Greytown , school, wrote asking that arrangements should be made by which the teachers m the Wairarapa should receive instructions in drawing instead of coming to Wellington for it. It was decided that the Board had no power to deal with the request,

23<sup>rd</sup> July 1892 Inspector's report included There had been a marked improvement in the Fernridge, Greytown and Mangatainoka schools, Fernridge presented as salient features excellent drawing, science, recitation, and drill, Greytown was distinguished by neatness and accuracy/

Improved needlework was shown at Greytown, Featherston and Taueru.



2<sup>nd</sup> August 1892 The Greytown Arbor Day Committee J met last night and resolved to carry tree planting' at the North end of the town on Thursday. The precession of children will leave the school ground at one o'clock with flags, and will be headed by the Greytown Private Braes Band. The Mayor is to plant the first tree and speak, and then the work will proceed. The Borough Council has declared a half-holiday

5<sup>th</sup> August 1892 Greytown celebrated its third Arbor Day yesterday, crowds of people turning out to see" the procession, Shortly after one o'clock the school children, carrying banners in their hands, and bended by the Greytown Private Brass Bund, started from St. Luke's Church corner and marched through the town to the planting ground, it., between Mr. G. Wyett's residence and Mr. W. C. Buchanan's Ahikouka station. The Mayor (Mr. H. A Wakelin) gave a short address and planted the first tree. Work was then proceeded with in earnest, each family present having a tree to plant. The Band rendered musical selections at intervals

29<sup>th</sup> September 1892 The question of levelling the Greytown school ground was brought up at the Meeting of the Wellington Education Board held yesterday morning, by Mr. Buchanan, who reported that the committee were somewhat sore at the matter having been put off from meeting to meeting, and wanted the levels supplied, Dr. Newman moved that further information be obtained by the Board before carrying out the work, and that such information being furnished the Board proceed with the work.

30<sup>th</sup> September 1892 The Greytown School examination, by Messrs. Lee and Fleming, was finished yesterday afternoon. The number of passes exceeds that of last year,

2<sup>nd</sup> November 1892 STATE SCHOOL DRAWING EXAMINATIONS. The following is the continuation of the list of the Wellington district school passes in the recent annual first grade drawing examinations Greytown North — H. Cotter (good), H. Dunn, P. J. Eccleton, C. Fisher, E. Fuller, L. Fisher, R. Fildes, F. Jansen, C. Kerdwell, H. Morris, J. Montgomerie (good), L. O'Connor, J. O. Skeet, J. T. Tilson, N. Wakelin (good), C. Wood

## 1893

1893	174	Greytown	Flux	George	Headmaster	£275	\$49,822
1893	174	Greytown	Mackenzie	Alexander	Assistance Male	£150	\$27,176
1893	174	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£115	\$20,835
1893	174	Greytown	Braithwaite	Mary S	Female Pupil Teacher	£50	\$9,059
1893	174	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40	\$7,247
1893	174	Greytown	Brunton	Helen	Female Pupil Teacher	£25	\$4,529

24th January 1893 Charles Black, eldest son of Mr. R. C. Black, the well-known postmaster of Greytown, has just succeeded in winning free education for three years at the Dunedin High School.

26th January 1893 An application was received from Mrs Gallagher, of Greytown, to be allowed to send her daughter, who had gained one of the board's scholarships, to the Convent School at Wellington instead of the Girls' High School. The application was refused, the board deciding, on the motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Fraser, that it could not depart from the regulations concerning the scholarships.

23rd February 1893 The board decided that tenders should be called for gravelling the Greytown School playground, the accept no of the tender to be left in the hands of Mr. Buchanan

9th February 1893 Ella Brunton Greytown qualified as a third year pupil teacher

17th February 1893 Greytown Horticultural Society PENMANSHIP. This class was open to all school children throughout the Wairarapa, but apparently only the Greytown scholars competed. The following were successful: —Writing: Boy under 9 years, W. Maxton, 1; R. Thompson, 2; Boy under 12 years, W. Buick, 1; N. Maxton, 2; Girl under nine years, Hilder Gallagher, 1; Mary Eccleton, 2; Girls under 12, E. Hebley, 1; May Hawke, 2; Girl under 15, K. Webster, 1, Maggie Gallagher, 2,

Special prizes were awarded to J. Dorrell (1), and D. Black (2), for boy under 10 years. Drawing (freehand): Stacy Fuller 1, W. Black 2, E. Puller highly commended

25th April 1893 The Greytown School election resulted in the return of the Revs. Messrs... McLean and Rowse, Messrs... Roydhouse, Shearer, Black, Fildes, Izard, Pepper, and Keedwell. The report of the outgoing Committee showed that the school had been satisfactorily progressing under Mr. Flux and his staff of teachers, and that the school library was the largest in the Wellington district

5th May 1893 The Greytown and Featherston School k cadet corps have been disbanded

31st August 1893 The measles have nearly completed their course in Greytown (says the Standard), after having steadily gone through nearly every family in the place. The attendance at day and Sunday Schools has been seriously affected, and the former will have to ..work hard to obtain the usual percentage of passes

25th October 1893 The salary of Miss Mary Yorke, pupil teacher at Greytown, was increased to £60

22nd November 1893 WAIRARAPA SCHOOLS. Three Scholarships, of £30 each. — Lynn Thompson, Greytown, 505 ; Frederick Daniell, Masterton, 478; Llewellyn Reeve, Pahiatua, 429 ; Gladys Flux, Greytown, 401 ; Theodore Hansen, Eketahuna, 380; Frank Jansen, Greytown, 357; William Toohill, Eketahuna, 342 ; Alexander Brown, Masterton, 332; Margaret Gallagher, Greytown, and Rebecca Fellingham, Feather a ton, 282 each

## 1894

1894	205	Greytown	Flux	George	Headmaster	£285	\$51,354
1894	205	Greytown	Mackenzie	Alexander	Assistance Male	£150	\$27,029
1894	205	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£120	\$21,623
1894	205	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£60	\$10,811
1894	205	Greytown	Braithwaite	Mary S	Female Pupil Teacher	£50	\$9,010
1894	205	Greytown	Braithwaite	Lillian	Female Pupil Teacher	£36	\$6,487
1894	205	Greytown	Brunton	Helen	Female Pupil Teacher	£36	\$6,487

31st January 1894 Mr. T. Turnbull, architect, submitted a report with reference to certain repairs and improvements at the Greytown school, and he was directed to proceed with the work

21st February 1894 The School Committee met last evening, and there was a warm discussion about the Education Board's action, in not giving the local committees time to nominate candidates. It was explained that was not the Board's doing, but an oversight of the Secretary. It was resolved, however, to write to the Board for an explanation in order that the same thing might be guarded against in the future. All arrangements were made for a good picnic on Thursday, and there will be 'what the boys call a " scrumptious" feed. Tenders were ordered to be called for firewood, and permission was given the Fire Brigade to use the school bell as a fire alarm was passed. A valedictory vote was passed to Mr. Fides on his leaving the district, and the Committee adjourned

22nd February 1894 The sum of £20 has been Subscribed in Greytown for the school picnic , which is to take place to-day on Mr. Hare's land

24<sup>th</sup> February 1894 The Greytown school holds my successful picnic yesterday afternoon in O'Connor's Bush ' There were about 300 children and a couple of hundred adults present, and all had a most enjoyable day

1<sup>st</sup> March 1894 The Inspector was directed to report to the Board as to what additions were required at the Greytown school

19<sup>th</sup> May 1894 Greytown School broke up on Friday afternoon for a fortnight's holiday, while the school is undergoing alterations

28<sup>th</sup> March 1894 An amended plan for the enlargement of the class-room at the Greytown School was submitted and approved, and tenders were authorised to be called

25<sup>th</sup> April 1894 The Greytown Committee wrote thanking the Board for its promptitude in ordering certain alterations

It was decided to transfer Miss Braithwaite from Clareville to Greytown.

29<sup>th</sup> May 1894 Wellington Education Board meeting The, Chairman reported that he had enquired into the charge of irregularity at the ' annual meeting of the Greytown householders. The Board's solicitors gave an , opinion to the effect that those householders ' who had come in while the ballot was in ' progress should have been allowed to record their votes. The Board declared the election void, and ordered a fresh election

31<sup>st</sup> May 1894 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT OF GIRLS.

A deputation of representatives from the Teachers' Institute waited on the Wellington Education Board yesterday morning with regard to the corporal punishment of girls. Mr. Grundy said the teachers generally seriously thought the discipline of the schools would be affected very much if the regulation prohibiting corporal punishment of girls were insisted upon, because it was well within the knowledge of every practical teacher that there were girls in all schools who were very difficult to manage, if they were not allowed to resort to corporal punishment they would have to resort to expulsion, which would be far more serious. The publication of the regulation had already had a bad effect on some girls in his school, who had taken advantage of the new state of affairs by ill-behaviour. They asked the Board at any rate to allow, them in the last resource to inflict corporal punishment on • girls, and they believed it was really in the best interest of the children and the schools. Miss Helyer also spoke of the necessity for teachers being allowed to punish girls occasionally. Mr. Flux, of Greytown, informed the Board that all the Wairarapa teachers were against the new regulation. The Board decided that the matter should be brought up at its next meeting, when the regulation will be recommitted.

12th June 1894 Tuesday.' The election of the Greytown School Committee was held last evening, when thirty-three householders were present. Mr. H. S. Izard was voted to the chair, and briefly stated that the present election was being held in consequence of the one at the annual meeting having been declared void. The following gentlemen were verbally proposed Messrs. H. S. Izard, W. F. Roydhouse, H. O. Black, S. Keedwell, H. McMaster, E. H. Trotman, W. Rowse, A. V. Grace, J. S. Pepper, A. Hornblow, and E. Dunn. Messrs. Haigh and Heagerty were appointed scrutineers, and the following was the voting:- Black 32, Izard and Rowse 29, Keedwell 27, Roydhouse, Trotman and Pepper 25, Walden 10, Dunn 7, Hornblow and McMaster 4

The Chairman declared the first nine duly elected, and thanked the meeting for the confidence reposed in them, as : this was the same committee appointed at the annual meeting. At a subsequent-meeting of the committee, Mr. H. S. Izard was re-elected Chairman; Mr. H. C. Black, Treasurer (re-elected) and J. L. Rees, Secretary (re-elected). It was resolved to hold a next meeting, on Tuesday, 19th inst. ' ' This concluded the business of the meeting, "

16th May 1894 The Board of Education has accepted the tender of E B. Hawkins at. £123 for various alterations to the Greytown School. The only other tender was that of H. Trotman, £172

11th July 1894 The Greytown School Committee met last evening when the whole of the members were present The usual accounts were passed for payment and a letter read from the Trust in reply to one from the Secretary of the School re annual grant stating that the rules should be observed re the expenditure of the grant. The Committee think that now they have to adhere to the rule, it will leave too little margin for cleaning, etc.

15th August 1894 The usual meeting of the School Committee was held last night, when it was decided to hold a special meeting next Tuesday evening to consider applications for cleaning the school. In the meantime Mr. W. Pole has been engaged

5th October 1894 The annual examination of the Greytown school has been proceeding this week, and I hear that the percentage of passes is very high. This is complimentary to the head master (Mr. Flux) and his staff of teachers

29th December 1894 The children of the Greytown School on Monday presented their headmaster, Mr. G. Flux, with a teapot and spirit lamp, butter dish, and set of carvers

## 1895

1896	205	Greytown	Bakewell	Frederick	Headmaster	£285	\$51,354
1896	205	Greytown	Bee	John G	Assistant Master	£150	\$27,029
1896	205	Greytown	Scale	Charlotte F	Assistant Female	£120	\$21,623
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1896	205	Greytown	Brunton	Helen	Female Pupil Teacher	£36	\$6,487
1896	205	Greytown	Gallagher	Nellie	Female Pupil Teacher	£20	\$3,604

3rd February 1895 Helen Brunton and Lilian Braithwaite of Greytown passed their fourth year Pupil Teacher examination

15th February 1895 The Greytown School Committee has decided not to join in the proposed railway excursion for the school children, says the Observer, but instead intend holding a picnic at Kuratiwhiti, Helen Brunton and Lilian Braithwaite of Greytown passed their fourth year Pupil Teacher examination

20th February 1895 A subscription list in aid of the picnic for the public school children has been largely contributed to by , parents and friends. There is every prospect of the treat proving pleasant and enjoyable

25th February 1895 Monday. Although the weather was anything but pleasant for picnicking, the public school children with teachers and friends met together in Mr. Judd's paddock at the far end of Kuratiwhiti last Saturday and spent a very enjoyable time until the rain came on shortly after three o'clock in the afternoon when the whole company were driven home in the vehicles kindly lent for the occasion

14th March 1895 In a long article about School libraries the following was included Greytown School heads the list in the number of books, 638; followed by Te Aro 500 Clyde quay, 480; Masterton, 450; Terrace, 380 ; Thorndon, 372; Fernridge, 350; Mount Cook Girls', 343; Petone, 316; and Mauriceville West, 307. Twenty-four schools have each more than two hundred books. The inspectors have at various times reported that they obtain the best composition and receive the most intelligent answers in all subjects at examination time from those schools where the teachers make a strong point of encouraging the children to read for themselves

27<sup>th</sup> June 1895 The request of the Greytown School Committee, that a local constable be appointed as truant officer, was agreed to.

1<sup>st</sup> July 1895 Head Teacher GREYTOWN School ; attendance 213. Salary', £255, and house Assistant Master Greytown School. -• Salary, £150

Applications must' be made on forms which can be obtained from this Office. A. DORSET, Secretary

10<sup>th</sup> July 1895 The local school committee met the other evening to discuss the question of headmaster and assistant to take the place of Mr. Flux and Mr. McKenzie (Sic), who have resigned to take up their new duties in the Empire City,.11th July 1886 A meeting of residents in the South Newtown and Berhampore districts was held in the new schoolhouse, Rintoul-street, last evening, to arrange with the Newtown School Committee on matters in connection with the opening of the school. Mr. Alex. Wilson presided, as Chairman of the Committee. It was. decided that the school should be opened on Monday, 20th July, at 9 a.m., and that at 2 p.m. a social gathering of the parents and guardians of the children shall be held in the school, for the purpose of meeting the head-master and teachers and celebrating the opening, the children to be granted a half-holiday.

A committee, consisting of Mesdames Wood, Lake, and Robertson, Misses Wood and Robertson, and Messrs... Hollis, Cobham, Mann, and Hamlin, was appointed to canvass the district for funds to provide refreshments, &c, and it was decided to issue special invitations to the Chairman and members of the Education Board, City School Committees, several gentlemen in the district through whose efforts the school has been erected, and the head-master and staff of the Newtown School. On the motion of Mr. J. W. Davis, a vote of thanks was passed to the Newtown School Committee for the efforts it was making to open the school in a suitable manner

11<sup>th</sup> July 1896 Mr. George Flux, who is coming from Greytown to be master at the new school at Berampore, was presented on Thursday by St. Luke's Sunday school scholars with a handsome pipe.

14<sup>th</sup> July 1896 The Board of Education has received 31 applications for the position of head-master of the Greytown School, nine for that of assistant-master, and six for the position of assistant-master at Newtown. The applications are to be considered by the Board tomorrow morning

14<sup>th</sup> July 1896 A public meeting -was held in the State schoolroom last Friday evening when occasion was taken to bid Mr. Flux, headmaster and Mr. Alex. McKenzie, assistant-master, farewell on their departure from this town. ; A fair number of residents were present. Mr. Heagerty (Mayor), on behalf of those present, made the presentation to the above-named gentlemen (the former receiving a handsome gold albert chain and the latter a scarf pin set with rubies and pearls) as a mark of the esteem in which they were held. Mr. Flux | was also presented with a set of gold sleeve links by the scholars, Both gentlemen feelingly responded

15<sup>th</sup> July 1896 The Education Board has appointed Mr. F. H. Bakewell of the Thorndon School, to the head-Mastership at Greytown. Wairarapa Daily Times

15<sup>th</sup> July 1895 The applications for the positions of head teacher and first assistant at Greytown, and, third assistant at Newtown, vacant by the promotions of Messrs... G. Flux, A. McKenzie, and E. J. Look, were considered by the Board of Education this morning. A selection was made, but the names will not be published until the Committees interested have been consulted ( *Evening Post. See previous entry from a Wairarapa paper* )

16<sup>th</sup> July 1895 Evening Post The two vacancies on the staff of the Greytown School have been filled by the appointment of Mr. P. H. Bakewell, now first assistant at Thorndon School, as headmaster, and Mr. J. Bee, of the Mangamahoe School, as first assistant

24<sup>th</sup> July 1896 Mr. F. H. Bakewell, first assistant at Committee, also presented Mr. Bakewell with a gold albert guard and greenstone mere pendant. Addresses were delivered in a very cordial tone by Mr. Richardson and Mr. C. T. Benzoni, another member of the committee, and also by ' Mr. Mowbray, headmaster.

27<sup>th</sup> July 1896 Mr. Bakewell with his family has arrived here and commences' his duties as headmaster of the State School to-day, The assistant master also takes up his duties to-day.

26<sup>th</sup> August 1896 The Chairman said the Committee which had visited Greytown in reference to the request made by the Committee that the present site should be exchanged for another and better one, thought the circumstances justified the exchange. It was resolved to agree to the proposed exchange, subject to further consideration as to whether a new school should be erected or the old building removed

19<sup>th</sup> October 1895 Herbert Smith, second son of Mr. H. Smith, of this town, died at Hospital at noon last The little fellow was thirteen years of age and had been ailing for about eleven years, He was able to go to school up till about a month ago, and although a cripple, was a very bright and intelligent lad being in the fifth standard and beloved by all his school fellows. About a month ago he took to bed and was removed to the Hospital a week back. Mr. Smith has the sympathy of many friends in his sad bereavement.

21st October 1895 The funeral of the young lad Herbert Smith, took place last Monday afternoon. The public school children with the headmaster (Mr. Bakewell) and assistant headmaster (Mr. Bee) followed the remains of deceased. Many friends were also present, The Rev. A. V. Grace conducted the funeral service at the grave. A large number of wreaths were carried by the children

28th October 1896 The question of a pupil teacher at Greytown was left in the hands of the Chairman, with power to act. An application for a grant for repairs to the teacher's residence at the same place was agreed to, the carpenter being asked to see to the matter.

## Bakewell Frederick Haslam Frescheville

Fred was born Frederick Haslam Freschville Bakewell in London in 1858, to Robert Hall Bakewell, a surgeon and his wife Arabella. The Bakewell's were a prominent family involved in "intellectual thinking", his grandfather was a preacher and his great grandfather was one of the developers of "psychiatry". His father was a fascinating character and I copy this from an article I found on the web

"He served as a military surgeon in the Crimea, was invalided home with cholera, then dismissed from the army for writing to The Times criticising conditions at Scutari.

He then practised in Deptford, married Arabella in 1856, took the family to Cuba (1862), back to Staffordshire, six years in Jamaica (1866-72), then in 1873 to New Zealand as ship's doctor on the emigrant ship Charlotte Gladstone.

He practised in Dunedin, the West Coast, Nelson and Christchurch, finally settling in Auckland in 1887. In the Anglo-Boer war he was again (at age 70) an army surgeon, claiming (wrongly it turns out) to be the only man to have served in both those wars. Inventor (he designed an airship), botanist, controversialist ("a thorn in the side of his own profession") and lecturer, he wrote voluminous letters to newspapers and private correspondents (including Charles Darwin), a host of chatty articles, a lively autobiography, many medical papers and pamphlets, two stories published (under pseudonyms) as newspaper serials, and an unpublished drama — "but I have never descended so far as to write verse".

He came from a literary and intellectual Dissenting family, especially on his mother's side — Marianne Haslam published widely on education and child rearing and her niece Frances was the grandmother, and literary catalyst, of Jorge Luis Borges"

(Whose) His father also converted the family to Catholicism which was incredibly rare in those days

1894/4162	Helen Mary	Brown	Frederick Haslam Frescheville	Bakewell
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1883	7	Starborough	Bakewell	F H F
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1884	8	Starborough	Bakewell	F H	
1885	12	Starborough	Bakewell	F H T	
1886	409	Masterton	Bakewell	Thomas	Assistant Master
1887	467	Masterton	Bakewell	F H	Assistant Master
1888	479	Masterton	Bakewell	F H	Assistant Master
1889	482	Masterton	Bakewell	F H	Assistant Master
1890	339	Thorndon	Bakewell	Frederick	Assistant Master
1891	375	Thorndon	Bakewell	Frederick	Assistant Master
1892	358	Thorndon	Bakewell	Frederick	Assistant Master
1893	325	Thorndon	Bakewell	Frederick	Assistant Master
1894	372	Thorndon	Bakewell	Frederick	Assistant Master
1895	383	Thorndon	Bakewell MA	Frederick	Assistant Master
1896	205	Greytown	Bakewell	Frederick	Headmaster
1897	209	Greytown	Bakewell	F H	Headmaster
1898	217	Greytown	Bakewell	Fred H	Headmaster

Starborough was the name for Seddon The town was renamed in 1901 after Premier Seddon

Questions

How did he end up in Starborough

Where did he go to school

Where was his mother when his father had a live in patient

Where did he do his MA Who was Helen Mary Brown

What happened to Beatrix

Who is Robert

1898/4775	Bakewell	Beatrix Helen	Helen Mary	Frederick Hadam
1903/13957	Bakewell Roger	Anker Helen Mary	Frederick	Haslam
	Frescheville		Frescheville	

1880 1881 R John Bakewell taught at Lyell Sole Teacher

27th September 1883 Wo regret to learn that Mr. Blakewell,(sic) the master of the Starboro' school, met with a somewhat serious' accident yesterday afternoon. He was firing at some glass balls from a trap, when the left barrel of his gun exploded, carrying away his entire left thumb. As soon aa possible Mr. Blakewell was driven into town, and was able to avail himself of surgical assistance

2nd October 1883 Otago Times The young man who had his thumb blown off and forefinger injured at Blenheim by the bursting of n gun was Frederick, second son of Dr Bakewell, now of Christchurch and formerly of Dunedin





School, who holds a B1 certificate, was born in London in 1858. He is a son of Dr. Bakewell, of Auckland. Leaving England when a child, he was educated at Queen's Collegiate School, Trinidad, West Indies, finishing his school course at the Boys' High School, Dunedin. In 1872, he arrived in Port Chalmers, and afterwards went to South Canterbury, and subsequently to Nelson, where he was engaged in sheep-farming for ten years. From 1879 to 1881, Mr. Bakewell served in the N.Z. Defence Force, embracing the teaching profession in Marlborough in 1883. His first appointment was in the Starborough Aided School, where he remained three-and-a-half years, afterwards becoming second assistant at Masterton for a like period. Promoted to the position of first assistant at Thorndon, he served six-and-a-half years, being transferred to his present position in 1896. Mr. Bakewell was married in 1894. An enthusiastic chess player, he took third place in the New Zealand Chess Tournament of 1891–92, drawing his game with Mr. Siedeberg, the champion of that year. Mr. Bakewell graduated as B.A. in 1894, and M.A. in 1895.

