

Karori

20th December 1933: List of Head Teachers of Karori School included The following have, been head, teachers at the Karori Main School: — 1857, Mrs. Taunton; 1863, Mr. Jacks; 1866, Mr. Allington; 1872, Mr. John Strudwick; 1873, Mr. Wilson; 1878, Mr. William Marten; [Possibly incorrect as it was difficult to find accurate references:]

1874-1877

8th September 1874 Education Board: RESIGNATION. A letter was read from Mr. Wilson, resigning his appointment as teacher at Karori school. The resignation was accepted.

5th December 1874 A letter from the settlers of Karori complained of the closing of the district school, and requested the Board to appoint Miss Stevens, of the Johnsonville school, to the charge of the Karori school until the Board could appoint a master. Mr. Toomath objected to the removal of Miss Stevens, on the ground that the people of Johnsonville had already been subjected to considerable inconvenience. He would propose that Miss Devereux be removed from the Lower Hutt to Karori, and that Miss Sinclair, of the Taita, be requested to fill the vacancy at the Lower Hutt. The motion was agreed to

7th January 1875 Sir,—I have just received a copy of the report of the Inspector of your province, and as Mr. Lee has made remarks about the Karori school which I consider at the least unjust, I trust you will allow me space for a few comments upon them. He says : "There is much room for improvement in the tone, discipline, and attendance.. Writing and arithmetic were poorly taught. The lower classes show little improvement." What Mr Lee means by the tone of the school I am at a loss to imagine. Of the discipline I have no doubt he formed his conclusions from the following:—One of the candidates for Standard III. appeared to fall under Mr. Lee's displeasure. Being called up for the oral part of the examination, she did not happen to stand just in the position he wished her—did not look him in the face, or some similar trifle . For this she was treated to several refined (?) remarks, such as, " Dear me, what a rude girl you are;" and " How sadly you require to be taught good manners," &c, &c. Is it to be wondered at that, after such remarks as these, she refused to open her lips, and failed in the standard ? The number of marks she required for a pass were live, if I remember rightly. If the query Is asked, why I did not report the matter J I may say that as I was about to leave, I thought my action might be misconstrued. I, therefore, resolved to allow the matter to pass. I did mention it in a conversation to Mr. Reading, one of the local committee, but not officially. With regard to the writing, I recollect Mr. Lee remarking of one (J. Gooder's), " You don't often see writing like that in a school." For the arithmetic, &c, of this poorly taught school, compared with others, we have only to turn to the tabulated statement to find Mr. Lee flatly contradicted. There we find the average for the whole district for Standard 1 to be 42 ; the Karori school gives 42. For Standard II the average is 13; the Karori school gives 22. For Standard III, we find, out of 16 schools in the whole district, only II children passed, two of which are credited to the inferior school aforesaid ; while in the town of Wellington, neither the largest nor the best conducted school, passed a single candidate. (Vide report.) The lower classes showing

little improvement, is accounted for by two reasons. The first, that I implicitly followed Mr. Lee's directions in their instruction : the second, the extreme severity of the weather (April to August) preventing them from attending, coupled with fact recorded by Mr. Lee that on a wet day the rain came down the chimney in sufficient quantities to drown the fire. Having thus shown the extreme value of the report lately published,

I am, &c, Henry Wilson, Late Master of Karori School. Canterbury, December 29, 1874.

11th December 1875 I HEREBY offer Mr EDWARD TOOMATH my sincere apologies for haying, at the Nomination of Candidates for the representation of the Education Board, at Ngahauranga, on the 8th of August , made use of statements affecting his honor as a gentleman and a public servant, particularly with reference to his endeavoring to get the old Karori School as a training school for his own purposes and taking materials therefrom - also, as to his obtaining payment from the Education Board, while in the Wairarapa, all of which I hereby retract. (Signed) PATRICK MONAGHAN.