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30th January 1896 The Greytown Committee asked for a number of small repairs, which the Board decided shall be done by its carpenter.

*Papers Past was not giving correct dates for Greytown School 1896 and so it was difficult to get material in date order*

## 1897

1897	209	Greytown	Bakewell	F H	Headmaster	£285	\$50,841
1897	209	Greytown	Bee	John G	Assistant Master	£150	\$26,759
1897	209	Greytown	Burnett	Isobel	Assistant Female	£80	\$14,271
1897	209	Greytown	Yorke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£60	\$10,703
1897	209	Greytown	Brunton	Helen	Female Pupil Teacher	£42	\$7,492
1897	209	Greytown	Gallagher	Annie	Female Pupil Teacher	£32	\$5,708

27th January 1897 A communication was received from Albert Tocker, of Greytown, stating that he could not accept the scholarship he had won. The resignation of Mrs. Scale, of Greytown, was accepted, and it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, that Mrs. Scale be written to expressing the Board's appreciation of her long service

Mr. Buchanan moved that tenders be called for the erection of the new Greytown School. Agreed to.

28th January 1897 Mr. Tocker, Greytown, wrote stating that his son could not accept the scholarship he had won. The Board decided that Master Brown should retain the scholarship already awarded him at Greytown,

11th February 1897 Education Board, Wellington, 9th February, 1897. TENDERS • for the Erection of a new School at Greytown will be received at this office up to Monday, the 22nd inst. ' Plans at the teacher's residence, Greytown, and at my office THOS. TURNBULL, Architect

17th February 1897 I have seen the plans for the proposed new school for our town. It is a handsome looking building with a frontage of seventy-five feet by fifty -six feet. It has a passage down the centre ten feet wide which gives entrance to live class-rooms, and a teacher's room, all spacious, and the whole place is capable of holding three hundred children. (3 feet is = to 0.9144 metres)

27th March 1897 The limber for the now school is now n being carted 011 to the ground, and 1 hope to see the school well under way before long.

27th February 1897 The School Committees elected last night were as follows :—: — Greytown. — Rev. W. Rowse (Chairman) and Messrs... A. Murray, E. H. Trotman, W. H. Day, R. A. Scott, H. Walden, J. R. Nicol, Sec. Thomas, R. Wylie (Secretary

28th April 1897 There was so small an attendance of householders at the annual School Committee election last night that scarcely enough nominations could be obtained to call for an election. The annual report was read and adopted. Mr. R. Wylie was elected Secretary and Mr. R. A. Scott, Treasurer

5th May 1897 Mr. Benton, local con tractor for the new school, is hurrying along with its erection

31st May 1897 Mr. Blair, chairman of the Wellington Education Board, has presented the Greytown School Library with two volumes of the “Dictionary of Geography, History, biography, Mythology and Chronology together with a copy of “ American Literature.”

1st June 1897 There is not being much interest displayed in the Record Reign Celebration here. After a rambling meeting the other night, it was decided to have some sort of sports gathering on the reserve when the school children will assist, and that a portion of the proceeds go to getting the new school grounds in order.

5th June 1897 There was a well-attended meeting of the Record Reign Celebration Committee at the Council Chambers last night, delegates being in attendance from all the local societies and institutions. It was decided that all the school children assemble at the new school grounds on the morning of the 22nd, when each will be presented with a medal with the Queen's head stamped on it, after which the children will plant trees on the new ground. Some speechifying will then take place, after which all the societies and members of the various local bodies and institutions will join a procession headed by the Brass Band, and march through Main-street to the Reserve, where sports will, be held for the children, and football matches and other attractions will occupy the public mind. It was decided to form a Ladies Committee to provide refreshments for the children, which will be tendered for. Mr. Maguire was appointed master of the procession, In the evening there will be a torch-light procession and display of fire-works, and the Band Concert at the Palace Hall.

9th June 1897 Mr. D. Barrett has given twenty five choice trees to be planted by the children at the new school grounds on Record Reign Day

16th June 1897 Charlie Kempton, a lad attending the local school, made a severe gash in the thigh of his left leg through the knife slipping while he was cutting a piece of Cape elder. Dr. Bey stitched up the wound.

2nd August 1897 SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

The match between the Mastodon and Greytown Schools played at Greytown on Saturday last was won by Greytown after a close struggle by eight points to five. Masterton was handicapped by not having its strongest team in the field and found on arrival in Greytown that they had to play Greytown and Featherston combined, not simply the Greytown school team as expected. This was a great disadvantage but still they would have won had they played more carefully and not thrown away their chances. Te Tau scored a try for Masterton which he converted and Heard and Maunsell scored for Greytown one of which was converted by Beard

28th July 1897 and a grant of £25 was made for gravelling the new school grounds at Greytown. A strip of about 9ft of the old school ground was directed to be conveyed to the Greytown Borough Council for street widening purposes, in return for the site already given by the Council to the Board.

29th July 1897 A sum of £23 was voted towards gravelling at Greytown School. The Board decided to grant a strip of land to widen Great Frederick street, Greytown.

22nd September 1897 The public school examination commences today. Inspectors Lee and Fleming arrived by the evening train last night, According to the headmaster's report the average attendance at the school was under 200 for the past month. There are a number of parents in the town who do not place enough value upon the educational system that is within the reach of their children to enjoy, and these parents should be compelled to send their children to school regularly. The cantata which is to be given shortly will be well worth hearing. A full practice was held last Monday evening and all the pieces were nicely rendered. The proceeds are to be handed over to the Public School Committee and will go towards improving the new school grounds

24th September 1897 I hear that Mrs Scale, now of Dunedin, and who was teacher in the Greytown public school for an extended period, is at present in ill health.

27th September 1897 The new school is to be opened this -week and the children are all looking forward to the event with much interest. The f lamination of the public school concluded last Friday, and the percentage of passes on the whole was good.

29th September 1897 The new public school was opened here to-day. The children, headmaster and teachers, together with the school committee walked in procession from the old school to the new building which is situate at the back of Dr. Bey's residence in East street. The building is one of the most up-to-date schools in the colony.

29th October 1897 The entertainment given in the Foresters' Hall, last night, in aid of the Public School, was, as anticipated, a grand success. The attendance of the public was large the hall being full. The Greytown Band discoursed music outside the Hall prior to the commencement of the entertainment. The first part of the programme consisted of a cantata, "King Alfred and the Danes," The orchestra opened with an overture. Then followed a chorus, tenor solo ; by Mr. T. J. Rowse, male quartette, contralto solo 'by Miss Ella Gallagher, duet by Messrs. Baillie and Rowse, bass solo by Mr. Baillie, and other musical items', which were very nicely rendered. Mr. Shearer as conductor and Miss Udy as pianist, deserve much praise for the way the cantata in all its parts was so successfully given.

## 1898

1898	217	Greytown	Bakewell	Fred H	Headmaster	£285	\$48,821
1898	217	Greytown	Bee	John G	Assistant Master	£150	\$25,695
1898	217	Greytown	Burnett	Isobel A	Assistant Female	£80	\$13,704
1898	217	Greytown	York	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£60	\$10,278
1898	217	Greytown	Braithwaite	Lilian B	Female Pupil Teacher	£42	\$7,195
1898	217	Greytown	Brunton	Helen	Female Pupil Teacher	£42	\$7,195
1898	217	Greytown	Gallagher	Annie	Female Pupil Teacher	£36	\$6,167

28th January 1898 The school excursion from the South Wairarapa districts took place to-day, a special train bringing into town 160 children from the Greytown School and 220 from Featherston, Kaiwairi, and Cross's Creek, while about 40 from Martinborough followed "by the regular 1 train. The little travellers have found amusement in exploring the city, and this afternoon a large number of them are engaged on a harbour excursion in Mr. J. H. Williams's steamer Duco, All the schools will be taken home by a special train which leaves the city at 6 p.m.

18th March 1898 What does the Education Board intend to do with the old school building is a query now being asked Why not put it up to auction and turn it into money

30th March 1898 An application from the Greytown Football Club for the use of the old school room for a gymnasium, was referred to the local committee.

1st April 1898 THE GREYTOWN PROCEEDINGS. Greytown North, This Day. Greytown is observing a full holiday today in honour of the visit of the Governor. His Excellency arrived in the early morning train from Masterton, but stayed in the carriage until 10 o'clock, when he was officially welcomed by a great crowd at the railway station, an address presented, and the combined Greytown and Hikurangi Bands played while the school children sang the National Anthem

31st May 1898 The Education Board has granted the use of one of the rooms in the old school to the Greytown Football Club. What is to be done with the other rooms? why not sell the building as it stands or put the whole of it to some practical use. A building which has cost about £500 or £600 allowed to remain as at present is a disgrace to the Education Board and a waste of public money'

2nd August 1898 The old school building still remains a white elephant. The Education Board should either sell the buildings, or turn them into good , account. To allow the building to , remain as at present is a standing .....disgrace. The £1000 spent on building the new edifice might just as well have been saved,

8th September 1898 Miss Brunton, of Greytown, is to take charge of the Mangamaire School.

19th September 1898 The examination of the Greytown School has ended very successfully, only nine failures being recorded.

26th September 1898 Miss Nellie Brunton has been transferred from the local State school, and Miss Braithwaite, of Waihakeke, has been appointed to the vacant position. Miss Brunton was the recipient of a nice and suitable present by the scholars. When taking her departure, Mr. Bakewell, the headmaster, made the presentation

6th October 1898 Altogether 155 boys and girls have signified their intention of competing for the annual scholarships offered by the Board of Education. The number of candidates from each school will be as follows : — City schools — Newtown, 17 ; Thorndon, 16 ; Terrace, 15 ; Mount Cook Boys', 13 ; Clyde Quay, 12 ; Mount Cook Girls'", 8 ; Rintoul street, 6. Country schools — Petone, 11; Masterton, 8; Greytown, 8; Karori, 5; Hutt and Carterton, 4 each.....

1st December 1898 In committee, yesterday afternoon, the Education Board appointed Mr. F. A. Bakewell, M.A., at present head teacher at the Greytown School, as the third Inspector of Schools. Mr. Bakewell, who has been in the Board's service for some years, has an excellent record. He was at different times assistant teacher at Masterton and Thorndon Schools

1st December 1898 Head Master, Greytown. School ; average, 217 ; salary, £285 and residence

16th December 1898 Mr. Parkinson, of the Willis-street school, has been appointed head master of the Greytown school

In 1889 Henry Parkinson was teaching at Wanganui Boys School

1890	27	Dreyerton	Parkinson	Henry A	Master	£175.00
1891	29	Dreyerton	Parkinson	Henry A	Master	£175.00
1892	12	Dreyerton	Parkinson	Henry A	Master	£185.00
1893	25	Dreyerton	Parkinson	Henry A	Master	£185.00
					Assistant	
1894	486	Te Aro	Parkinson	Henry	Master	£220.00
					Assistant	
1895	486	Te Aro	Parkinson	Henry	Master	£220.00
					Assistant	
1896	496	Te Aro	Parkinson	Henry	Master	£220.00
					Assistant	
1897	511	Te Aro	Parkinson	Henry A	C1 Master	£220.00
					Assistant	
1898	477	Te Aro	Parkinson	Henry A	C1 Master	£220.00
1899	207	Greytown	Parkinson	Henry A	Headmaster	£285.00
1900	194	Greytown	Parkinson	Henry A	Headmaster	£285.00
1901	190	Greytown	Parkinson	Henry A	Headmaster	£265.00
1902	199	Greytown	Parkinson	Henry A	Headmaster	£265.00
1903	177	Greytown	Parkinson	Henry A	Headmaster	£265.00
1904	200	Greytown	Parkinson	Henry A	Headmaster	£241.00

1905	243	Greytown	Parkinson MA	Henry A	B1	Headmaster	£248.00
1906	241	Greytown	Parkinson MA	Henry A	B1	Headmaster	£265.00
1908	845	Newtown DHS	Parkinson	Henry A	B1	Head Master	£390.00
1909	837	Newtown DHS	Parkinson	Henry A	B1	Head Master	£400.00
1910	804	Newtown DHS	Parkinson	Henry A	B1	Head Master	£400.00
1911	799	Newtown DHS	Parkinson MA	Henry A	B1	Head Master	£400.00
1912	841	Newtown	Parkinson MA	Henry A	B1	Head Master	£430.00
1913	825	Newtown	Parkinson MA	Henry A	B1	Head Master	£430.00
1914	842	Newtown	Parkinson MA	Henry A	B1	Head Master	£430.00
1915	852	Newtown	Parkinson MA	Henry A	B1	Head Master	£440.00
1917	787	Newtown	Parkinson MA	Henry A	B-7	Head	£440.00

17<sup>th</sup> December 1898 Mr. F. H. Bakewell, M.A., who has been promoted to an inspectorship of schools, was presented at a farewell entertainment last night with a travelling portmanteau and silver dinner service by the teaching staff and pupils of Greytown School. Mr. Bakewell is highly respected, and Greytown is sorry to lose his valuable services. The entertainment was one of the most enthusiastic seen in Greytown.

20<sup>th</sup> December 1898 The concert given in the Foresters' Hall last Friday evening, by the Greytown school children, was in every way a splendid success. The attendance of the public was good, the hall being packed. After various items on the programme had been dealt with a pleasing ceremony took place—viz., a presentation was made to Mr. Bakewell by the school children, teachers and Mr. Lewis. The presents were a travelling bag, china tea service (not silver as reported), and a large framed photo of the school staff. Young Master Halse, on behalf of the school, read an address to Mr. Bakewell, who suitably responded, and said he sorry to leave Grey town, and thanked the school and staff for their kind wishes and the presents they had made him. Miss Nelly Lewis then presented him with the framed photograph on behalf of the teachers

## 1899

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11th January 1899 Dr. E. E. Porritt, just out from the Old Country, where his brilliant career has been watched with much interest by many warm friends who knew him well in his youthful days at school in Greytown, and who bears with him from His Professor the very highest testimonials, will for the present make a short stay in Greytown, where he will assist Dr. Bey in his extensive practice. His ultimate destination he has not yet decided upon, but it is probable that when he does so that he will make special subjects of the eye and throat affections, If good wishes will assist him he is very sure to be successful wherever he may decide to practice

18th January 1899 Mr. H. Parkinson, the lately appointed headmaster of the local school, arrived in Greytown last evening, and is to be followed by the remainder of his family during the week.



The local School Committee meet on Friday next at 7.30 p.m., when matters are to be considered prior to the re-opening of the School.

24th January 1899 Saturday. The School Committee met last evening, there being present Rev. W. Rowse (chairman), Messrs. Hull, Brunton, Day, Nicol and King. The minutes of the previous regular and special meeting were confirmed,

The usual correspondence outwards was read, and inwards, from Secretary of Education Board re appointment of head teacher and stating that the fact of his appointment reaching the papers before the Committee were surprised of it was not the fault of his office. A letter was received from Mr. Parkinson, the newly appointed master, thanking the Committee for electing him and stating the date upon which he would reach Greytown.

A circular was received from the Education Board asking the committee to nominate two members for the Board. It was resolved that Mr. Buchanan, M.H.R. be nominated by the committee.

The Chairman reported the arrival of Mr. Parkinson and that the Board had repapered the residence as far as the rooms were concerned but had left the passage undone, also that certain repairs had been done to the roof.

The credit balance was reported at £33 7s 4d, and accounts were passed for payment amounting to £1 10s 4d. Messrs. Murray and McColl were appointed visitors for the ensuing month.

9th February 1899 The usual monthly meeting of the School Committee was hold last evening. There were present the Key. W. Dowse (chairman), Messrs Nicol, Duff, King and Beard. An apology was received from Mr. Murray. The Headmaster, Mr. Parkinson, was also in attendance, and was welcomed by the Committee at their meeting and a hope expressed that he would find it convenient to be always present, A letter was received from the Education Hoard enclosing cheque of £8 for capitation.

The Featherston School Committee wrote asking that the Greytown Committee would join them in a school excursion to Wellington on the 24th inst and after some discussion 't was resolved to accede to the request, 'he credit balance was reported as £39 2s, and accounts were passed for pay. lent to the amount of £4.

The Headmaster reported that the attendance as et was not what it ought to be, although ; was comparatively better than or the same time last year. In very other respect things were proceeding satisfactorily. Some discussion took place as to getting the Board's Truant Officer to visit Greytown and resolved that a request be made to the board for the use of that officer for a time. The Chairman and Secretary were asked to attend to the necessary details with respect to the excursion and .he meeting closed

21st February 1899 All the talk here just at present is about the school excursion on Friday next to Wellington, and as the number of adults are limited now to the number of children that go, there is a good chance of some being disappointed. In former days the children were a secondary consideration,

23rd February 1899 As Albert Tocker, of Greytown, was unable to accept a scholarship,, to which he was entitled, it was decided to award the sum to Miss Clemance

25th February 1899 tremendous crowd of children came: from Featherston, Greytown and Cross's Creek to Wellington by the school excursion train which was run yesterday. 1 The youngsters spent a very pleasant day inspecting the sights of the city

4th March 1899 On the occasion of the recent school excursion from Greytown to Wellington, Mr. H. Parkinson, late assistant master of the To Aro School, and now head \* master of the Greytown School, met with a pleasant surprise. He was invited to luncheon by the headmaster and staff of the To Aro School, and subsequently presented by Mr. Watson, on the general behalf, as a token of regard, with a copy of Froude's History of England and ' the works of John Ruskin.

9th March 1899 The usual meeting of the School Committee was held last evening, there being present-Rev. W. Rowse (chairman) Messrs. Day, Nicol, Brunton, Tate, . Keith and Beard. After the minutes of the ordinary and special meetings had been confirmed, the Chairman reported that the excursion had passed off with credit to all concerned.

The Secretary reported that the old school buildings had been secured at the moderate cost of 5s. The headmaster reported the number on the roll at 229, average attendance 173, and asking the Committee for a small amount to prepare a cricket pitch and a croquet lawn. A committee was appointed to report and submit estimates for preparing the grounds, Mr. Parkinson invited the member! of the Committee to, be present at the school representative match on Saturday. The Treasurer reported a credit balance of £50 12s, and accounts were passed for payment amounting to £1 11s 6d.

The Visitors' report was read, and it was resolved to have the back fence of school repaired. Rev. V. Rowse and Mr. Tate were appointed visitors for the month

11th March 1899 All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy " and it is a pleasure to notice that Mr. ,Parkinson, the head master, and with him the School Committee think so too. The master in his monthly report suggested that the Committee should expend something in preparing a cricket pitch for the boys and a croquet ground for the girls and Committee entertained the idea to the extent at present of agreeing to get estimates, but the members generally agreed that this matter should and would receive their attention. The School is the congratulated in getting k gentleman like Mr. Parkinson who is not only a good master in the school but also takes a great interest in the boys and girls in their playing hours and we may soon look to see the Greytown School take its proper place in the sports field, as well as in matters educational.

30th March 1899 The School Committee are to be congratulated upon a very decided step in advance, in that they have, preparatory to having a lawn tennis court laid down and a cricket pitch prepared, decided at a meeting held last evening to call for tenders for breaking up and thoroughly levelling the present school playground, The Committee having thus decided to do their part, it would be a graceful thing, if some persons who are interested in the bodily as well as the mental welfare of the children, and I imagine there are a great many of them, would assist by getting up some entertainment or series of entertainments during the winter for the purpose of providing ample funds to do the whole work in a thorough manner. The regular monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee' will be held on Wednesday next, instead of Tuesday as usual.



7th April 1899 The usual monthly meeting the local School Committee was held on Wednesday evening, there being present Messrs. C. J. Beard (in the chair), W. H. Day, W. Brunton, N. King and J. B. Nicol. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read from the Secretary of the United Grey town Football Club asking for use of a room in the old school buildings for a gymnasium. From Miss Burnett, enclosing cheque for £10 1s 6d, being nett proceeds of the school entertainment held recently. It was resolved that the Football Club be allowed a room in the old building on the same terms as last year. It was resolved that it be a recommendation to the incoming Committee that the money received from the school concert be devolved in the direction of a tennis lawn and its requirements in the girls portion of the playground. The Headmaster's report was read showing a greatly increased attendance, but still under what it should be. Two accounts amounting to £2 12s were passed for payment. It was resolved that it be a recommendation to the new Committee to consider the question of taking steps in the matter of children who are of school age and are not yet attending the school. Three tenders were received for the ploughing and levelling of the school grounds, that of Mr. S. Garrett at £7 14s being accepted. It was decided to employ a competent man for making a cricket pitch and tennis lawn as soon as the playground is levelled. The meeting then adjourned.

26th April 1899 The Committee of the Greytown School met before the annual meeting, all the members being present, with the exception of Mr. Day. The report and balance-sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, were submitted and approved. The Treasurer reported a credit balance of £55 13s. It was resolved that a bonus of £5 be voted to the Secretary in addition to his salary.