9th December 1876 The annual treat to the children attending the Karori school will take place in that school - house on Thursday next, the 14th inst, when great festivities have been arranged in honor of the occasion. The programme is intended to be somewhat as follows: — First tea for the children ; then the same for their parents and friends ; next the distribution of prizes, with recitations, &c, by the pupils; finally a soiree and dance, when excellent music will be provided (including violin and piccolo), and refreshments of the best quality. Extensive preparations are being made for the festivities, which are expected to prove a great success

9th February 1877 Inspector Lee's report to Education Board included: Of the Karori School it is reported "that the master teaches reading and writing satisfactorily, but he is an incompetent teacher of arithmetic and oral subjects. He failed himself to work the sums set for Standard III. All Standard III. candidates, and all but two of the Standard II. candidates, failed miserably, especially in arithmetic."

20th February 1877 THE INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS AND THE KARORI LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Karori School Committee, on Friday evening, the Inspector's report was taken into consideration, and it was resolved to ask Mr. Marten, the master, to attend the meeting, so that questions might be asked him with reference to the late examination and Mr. Lee's report. Mr. Marten having been called, the following questions were put and the accompanying answers given : —

The Chairman (Rev. W. Ballachey)— We notice that the report states that the school has fallen off from 61 to 52. To what do you attribute this ?

Mr. Marten — First, to the migration of three families, and secondly to a prevailing influenza. At the present time there are about 68 children.

The Chairman — The Inspector says that the master himself "failed to work the sums set for Standard III." How was it that you attempted to work these sums ?

Mr. Marten— I objected altogether to work them, deeming it derogatory to be treated in the presence of my pupils as a school boy.

The Chairman — You say you did not attempt to work them ; this does not agree with Mr. Lee's report, for he states you "failed," which evidently implies that you made the attempt. Is there any way in which you can reconcile these conflicting facts?

Mr. Marten — I cannot; for the facts are these. I took up the slate to work them, and then feeling it must be an intended insult, I declined doing them.

The Chairman — You have not been a schoolmaster all your life ? Mr. Marten. Have you ever been engaged in any business or pursuit where a knowledge or arithmetic was necessary ?

Mr. Marten — Yes; I was for 20 years a merchant in London and a private banker.

The Chairman — If you did not, as you assert, attempt to work these third standard sums at Mr. Lee's request, have you attempted them since ?

Mr. Marten — Yes.

The Chairman — Were you able to work them?

Mr. Marten — Of course.

Mr. Lancaster — Were any of the sums set by Mr. Lee in the rules of practice and proportion ?

Mr. Marten — Yes.

Mr. Lancaster — Was it stated by which rule they were to be worked?

Mr. Marten — It was not stated ; neither were they told by what rule they should be worked; and were informed that they were not to ask questions.

The Chairman — Have you given any of these sums to your pupils since the inspection, in order to see if any of the children could work them?

Mr. Marten — Yes ; I gave them to the 3rd candidates the next day.

The Chairman — What was the result?

Mr. Marten — Most of them worked them all but one without assistance.

The Chairman — To what do you attribute their failure upon the day of inspection ?

Mr. Marten — The time given (46 minutes) was not sufficient for even an experienced arithmetician to do them in. Many of the sums were done correctly but marked incorrect because of not being done in the way that Mr. Lee approved. They were rendered nervous by being told beforehand that unless they passed in arithmetic they would fail to pass the Standard.

Mr. Lancaster — Has any complaint been made by the children that they could not read the figures on the black board ?

Mr. Marten — There was, and they were told to hold their tongues.

Mr. Lancaster — Was there any feeling of fear or nervousness throughout the school at the time of the examination ?

Mr. Marten — Very great; owing to Mr. Lee's manner.

The Chairman — If the committee should think it desirable, have you any objection to these questions and answers appearing in the daily papers ?

Mr. Marten — Not the least ; on the contrary ; I court it.

Mr. Marten was thanked for his attendance, and withdrew, after which it was resolved that the Chairman send a copy of these questions and answers to each of the daily papers, with the request that they will kindly publish them.