The head master reported purchasing for the library an atlas and his action was endorsed. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Haigh for supplying and sowing grass seed on the school grounds. The head master's report showed an improvement in the average attendance and that the school had been visited by the drill instructor and that Miss Millington, the cookery instructress, had opened her classes on the 20th inst. The minutes of the meeting were then confirmed. At the annual meeting held at eight o'clock very little interest was taken by the public, only about twenty-five householders turning up.

The Rev. W. Rowse was voted to the chair, and read the advertisement calling the meeting. The report and balance-sheet of the outgoing committee was read, the latter showing receipts £131 19s 7d, including a grant from Greytown Trust Lands of £60. The expenditure totalled £74 1s 7d, leaving a credit balance of £58. 5s.

The Chairman congratulated the householders of Greytown on the excellent position of the school and the satisfactory financial position.

The report and balance-sheet were then adopted. Only nine present would allow themselves to be nominated for office on the Committee, and were therefore duly elected as follows :- Rev. W. Rowse and Messrs. H. Walden, N. King, H. W. Duff, A. Murray, W. V. Tate, W. Brunton, C. J. Heard and A. H. Goss. Heartily voted of thanks were passed to the outgoing Committee, and to the head-master and his staff, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting. The newly-elected Committee met after the meeting, and the Rev. W. Rowse was re-elected Chairman, and Mr. A. Murray re-elected Treasurer. Mr. R. Wylie was re-appointed Secretary at the same salary as last year. It was resolved the Treasurer sign cheques in conjunction with either the Chairman, Messrs Tate or Walden.

17th May 1899 Mr. J. Varnham the Education Board's Truant Officer, has commenced a campaign in Greytown and it is to be hoped that the result of his visit will be material increase to the school registrar.

7th June 1899 While it is no doubt wise to stop operations at present, yet very much remains to be done in the way of street repairs, as both East and West streets are in a fearful state for want of metalling, (particularly the former), and what makes this worse is that children going to the school have to wade through mire and mud and remain all day at school with wet feet. It is hoped that the proposed expenditure on what is known as North-street will be diverted when the proper time comes to East-street and make it passable

10th July 1899 Owing to a damaged culvert in the back streets, traction engines have taken to go through the main streets, greatly to the annoyance of everybody, except perhaps the drivers of the engines, and the sooner the culvert is repaired the better. The culvert is situated in the now well, but not favorably known, East-street. School children and their parents more particularly are still crying "How long, etc."

13th July 1899 Mr. H. A. Parkinson, The Head Master of the local school, when in Wellington, was successful in obtaining three dozen of (the model) rides for use by the boys of the Greytown school. These handy but inexpensive "weapons" will be of great advantage to the boys in their physical drill

3rd August 1899 The usual monthly meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held last evening, when Mr. C. J. Beard was elected as Chairman of Committee, vice Rev. W. Rowse, and in taking the chair referred to the great loss the Committee has sustained, and moved that a letter of condolence be forwarded by the Committee to Mrs Rowse. Mr. Cuff seconded the motion which was carried.

Mr. H. Trotman was elected as a member of the Committee. The Headmaster's report showed a falling off in the average attendance.

The credit balance After paying accounts was reported as £30 3s 3d, The head master, in referring to the death of the late chairman, stated that it was proposed to plant two trees, one at each side of the main gate, to be called Memorial, It has resolved that an enlarged photograph of the late Mr. Rowse be obtained to be placed in the school. It was resolved that a piano for the school had purchased at a cost not to exceed £60. Messrs Murray and King were appointed visitors for the month.

31st August 1899 A very excellent enlarged photograph of the late Rev. W. Rowse is now on view at the studio of Mr. Thos. Scholes, who has executed the order of the members of the School Committee. It is intended for the Public School, and is a splendid picture. On Friday evening the Palace Hall will be taxed to its utmost to accommodate the parents and friends of the school children at a concert in aid of the piano fund. In addition to the usual concert a comedy entitled "Urgent Private Affairs" will be staged by local amateurs

1<sup>st</sup> September 1899 About one hundred and fifty parents and friends of the children of the Greytown State School and the staff visited the school on Thursday afternoon (writes our Greytown correspondent), having been invited to afternoon tea, in order to celebrate the occasion of the purchase of a piano for the school, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. The teachers and children had spared no pains to have plenty of good things provided for the tea, and after those were disposed of, vocal and instrumental items were given by the following ladies and gentlemen. Miss Thomas and Mrs. Prouse played violin solos; piano duets were given by the Misses Puller and St. George, and Mrs. and Miss Anketell, and songs were given by Miss Merlet and Messrs. W. A. Tate and J. Bee, and a piano solo by Miss Knell,

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6<sup>th</sup> September 1899 {From Our Own Correspondent!. Wednesday, The usual monthly meeting of the School Committee was held last night. Present-Messrs. Beard (chairman), Tate, Walden, Murray, Duff, King, Brunton and Trotman.

Correspondence was read from Mr. Goss resigning as a member' Committee, From Education Board with capitation allowance. From Mr. E. Wylie, tendering his resignation as Secretary to the Committee. Mr. M, Varnham wrote offering to stand as a member of Committee vice Mr. Goss resigned.

Mr. Dudding wrote offering his services as Secretary,

Messrs. Rogers and Varnham were nominated as members of Committee, and the vote resulted in favour of Mr. Varnham. It was resolved that the resignation of the Secretary (Mr. Wylie) he accepted, on the motion of Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Brunton, and that the regret of the Committee be recorded, with an expression of the appreciation of the Committee for his past services.

Mr. Walden proposed and Mr. Brunton .Seconded that Mr. Murray's offer to act as Secretary without remuneration be accepted with thanks.-Carried,

Mr. Murray thereupon resigned as Treasurer, and Mr. Trotman was elected in his place

A vote of thanks was passed to all who had helped to make the late concert a success. The Head Master's report was read, showing an average attendance of 209, and suggesting the establishment of physical and technical classes in the old school buildings. Mr. Parkinson addressed the Committee on the matter. It was resolved that the Committee endeavour to establish technical classes in connection with the school and that subject be considered at the next meeting and that the Education Board be informed of the Committee's intention so as to prevent them from selling the old school buildings. It was resolved that an insurance policy be taken out on the piano. Messrs. Tate and Trotman were appointed as visitors for the ensuing month, The Treasurer reported a credit balance of £4 2s 10d after paying accounts. The report of the Concert Committee was read,

27<sup>th</sup> September 1899 Wellington Education Board meeting included that the' application for the establishment of technical schools at Carterton and Greytown be further considered at a future meeting of the Technical Instruction Committee

28<sup>th</sup> September 1899 The annual examination of the Greytown School was commenced today by Mr. Fleming

5<sup>th</sup> October 1899 The question of a technical school was discussed at considerable length by the Greytown School Committee at their meeting last evening, but nothing definite was done pending replies from the Education Board re the use of the old school buildings, and also the question of capitation. Mr. Varnham, the Truant Officer of the Education Board, passed through Greytown to-day on his way to Wellington, but while here he paid a visit in connection with his duties to the Kaitara school.

16<sup>th</sup> December 1899 The Palace Hall was filled last evening on the occasion of an entertainment by the school children. The care taken in preparing the young performers must have been and the reward of the teachers was the very hearty applause of the audience . The lengthy programme was an excellent one, consisting of musical tableaux, club drill, action songs, part songs, recitations, fancy dances, physical drill, flag drill, parallel bar exercises, each following the other in quick succession. The whole affair was a most brilliant success, and reflects the greatest credit on the staff of the school.

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25th January 1900 Miss Gallagher, pupil teacher in the local school, has been promoted to Wellington and her place has been filled by Mr. Scott, a new arrival in the Colony

Annie Gallagher went to Te Aro School in Wellington

7th February 1900 GREYTOWN, This Day. A large meeting of delegates from various centres held last night decided that a combined school picnic for all the district schools be held at Greytown on the day of the County Fair

17th February 1900 The patriotic fair for South Wairarapa held this afternoon proved a great success. The weather was perfect, and the attendance was very large. Visitors were present from every part of the country. A procession took place ( in the morning from Carterton to Greytown and from thence to the Moroa racecourse. A general school picnic of children in the South Wairarapa was held at the same time. Various amusements were provided, a sham fight. It is expected that the proceeds will reach £1000

19th February 1900 . The procession in the morning was over a mile in length, consisting of three bands, native mounted infantry, the Masterton army of Boers, members of the Wellington Permanent Artillery with Maxims, candidates for Wairarapa detachment of roughriders, Papawai natives dressed as Gordon Highlanders,

Friendly Societies, a traction engine drawing trucks of school' children, residents in vehicles, etc. Over five thousand people were on the ground at the Moroa course. The only mistake the committee made -was that no charge for admission was made at the gates ? payment being optional. Boxes were placed at the entrance to the grounds, and the handsome sum\* of £68 was realised.

A grand sham-fight between British and Boers, assisted by the Maxim gun detachment, took up the main portion of the afternoon, and was a grand sight.

Two men were genuinely hurt, one having his face severely burnt owing to the over excitement of the Maoris, who took the part of the British.

Tests for applicants for the rough-riders and numerous other amusements occupied the attention of the crowd all day. A monster picnic of all the schools in South Wairarapa also took place on the ground. Everything passed off splendidly, and the people spent their money right heartily. .In the evening a grand patriotic entertainment was held in The Palace Hall, over £50 being taken. It is estimated that over £1000 will result from all sources in South Wairarapa for the. More Men Fund ,

28th February 1900 Mr. H. Parkinson, head master of the Greytown public school, Wairarapa district. has just received intimation that he has passed his final examination for the B.A. degree of the University of New Zealand.

1st March 1900 The news of the surrender of Cronje was received in Greytown with great enthusiasm, Everybody who could sport a flag (from twelve inches square upwards) had it floating in the breeze and a good old Nor' West breeze it was too. The school children were given holiday and ran out of the school, some were cheering, some singing " Soldier of the Queen" and all doing their best to show their loyalty

2nd March 1900 Our Greytown correspondent referring to the local rejoicing on Cronje's surrender writes:-"The school bell was ringing; the bells in St. Luke's rang out the glad tidings of Cronje's surrender; Messrs. Lewis and Bicknell blew their whistles and for a time Greytown 'knew not itself.' It was very amusing, when the lire bells rang out to see people rushing about inquiring where the fire was.

I dare say the school children would not mind if Cronje were captured every day, so long as they got a holiday. Yet a certain school girl in Greytown does not think it such a great tiling to get a holiday because Cronje has surrendered. This girl on coming home, rushed inside full of glee, shouting to her mother, 'Oh mother we've got a holiday because Cronje has surrendered.' 'So glad to hear it, my girl' replied the mother 'I'm just going to do my washing and you'll come in nicely to help me.' The look on that girl's face can better be imagined than described,

10th March 1900 Greytown Notes: The school cadets were out on parade last night and were put through their facings in true style Captain Cameron

20th April 1900 Part of a long article included Technical School has taken the opportunity of endeavouring to strengthen its work in the manner indicated. Special classes, therefore, are held in arithmetic, mathematics, English, Latin, shorthand, and book-keeping.

By the formation of these classes it is hoped to in a measure cope with the difficulties which in the past have presented themselves in the giving of higher technical and commercial instruction. In the matter of the training of primary school teachers in various branches of work, efforts are being made to establish additional classes, in order that there may be in the country towns advantages similar to (those which are available in this city. Mr. A. D. Riley, on his recent tour of inspection, made arrangements for classes at Masterton, Greytown, Carterton and Pahiatua. These classes may reasonably be expected to assist to a considerable extent the primary and advanced technical instruction of the students of the district.

24th April School Committee elections: GREYTOWN NORTH, This Day. GREYTOWN School Committee: — Rev. A. M. Johnson, and Messrs... H. Walden, H. Trotman, R. W. Tate, C. J. Beard, A. Murray, and M. R. Vernham.

2nd May 1900 The Technical School Classes opened here last night, About sixteen members attended book-keeping, which is being taught by Air Lawsuit, and a similar number look shorthand lessons under Mr. A. C. Rowse, Woodwork and other classes will be held during (the week, and the thought that the project was going to die out for want of support has now left the committee, for there are pupils forthcoming to commence every class,

18th May 1900 The old school-room which was last winter used as a gymnasium by the footballers, is now the Technical School, therefore the footballers have had to look elsewhere for a "gym." A large shed, known as Hastwell's stables, is being fitted up for the purpose, and will prove very suitable

26<sup>th</sup> July 1900 In a long article Entitled A Scheme of Retrenchment decide upon it was declares that Mr. Parkinson was being paid £20 over scale and that Mr. Bee's Position was in excess of the Board's Regulations

8<sup>th</sup> October 1900 (From Our Own Corresponded!. Monday. At St, Luke's Church on Saturday Miss Lilian Braithwaite, second daughter of Mr. H. Braithwaite, of Waihakeke, was married to Mr. Davies, Assistant Master of the Hutt Public School. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a grey tweed travelling dress, and was attended by her sister as bridesmaid. The Rev.. A. M, Johnson conducted the ceremony, after which the party drove to Waihakeke, where breakfast was served. The young couple, who were the recipients of many presents, left by the afternoon train for their future homo at the Hutt.

*This wasn't Lilian at all but Mary Susana Braithwaite. Alternate facts in 1900*

Lilian Bessie didn't marry

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6th November 1900 Mr. J. Bee, assistant master at the local school, has just undergone an operation in Wellington, and is, I am pleased to be able to say, progressing favourably

17th November 1900 CLASS C (Schools with average attendance between 100 and 200). Willi-am Eccleton, Greytown, •. 444 ; Annie Keesberry, Kilbirnie, 364.

22nd November 1900 William Eccleton, of the Greytown Public School, has won the Wellington Education Board's scholarship for Class C, with the very respectable total of 411 marks.

A lad named Clement Hewson had his collar-bone broken whilst playing in the Greytown School grounds.

12th December 1900 The average attendance at the school for the month was 189. The Committee have sent a letter of condolence to Miss York, pupil teacher, and sister of the late Trooper York, who recently died of enteric fever in South Africa.

22nd December 1900 GREYTOWN NORTH, This Day. Miss M. York, who has been infant mistress in Greytown School for over twenty years, was yesterday presented with a handsome gold watch and chain by the townspeople in recognition of her past services, and. with a silver mounted purse by the school children.

*Though still classified as a pupil teacher in the official list of teachers presented to parliament*

22<sup>nd</sup> December 1900 Miss York, infant-mistress at the State School, was yesterday the recipient of handsome present by the parents of the pupils.

The ceremony took place at the schoolhouse, just before breaking up for the summer holidays.

Miss York was presented with a gold watch and chain by the Mayor, Mr. J. D. Heagerty, on behalf of old pupils and parents, in recognition of over twenty years' service a pupil teacher. The Mayor made a eulogistic reference to Miss York's teaching ability, and to her devotion to her work Miss York suitably replied, '

Miss Ruby Varnham was also presented, on behalf of the scholars, with a purse of sovereigns.

When the school broke up, yesterday an excited youngster kicked his slate and ono of the pieces struck a boy named Cameron, on the cheek., The missile pierced an artery, and Dr., Bey had to be called in to stitch up the wound,

19<sup>th</sup> January 1910 Miss Ruby Varnham, of Sydney, Is spending a holiday with Mrs. S. M. Maxton, of Greytown

5<sup>th</sup> May 1915 Miss Ruby Varnham (Sydney) is visiting relatives in the Wairarapa, and is at present the guest of Mrs. St. George in Masterton

22<sup>nd</sup> April 1916 Went to Sydney on the S S Manuka

## 1901

1901	190	Greytown	Parkinson	Henry A	Headmaster	£265
1901	190	Greytown	Bee	John G	Assistant Master	£150
1901	190	Greytown	Sage	Agnes	Assistant Female	£100
1901	190	Greytown	York	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£60
1901	190	Greytown	Braithwaite	Lilian B	Female Pupil Teacher	£50
1901	190	Greytown	Scott	William W	Male Pupil Teacher	£50

8th February 1901 I regret to record that Miss Burnett, of the Public School staff of teachers, have (Sic) been suffering in health lately. The Education Hoard have granted her a month's leave of absence, and her many friends hope she will shortly be restored to perfect health,

26th February 1901 Mr. H. A. Parkinson, Headmaster of the Greytown School, has passed the M.A. degree examination of the New Zealand University.

14th March 1901 The Greytown School Committee is considering the advisability of setting aside £30 per year out of its grants towards offering a scholarship for children attending the school.

19th March 1901 The Greytown School Committee are arranging to hold their school excursion next Friday, Their destination is Woodville

2nd April In Greytown Notes On Wednesday several parents are to be summoned for neglecting to send their children to school. This bad habit has a growing tendency here, and firm steps must be taken to show parents their duty. It is stated that one little girl of twelve years of age, who attends irregularly at the local school, has to milk thirteen cows both morning and evening, besides other work

6th April 1901 At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court, on Wednesday, the Truant Officer proceeded against three residents for neglecting to send their children to school, and lines varying from 10s to 2s, with costs, was recorded

12th April 1901 The Greytown Town Lands Trust has. during the past year, given in local grants £181 6s, to the public school, library, fire brigade and technical school. The election of trustees will be held on the 25th inst.

24th April 1901 Greytown North.— -Messrs... H. Humphries, R. W Tate C. J. Beard (Chairman), M. R. Varnham, H. Walden, H. Trotman (Treasurer), anti A. Murray (Secretary)

5th May 1901 At the School Committee meeting last night it was staled that there was a deficiency of £7 over the recent school excursion to Woodville

28th May 1901 Miss Burnett, who has been connected with the teaching-staff of the Greytown school for many years, is resigning, and intends residing here (Greytown North)

8th June 1901 Part of a long article Exclusive of the two corps belonging to Wellington College there will be 645 cadets from the Wellington district at the review in Christchurch, made up as follows, Clyde-quay and Te Aro schools, 53 each; Wellington 'Boys' Institute, 52 ; Terrace and South Wellington schools, 50 each; Mount Cook, 48; Masterton, 43; Picton, Greytown, Carterton and Featherston, 40 each; Fernridge, 32.....

14th June 1901 Female Assistant, Greytown School, salary £80

14th June 1901 Greytown is likely to be deserted next week owing to inhabitants going to Wellington during the Duke and Duchess reception, also thee Volunteers and School Cadets en route for Wellington and Christchurch

19th June 1901 Amongst the school cadets who took part in yesterday's function were 40 boys from the Greytown School, under Captain Parkinson. The youngsters looked very soldierly in their khaki jerseys, and their military movements were carried onto with precision

27<sup>th</sup> June 1901 Greytown, This Day. The School Cadets arrived homo last night from Christchurch, and have thoroughly enjoyed the trip, the only complaint is having to walk a mile from the Normal Camp to the mess rooms, and having to stand in two inches of water while eating their meals. On arrival at the Drill Hall three cheers were given for the headmaster and officers for the kindness and attention shown to them.

2<sup>nd</sup> July 1901 Miss Sage, late of the Featherston School, has been appointed to fill the vacancy at the Greytown School caused by the resignation of Miss Burnett.

10<sup>th</sup> July 1901 At a meeting of the School Committee last night it was decided that the necessary steps be taken at once to have Greytown School made into a District High School.

8<sup>th</sup> August 1901 Miss Sage, who has been for a number of years on the teaching staff of the local school, was on Monday last presented with -a handsome set of toilet brushes by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church of which she has long been an energetic member. Miss Sage has been appointed to the staff of the Greytown School.

14<sup>th</sup> August 1901 GREYTOWN NORTH, This Day. At a meeting of the School Committee last evening the low attendance at school was discussed, and it was decided to apply to the Education Board for the services of the truant inspector

5<sup>th</sup> September 1901 The drawing examination took place ; at the public school yesterday. There were SB pupils for freehand drawing and about half that number for geometry and ] model, no pupils were presented for scale, Mr. Mark Maxton acted as supervisor. Mr. Parkinson examined the lower classes in ordinary school work

10<sup>th</sup> October 1901 Mr. H. A. Parkinson, headmaster of the Greytown school, received the "New Zealand Ensign," presented by the Government, on Tuesday, The flag will be hoisted on nil appropriate occasions,

31<sup>st</sup> October 1901 The proposals to establish district high schools at Masterton and Greytown were mentioned at the Education Board yesterday. The Chairman of the Board (Mr. Blair) said the Masterton School Committee proposed- to avail itself of the services of a teacher (for the higher subjects of a secondary school) now in its employ, but that could not be done, as it would be against the regulations. The regulations as to district high schools required that such a school must be fully staffed, and that would necessitate the appointment of another secondary teacher at Masterton. After discussion the Board decided to approve the Masterton Committee's proposal to establish a district high school, and commend the matter to the consideration of the Education Department. Consideration of the application of the Greytown School Committee for a district High school at Greytown. was deferred for the present.

14<sup>th</sup> November 1901 The School Committee met last night, A committee has been appointed to have the necessary repairs done to the School during the forthcoming holidays. The capitation received was £8. The amount of £3, received from the S M Court, being accrued lines on account of absentees, was allocated to the sports fund, Our roll numbers 221, and lire average is 192. Accounts were passed amounting to ,£11 13s. Credit balance was reported at .£32 10s. The Education Hoard has declined to entertain an application to establish a district High School here.

16<sup>th</sup> December 1901 Masterton School V. Greytown School. The Greytown school boys journeyed to Masterton on Saturday and played the local schoolboys on the school grounds, The game resulted in a win for the visitors by 15 runs. Masterton went in first and made 28 (V. Williams being top scorer With 8, not out.) Greytown replied with 43 (Armstrong 17).



## 1902

1902	199	Greytown	Parkinson	Henry A	Headmaster	£265
1902	199	Greytown	Gallagher	Annie	Assistant Female	£110
1902	199	Greytown	Thompson	Fred G	Assistant Master	£80
1902	199	Greytown	Evans	Hermione	Female Pupil Teacher	£50
1902	199	Greytown	York	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£40

15th January 1902 Mr. W. Knell, who is to be transferred to the Bank of New Zealand, at Napier, is to be married to Miss Burnett, late of the Greytown School, to-day, at Wellington

1902/1590	Isobel Alexandra	Burnett	William James	Knell
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8th February 1902 Three of the staff of the local school are to be transferred, on account of the re-adjustment in the salaries of teachers in the Wellington Education Board's reply. Mr. W. Scott is to be transferred to Karori, Miss L. Braithwaite to Mauriceville West, and Mr. J. G. Bee, assistant master, to Makara. The names of the teachers to fill their places are not yet known

11th February 1902 'Mr. J. G. Bee, who has been promoted from the local school, left here last week for his new duties, but has returned to carry on his class for another month, owing to some slight misunderstanding

12th February 1902 The following appointments made by the Education Board have been confirmed by the School Committees concerned, and will, except in special cases, take effect from the 1st March :— Mr. J. G. Bee, of Greytown 'School, to take charge et Makara; Miss A. Willis, Johnsonville, to become mistress at Ohariu ; Miss Braithwaite, - Greytown, mistress at Mauriceville West; Plus others

12th February 1902 At the monthly meeting of the School Committee, held last night, a letter was received from the Education Board, stating that Miss Evans, of Kaitara, would succeed Mr. Scott

13th February 1902 Mistress, Greytown School; salary, £110

25th February 1902 The rounder match between the Dalefield and Greytown school girls was played last Saturday, and resulted in a win for the latter by seven rounders. The Greytown school boys beat Dalefield on Saturday by an innings and 45 runs. (Cricket)

1st March 1902 Several changes in the- Greytown School took place to-day,' four teachers leaving for other schools, and three arriving to take up positions.

29th April 1902 GREYTOWN SCHOOL. The following have been elected a Committee:— Messrs. C. Beard (chairman), Trotman, Tate, O'Connor, McCarthy, Johnson, and A. Murray (secretary).

14th August 1902 The Coronation celebrations held hero on Saturday passed oil' with great success. At combined services, the Rev. Johnson (Anglican), Rev. Brown (Presbyterian), Rev. Pndray (Wesleyan), delivered addresses. The Church was packed to over-flowing, and many could not obtain standing -room. After the service the procession re-formed, and proceeded to the school where the unfurling of the flag took place. The children were entertained at the Palace Hall, and in the afternoon various games were indulged in on the school grounds. In the evening a bonfire was lit in the centre of the town, an J fireworks were set off, and the skating carnival was a centre of attraction. The business places were illuminated, and the township had "quite a gay appearance.

13th September 1902 Mr. Bakewell, the Board's Inspector, completed the Greytown School examination on Thursday afternoon, the number of passes being considered highly satisfactory.

15th October 1902 Mr. H. A. Parkinson, headmaster of the Greytown school, has received four Martini rifles of the cadet pattern for the use of the school. The boys in the cadet corps are eagerly looking forward to the shooting practice at the butts.

## 1903

1903	177	Greytown	Parkinson	Henry A	Headmaster	£265	\$43,908
1903	177	Greytown	Gallagher	Annie	Mistress	£110	\$18,226
1903	177	Greytown	Thompson	Fred G	Assistant Master	£80	\$13,255
1903	177	Greytown	Evans	Hermione	Female Pupil Teacher 4	£50	\$8,285
1903	177	Greytown	Petrie	Alice	Female Pupil Teacher 4	£50	\$8,285

26<sup>th</sup> January 1903 Measles and Scarlatina are still prevalent in the township, and the attendance at the opening of the public, school promises to be below the average

27<sup>th</sup> February 1903 The Greytown Public School Picnic was held on Wednesday afternoon, on the Recreation Reserve, and was well patronised by the parents and children.

7<sup>th</sup> April 1903 Miss York, who has been transferred to the Masterton Infant School, in place of Miss Keeling, has been in charge of the infant classes here for the last twenty years. She is a painstaking and conscientious teacher, and will be greatly missed by many past and present pupils.

28<sup>th</sup> April 1903 GREYTOWN - . ( By telegraph —Special to Daily Times.) Messrs. C. Beard (chairman), Amos, Humphries, Trotman, Johnston,' and A. Murray (secretary and treasurer). Great interest was displayed, over fifty householders being present. School Committee

1<sup>st</sup> May 1903 The election of School Monday evening, caused a considerable amount of interest. In spite of counter attractions, over fifty householders rolled up, and the bachelor portion of the old Committee were ousted from their seats

22<sup>nd</sup> August 1903 The Wairarapa Public School Cadet Battalion has been officially recognised by the Government, and the following : officers have been appointed:—Henry A. Parkinson (Greytown Public School ! Cadets) to command; Andrew N. Burns ! (Masterton High School) to be adjutant; W. H. Jackson (Masterton High School) to be quartermaster

22<sup>nd</sup> August 1903 WANTED.— A capable Domestic Servant ; good wages; references. Apply Mas Parkinson, Greytown.

25<sup>th</sup> September 1903 Mumps are very prevalent in Greytown just now, and the school attendance is suffering considerably.

## 1904

1904	200	Greytown	Parkinson	Henry A	Headmaster	£241	
1904	200	Greytown	Gallagher	Annie	Mistress	£110	
1904	200	Greytown	McFarlane	Olive M	Assistant Female	£80	
1904	200	Greytown	Macey	Nellie	Female Pupil Teacher 4	£55	
1904	200	Greytown	Clarke	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher 2	£50	

15<sup>th</sup> March 1904

Cadets Match at Greytown.

We have been requested to publish the appended complete schedule of the results of the Public School Cadets Rifle Shooting Match, which took place at Papawai, on Saturday (seven shots at 100 yds and seven at 200 yds, 7 inch. bull's eye.

The match was for the sum of £5, divided into twenty-two prizes, and was presented by the Wairarapa Rifle Association, and the prizes were competed for by members of the Wairarapa School Cadets Battalion. Eighty-two lads competed, the highest scorer being Private Messenger, of Masterton. Of the twenty two prizes, ten were won by Masterton, seven by Greytown, three by Featherston and two by Carterton.

	yds. yds.			
	100	200	Tt.	Shillings and Pence
Pte. Messenger (M) ...	29	23	52	10 0
Pte. DeLisle (M) ...	31	20	51	7 6
Corp. Feast (G) ...	27	23	50	7 6
Pte. Walden (G) ...	26	24	50	7 6
Sgt. Mead(G)	27	20	47	5 0
Pte. A. Nicol (G) ...	23	20	43	4 0
Sgt. Hawke (G) ...	28	14	42	4 0
Sgt. Tate(G)	25	17	42	4 0
Sgt. Muir (G)	26	11	37	2 6

Note. *Not all results from other schools listed 22 prizewinners listed*

26<sup>th</sup> April 1904 School Committee results; Greytown— Messrs... C. J. Beard (Chairman), A. Murray, H. Trotman, H. Humphries, Rev. Johnson, Mr. R. Tate, Rev. Ginger.

8<sup>th</sup> June 1904 Mr. Thompson, of the Greytown school, has been appointed assistant at Thorndon

17<sup>th</sup> June 1904 At Greytown, on Wednesday evening, a farewell dance was given by the local Lawn Tennis Club to Messrs. G. W. Nicol (who is leaving for Marlborough) and F. G. Thompson, (transferred to a Wellington school), both prominent members of the Club

12<sup>th</sup> July 1904 ARBOR DAY AT GREYTOWN

[DT TELEGRAPH —OWN CORRESPONDENT GREYTOWN, This Day. Arbor Day was duly celebrated here yesterday by the Mayor, Councilors and others,' including a number of school children, planting trees in McMasters street. The Mayor made a few remarks on the subject, pointing out that Greytown was the first borough to initiate Arbor Day .in the colony.

9<sup>th</sup> July 1904 Mr. Thompson, on leaving the Greytown public school, where he has been assistant master for two years and a ball, was presented with a hand-bag and tobacco-pouch from the parents and scholars.

30<sup>th</sup> September 1904 An application for a district high school at Grey town was deferred until next meeting, as there were no particulars yet to hand, Mr. Fleming remarked that there was - plenty of room at Greytown for a district high school.

*Mr. Fleming was a school inspector*

19<sup>th</sup> November 1904 A parade of the Wairarapa School Cadets was held on the Show Grounds, to-day, under Major Parkinson and Captain Burns. The parade was taken part in by companys from Masterton, Carterton, Greytown, Featherston, Te Ore and Fernridge, making a total of 256. The Corps were put through battalion movements, but not much good work could be accomplished, owing to the adverse weather conditions

28<sup>th</sup> November 1904 The application of the Greytown School Committee for the establishment of a district high school has been approved by the Wellington Education Board, it being pointed out that twelve pupils would join from the local school, and sixteen from other schools. The old school buildings will be used and the school commenced in January

30<sup>th</sup> November 1904 Practically two pages are devoted to illustrating Greytown, Wairarapa. The principal street, the chief public buildings, and a Maori wharepuni are all published, and this week the “New Zealand Mail” ought to be of more than ordinary interest to the residents of Greytown and neighbourhood.

The whole of the pupils at the State school. Greytown, have been splendidly photographed

## 1905

1905	243	Greytown	Parkinson MA	Henry A	B1	Headmaster	£248
1905	243	Greytown	Talbot	Arthur E	D3	Assistant Master	£155
1905	243	Greytown	Gallagher	Annie	E2	Mistress	£110
1905	245	Greytown	Freeman	Emily	Licensed	Assistant Female	£80
1905	245	Greytown	Petrie	Alice	E4	Assistant Female	£80
1905	245	Greytown	Clarke	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£45
1905	245	Greytown	Bright	Kathleen		Female Pupil Teacher 1	£20
1905	245	Greytown	Cromie BA	George	B2	Secondary	

Arthur E Talbot came from Kumara School on the West Coast

26th January 1905 Twenty-eight students were present at the opening of the High School at Greytown yesterday. It is proposed to celebrate the opening by holding a function on Friday next. ,

31st January 1905 The opening of the High School now established at Greytown was celebrated by a large number of those interested. Among the speakers were Messrs, C. Beard (chairman), A. C. Bicknell (Mayor of Greytown), R. W. Tate, H. A. Parkinson (headmaster), and the Revs A. M. Johnston and Ginger. Songs and musical items were rendered by Misses Gallagher (2), Lyons (2), and Mr. R. W. Tate.

8th February 1905 Mr. A. W. Hogg, M.H.R., has presented to the Secretary of the Education Board .a petition signed by about fifty natives at the Papawai Pah, Greytown, asking that the native school there be transferred to the Board The reasons assigned are that the parents and guardians of the children wish to obtain a. better teaching staff than is provided by the Native Department. The attendance averages now about twenty, but it could quickly W increased to between fifty and sixty if the school was placed under the control of Board. A number of children who now read\* within a few chains of the school receive their education elsewhere, because their parents are dissatisfied with the teaching. Fully half the roll of the school is made up of European children whose parents, together with the native settlers, have a strong wish that the direction of the school should be taken over by the Board, It is stated that the school has some five acres of land, leased by the Native Department from the Church of England Trustees, and there is also a six-roomed dwelling attached

13th February 1905 Part of a long article included now fewer than live District High Schools having been established, namely, those at Lower Hutt Petone, Greytown, the Terrace School, and Newtown. There was no doubt that for some time past secondary education had, from a variety' of causes, been considerably hampered in the district

10th March 1905 Miss M. Macey, of Greytown, has been appointed mistress of Kereru

17th May 1905 Since classes for various subjects in connection with the Carterton Technical School have been started here, several of the-children who used to attend the Greytown High School from this locality have left, as .they now take subjects at the Technical School, and therefore are not allowed to attend a High School.

27th May 1905 A report by a special committee concerning truant officers recommended .that the present truant officers at Masterton, Pahiatua, and Greytown be dispensed with, and that one officer, to be controlled from Wellington, be appointed to act for the whole education district. This recommendation was made partly on the ground of economy.

Mr. Hogg condemned the proposal. It was a suggestion to revert to a system that had been previously tried and found-unsatisfactory. The officer appointed at Masterton had done excellent work. The suggestion was simply ridiculous ; and. as to the proposed saving, the saving would be a mere bagatelle. .

1<sup>st</sup> July 1905 yesterday's meeting it was decided to make the Papawai School a side school under the control of the Greytown schools

2<sup>nd</sup> September 1905 Masterton Technical School: George Cromie wrote on behalf of several Greytown school-teachers stating that they were anxious to take up woodwork in connection with the Saturday classes instituted by the Wellington Education Board, and wished to know if they could have the use of the workshop and tools for two or three hours every Saturday morning.—The Secretary was instructed to reply that the Managers would be pleased to entertain the request if it was made through the 'Education Department

20<sup>th</sup> November 1905 Carterton High School v. Greytown High School.

A match between the above teams was played on Carrington Park, Carterton, on Saturday, when the home team won by an innings and four runs. F. Fairbrother put up the best bowling analysis for the home team, six wickets for six runs, and H. Freeman for Greytown, four wickets for no runs.

10th November 1905 Mr. John Dineen Truant .inspector to the Wellington Education Board, proceeded against four parents, in, the Magistrate's Court, Greytown, on!. Wednesday last, for failing to send their children to school. Convictions were recorded, and the maximum fine of 2s with costs was inflicted in all instances. The Magistrate, Mr. W. P. James, warned the ; parents that they must send their children regularly to school.

## 1906

1906	241	Greytown	Parkinson MA	Henry A	B1	Headmaster	£265
1906	241	Greytown	Miller	Hyman	D3	Assistant Master	£160
1906	241	Greytown	Davis	Amy G	E1	Assistant Female	£120
1906	241	Greytown	Butler	Phoebe	D4	Assistant Female	£105
1906	241	Greytown	Freeman	Emily A	Licensed	Assistant Female	£90
1906	241	Greytown	Bright	Kathleen		Female Pupil Teacher 2	£35
1906	241	Greytown	Cromie BA	George	B2	Secondary	

12th January 1906 Miss M. C. Clarke applied for the position of pupil teacher at the Masterton School. At present she is a pupil teacher at the Greytown School, and has been so for two years.—It was decided to refer the matter to the Headmaster for a report. 8th February 1906 Owing to the difficulty in securing a suitable piece of land for agricultural instruction purposes in connection with the Masterton School, the centre for the Wellington district at which Saturday classes for teachers will be conducted will be Grey town.

The Committee at Greytown have furnished the Board with a suitable plot for the purpose, and on Saturday this will be taken over, and under Mr. W. C. Davies, the Board's instructor, steps will be taken to have the land prepared and laid out, with a view to its adaptation as a training ground.

Greytown is to be congratulated on its enterprise in making a good start, and it is anticipated that the operations to be carried on there by quite a small army of teachers will be a source of general interest.

The Education Department, we understand, is determined that every possible encouragement will be given to this important branch of education, and Mr. Davies will be able to enter upon his task with the assurance that the Head Office and the Board will render every reasonable assistance.

Masterton, we understand, because of its good central position, would have been chosen for the purpose, but the committee here has been unable to provide a site within the time for a commencement, taking place

9th February 1906 The local High School are to play a cricket match against the Greytown High School, at Greytown, on Saturday morning. In the afternoon, the High School Cadets will hold a shooting practice at the Papawai Range. Carterton News

9th February 1906 The Education Board suggested that a vacancy caused in the teaching staff by the retirement of four pupil teachers should be filled by Miss Clarke, at present on the staff of the Greytown School. It was stated she had passed the junior civil service and had two years' teaching experience.—The Secretary reported that an urgent answer to the Board's letter was necessary, consequently a consultation was held with the headmaster and Chairman. A favourable report was made and the appointment of Miss Clarke agreed to.

5th March 1906 The annual shooting competition of the Wairarapa Battalion of the Public School Cadets, took place, at Papawai, last Saturday, under favourable weather conditions. Captain Burns, Adjutant of the Battalion, was in command, and representatives were present from Masterton, Greytown, Carterton, Te Ore Ore, Eketahuna, and Featherston, making a total of about 70 cadets. Some good scores were made. Corporal Gazely, of Greytown, last year's champion made the "possible" at 100 yards in the Teams' Match; Sergeant Walden, Greytown, and Sergeant Miller, Carterton, 34 each; Corporal Godfrey, Greytown, Privates Meredith, C. Welch, and Mackersey, Masterton, 33, all at 100 yards. The highest score at 200 yards was 31 made by Private D. Elliot, Carterton. Greytown School won the Battalion Shield, to be held till next annual competition, and £3 11s 6d; Masterton won £3 Is; and Eketahuna, 7s 6d.....

30th March 1906 Wellington Education Board. A progress report from Mr. Davies, agricultural instructor, was received. This showed that at two of the centres, Masterton and Greytown, preparations for carrying out agricultural instruction, in connection with the district high schools are in an advanced stage, and classes should soon be in full swing.....

21st April 1906 Mr. W. O. Davies, Instructor in Elementary Agriculture to the Wellington Education Board, was on a visit to Masterton, yesterday, in connection with the establishment of I agricultural classes in Masterton. Mr. Davies considers that the plot of ground opposite the school will have to be ploughed deeper before it can be used. At Greytown, Mr. Davies says, the scholars were already at work, and the movement was being taken up with enthusiasm there

25th April 1906 School Committee Greytown North. — Messrs... C. J. Beard (chairman), A. Murray, R. W. Tate, H. Walden, H. Humphries, M. R. Varnham, H. Wall, W. Armstrong, J. K. Hornblow

27th April 1906 A report was received from Mr. Win. C. Davies concerning matters connected with instruction in agriculture. The laboratory equipment had been completed at the Greytown District School, and plots of ground were under cultivation

27th April 1906 Miss P. Butler, of the Belvedere school, lo be assistant teacher at Greytown.

17th May 1906 Mr. A. Talbot, M.A., at present first assistant in the Greytown School, has been appointed first assistant teacher in the secondary department of the Carterton School

39th May 1906 Miss P. Butler, of the teaching stall of the Belvedere State School, has accepted a position on the Greytown State School staff. Miss Butler, during her sojourn at Belvedere, interested herself in the welfare of the Methodist Sunday School, and on Monday evening she was tendered a social by the Methodist congregation and their friends in that district, when the guest of the evening was the recipient of a presentation from the school children, their parents and friends, comprising a workbox ; a lady's companion; a beautifully bound book; and a handsome brooch. Mr. H. W. Kempton, Chairman of the School Committee, made the gift on behalf of those concerned.

4th June 1906 Carterton School v. Greytown School.

Teams from the above schools met on the Recreation Reserve, Carterton; on Saturday, the match proving a walk over for the home obtained 58 points to their opponents 3. For Carterton, the scores were obtained by F. Fairbrother (8 tries), C. Lee (1 tries), E. Miller (2 tries), and H. Armstrong and T. Beard one try each. Two of the tries were converted by Beard, and one each by Fairbrother and Johnston. The score for Greytown was secured by G. Feast. The Carterton school play Masterton school next Saturday.

8th June 1906 GREYTOWN AGRICULTURAL CLASSES.

The inaugural meeting of the evening Technical Agricultural Class instituted by the Greytown School Committee, took place in the Greytown School-house on Wednesday evening. Mr. Beard, chairman of the School Committee, presided/ and amongst those present were members of local bodies and others interested in the class.

Mr. W. C. Davies, the Wellington Education Board's Instructor in Agriculture, delivered an illustrated address on "Agricultural Education." He gave an experimental demonstration illustrating some of the features of the year's course

Mr. T. W. Kirk, the Government Biologist, delivered a short illustrated address on "The Diseases of the Potato and Their Treatment" Both addresses were listened to with interest, and votes of thanks were accorded to Messrs. Davies and Kirk.

There are fifteen pupils attending the agricultural class. The laboratory at the School has been fitted up in a very complete manner, and there is excellent accommodation for practice and demonstrations. The Agricultural Day Class in connection with the Greytown District High School is making satisfactory progress. The ground given by the Greytown Trust Lands Trust has been fenced. Plots have been laid off and are now in the course of cultivation

11th July 1906 Mr. Robert Charles (now relieving teacher at Greytown) has been selected by the Stratford School Committee for appointment as second assistant in the primary department

12th July 1906 The Wellington Education Board appointed Miss A. Davis, to be assistant at the Greytown School.

13th July 1906 Greytown, D.H.S. —Male Assistant, £160

28th July 1906 Agriculture report included and at Greytown 500 hedge plants had been put in, the Borough Council supplying a water race free of cost.

30th July 1906 Mr. G. Cromie, of the Greytown District High School, is at present seriously ill in the South Wairarapa Hospital

31st July 1906 The Greytown School boys defeated Dalefield School by 72 points to nil in a football match on Saturday

31st July 1906 On Friday night the members of the Greytown Catholic Church choir presented Miss Gallagher with a very ' nice cruet as a mark of esteem and appreciation for her past services as conductor of the choir



10th August 1906 Greytown District High School, male assistant, Mr. H. Miller, of London and Capetown appointed

24th August 1906 Greytown last Wednesday, Miss Annie Gallagher, a teacher in the Greytown District High School, was married, to Mr. B. Bennett, of Hawera. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dean McKenna

1st November 1906 The promotion of Lieutenant H. A. Parkinson, of the Greytown Rifle Volunteers, to the rank of captain is gazetted

14th December 1906 The Greytown School Committee wrote, warmly expressing their appreciation of the evening classes conducted there by the instructor in agriculture, and asking that these classes be continued. It was stated that a similar application had been received from Carterton.—The Board decided that no action should be taken before the classes were arranged.

Same topic different paper

14th December 1906 AGRICULTURAL CLASSES. The Greytown Lands Trust wrote thanking the Board for having arranged evening classes in agriculture, conducted by "Mr. Davies, the special Instructor, and stating that pupils attending them had derived great practical benefit. The Trust hoped the classes would be continued next year. The Chief Inspector having pointed out that finding, the special instructor to Greytown may interfere with his next year's work, it was decided (on the motion of Mr. McDonald), to inform the Trust, that the Board was pleased to hear that the classes had given satisfaction and that they would be continued if found practicable.

## 1907

1907	232	Greytown	Charters	Alex B	B1	Headmaster	£265
1907	232	Greytown	Mickle	Paul A D	D3	Assistant Master	£160
1907	232	Greytown	Butler	Phoebe	D4	Assistant Female	£105
1907	232	Greytown	Davis	Amy G	E1	Assistant Female	£105
1907	232	Greytown	Freeman	Emily A	Licensed	Assistant Female	£90
1907	232	Greytown	Bright	Kathleen		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£45
1907	232	Greytown	Cromie M A	George	B2	Secondary	

1st February 1907 Leave of absence was granted to G. Cromie, of Greytown

11th February 1907 PROPOSED WAIRARAPA SCHOOL GIRLS' EXCURSION. Mr. J. C. Adams, Director of Excursions in connection with the New Zealand Exhibition, arrived in Masterton on Saturday morning, and conferred with the headmasters of the schools in the Wairarapa and members of the Masterton School Committee, in the Masterton Borough Council Chambers, with reference to arranging for excursions of school girls to the Exhibition at the same rates as the school cadets. Mr. R. Brown occupied the chair, and there were also present:—Messrs. W. H. Jackson and A. B. Charters (Masterton), A. N. Burns (Carterton), Parkinson (Greytown) and W. Gillespie, E. H. Waddington and C. Perry (School Committee).

Mr. Adams, during the course of his explanation regarding the excursions, said that for school parties who desired to regain at the Exhibition for a longer period than one day, the railway fares would be 2s per 100 miles for children and 4s per 100 miles for teachers" in charge of the children.

A certain number of adults, chosen by the school committees, who would also be in charge of, the children, would be carried over the railways at the rate of 4s per 100 miles.

The regulation under which tickets were issued to school parties provided that 10 per cent, of the school children, who were unable to pay their fares, could travel free on the certificate of the teacher.

That concession applied only to railway fares and not to the other charges in connection with the trip. He went on to state that the Union Company were prepared to carry boys only in numbers of not less than 100 or not more than 300 at a time, exclusive of their teachers, for 12s return. The Company was not prepared, to carry girls under those conditions, and if they were carried at all, special arrangements would have to be made for them. He added that he would telegraph to the Union Company asking them what arrangements they would make to take a party of girls from the Wairarapa to the Exhibition. Special accommodation, which Mr. Adams said was very good, had been prepared in Christchurch for school parties at the rate of 2s per day for children and 4s per day for adults. Children would be admitted to the Exhibition for 3d each day, while substantial reductions had also been made in the charges for admission to all the side shows and other portions of the Exhibition. After a brief discussion Messrs. R. Brown, W. H. Jackson, and A. W. Hogg, M.H.R., were appointed a committee to endeavour to arrange for an excursion of girls from the Wairarapa at the cheap rates to the Exhibition, at the same time as the cadets visit the Exhibition. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Adams and- the meeting adjourned

13<sup>th</sup> March 1907 The vacancy of the headmastership of the Riddiford-street school, Wellington, is to be filled it is understood by the appointment of Mr. H. A. Parkinson, the present headmaster of the Greytown North District High School. Mr. Parkinson has a B.L. certificate, is a Master of Arts, with honours in mental science, and has had experience in teaching in the Boys' High School, Wanganui. in Waitotara, Marton, Dreyerton, and Te Aro, leaving the latter school in 1899 to take up his present position in Greytown. Mr. Parkinson is Major of the Wairarapa Battalion of the School Cadets

22<sup>nd</sup> March 1907 Wellington Education Board Repairs to four tanks at main school

24<sup>th</sup> April 1907 GREYTOWN. The following were elected as a School Committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs. C. J. Beard (chairman), H. Walden (treasurer), A. Murray (secretary), R. W. Tate, H. Wall, W. Brunton, J. J. Kempton, H. Humphries, and A. Spiro

30<sup>th</sup> April 1907 On Friday afternoon last the fellow teachers of Mr. Parkinson (late headmaster of the Greytown District High School), assisted by the girls attending the school, tendered him a farewell social, at which he was presented by the teachers and scholars with a handsome writing table to mark their appreciation of his eight years' service as headmaster of the school. The School Committee also presented him with a, silver inkstand.

9<sup>th</sup> May 1907 Mr. A. B. Charters, of the staff of the Masterton District High School, has been appointed, by the Wellington Education Board, headmaster of the Greytown School. This means a well-earned promotion for Mr. Charters.

10<sup>th</sup> May 1907 Head Teacher of Masterton School reports Mr. A. B. Charters, Senior Secondary assistant, has been appointed to the Headmastership of the Greytown District High School. During the four years he has been on the staff he has done excellent work, both in school and also with the boys out of school hours. I am sorry I am compelled to lose his services

21<sup>st</sup> May 1907 AGRICULTURAL CLASSES AT GREYTOWN.

Laboratory, Museum and Lecture Room. Some alterations that will involve an expenditure of £50 or £(>0 are required at the old schoolhouse at Greytown, which is being converted into a laboratory, museum and lecture room in connection with the agricultural classes that are held at Greytown. Mr. W. C. Davies, the Board's instructor, has taken a great interest in getting the

premises fitted up for the conduct of agricultural classes, and at present a teachers' class is held every Saturday morning. A good many alterations have been made in the interior of the building. One large room is equipped as a demonstration room, with shelves, cases, covers and tables, and is well stocked with chemicals and apparatus for experiments. Besides a very fine camera, a magic lantern of the largest and latest type and a retort and gasometer for the supply of oxygen are provided. The cookery-room, it is hoped, will be fitted up by the Department. One room is already being stocked with good exhibits as a museum. A dark room for preparing photos is set apart, and the principal room in the school will be used for lecture purposes. The building needs re-painting and a general overhauling, and the surrounding fences require attention.

25<sup>th</sup> May 1907 Mr. A. B. Charters, who has been appointed Headmaster of the Greytown School, was presented during the week with a travelling companion by the boys of the Masterton School. The girls of the senior secondary class presented him with a travelling rug, and the teachers at the Masterton School made him a present of a set of silver fruit knives and forks.

31<sup>st</sup> May 1907 Wellington Education Board It was resolved to effect necessary improvement to the old Greytown school building, which was now used as an agricultural laboratory.

8<sup>th</sup> June 1907 After a discussion,, the Committee decided to recommend Messrs. J. Bee, of Kilbirnie School, and G. Cromie, of Greytown School, for the position. The Education Board will finally make the appointment Masterton School Committee Meeting

27<sup>th</sup> July 1907 Mr. H. Miller, assistant teacher at Greytown school, has resigned that position

23<sup>rd</sup> August 1907 At a meeting of the Greytown School Committee, it was reported that the Truant Officer had prepared a number of summonses against several parents whose children were irregular in their attendance . The headmaster's report showed a roll number of 252. with an average attendance of 228. Messrs. A. Murray and C. J. Beard were appointed visitors for the month

27<sup>th</sup> August 1907 Nothing is, as yet, known as to who is to be Mr. Parkinson's successor as headmaster of the Greytown School. It is probable that until the appointment is made, Mr. Noble will join the staff as a relieving teacher.

30<sup>th</sup> August 1907 An application from Greytown for a septic tank was held over, as the board is at considering the whole question of septic tanks for schools

30<sup>th</sup> August 1907 Wellington Education Board Fencing Greytown old school site, Trotman, £19 15s, The following requisitions were declined :—Greytown, papering residence

31<sup>st</sup> August 1907 Prior to leaving the Greytown High School, Mr. H. Miller, who has accepted a position in the St. Kilda school, Melbourne', was presented with a gold sovereign case; a pipe and tobacco pouch. Mr. A. B. Charters made the presentation, and expressed regret at Mr. Miller's departure. The Greytown Brass Band presented Mr. Miller with a photographic group (framed) of its members

11<sup>th</sup> September 1907 Mr. Mickle appointed *In 1906 Mr. Mickle was teaching at Neudorf school out of Motueka*

5<sup>th</sup> October 1907 Captain Kent-Johnston and Lieutenant Cromie, of Greytown, are at present in Wellington sitting for officers examination.

25<sup>th</sup> October 1907 Wellington Education Board Approved Greytown (offices), *Offices is the word for toilets where children did their business*

## 1908

1908	222	Greytown	Charters	Alex B	B1	Headmaster	£265
1908	222	Greytown	Meikle	Paul A D	C3	Assistant Master	£160
1908	222	Greytown	Davis	Amy G	E1	Assistant Female	£120
1908	222	Greytown	Butler	Phoebe	D4	Assistant Female	£105
1908	222	Greytown	Freeman	Annie E		Assistant Female	£85
1908	222	Greytown	Bright	Kathleen		Female Pupil Teacher 4	£55
1908	222	Greytown	King	Herbert W	C2	Secondary	

5th February 1908 A summer school for teachers is in progress at Greytown, attended by fifteen or twenty teachers under the Wellington Education Board. Last week they did a good deal of laboratory work under the direction of the Board's agricultural instructor. during the present week they are gaining a further knowledge of experimental agriculture. The school lasts a fortnight and the teachers gave up one week of their holidays in order to attend the classes, a further week's leave being granted by the Board.

10th February 1908 Mr. Cromie, of the Greytown school, has tendered his resignation, and in six months' time proceeds to England to study medicine.

12th February 1908 Secondary Department Greytown D H S Assistant £180

21st February 1908 present there are 213 names on the roll of the Greytown School. The total number on the roll of the Carterton School is 311.

28th February 1908 Mr. E. Cromie, who is severing his connection with the Greytown School was entertained by the scholars at the school and their parents at afternoon tea on Wednesday last

9th March 1909 The Wairarapa schools held their annual shooting competition at Papawai on Saturday, the challenge shield being won by the Greytown school, with a score of 253, Featherston, - who held it last- year, made 246, and Carterton came next with 236. Four other teams, including Masterton and Fernridge, competed. The championship, decided on the aggregate in. the Rifle Association's match, and the Shield match, was won by Private Lorrimer (Greytown),.....

14th March 1908 Mr. H King has been appointed second assistant teacher at Greytown School

23rd March 1908 There are 215 names on the roll of the Greytown School. The average attendance (faring the past six weeks was 202. The number of pupils attending the secondary classes is 26.

30th April 1908 Mr. A. B. Charters, at one time captain of the Masterton Rifle Volunteers, has received a requisition, signed by every member of the Greytown Rifles, Ruahine Battalion E Company, asking him to take charge of the corps, Vice-Captain J. S. Kent-Johnston, resigned.

4th May 1908 Mr. H. W. King, the newly appointed secondary at the Greytown District High School, has commenced his duties. Mr. King was teaching at New Brighton School Canterbury in 1907

7th May 1908 Greytown School outbuildings, ~ Roberts and Taylor

27th May 1908 At Greytown last Monday a winter school was opened for the benefit of teachers under the Wellington Education Board, who are desirous of spending their vacation in study of nature and elementary agriculture.

Teachers who attend this school are to have the usual weeks' vacation extended to two weeks. Lectures are to be given by Mr. Kirk. Government biologist, and Messrs... T. R. Fleming and J. S. Tennant, inspectors of schools.

Mr. Fraser, of the Wellington Technical School, will lecture on nature study and drawing, and an officer of the Department of Agriculture will give practical instruction in tree-grafting and other branches of agricultural work

6th July 1908 The' Town Lands Trust Trustees have donated £50 to the Greytown High School, and £60 to the Public Library

9th July 1908 Mr. A. B. Charters, headmaster of Greytown District High School, will not be able to act as referee in the Britain Taranaki match, his request for leave of absence not having been granted by the board.

15th July 1908 At the last moment, the Wellington Education Board, which previously had refused to grant leave of absence to Mr. A. B. Charters, Headmaster of Greytown District High School, in order that he might referee ; the British-Taranaki football match at New Plymouth, has now relented, and given the necessary leave. In the meantime, however says the Wairarapa " Standard," another referee has been appointed

17th July 1908 Mr. A. B. Charters has been elected captain of the Greytown Rifle Volunteers.

22nd July 1908 A meeting of the local High School Committee was held on Monday night, when the headmaster's report was read and approved.

It showed an average attendance of 91.4 per cent.

The inspector's report was deemed most satisfactory, showing that the working of the school, which has always held a high standard, still holds its own, notwithstanding the numerous changes of teachers that have taken place during the year. Mr. H. Humphries was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. J. J. Kingston resigning. Messrs... Maxton and Humphries were appointed visitors for the month.

24th July 1908 Mr. H. Humphries has been elected to fill the vacancy on the Greytown School Committee, caused by the retirement of Mr. J. J. Kimpton. (Kingston?)

18th August 1908 Two hundred and twenty-five new books have recently been added to the Greytown School library.

20th August 1908 The Greytown School Committee met on Monday night, Mr. C. J. Beard in the chair. The bank balance was reported in credit £107 10s (id. The headmaster reported an average attendance of 02 per cent, of the total roll number of 232. It was decided to remove a quantity of metal from the old school to the West-street School. Accounts amounting to £13 were passed for payment.

21st August 1908 While wrestling with another lad at the Greytown School, Oscar Bicknell broke an ankle through falling.

25th August 1908 The Wairarapa Hockey Association have placed the Lansdowne grounds at the disposal of the Ladies' Association for Thursday next. The final of the seven-aside tournament, between Greytown and Masterton High School, will therefore be played at Lansdowne at 3.40 p.m.

28th August 1908 The final round of the Wairarapa Ladies' Association's seven-a-side tournament, between Greytown and the Masterton District High School, was played at Lansdowne yesterday, and after an exciting game resulted in a win for Greytown by one goal to nil. Miss E. Bicknell scored for the winners. Mr. B. Iveson was referee

3rd September 1908 spring school for country schoolteachers is being arranged by the Wellington Education Board.

It will be held at Greytown, from the 7th to the 18th September. Soils, fertilisers, and seed-testing will be amongst the subjects dealt with, and there will be nature talks on plant life. Mr. W. C. Davies, the Board's special instructor in agriculture, will have charge of the school, assisted by the Board's inspectors. Over twenty teachers have applied for places in the school.

24th September 1908 A meeting of the Greytown School Committee was held on Monday night, Mr. C. J. Beard in the chair. The headmaster reported a roll number of an average attendance of 202. It was decided to offer prizes for the most regular attendants at school. On the recommendation of the visitors, it was resolved to provide linoleum, some chairs and a locker for the headmaster's room. The attention of the Education Board is to be drawn to the state of the water channel surrounding the school. Messrs. H. Walden and H. Humphries were appointed visitors for the month

25th September 1908 Wellington Education Board £13 10s for channelling at Greytown

28th September 1908 Dominion Day passed off without any particular incident here. There were a few flags flying. The school children "saluted the flag" and received their medals

23rd October 1908 The Greytown School Committee has decided\* to issue circulars to the parents of scholars attending the school, regarding the attendance. it is to be pointed out that the average has to be kept up to 206 to retain the teaching staff at its present strength

21st November 1908 A battalion parade of the Wairarapa School Cadets was held on the Masterton school grounds this morning, there being a large muster of cadets from the Masterton, Carterton and Greytown schools. Captain Haslam was in charge, and put the battalion through a good deal of useful work

22nd December 1908 Mrs Scale, at one time a teacher in the Greytown School, met with rather a severe accident at Lincoln, Canterbury, lately. She was thrown out of a gig when making a visit in connection with her duties under the Education Department, and received severe injuries to her head and other parts of the body, it being necessary for a doctor to put several stitches in one of the wounds. She has been ordered complete rest for a few weeks.

## 1909

1909	237	Greytown	Charters	Alex B	B1	Headmaster	£275
1909	237	Greytown	Meikle	Paul A D	C3	Assistant Master	£185
1909	237	Greytown	Davis	Amy G	E1	Assistant Female	£140
1909	237	Greytown	Butler	Phoebe	D4	Assistant Female	£110
1909	237	Greytown	Freeman	Emily A		Assistant Female	£90
1909	237	Greytown	Bright	Kathleen		Female Pupil Teacher 5	£55
1909	237	Greytown	Stevens	Mary E		Female Pupil Teacher 2	£25
1909	237	Greytown	Kidson	George R	C3	Secondary	

*George Kidson came from East Christchurch School*

8th February 1909 Among successful students at recent Edinburgh University examinations were Mr. G. Cromie, lately an assistant teacher in the Greytown District High School, who passed in physics and was awarded a first prize medal for anatomy, and Mr. D. B. Maunsell, late of Wairarapa, who passed his third medical examination

10th March 1909 The Wairarapa Schools' Cadet Battalion held its annual competitions at Papawai last week, about seventy lads entering for the two competitions — an association match, open to all cadets belonging to the battalion, at 100 and 200 yds, for prizes amounting in the aggregate to £5, provided by the Wairarapa Rifle Association, and a Teams' Match, for a challenge shield, presented by leading settlers of the Wairarapa.

Oscar Bicknell, of Greytown, won the Association Match, with a score of 60 out of a possible 70. The Teams Match was won by Greytown No. 1 team with 250 points, and the championship by Howard Lorimer, of Greytown, with a score of 115 points. Lorimer has now won the championship for two years in succession, and the Greytown School has won the shield twice in succession. The record for the shield stands — Greytown three wins, Masterton one, and Featherston one.

7<sup>th</sup> April 1909 Greytown Town Lands Trust report included £469 18s 1d, out of which grants were made to the Greytown District High School of £45, to the public library of £30, the fire brigade of £10; and the recreation ground trust of £10 — a total of £95

17<sup>th</sup> March 1909 The Greytown School Committee met on Monday evening. The headmaster's report showed that the average attendance for the past month was 95 per cent, in primary classes, and 98 per cent, in secondary. It also pointed out the satisfactory position of the cadets in the recent competitions. Miss M. Stevens was appointed a probationer. The headmaster is to take a class up the Waiohine Gorge for lessons in physical geography.

7<sup>th</sup> March 1909 The Greytown School Committee has decided to instruct the headmaster to take his class to the Waiohine for physical geography instruction. A letter is to be written to Mr. Charters, headmaster, complementing the school upon its general success, and the splendid attendance of scholars.

It has also been decided to give a banner to the school for the class having the best weekly attendance, to have hung on the wall until its record is lowered. This is done as an incentive to the pupils to keep up a maximum attendance.

27<sup>th</sup> April 1909 School Committee Greytown. — Messrs... Beard, Walden, Brunton, Tate, Humphries, Spero, Fisher, Maxton, and Irwin

29<sup>th</sup> April 1909 At the committee meeting after the school election Mr. C. J. Beard was elected chairman, Mr. H. Walden treasurer, and Mr. W. S. Moxton was appointed secretary. It was resolved that the committee meet every third Friday of the month in the schoolroom

24<sup>th</sup> May 1909 The monthly meeting of the committee of the Greytown District High School was held on Friday evening last. The headmaster's and inspector's reports were read and considered very satisfactory. The tender of the W.F.C.A. was accepted for the supply of football jerseys for the boys. A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. T. Fisher owing to the death of his wife. Messrs. H. Humphries and B. Irwin were appointed visitors for the month.

24<sup>th</sup> May 1909 At a meeting of the Greytown School Committee, on Friday evening, the Headmaster reported a roll number of 204 in the primary department, the average attendance being 190.5. In the secondary department there were 33, the average attendance being 31. (There were 11 on the roll of the side school, the average being 9.) The tender of the W.F.C.A. was accepted for jerseys. It was resolved to forward a vote of condolence to Mr. T. Fisher, a member of the Committee, whose wife died recently. Messrs. Humphries and Irwin were appointed visitors for the month

19<sup>th</sup> June 1909 The Carterton schoolboys football team will play a friendly match with the Greytown School team on Saturday at Carterton.

21<sup>st</sup> June 1909 Greytown District High School Committee, met 'on Friday evening, when the chairman reported on an. interview with Mr. R.- Lee, Chairman of the Wellington Board. The headmaster, reported a .conference with other .headmasters and' the inspectors ; relative to the new syllabus for next year., It was decided to introduce' more agricultural science into the curriculum.,: .The ' headmaster's general report showed that several families had recently left Greytown, and this had reduced the number on the roll.

26<sup>th</sup> June 1909 A. B. Charters, of the Greytown Rifles, has resigned his commission

28<sup>th</sup> June 1909. On the School ground, on Saturday, a match was played between the Greytown and Masterton- High School hockey teams\*, Mr. B. Iveson, acting as referee. After a hard fought game the Greytown girls were declared the winners by 2 goals to nil. The Greytown team played a good game, but the Masterton team was not up to its usual good standard, partially owing to the loss of one of its best players. Misses F. Gazely and A. Hawke scored the goals, these two young ladies and Miss D. Bicknell (captain)and N. Fiest doing good work for the winners. The best players in the Masterton team were Misses E. Dagg (captain), A. O'Leary, B. Scott and I. McKenzie The Masterton team afterward? entertained their visitors to a social at the School.

12th July 1909 The Masterton District High School girls were defeated by the Greytown School girls, at Greytown, on Saturday last by six goals to nil.

12<sup>th</sup> July 1909 The Masterton school team defeated the Greytown school team at Greytown by 17 points to nil on Saturday morning last. Ewington (2), Hoar, Ah Lop, and Ibbetson scored tries, one of which Hoar converted. In the afternoon the Masterton school team defeated a South Wairarapa schools team by 3 points to nil, Ewington scoring the try.

30<sup>th</sup> July 1909 It was also resolved that, owing to the greater cost of American desks, the secondary departments of Greytown and Pahiatua be supplied with desks of local manufacture, which could be more cheaply

31<sup>st</sup> August 1909 Mr. H. W. King, on the staff of the Greytown District High School, has accepted an appointment on the staff of the Auckland Grammar School.

17<sup>th</sup> September 1909 A class in agricultural science is being held for teachers in the Wellington district at the special Greytown school. This is the sixth of the series. On Monday Inst an excursion was made to Waiohine, where good work was done in collecting and naming specimens of weeds, and in taking note of the peculiar river formation in the locality.

20<sup>th</sup> September 1909 The monthly meeting of the District High School Committee was held on Friday, evening. The ,headmaster's report was adopted.as read, and it was reported that the how desks for the secondary department hail, been delivered 'Messrs... T R Fleming and J. S. , Tennant, inspectors, had inspected ' the school on September 7,.8, and 9, and Mr. T. H. Gill had inspected the secondary schools on September 3. The headmaster also reported having purchased, some. suitable books' for the school library Messrs... H; Humphries and- T Fisher .wore appointed a visiting committed for the month

1<sup>st</sup> October 1909 Wellington Education Board A request from the Carterton and Greytown School Committees that Carterton be an examination centre was referred to the chairman, chief inspector, and secretary for report

2<sup>nd</sup> October 1909 The resignations of Mr. H. W. King, second assistant at the Greytown School, and Miss Kirby. sole teacher, Alfredton, have been accepted by the Wellington Education Board.

8<sup>th</sup> October 1909 The Greytown School Committee has selected Mr. G. R. Kidson to fill the vacancy on the teaching staff caused by the resignation of Mr. H. W. King.



29<sup>th</sup> October 1909 EXTENDED- AGRICULTURAL COURSES. ; Following upon the proposals outlined by the Education earlier-; in the year for the institution' of ,special' courses of study in agriculture in rural district high schools, and upon; the conference which was subsequently, held at Greytown between Mr. Robert Lee (chairman of the Wellington Education Board), Messrs. T Fleming and F. H. Bakewell (inspectors), and Messrs...-W. H. Jackson,' A. N: Burns, and A. B.-Charters, (headmasters of the Masterton, Carterton, and' Greytown District High Schools respectively), on the subject, the Education Board, at its meeting; yesterday adopted (on the. motion of' Mr. W. H. Field, M.P.), the following, recommendation by. the senior inspector (Mr.-T. E. Fleming):— "We recommend that all the district high schools in: the district be required to adopt a. course of agricultural: instruction as laid down in Regulation 27 (G) (school classes); '

"That in order to carry. out this programme: (a)' ~Extra instructors be appointed for agriculture, etc. and woodwork;, (b) ,an instructress appointed, for .cookery and dressmaking; (c) where :necessary application be made ;to the Department for a grant for a room for .woodwork It was also resolved, on the motion, of Mr. Field, that matters of finance and detail be left in the hands of the chairman and inspectors to deal with..

5<sup>th</sup> November 1909 Mrs. Connell, who has been relieving teacher at the Greytown school, has left to take up another appointment, and has been succeeded by Miss Myers, of *Wellington* I *Can't find a miss Myers teaching in the Wairarapa*

23<sup>rd</sup> November 1909 There are 210 scholars on the roll of the primary department of the Greytown School and 33 in the secondary department. "

6<sup>th</sup> December 1909 From three applications submitted by the Education Board, the local School Committee last evening appointed Mr. H. Millar to the position of assistant master at the High School. Mr. Millar was formerly on the teaching staff of the Greytown school, and will enter upon his duties after the summer vacation.

6<sup>th</sup> December 1909 The Carterton High School Committee has selected Mr. W. Millar, of Melbourne. from three applications for the position of assistant master. The names were submitted by the Board of Education. Mr. Millar, who comes highly recommended, was some time ago associated with the staff of the . Greytown School.

8<sup>th</sup> December 1909 The Greytown School building is at) present being repainted

11<sup>th</sup> December 1909 The Greytown School has established a record for attendance this year, when about 90 first-class certificates will be issued. When the present Headmaster, Mr. A. B. Charters, took charge in 1907 seventeen certificates were issued, In 1908 over 40 were given, and this year the number is more than double

14<sup>th</sup> December 1909 Mr. Charters, Headmaster of the Greytown School, contemplates taking a trip to Australia during the summer vacation.

## 1910

227	Greytown	Charters	Alex B	B1	Headmaster	£280
227	Greytown	Goldsman	George J	B3	Assistant Master	£180
227	Greytown	Davis	Amy G	E1	Assistant Female	£145
227	Greytown	Butler	Phoebe	D4	Assistant Female	£115
227	Greytown	Freeman	Emily A		Assistant Female	£90
227	Greytown	Kay	Winnie		Female Pupil Teacher 2	£50
227	Greytown	Kidson	George R	C3	Secondary	
227	Greytown	McLandress M A	I	B2	Secondary	

*George J Goldsman was at Waltham School in Christchurch in 1909. Waltham is near the centre of Christchurch City*

7<sup>th</sup> January 1910 The work of repainting the old school building at the southern end of the town is now in progress. Mr. C. J. Beard, of Greytown, is the contractor.

2<sup>nd</sup> February 1910 I hear that there is a possibility of the hours of the local High School being altered to an hour later, and only half-hour for dinner, owing to the timetable of the up train not fitting in with the present time of starting school, so as to meet the pupils coming from Featherston and Cross' Creek. ,

25<sup>th</sup> February 1910 Department of Ed Masterton, Greytown, Levin and Carterton, woodwork rooms, £428

10<sup>th</sup> March 1910 Miss McLandress appointed

11<sup>th</sup> March 1910 MASTERTON School Committee Miss McLandress, M.A., of the Secondary Department, has been appointed to the Greytown District High School

23<sup>rd</sup> March 1910 This was agreed to. It was reported that the tenders of Messrs... Rose and Mason had been accepted for the erection of woodwork rooms at Pahiatua (£105 10s.), Greytown (£104 10s.), and Carterton (£103 10s.), and the work was in hand.

5<sup>th</sup> April 1910 Charters, of Greytown, has been promoted to major of the fifth battalion of the Wellington rifle volunteers

18<sup>th</sup> April 1910 The usual monthly meeting of the Greytown District High School was held on Friday evening last. The head master's report, which showed the attendance to be very satisfactory, was adopted. Accounts amounting to £11 12s were passed for payment. Messrs... Tate and Maxton were appointed visitors for the month.

The Greytown Town Lands Trust annual meeting was held on Friday Greytown High School, £135 was passed

20<sup>th</sup> April 1910 There are 255 pupils on the roll of the Greytown State school

26<sup>th</sup> April 1910 School Committee elections Greytown. — Messrs... C. J. Beard (chairman), H. Walden (treasurer), W. S. Maxton (Secretary), W. Brunton, M. Maxton, T. Fisher, H. Humphries, E. Olifant , C. Henry, R. Ward Tate.

1<sup>st</sup> June 1910 Wellington Education Board approves repairs fence and gate at Old School Greytown

2<sup>nd</sup> June 1910 Messrs. C J. Beard and W. Brunton have been appointed visitors for the month by the Greytown District High School. The headmaster has been authorised to purchase books for the library during the next twelve months, at a cost not exceeding £10

10<sup>th</sup> June 1910 the Greytown Trust Lands Trust has made a grant of .£BO to the Greytown school and £60 to the Greytown library.

29<sup>th</sup> June 1910 Wellington Education Board The 'matter of a septic tank at Greytown was also referred to the clerk of works, who will interview the chairman of the school committee on the question.

1<sup>st</sup> July 1910 Greytown has been furnished with a fine school. It has a capable staff. The old school building, still in first-class condition, has been converted into an agricultural museum, lecture room, etc., and is a fine acquisition. The teacher's residence has been renovated and improved; and now the only part of the educational equipment that needs urgent attention is the latrines. For these, together with a septic tank, an application has been before the Education Board. Consideration has been held over, as the estimated cost of the proposed works approaches £300. The Board desires to ascertain whether the Borough Council has. any drainage and sewage scheme on method of sewerage to secure the general health of the place in view, so that the school may take advantage of it.

It appears that there is no prospect of the Borough providing itself with a high pressure water supply, as it has the water already of the Waiohine River flowing along the channels and water tables in the public streets, and pumps and windmills yield a capital domestic supply' hospital, drainage for many years has travelled into a huge covered cavern excavated among the sand and shingle and boulders in an adjacent paddock and Dr. Bey declares that no better septic tank is to be found in the Dominion. It remains to be added that in spite of the simplicity of its sanitary machinery, no part of New Zealand is more free from epidemics than Greytown

11<sup>th</sup> July 1910 GREYTOWN SCHOOL v. MASTERTON SCHOOL. Played at Masterton and won by Masterton by 29 points to nil. Brunton 4, and Blackman, Sewell, and Webber, one each, scored tries for Masterton,; four of which Farman converted.

12<sup>th</sup> July 1910 Greytown — Assistant Master; £180 to £210

13<sup>th</sup> July 1910 Hamua, headmaster, Mr. P. Mickle, now at Greytown

9<sup>th</sup> August 1910 Greytown District High School. — Assistant-master, Mr. G. Goldsman appointed

31<sup>st</sup> August 1910 Wellington Education Board approved New offices (*toilets*) at Greytown

1<sup>st</sup> September 1910 That the following be approved: Greytown: New offices, the committee undertaking to supply the necessary water

7<sup>th</sup> September 1910 Prior to leaving the Greytown . District High School to take up a in Hamua, Mr. P. Mickle was presented with a gold sovereign case from his pupils, and a fountain pen and set of George Elliot's works from the staff.

22<sup>nd</sup> November 1910 GREYTOWN. The ordinary meeting, of the Greytown District High School Committee was held, on Friday evening.. It .was decided.-: to divert' the water-race' : 'now running through the garden back through Mr. Murray's property. The secretary- was-- instructed to write a. further letter to the Education Board re sanitation matters. A sum of .£7 was donated to the school sports fund.,, :Mr. Charters was empowered to buy .prizes for attendance The headmaster's report was read and adopted

13<sup>th</sup> December 1910 Tenders are invited by the Education Board for new latrines, septic tank and drainage at Greytown District High. School,

21<sup>st</sup> December 1910 GREYTOWN. Tenders by Mr. W. L. Humphries (£28 10s.) for the erection.' of a tank stand at the school, and of Mr. El G.' Beard for. plumbing work (£49) were accepted at a meeting of the Greytown School Committee, on Monday evening.

## 1911

1911	230	Greytown	Charters MA	Alex B	B1	Headmaster	£285
1911	230	Greytown	Goldsman	George J	B2	Assistant Master	£180
1911	230	Greytown	Davis	Amy G	E1	Assistant Female	£150
1911	230	Greytown	Ritchie	Annie M	D3	Assistant Female	£135
1911	230	Greytown	Freeman	Annie E		Assistant Female	£94
1911	230	Greytown	Kay	Winnifred M		Female Pupil Teacher 3	£55
1911	230	Greytown	Kidson	George R	C2	Secondary	

1st February 1911 The following teachers have been granted leave of absence for a short term by the Wellington Education Board :—Miss J. Freeman, Mangapakeha; Mrs Robbie, Waterfalls; Mr. G. J. Goldsman, Greytown;

20th February 1911 SCHOOL MATCH. MASTERTON D.H.S. v. GREYTOWN D.H.S.

This match was played at Greytown on Saturday last, and resulted in an > easy win for the Masterton School by 4 wickets and 32 runs. Greytown in. there, first innings made 16 runs, an', in their second 28/Masterton made 76 in their only innings, Speedy being top scorer with 14. For the winners Perry obtained 11 wickets for 12 runs, and Hoar 6 for 10.

1st March 1911 Leave was granted Mr. A. B. Charters, of Greytown School, to attend the military instruction camp at Tauherenikau between March 10th and 17th

14th March 1911 Greytown — Assistant Mistress; £105 to £135.

27th March 1911 referring to the school attendance, the Inspectors state: "Though on the aggregate number we have more than held our own, we regret to notice that the country schools as a whole show a decided decrease in numbers—nearly 400. This is in part due to the fact that many of our small settlers have moved to the cheaper land along the Main Trunk line; but, unfortunately, the main cause—has. undoubtedly been the growing tendency towards aggregation in towns.

We had expected an increase this year in our District High School numbers, but this expectation has not been realised, a fact, largely due to the alteration in the Wairarapa railway time-table. In the Greytown District High School alone,, the new time-table entailed' a loss of nearly 40 per cent, in the number of secondary pupils.

27th March 1911 The following is the average attendance at the chief schools in the Wairarapa district during the past year: —Masterton D. H. S. and Side School 775, Carterton D.H.S. 269, Pahiatua D.H.S. 238, Greytown D.H.S. 227, Mangatainoka 145, Featherston 137, Martin borough 115, Lansdowne 144, Eketahuna 113, Fernridge 86. Clareville 83, Nireaha 65, Konini 61, Scarborough 59, Pongaroa 50, Parkvale 52, Kaiwairua 43 Rongokokako 41, Kaitawa 40, Mako Mako 42, Ballance 53, Dalefield 52. Hukanui 67. Hamua, 53, Belvedere 47, Hastwell 46, Gladstone 43, Kaipororo 39, Mauriceville West 38, Te Ore Ore 37.

29th March 1911 Seeing that there will be a large number of children absent from school on Thursday next in order to attend the Maori ceremony at Papawai, it has been decided to close the school for the day. The local shops will close at 10 a.m.

11th April 1911 Miss A M Ritchie appointed. Miss Ritchie came from Kiwitea School in the Manawatu

25th April 1911 Greytown. — Messrs... Beard (chairman), Walden (treasurer), Humphries, M. Maxton, Tate, Brunton, Henry Fisher, Shanley, and W. S. Maxton (secretary)].

26th April 1911 The Wellington Education Board . decided yesterday to install gas at the Greytown school.

6th May 1911 A very pretty wedding was celebrated in the Methodist Church, Carterton, yesterday, by the 'Rev. C.-H. Standage, when Miss Phoebe Butler, second daughter of Mr. George Butler of that town, was married to Mr. Robert Totty of Ashburton.

22nd May 1911 At its last meeting the Greytown District High School Committee discussed the question of joining in with the Carterton school for an excursion to Wellington to see the Exhibition on 15th June, but the matter was deferred

22nd May 1911 The usual meeting of His Greytown District High School Committee was held on Friday evening last. Accounts amounting to £27 were passed for payment. The headmaster's report was read and adopted. Messrs... Henry and Fisher were appointed visitors for the month

31st May 1911 The thanks of the board were, by resolution, accorded the Greytown Trust Lands Trust for a donation of £40 for the local District High School,

22nd August 1911 An epidemic of 'measles among the children attending the 'Greytown School has resulted in 133 being absent out of a roll number Of 209 during the past' week.

30th August 1911 The Government has made a grant for the installation of a gas service at the teacher's residence at Greytown.

11th September 1911 GREYTOWN, This Day. The annual grant, of £80 made to the Greytown District High School by the Town Lands Trust trustees has been acknowledged by the Education Board

18th September 1911 GREYTOWN, 16th Septembers. The Greytown District High School Committee met on Friday night', when the treasurer reported a credit balance of £180, with ' ,a few accounts to pay. Messrs... Board and Walden were appointed to attend to the lawn water supply. The inspector's report was read and proved very satisfactory. The headmaster's report was also of a satisfactory nature, notwithstanding the large amount of sickness that has prevailed

1st November 1911 Wellington Education Board An installation of gas is to be made ,at the Greytown school by the Greytown borough gas manager

20th November 1911 The Greytown District High School is some .£180 in credit just now, and the headmaster has been authorised to procure the necessary books for prizes for the children

20th December Miss W Kay resigns

Winnifred M Kay went to the Ormond School in the Hawkes Bay Education Board area. North East of Gisborne and Married Henry Archer Bunny in 1922. He died in 1924

1924/7465	Bunny	Henry Archer	52 Y
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## 1912

1912	237	Greytown	Davies	William G	D1	Headmaster	£270
1912	237	Greytown	Goldsman	George J	B2	Assistant Master	£185
1912	237	Greytown	Davis	Amy G	E1	Assistant Female	£150
1912	237	Greytown	Ritchie	Annie M	D3	Assistant Female	£135
1912	237	Greytown	Freeman	Annie E		Assistant Female	£94
1912	237	Greytown	Beere	Josiah M		Male Probationer Teacher 2	£50
1912	237	Greytown	Kidson	George R	B2	Secondary	

13th February 1912 GREYTOWN. The funeral of the late Mr. W. S. Maxton took place, on Sunday, when a large following of friends tendered their last respects The service was conducted by the Rev. A. T.. Page, vicar of St. Luke's Church. The Oddfellows of whom the deceased was a member, were present in numbers, and Bros. V. .Nicholson, E. Gates C Polson, and A. Hall acted as pall-bearers. The Oddfellows' service was read by P. P G M. Bro. Loasby. The chairman of the District High School (of which deceased was secretary of Committee,) .Mr. C. J. Beard, and the head-master Mr. A. B. Charters . M.A. were present. There was otherwise a large number of followers on foot and in vehicles

1912/2959	Maxton	William Samuel	27 Y
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27th February 1912 Leave of absence has been granted to the following teachers: Messrs... H. Sutton (Tenui), A. B. Charters (Greytown), D. Robertson (Greytown), C. N. Haslam (Masterton)— the last three from 16th March to 23rd March for Territorial work  
February

7th March 1912 cricket match was played at Greytown yesterday between Greytown and Masterton schools, Greytown -winning by 23 runs. Mason 15, and Cummings 20, were top-scorers for the winners, and Hunter for the losers.....

4th April 1912 Mumps are prevalent in Greytown just now, even the school teachers (two) having succumbed to the complaint.

23rd April 1912 Greytown. — C. J. Beard (chairman), H. Walden (treasurer), T. Fisher, C. W. Henry, H. Humphries, V. Nicholson, R. Ward Tate, W. Thompson, D. Dockery, Mark Maxton (secretary)

1st May 1912 From the list of applicants for the advertised, positions, the board selected by ballot Mr. F. H. Stuckey, M.A., headmaster Island Bay School, and Mr. A. B. Charters, M. A headmaster of the Greytown School. Mr. Stuckey arrived from England with his parents twenty-three years ago, and a year later he entered the service of the Education Board. His father, the late Mr. Fred. Stuckey, was one of the first settlers at Levin, where Mr. Stuckey, junr., began his teaching career. Later on he was assistant at Clyde-quay, and from there he went to Kaitara as head teacher. For the past twelve and a-half years he has been, in charge at Island Bay. Both he and Mr. Charters are classified B 1 Mr. Stuckey has, specialised in science, and Mr. Charters who is commanding officer of the Second Battalion of the 9th (East Coast) New Zealand Infantry Regiment, is a keen citizen soldier. Mr. Charters saw service in South Africa

2nd May 1912 In considering the question of appointing a successor to its third inspector—appointed recently to the principalship of the Teachers' Training College—the Wellington Education Board on Tuesday decided that the growth of the school population and the extension of the teaching establishments in the district warranted an additional inspector, and from the list of applicants for the advertised position selected by ballot Mr. A. B. Charters, M.A., at present headmaster of the Greytown District High School, and Mr. F. G. Stuckey M.A., headmaster of the Island Bay School. The new inspectors are old servants of the Wellington Board, and well known to most of the teachers in the service. Each holds a B1 certificate. Mr. Charters is recognised by his contemporaries as a most capable teacher, and possesses a personality which enables him to get quickly into touch with pupils and teachers alike. He is also commanding officer for the Second Battalion of the 9th (East Coast) N.Z. Infantry Regiment, saw service in South Africa, and is generally recognised as a keen citizen soldier. Mr. Stuckey holds high qualifications in science, and has distinguished himself in laboratory work at Victoria College

9th May 1912 Mr. W. C. Davies, who has for the last seven 'years been agricultural instructor to the 'Wellington Education Board', has been selected to succeed Mr. Charters at headmaster at the Greytown District High School Mr. Davies . of the Mauriceville school prior to his entering on special work. His retirement' from the agricultural instructorship has been. entirely at his own request, and chiefly for family reasons

13th May 1912 Mr. D. McGregor, junr., stated at Saturday's meeting of the General Committee of the Masterton A. and P. Association that he had been informed that though Mr. W. C. Davies, late schools agricultural instructor, had been appointed headmaster of the Greytown School, the work carried on by him would not be dropped, but would be taken up by another official of the Department.

16th May 1912 A GREYTOWN GRIEVANCE.

The people of Grey town are agitated over the appointment of a headmaster to their school in succession to Mr. Charters,- an' the Mayor has called a public meeting- to discuss the question. Demonstrations of this character would seem to be a huge mistake. If the people of Greytown have a legitimate grievance, they should represent it in the right quarter in a legitimate manner, and it would doubtless receive. Full consideration. In the meantime there is a danger of the educational interests of the town being made to suffer through the extreme conduct of a few well-meaning but misguided persons.

21st May 1912 A lively meeting of householders took place in Greytown the other evening, when the following resolutions were declared carried:—"That, this meeting desires to protest against the method adopted by the Wellington Education Board in appointing the headmaster of the Greytown District High School."

"That in pursuance of the foregoing resolution, the Education Board ,be asked to annul the appointment of headmaster, and call for applications for the position in the usual way." "That copies of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded, by the chairman, to the Greytown School Committee, the Wellington Education Board, the Minister of Education, and the Teachers' Institute."

25th May 1912 At the breaking-up of the Greytown District High School yesterday (writes our local correspondent), the assistant teachers and pupils presented Mr. A. B. Charters with a writing-desk, and the committee and friends gave him a purse of sovereigns with which to purchase some memento of his five years' service to the school.

The Mayor made <the presentation, in the presence of the scholars and a. large number of friends. The chairman (Mr. C. J. Beard) eulogised the character and ability of Mr. Charters. Mr. Goldsman, one of the secondary teachers, acted as chairman. Mr. and Mrs. Charters left for Wellington to-day, where they will reside.

29th May 1912 DISCUSSION AT THE EDUCATION BOARD. Recently the Education Board decided to appoint two inspectors — one in place of Mr. Tennant, resigned to take charge of the Training College, and another as an extra officer. The headmaster at Greytown was ono of the successful applicants, and subsequently Mr. W. C. Davis, agricultural instructor to the beard, was transferred to the charge of the Greytown School. Following on certain correspondence) on the matter of the appointment at the board yesterday, a discussion arose as to the methods of the appointment. Mr. 1 W. 0. Buchanan was curious as to the manner of the transfer.

Did the board make the transfer, or the appointment ? Who was responsible for. Several members wanted an explanation. The board at the previous committee meeting had decided to delegate the filling of the vacancy at Greytown to the chairman of the board (Mr. R. Lee) and the Chief Inspector (Mr. 'J. R. Fleming).

It was also pointed out that it was one of the conditions of the appointment of a fourth inspector that Mr. Davis should be placed suitably. This condition was distinctly made and understood.

Thus, Mr. Davis was "transferred," not appointed" to Greytown. Strong protest was made by Mr. A. W. Hogg against, what he considered an unstatutory way of doing things. He disclaimed absolutely any responsibility of the appointment made at Greytown. He left the meeting early, and did not know what had been done, not having seen the papers. In his opinion, the proceeding was most irregular, and contrary to the statute. Such an important position as Greytown should have been filled in the orthodox way.

The vacancy should have been advertised, applications invited, applicants considered, and the matter passed on to the School Committee, as usual.

He would personally accept no responsibility. The Chairman (Mr. Lee) : You are not asked to accept any responsibility. You left the meeting before the course of proceedings was decided on. It was an exceptional case, and the transfer of Mr. Davis was made strictly according to the condition of the appointment of a fourth inspector. It was decided to confirm the board's action. ',

29th May 1912 Wellington Education Board Resolutions in reference to the appointment of a headmaster at the Greytown. District High School were received. From the Mayor, of Greytown. It was decided to communicate with the District "High School Committee before sending a reply.

7th June 1912 A football match is to be played on the local school ground (Greytown) tomorrow morning between the Masterton and Greytown school teams

8th June 1912 AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DESTROYED. The old school building at Greytown, which has been used by Mr. W. C. Davies for some time past as a laboratory, (museum, cookery room, and office, was totally destroyed, by fire last evening. The fire was first observed by Mr. Davies, but then had a good hold of the building. A few articles were saved from the laboratory; but most of the contents, which are the collection of years, were destroyed. The Education board had no insurance on the building.

8th June 1912 OLD SCHOOL BUILDING DESTROYED

The old school building at Greytown, which has been used by Mr. W. O. Davies (the newly-appointed headmaster) for some time past as a laboratory, museum cookery room and office, was totally destroyed by fire last evening. The fire was first observed by Mr. Davies. but then had a good hold of the building. A few articles were saved from the laboratory, but most of the contents, which are the collection of years, were destroyed. The Education Board had no insurance on the building.

Press Association message states that the outbreak was caused by a faulty chimney. The fire started in the class room. The school was a very old building and was used as a high school, and for agricultural classes. The committee had insured the material for £120 and the headmaster had his private goods insured for £100, both policies in the State office. The insurance on the building is not available.

12th June 1912 GREYTOWN SCHOOL FIRE RESULT OF ENQUIRY. [BY TELEGRAPH — SPECIAL TO THE POST. GREYTOWN, This Day. Messrs... Buchanan, Vile, and Hogg, of the Education Board, held an enquiry here respecting the school fire. Mr. Spencer represented the Education Department.

Mr. Stewart, secretary of the Education Board, was present.

After an exhaustive investigation it was decided that the fire originated from the central chimney being defective. The sub-committee instructed the local committee to procure the necessary rooms for temporary use

24th June 1912 It was decided to vote £3 each to Carterton, Masterton and Greytown schools, also to donate a football to Featherston school and one to Greytown school to replace that destroyed in the recent fire. Wairarapa Rugby Union

26th June 1912 Wellington Education Board Greytown committee wrote, regarding the appointment of headmaster, that it desired to make no further comment. The Mayor of Greytown, who had forwarded to the board certain resolutions passed by a public meeting on the subject, is to be informed accordingly



31st July 1912 Wellington Education Board Greytown intimated that it would provide £120 for furnishing and fitting the new building. The chairman said that designs for the new school to replace the old building lately, burned were before members. The building would run into a fairly large sum of money. The board had stretched its generosity as far as it could in this matter. Their funds would only permit of the erection of the building in wood. Mr. Buchanan urged that they should apply to the Government for a vote to put up a building in brick or concrete for preference. The board agreed to adopt this course.

29th October 1912 The Board's Inspector, Mr. J. G. A. Stuckey, who inspected the Greytown school children last month, reported, very highly on the state of the school, complementing the headmaster on the progress made, notwithstanding the change of masters and the disastrous fire that occurred

18th November 1912 The Minister of Education has promised, through Mr. W. C. Buchanan, M.P., that he will put up the new High School as soon as possible

## 1913

1913	230	Greytown	Davies	William G	D1	Headmaster	£275
1913	230	Greytown	Goldsman	George J	B2	Assistant Master	£190
1913	230	Greytown	Davis	Amy G	E1	Assistant Female	£150
1913	230	Greytown	Phillpots	May	D5	Assistant Female	£105
1913	230	Greytown	Freeman	Annie E		Assistant Female	£94
1913	230	Greytown	Beere	Josiah M		Male Pupil Teacher 3	£55
1913	230	Greytown	Ellis	Frances	D5	Secondary	

24<sup>th</sup> February 1913 This Day. At the monthly meeting of the Greytown District High School on Friday, it was decided to apply to the board for leave to lease the Sunday school of St. Luke's Church for the secondary classes, as the number attending has greatly increased. This will then give room for a laboratory room in the present school, until the board can erect a new secondary school. The Lanz Cream Separator Company has, given the school a cream separator, which will be of great service in the secondary division of the school work. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the firm, it was decided at the meeting to present the dux (boy and girl) of the school in future with a gold medal. The outbuildings of the old school site are to be used for the present school, so as to give greater accommodation there.

26<sup>th</sup> February 1913 Wellington Education Board approved new gutters

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1913 The Masterton District High School team had another easy win on Saturday against Greytown. The local boys knocked up 140, of which byes were responsible for 2. B. Welch 25, I. Hunter 22, F. Shaw 21 (retired), were the principal score. Greytown went down before the bowling of F. Hoar (10 for 25; and H. Miller (9 for 22), and could only get 19, Sutherland making 11 (including a six which landed in a garden across the road) and 27. Scores:— GREYTOWN. First timings 19 Second Innings 27 Grand Total 46 MASTERTON.....149

22<sup>nd</sup> March 1913 The Greytown District High School Committee met on Wednesday evening last. Present :— Messrs... C. J. Beard (chairman), H. Walden (treasurer), W. Thomson, T. Fisher, H. Humphries, V. Nicholson, the H.M., and secretary. It was reported that the directors of the Greytown Dairy Company had donated £2 2s to the funds. The committee passed a vote of thanks for the gift. It was decided to remove sheds from the old school and use them as bike sheds at the present school, and the porch left from the fire is to be used as a tool shed.

26<sup>th</sup> March 1913 Dr. Elizabeth Gunn examined fifty of the children attending the Greytown school last week, and has reported to the school committee that the major portion of them were defective in eyes, nose or ears, one suffering from skin disease

30<sup>th</sup> April 1913 Greytown.— The, new Greytown School Committee is as follows :— Messrs..." Beard (chairman), Walden (treasurer), Fisher, Humphries, Nicholson, Henry, Holdcroft, Bensman, Shanley, and Maxton (secretary)

27<sup>th</sup> May 1913 The secretary of the Greytown District High School Committee has received information that a grant of £750 will be made for the erection of cookery and science rooms

5<sup>th</sup> June 1913 Out of eleven applications, the Wellington Education Board submitted the name of Miss Annie Ritchie, of the Greytown School, for the position of assistant mistress at the local school, in succession of Miss Stormont, who is shortly retiring from the teaching profession. The Committee approved of the selection of Miss Ritchie for the position.

11<sup>th</sup> June 1913 GREYTOWN, This Day. The Greytown District High School has accepted the plan submitted by the Education Board for the new secondary school. This will also mean an alteration in the class rooms of the present school that will be beneficial to the school.

28<sup>th</sup> June 1913 The teaching staff of the Greytown High School assembled on afternoon to bid farewell to Miss A. M. Ritchie, who left yesterday to take up. her new duties as mistress at the Pahiatua District School., After afternoon tea had been dispensed, the headmaster, on behalf of the staff, presented Miss Ritchie with a purse, silver-mounted case and candlestick. In making the presentation, Mr. Davies referred feelingly to the regret which they all felt both personally and professionally 'at parting with-Miss Ritchie and wished her every success and happiness in her new sphere of work

5<sup>th</sup> July 1913 The Greytown Trust Lands Trust has made a grant of £30 to the Greytown Library, £40 to the school, and £10 to the Greytown Fire Brigade

10<sup>th</sup> July 1913 The schools at Featherston, Greytown and Carterton will be closed today, to enable the children to be present at "the Buchanan Reception. The Masterton schools will not be closed.

21<sup>st</sup> July 1913 It was reported at a meeting of the Greytown District High School Committee that the Education Board agreed to the committee's suggestions re new" High School, and that an assistant, teacher had not yet been appointed

31<sup>st</sup> July 1913 Mr. G. Kidston, second assistant in the Greytown School, has been appointed senior master in the Wellington Training College

6<sup>th</sup> August 1913 Mr. G. R. Kidson, secondary assistant at Greytown High School, will take up his duties as science master at the Wellington Training College on 1st October

7<sup>th</sup> August 1913 Miss May Philpotts has been appointed an assistant teacher at the Greytown District High School.

13<sup>th</sup> August 1913 DEPARTMENT : Greytown D.H.S.— Secondary Assistant; £180 to £210

18<sup>th</sup> August 1913 . At the meeting of the Greytown District High School Committee on Friday evening, the resignation of Mr. O. R. Kidson, secondary teacher, was accepted with regret and a letter of appreciation of his services was ordered to be sent to him. The committee has agreed to give the Education Board the sum of £1140 if in building the new secondary school here they will make the science room 34 by 25 feet in lieu of the present proposed room, which is too small

8<sup>th</sup> September 1913 Fresh applications for the position of secondary assistant at Greytown District High School are to be invited.

25<sup>th</sup> September 1913 Mr. J.. Ellis, of Wellington, will take up relieving duties at the Greytown school on October 1st.

1<sup>st</sup> October 1913 tender of Messrs... Rose and Mason was accepted for the erection of it science and cookery room at Greytown

2<sup>nd</sup> October 1913 Mr. Kidston, on leaving the Greytown School, where he has been secondary assistant^ to join the staff of the Wellington Training College, was presented by the teachers and pupils, with a travelling clock and a silver candlestick. Mr. Ellis has succeeded him at Greytown.

20<sup>th</sup> October 1913 The monthly meeting of the Greytown District High School was held last week; Present: Messrs... Walden (in the chair), W. I. Shanley, H. Humphries, G. Holdcroft, and. Henry. Correspondence was read from the Education Board regarding contract for new school being let to Messrs... Rose and Mason, of Masterton; also that the board would consider the question of contributing towards the cost of Certain alterations. A letter was received from the Masterton District High School Committee, stating that the Education Amendment Act aimed.at depriving primary schools of subsidy on donations to their funds, and suggesting that the committee take action. It was resolved to do so. The treasurer reported the receipt of 255. from, the board for the cost of cleaning cookery and woodwork rooms. The report of Messrs... Fleming and Bakewell (inspectors) was a very satisfactory one. A resolution was passed thanking the headmaster and his assistants for. keeping the school in such a strong position, notwithstanding several drawbacks. Owing to the alterations which it is proposed to make in the new school, it was decided to ask the board to allow the building, to be erected nearer the front of the grounds. Messrs... Humphries, Nicholson, and Henry were appointed visitors for the month.

13<sup>th</sup> December 1913 The Wellington Education Board, its meeting on Thursday, resolved to call for applications for the positions of assistant teachers at the Greytown and Eketahuna schools

15<sup>th</sup> December 1913 The pupils of the' secondary fifth and sixth classes entertained the teachers of the Greytown School on Saturday afternoon, when Miss .Talbot, who has been ? cookery teacher for some five years, was presented with an eight-day clock. The presentation was made by Mr. W. C. Davis (headmaster), on behalf of the students of the cookery class

20<sup>th</sup> December 1913 The animal presentation" of prizes, in connection with the Greytown District High School took place on Thursday afternoon. In the. unavoidable absence of the chairman and: members of the school committee the headmaster (Mr. W. C. Davies) presided the presentations being made by Mrs. Walden. -The pupils received certificates and prizes for regular attendance. Prizes were also given for sewing and proficiency in class work.\_' A new feature. was the awarding of gold dux medals in. the primary department. These were won by Ethel Feast and Tom Stevens. After a few words of kindly advice and encouragement from the Rev. 'A, T. B. Page and the headmaster-the proceedings closed with- hearty cheers .for the visitors and staff

30<sup>th</sup> December 1913 The garden plot competitions held in connection with the Greytown school have been won by Alfred Amos, J. Day, T. Stevens, and F. Muir.

## 1914

1914	216	Greytown	Davies	William G	D1	Headmaster	£285
1914	216	Greytown	Goldsman	George J	B2	Assistant Master	£210
1914	216	Greytown	Davis	Amy G	E1	Assistant Female	£150
1914	216	Greytown	Phillpots	May	D4	Assistant Female	£120
1914	216	Greytown	Freeman	Annie E		Assistant Female	£103
1914	216	Greytown	Beere	Josiah M		Male Pupil Teacher 4	£60
1914	216	Greytown	Ries	Maren B L		Female Probationer 1	£55
1914	216	Greytown	Jackson	Patrick M	C2	Secondary	

29<sup>th</sup> January 1914 Carterton Miss Maren B Ries

9th February 1914 The Greytown District High School Committee has decided to recommend Mr. P. M Jackson as secondary assistant teacher.

10th February 1914 The Minister for Education (Mr. J. Allen) visited Greytown yesterday, and inspected the school, and expressed satisfaction with what he saw. Sir Walter Buchanan, M.P., and Mr. Hogg, of the Education Board, accompanied the Minister, who was met at the school by the chairman of the committee (Mr. Beard), the head master (Mr. W. C. Davies), and the secretary (Mr. Mark Maxton). He gave the school a half-holiday for Tuesday, and gave each class a subject for composition, and the three beet of each class will be sent to the Minister. The party was then driven down to the hospital by Sir Walter

10th February 1914 The Greytown school committee has appointed Mr. P. M. Jackson, head teacher at the Kopuaranga School, secondary assistant at the Greytown school

12th February 1914 Kopuaranga School Committee A mooring of the School Committee was held on Monday-evening. Mrs C C Jackson tendered her resignation as sewing instructor, which was accepted. Mrs Franklin was appointed to the vacancy. The teacher, Mr. P. M. Jackson, announced that he had been appointed to Greytown, and would be leaving the district in March. He has been in charge of this school for about two yeaMrs.ad has done good work amongst the children, and made many friends. It was decided to hold the annual picnic early in March

23rd February 1914 A Greytown parent has complained :o the Greytown school committee that his child had been severely whipped. An enquiry is to be held into the matter

23rd February 1914 TENDERS for Science and Cookery at the Grey town District High School will be received at the Education .Board Office up to Noon of Tuesday the 3rd March

4th March 1914 The Education Board has accepted the tender of Sanders Bros., of Wellington, for the construction of cookery and science fittings at the Greytown School.

21st March 1914 Dr. Elizabeth Gunn, of the Health Department. at present, on a visit of inspection to schools in the Wairarapa. Yesterday she inspected the children at the Greytown School.

23rd March 1914 .) GREYTOWN, This Day. At the Greytown District High School Committee meeting, the chairman reported the necessity for a new clock and come hyloplate for Papawai School. It was resolved to procure them. Tender for firewood was received from Mr. C. D. Adams. It was resolved that ten cords of matai be ordered, to be delivered before end of April. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £76 6s 4d. Messrs..., Beard , Walden, and Fisher were appointed visitors for the month.

28th March 1914 Miss Davis, of the Greytown School teaching staff, who has been Absent on sick leave for some considerable time, has been granted another month's leave

9th May 1914 Greytown District High School— Messrs C. J. Beard, H. Walden, G. H. Holdcroft, W. I. Shanley, T. Fisher, E. Leppien, A. Finn,- M. Maxton

4th July GREYTOWN, Saturday. Masterton school defeated Greytown school by 29 points to nil

27th October 1914 Wellington Education Board Greytown : Papawai residence (interior painting)

7th December 1914 match was played on Saturday morning between the Masterton and Greytown schools. Masterton made 213 and Greytown 31, the former thus winning by 182 runs. For the winners H. Miller played aggressive cricket for 115, and B. Welch 49, R. Chapman 18, N. Hoar 14, also played well. Welch and Miller put on 139 for the first wicket.

17th December 1914 The annual school garden competition, under the auspices of the Wairarapa P and A Society for the shield competition, has resulted as follows ; Greytown School, 75 points, 1; Belvedere School, 70 points, 2: Gladstone School, 69 points, 3: Featherston School, 65 points 4 and Dalefield School. 60 points, 5

17th December 1914 The Greytown District High School Committee met last night. Present— Messrs... C. J. Beard (chairman). H. Walden, F. Best, A. Finn. W. I. Shanley .E. Dunn, and T. Fisher. The headmaster's report was read. Accounts amounting to £12 10s. were passed for payment. The treasurer reported the bank balance as £26 9s. (less account passed for payment). Mr. Shanley, as visitor, reported that school matters were satisfactory, stating that the new wood shed was a great convenience. There will not be a meeting of the committee during the school holidays (six weeks) unless any urgent matter arises. It is requested that all members of the committee try to make it convenient to attend the function on Thursday afternoon to assist the teachers in carrying out the programme.

19th December 1914 A lad named Stanley Haigh dislocated his arm at the elbow while vaulting with a pole at the Greytown District High School on Thursday.

## 1915

1915	236	Greytown	Davies	William G	D1	Headmaster	£295
1915	236	Greytown	Bowie	William S	C2	Assistant Master	£210
1915	236	Greytown	Davis	Amy G	E1	Assistant Female	£160
1915	236	Greytown	Phillpots	May	D3	Assistant Female	£130
1915	236	Greytown	Freeman	Annie E		Assistant Female	£110
1915	236	Greytown	McCracken	Ceila C		Female Pupil Teacher 1	£35
1915	236	Greytown	Bish	Seymour M		Male Probationer 1	£35
1915	236	Greytown	Jackson	Patrick M	C2	Secondary	

27th January Cecilia C McCracken appointed. Transfer Marion B L Rice Actually Maren Ries) from Greytown to Mangatainoka

1895/18478	Ries	Maren Bork Lavridson	Kirsten	Hans Madsen
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A twin with Joanne

1920/2085	Maren Bork Lauridsen	Ries	Edward George	Whitfield
1971/39265	Whitfield	Maren		76 Y

17th February 1915 Masterton Show The exhibits in the school children's classes were very interesting. The Masterton school had a nice exhibit of an educational character, and the Greytown school's exhibit in the same class contained results of experiments with and without trenching, etc., and an interesting table of meteorological records

4<sup>th</sup> March 1915 Mr. Seymour. M. Bish, of Carterton, has been appointed to a position on the staff of the Greytown school, and will- commence duty next Monday..

31<sup>st</sup> March 1915 IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS WANTED

A deputation, consisting of Messrs... J. Shanley and Levin, waited on the Education Board yesterday afternoon, and asked that improvements be effected to the Greytown District High School grounds. In fine weather, it was explained, the grounds kept in ideal order, but a couple of days' rain made them very bad. The difficulty could be overcome by tarring and sanding, and it was urged that this improvement should be made. The headmaster's residence also required repairing and altering to make it more habitable. The Chairman (Hon. J. G. W. Aitken) slated that tenders for the asphaltting and repairs to the house had been before the Finance Committee, and would be discussed by the board.

8<sup>th</sup> April 1915 Mr. Goldsman, of the staff of the Greytown school, has received an appointment elsewhere.

10<sup>th</sup> April 1915 Mr. G. J. Goldsman, of Greytown, has been appointed "by the Wellington- Education Board to fill the vacancy at the Masterton main -school, caused-by the appointment of Mr. ..H Miller to the Britomart street school in Wellington.

25<sup>th</sup> June 1915 A very pleasing gathering took place at the Greytown school on Wednesday evening last, when the elder pupils and teachers gathered to bid farewell to Mr. Goldsman, who is leaving to take up a position at the Masterton school. He was the recipient of several parting gifts presented him with a shaving outfit.

30<sup>th</sup> June 1915 The Inspectors of the District High Schools at Hutt, Masterton, Carterton, Greytown and Eketahuna have recommended that laundry work should be added to the subjects to be taught in conjunction with cookery and the Education Board has approved of the proposal.

15<sup>th</sup> September 1915 The engagement is announced of Mr. P. M. Jackson, of the District High School, Greytown, to Miss Blanche Barr of Greytown

10<sup>th</sup> December 1915 Miss D. G Armstrong has been appointed assistant teacher at the Greytown District High School

13<sup>th</sup> December 1915 The elder girls of the Greytown District High School entertained Miss , Philpotts, who has been in charge of the infant department for two and a-half years, and who is to be married shortly, at a , "kitchen tea."

The staff of the Greytown school presented Miss Philpotts, who is well known in Masterton, and who has severed her connection with the school, with a handsome clock as a small token of their esteem.

31<sup>st</sup> December 1915 At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Barr, Kuratiwhiti Street, Greytown, Mr. P. M. Jackson, of the District High School, Greytown, was married to Miss Blanch Annie Barr. The bride was attended by Miss Bessie Rowe and Miss Bertha Barr. Mr. A. Murphy, of Masterton, was best man, and Mr. W. Barr acted as groomsman.

## 1916-1917

1917	216-12	Greytown	Davies	William G	Head	D-22	£320
1917	216-12	Greytown	Romans	Louisa A H	Assistant	D-86	£190
1917	216-12	Greytown	Davis	Amy G	Assistant	E-73	£180
1917	216-12	Greytown	Armstrong	Doris G	Assistant	C-84	£150
1917	216-12	Greytown	Simpson	Ada E D	Assistant	D	£120
1917	216-12	Greytown	Freeman	Annie E	Assistant		£117
1917	216-12	Greytown	McCracken	Ceila C	Pupil Teacher 3		£55
1917	216-12	Greytown	Tully	Stella F	Probationer 1		£30
1917	216-12	Greytown	Junker	Fritzena E D	Secondary	B	

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12th February 1916 Miss D Simpson appointed assistant Ada Euphemia Dorothy

19th April 1916 Greytown.— E. Leppien (chairman), H. Walden (treasurer), T. Fisher, R. Anker, L. Greathead, F. Morgan, T. C. Udy, A. E. Fletcher, R. Workman, Mark Maxton (secretary).

11th May 1916 SECONDARY' DEPARTMENT: GREYTOWN D.H.S.-Secondary Assistant, £230 to £250.

31st May 1916 Wellington Education Board laundry rooms, Greytown, H. Trotman, £53;

8th June 1916 The Greytown School Committee is (having an additional building erected so that laundry work may be taught the girls. Miss F. L. Smith, B .A., has been appointed teacher of secondary classes at the Greytown State School.

13th January 1917 SECONDARY DEPARTMENT. Greytown D.H.S.—Secondary Assistant, £190-220

2nd February 1917 Miss F. L. Smith, secondary assistant, Greytown D.H.S Resigned

7th February 1917 Miss F. L. Smith, formerly head mistress of the Greytown High School and who was appointed to succeed Miss Law (who accepted a position on the Wanganui Girls' College commenced duties at" the Dannevirke High School on Monday.

8th February 1917 Owing to the increase of attendance, the Greytown Public School has been raised to grade 5.

9<sup>th</sup> February 1917 Miss N. E. Goad, M A., of the Willis street school, has been appointed secondary assistant at the Greytown District High School

2<sup>nd</sup> May 1917 GREYTOWN. The School Committee for the Greytown .District High School:—E Larkin (chairman), Rev. A. W. H. Compton (secretary), H. Walden (treasurer), R H Anker, A E Fletcher, L. Greathead, A. Burch, F. V. Kempton, and T. C. Udy

26<sup>th</sup> June 1917 Mr. J. N. McKenzie, recently on the Greytown District High School staff, has received an appointment at Whangarei

30<sup>th</sup> June 1917 Owing to the prevalence of diphtheria, the Greytown School has been temporarily closed



25<sup>th</sup> July 1917 What may be termed a war-school exists at Tauherenikau. Families of members of the Defence Forces have settled in this locality, and the school is over-crowded. The Education Board proposed to carry senior pupils to Greytown instead of asking for funds to enlarge the present Tauherenikau School. To-day a deputation, Messrs... Donald and Mitchell, waited upon the board to urge that this proposal was unwise in view of the fact that the war would yet last for a long time, so that it would be cheaper in the end to erect a new room instead of paying the cost of conveyance. The Chairman of the board (Mr. Aitken) said that he was satisfied that when the camp broke up an enlarged school would not be required. It was decided to write to the Education Department regarding the request for increased accommodation.

24th October 1917 Miss F. M. Isles has been appointed sole teacher at the Ngaturi school, and Mr. W. C. Pottinger assistant teacher at the Greytown District High School.

3rd September 1917 Mackenzie, J. I. S. schoolteacher, Greytown. Called up for active service

1979/44255	Junker	Fritzena Elese Dorothy	16 April 1895
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## 1918-1919

1919	198-15-13	Greytown	Davies	William G	Head	D-20	£405
1919	198-15-13	Greytown	Pottinger	William C	Assistant	D-75	£255
1919	198-15-13	Greytown	Armstrong	Doris G	Assistant	C-77	£220
1919	198-15-13	Greytown	Simpson	Ada E D	Assistant	D-93	£180
1919	198-15-13	Greytown	Freeman	Annie E	Assistant		£160
1919	198-15-13	Greytown	Armstrong	Beryl G	Assistant	B-91	£130
1919	198-15-13	Greytown	Walden	Eric M	Probationer 2		£75
1919	198-15-13	Greytown	Collier	Marjorie H	Pupil Teacher 3		£65
1919	198-15-13	Greytown	Junker BA	Dorothy F E	Secondary	B-72	

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18th July 1918 Miss A. G. Davis, assistant, Greytown District High School; Resigns

23rd September 1918 The business taken in committee at the meeting of the Wellington Education Board last week was made unusually interesting by certain proposals to reduce or close some of the little schools in the Wairarapa, Residents of Greytown and its neighbourhood petitioned against the closing of the Papawai side school, where a good congregation of young Maori children receive their early education.

29th October 1918 School Dinner Party. An interesting function was held last Friday evening , at the District High School, Greytown, when the girls of the cooking class, under the supervision of their teacher, Miss Keany, entertained at dinner the members of the School Committee and of the Town Lands Trust, which body has given such generous assistance to the school.

The guest of honour was Mr. F H Bakewell, M.A., Chief Inspector of. Schools, and there were also present two medical officers from the camp. The dinner was most excellent and well served, reflecting great credit on the teaching of domestic science in Greytown. Mr. W. C. Davies, the headmaster , presided, and loyal and other toasts were duly honoured.



Mr. Bakewell expressed his pleasure at being once more in Greytown, where he had been for many years in charge of the school. He congratulated them on the progress made in the interval. Secondary school work was often handicapped by the difficulty of finding one teacher qualified to teach all subjects, the ideal being to have a separate teacher for each subject, which was of course impossible in a country school.

Lieutenant-Colonel Little in his speech congratulated the school on having such an exceedingly well-equipped laboratory. He proceeded to give an interesting sketch of the development of medical science. Though it was popularly supposed that Germany had led the way, as a matter of fact the great discoveries of medicine—the use of anaesthetics and antiseptics and aseptic surgery were due to British and French research. And now, as a result of the war, other scientific work, such as the making of glass and aniline dyes, was finding its proper home in England. After, dinner the children of the higher standards and secondary department showed some interesting experiments in practical and agricultural chemistry.

November

5th February 1919 Miss Beryl G. Armstrong has received an appointment as relieving teacher at the Greytown District High School and commenced her duties yesterday morning

13th February 1919 Mr. Alexander McKenzie, who has been appointed headmaster of To Aro School in succession to the late Mr. J. H. Malcolm, has been in charge of Karori School for several years past. All his school life has been spent in New Zealand. After being on the Staffs of the Greytown and Masterton Schools he was first assistant in Wellington South School, and was then appointed headmaster in Karori School, where he has done very line work. The date on which he will take charge of Te Aro School has not been decided upon

24th February 1919 Wellington Education Board appointments Greytown D.H.S., infant mistress, Miss D. G. Armstrong; Greytown D.H.S., assistant, Miss D. A. Simpson

*Miss Junker went to Pahiatua DHS*

1<sup>st</sup> March 1919 The Greytown School Committee have endorsed the' proposal to secure O'Connor's bush as a public park for a Soldiers' Memorial by the Greytown and district public.

20<sup>th</sup> March 1919 SUBSIDY QUESTION.

DEPARTMENTAL STUPIDITY,

At the meeting of. the Wellington. Education Board yesterday, a letter was received from the department stating that the department might have to limit and refuse the subsidies on contributions to the school from the Masterton and Greytown Trusts.

Mr. Hogg said that the department had never before objected to such subsidies. The Masterton and Greytown settlers had old-established endowments of township lands out of the rents of which they contributed grants to the school committees for the benefit and improvement of schools. The Education Department, under regulation, subsidised voluntary contributions £ for £. The department now, for the first time, warned the contributors that it might have to limit and refuse part of its subsidies, but the Solicitor-General said they must pay them.....

16<sup>th</sup> April 1919 Greytown. — School Committee Messrs... H. Walden (chairman), W. Lightfoot (secretary), L. Greathead (treasurer), J. Allan, R. H. Anker, Rowse, R. Workman, and Mrs. Boucher

14<sup>th</sup> July 1919 On Saturday morning .the Lansdowne School met the Greytown District High School, the game resulting in-a draw. For Lansdowne Gee and Mackley played a good game, and both these should secure places in the rep. team (Football Rugby)

16<sup>th</sup> July 1919 District High Schools. of the nine District High Schools (200 pupils) undertook the rural course, the reports show that the work ranges from 'satisfactory' to 'very good.' The board trusts that it may 'be possible to provide at an early date the means of continuing, under suitable conditions, the work begun in the rural course of the district high school, and to remove, it may be by modification of the : syllabus, some grounds of dissatisfaction '-in regard to the 'prescribed course. 'The average attendances for' the year 1918 were: Carterton 37, Eketahuna 31, Greytown 13, Hutt 36, Levin 24, Masterton .101 Normal 12, Pahiatua 29, Petone 68; total, 351

18th September 1919 The following .resignations of teachers have been received by the Education Board: —Mr. H. Hill, head teacher, Greytown; (Mr. Hill was actually Head Teacher of Grovetown School Marlborough)

1920-1921

1921	242-20-8	Greytown	Nightingale M A	Henry J	Head	A	£390
1921	242-20-8	Greytown	Stratford	Clarence F	Assistant	D	£270
1921	242-20-8	Greytown	Mabson	Maud E	Infant Mistress	C	£250
1921	242-20-8	Greytown	Tully	Dorothy	Assistant	D	£220
1921	242-20-8	Greytown	Freeman	Annie E	Assistant		£200
1921	242-20-8	Greytown	Bright	Marjorie	Assistant	C	£200
1921	242-20-8	Greytown	Polson	Lilian J	Probationer 1		£125
1921	242-20-8	Greytown	Collier	Marjorie H	Pupil teacher 1		£95
1921	242-20-8	Greytown	Mather	Winifred M	Secondary		

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1st January 1920 Mr. W. C. Davies, M.A., at present headmaster of. the Greytown District High School, has been appointed headmaster of the Blenheim Borough School, and will take up his duties on 3rd February, the date of the reopening , of the- school.

14th January 1920 Mr. E. W. C. Davies, headmaster elect of the Blenheim school, and at present headmaster of the Greytown District High School, has been appointed curator of the Cawthron Institute of Scientific Research at Nelson.

29th January 1920 A letter was received from the Greytown Trust Lands Trust offering a contribution of £150 towards an additional classroom at the Greytown District High School. —It was decided to make application to the Education Department for the additional classroom, informing the department of the offer (that had been made

18th February 1920 W C Pottinger Appointed assistant

18th February 1920 Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davies, of Greytown. left on Monday for their new home in Nelson, where Mr. Davies will take up the portion of curator of the Cawthron Institute. Prior to leaving Greytown, Mr. Davies was mot by a number of the citizens and presented with a cheque as a token of esteem and appreciation of his services while headmaster of the District High School.

21st February 1920 Mr. H. Nightingale, of Dalefield School, has been appointed headmaster of Greytown District High School.

24th March 1920 Miss W. M. Mather, .late of the Kelburn School, now at Greytown School .has received advice that she has passed her B A. degree

30th April 1920 Greytown: Messrs... E. Larkin (chairman), H. Walden (treasurer), A. W. H. Compton (secretary), I' 1. V. Kempton, J. Curran, Lightfoot, 'Rowse, H. C. Trotman , and- A. Burch. School Committee

29th May 1920 The following officers have been elected by the South Wairarapa School Committees' Association : — President, Mr. A. C. Holms; vice-president, Rev. K. H. Catherwood 'secretary-treasurer, Mr. J. W. Henderson; auditor, Mr. C. J. Carlyon; (Researcher's Grandfather) executive, Messrs... E. Larken (Greytown), A. Wilton (Martinborough), J. M. Nicholls (Carterton), H. Daysh (Dyerville), and H. Tiltyard (Kaiwairai).

22nd July 1920 The following resignations from the teaching staff were accepted by the Education Board yesterday:—Miss D. Junker , secondary assistant, Greytown District. High School; resigned

3rd August 1920 At Greytown, the chairman of the committee stated that the previous Minister had promised £250, provided the committee found an additional £250, for a room for secondary education.

The sum. of £160 had been sent to the Education Board, on which they hoped to receive the subsidy.

The cookery room was now utilised by the secondary pupils, and scholars were compelled to go outside the town for tuition in cooking.

Additional playground space was also required.

The present grounds were very restricted, and the Trust Lands' Trust, which had given the present grounds, and granted £60 a year

for the past ten years, had offered two acres adjoining the school, on condition that two acres of similar value were given in return. The land was valued at £200, and the people were prepared to raise £100 of this amount. A special Act would have to be put through Parliament to enable the exchange to be made. The Minister said he would grant up to £125 if the £100 mentioned was subscribed. They could take that as definitely settled, and he would see that the necessary legislation was put through. There was no reason why the exchange should not be made at once

4th August 1920 Minister of Education's report on his visit included When the Minister of Education arrived at Martinborough on Monday afternoon it occurred to him that a grave indiscretion had been committed at the Carterton and Greytown schools—he had forgotten to ask the Chairmen of the Committees to give the pupils a holiday in honour of the visit. Telegrams were immediately despatched to the respective schools, conveying the glad tidings. ;

ELABORATE LABORATORY. The eves of the Hon. C. J. Parr sparkled when they were permitted to rest on the elaborate appliances contained in the laboratory at the Greytown District High School.

Turning to Professor Hunter, he said : "What do you think of this Pro.?" "I would give something to have it in Victoria College." replied the Professor.

COOKERY INSTRUCTORS. The Greytown District High School possess a well-appointed cookery' room, which is put to a purpose other than that for which it was provided, owing to the absence of a room, in which to accommodate the secondary pupils.

The headmaster explained that his secondary pupils were sent, to Carterton to receive their tuition . in cookery as no instructors were available.

" What is the meaning of this?" asked the Minister of the Chairman of the Education Board.

"It means that we have a shortage of instructors, but we have some coming on," was the reply.

5th August 1920 The vacancy on the Greytown District High School staff has been filled by the appointment of Miss M. Mather. B. A ; Miss Fellingham, of the Board's relieving staff, is temporarily carrying on in Miss Mather's former position

9th November 1920 clause in the "A Washing Up" Bill, passed by the House of Representatives yesterday, authorises the Greytown Trustees to transfer to the Wellington Education Board for school purposes sections 32 and 33 in the Town Belt of the township of Greytown

8th December 1920 Messrs... T. Moss and W. T. Grundy and the Chief Inspector (Mr. F. H. Bakewell) 'were appointed to confer with the residents of Carterton regarding the small attendance at the Carterton District High School. The attendances at the Greytown D.H.S, for the past three years have been 14, 14, and 10 pupils respectively. Wellington Education Board meeting

3rd March 1921 Greytown D.H.S. (Inf. Mis.), £200 to £230

10th August 1921 The average attendances for the year 1920 at the district high schools, in the district were: Carterton, 42; Eketahuna, 40; Greytown, 10; Hutt, 31; Levin, 38; Masterton, 109 j Pahiatua, 26; Petone, 53; total 439. At Martinborough, which is about twelve miles from the railway, the educational needs have, justified the establishment of a district high, school, opening in February, 1921. The board heartily approves of the recent acquirement of sites at Lower Hutt and Masterton for secondary schools to be erected in the immediate future

17th August 1921 The Education Department, forwarded a decision of the General Council of Education that disestablishment of the Greytown D.H.S. be postponed for one year.

14th December 1921 The placing of such war trophies as guns in school grounds is not approved by the Wellington Education Board, and it has already expressed its opinion by resolution. At to-day's meeting of the board a letter was received from the Greytown School Committee conveying a request made by the local borough council for leave to place machine-guns in the school grounds. It was decided to inform the committee of its previous resolution, to which it still adhered.

## 1922-1923

			Nightingale M				
1923	222-22-11	Greytown	A	Henry J	Head	A-83	£415
1923	222-22-11	Greytown	Stratford	Clarence F	Assistant	D-191	£273
1923	222-22-11	Greytown	Mabson	Maud E	Infant Mistress	C-169	£273
1923	222-22-11	Greytown	Laing	Ivy B	Assistant	C-169	£225
1923	222-22-11	Greytown	Tully	Dorothy	Assistant	D-203	£223
1923	222-22-11	Greytown	Freeman	Annie E	Assistant		£160
1923	222-22-11	Greytown	Stunell	George R	Pupil Teacher 1		£118
1923	222-22-11	Greytown	Keltie	Thelma	Probationer 2		£78
1923	222-22-11	Greytown	Mather	Winifred M	Secondary	B-172	

20th April 1922 School Committee Nominations

Greytown : Messrs... H. S. Brooks, A. D. Burch, J. Curran, L. Clough, E. Larkin, C. S. Loral, T. W. Lightfoot. H. C. Trotman;

19th July 1922 The following reference to district; high, schools is contained in the annual-report of the Wellington Education. Board:—"The average attendances for the year 1921 at the district high schools in the district were: —Carterton, 44; Eketahuna, 47; Greytown, 20; Hutt, 33; Levin, 39; Masterton, 100; Martinborough, 32; Pahiatua, 27; Petone, 39; total, 381. The board is of opinion that as soon as the financial conditions permit, the high schools at Lower Hutt and Masterton should be erected

14th December 1922 Wellington Education Board of a secondary classroom at Greytown, would have to be deferred for the present.

27th April 1923 Distance swimming certificates to Greytown School pupils

Greytown School.—Shanley, Cathie, Fuller, Ruby, 1760 yds; Best, Stephen, Fuller, Robert, Leppien, Leslie, 880 yds; 'tills, Ronald, Wyeth, George, Fuller, Fred, Workman, William, Brunton, Joan, Workman, Iris, Brunton, Isabel, Rhodes, Laila, 225 yds; Boyd, Vivian, Peterson, John. Brooks, Louis, Maguire, Brian, Anker, Philip, Brunton. Lan, Curran, Eaneas, Curran, Frank. Curran, John, Lord. Amy, O'Kane, Gladys, Workman, Eva, Workman, Doris, Minton, John, Morris, Carl, 50 yds.

Post 1923

13th March 1924 Miss F I Collier assistant appointed

3rd May 1924 Arrangement has been made for a schools excursion to Wellington for South Wairarapa from Clareville. On Wednesday next the running will be as follows: Clareville 8.55 a.m.; Lambton 9.3, Dalefield 9.14, Matarawa 9.22, Featherston 9.40, Cross Creek 10.15, Kaitoke 11.35, Mangaroa 11.45, "Upper Hutt 11.55"; arrival Wellington 12.45; leave Wellington 4.55. ' The children from Greytown travel by the ordinary morning train. '

7th May 1924 Greytown District High School — Messrs... T. W. Lightfoot (chairman), H. Walden (treasurer), C. S. Lord (secretary), F. Dennes, W. Friend, H. S. Brooks, W. C. Trotman, J. Allan, and the Rev. G. Knowles-Smith.

22nd July 1925 In a' basketball match between the girls and boys of the secondary department of the Greytown High School on Monday the girls won by 17 points to 10 Basketball is Netball played 9 aside where the court was divided into three quarters and players stayed in their own third. Basketball as today was known as Indoor Basketball

9th October 1925 The Greytown School Committee has deckled to approach the School Committees' Association regarding a dental clinic for the South Wairarapa

5th May 1926 Greytown High School.—There was no election at the meeting of householders of the Greytown District. High School district, the following being returned unopposed:—Rev. W. F. Stent, H. G. Carter, J. Roche, E. Dennis, C. S. Lord, R. H. Aiken, A. M. Gray, H. C. Trotman, and H. Walden. The Rev. W. F. Stent was elected chairman

23rd August 1925 The average attendances for the year 1925 at the district high schools in the district were:—Carterton, 37; Eketahuna, 29; Featherston, 24; Greytown, 23; Hutt, 40; Levin, 91; Martinborough, 31; Pahiatua, 44; Petone, 49. In addition a secondary class of twelve pupils was conducted at the Pongaroa Public School, making a total average attendance of 380, as against 430 for the previous year

4th November 1926 The Greytown School Committee resigned in a body last meeting as a protest against the action of the Education Board refusing to pay an advertising bill of 10s 6d, and also for reducing the gas allowance to £.6 per annum when the cookery room was used by their authority-by the Featherston School and nurses' classes.

The cost of gas used per annum, including that of the Greytown School, totals £14.

The advertising charge was incurred by the committee in advertising for tenders for conveying children, between. Battersea and Morison Bush, and the Greytown School, This information was asked for by the board, and the committee considered that the advertisement was the only way to get it.

6th February 1928 The Combined Greytown, Morrison's Bush, and Matarawa Schools are holding their second annual picnic on the Petone Beach to-day. The townships have been closed for the day, and a party of nearly 600 adults and children made the trip to the beach. Swimming and school sports occupied the afternoon, and the return journey commences at 6 p. m

26th May 1928 Miss H Morgan assistant appointed

19th November 1928 Miss A S Kilsby Appointed Greytown D H S

23rd December 1928 Mr. H E Wallis is leaving Karori School for Greytown

26th December 1929 Mr. H. J. Nightingale, headmaster at the Greytown District High School for the past ten years, will retire at the 'end of the present school term after' about forty years' service with the; Wellington Education Board, says the Wairarapa Age." Mr. Nightingale commenced his teaching career at the. Mount Cook School (Wellington), subsequently going to Ngaturi (Pahiatua), and then to Kopuaranga and Dalefield.! From the latter school Mr. Nightingale was appointed to the Greytown School

30th January 1930 During the year a new manual training centre (woodwork and domestic science rooms) was erected at Featherston, and would be in use in February, 1930. The centre, which was up to date in every way, would be a distinct advantage to the district high school pupils, who, in the past, had to travel to Greytown for a whole day, fortnightly, in order to receive manual instruction.

27th May 1930 Mr. A. Ivey, to be assistant master at Greytown School;

30th June 1936 Miss C. G. Smith, assistant, Karori West, to assistant, Greytown.

15th April 1937 Infantile Paralysis suspected case .is reported from Greytown, and the school there has been closed.

16th April 1937 Two further suspected cases of infantile paralysis were admitted to the Masterton Hospital yesterday from Greytown. They are both children. The Greytown School has been closed and steps taken to erect a 16-bed emergency isolation ward at the Masterton Hospital.

30th August 1938 Mrs E M. McPhee, additional assistant Wilford, from Greytown.

7th March 1939 Mr. S. C. Shedden head teacher Greytown from Shannon.

4th December 1939 Miss W. M. Harding,! secondary, Greytown District High School;