1st March 1877 Wellington Education Board Inspector's report included: The complaint of Mr. W. Marten, of the Karori School, was then considered. The Secretary having read the report of the conversation which took place between the members of the Local Committee and Mr. Marten, and which was published in the Evening Post some days ago,

a letter from Mr. Marten was also read. It was to the effect that Mr. Marten held a first-class certificate from the Nelson Education Board, and that he had been for several years one of the Board of Inspectors of the London endowed schools. He showed that Mr. Lee had informed the children that unless they passed in arithmetic they would not pass at all and gave them so short a time to work the sums that many of the pupils failed to work them, although they did so correctly next day. The Secretary read letters from the local committee and a number of persons whose children attended the school, which stated that Mr Marten had always given satisfaction to the residents. Mr. Lee read his reply. With regard to the charge made by Mr. Marten against him of having given him a sum to do in the presence of his pupils for the purpose of insulting him, Mr. Lee explained that he always gave impromptu questions in arithmetic, and frequently asked the masters to work out the answers for him in order partly to save time and partly to ascertain the master's method of teaching arithmetic. Many masters offered to work out the sums for him which he had set for one class while he was going on with the examination of another. It had been his practice to get the masters to work the sums for him, though his object was not to test the masters' ability. With regard to Mr. Marten's statement that he had never tried to work the sums, Mr. Lee gave a flat contradiction to it. He said that Mr. Marten had worked one of the sums in long division and had failed to do it correctly. He (Mr. Lee) was not surprised to hear that the boys had worked the sums correctly next day, as that was an excuse which he frequently heard. In reply to Mr. Gisborne, Mr. Lee said that Mr. Marten had been appointed to the Karori School on the strength of his Nelson certificate, and he had never been examined on behalf of the Wellington Board. Mr. Marten had said that nearly all his scholars had done all the suras set for Standard III. except one, but he (Mr. Lee) had found that out of all the scholars under the Board's control, numbering 4080, only sixteen had passed, and not more than two in any one school— even the best in the province. He denied that he frightened the children, but admitted that he had told them, according to his usual custom, that if they failed in arithmetic they would not pass their standard. There was less nervousness amongst the children at Karori than at other places, and he considered that if he had not cautioned them to be careful they would have had cause to complain. He found that the master had no control over the children, and had seen them refuse to obey Mr. Marten's order. Mr. Marten was a nervous man and might have misunderstood what he (Mr. Lee) had said while the examination was going on.

2nd March 1877 a long letter to the WEB from Mr Marten and a long reply from Mr Lee. Not copied from the NZ Times.

28th April 1877 With regard to the late discussion touching Mr. Marten and the School Inspector, a resolution by the Karori School Committee was read to this effect : —“ That inasmuch as the Education Board has already expressed its entire approval of Mr. Lee's report, and as they thanked him for his zeal and ability, the committee feel that it would be entirely useless for them to report upon the matter, and therefore simply refer the matter to the testimonials received by Mr. Marten from parents of children attending his school and the Local Committee. The letter was ordered to be acknowledged.

8th November 1877 A' meeting was held in the Karori School last night to elect a member for the local school committee in the place of the late Mr. Reading, when Mr Porter,

proposed by the Rev. W. Ballachy, seconded by Mr. Deveril, was elected without opposition

19th November 1877 At a meeting of ratepayers held at Karori recently, a warm discussion arose between Mr. Deveril, a member of the school committee, and Mr. Graham, Secretary of the Education Board, relative to the dilapidated condition of the school buildings and property. Mr. Graham contended that this was due to neglect on the part of the committee. Mr. Deveril maintained it was owing to the neglect of the Board to give the local committee power to effect the necessary . repairs. Mr.- Graham said the Board would not give power to local committees to spend money anyhow and run the Board into debt, but never refused to sanction all needful repairs, &c, in reason. Mr. Deveril pointed out that this did not show how the committee could have got the work done" without funds, and - next asked how the money voted for the Karori School had been expended as he understood, a large [part of it had been spent on a cottage belonging to' the Board, which was let. He contended the ground was intended for school uses, and not For the Board to build houses on to draw rent from, applying the funds elsewhere. He objected to the school being left uncared for while the Board spent the money on cottages to let. Mr. Graham rejoined that the local committee seemed to do nothing but set itself against the Board instead of assisting' it, on which Mr. Deveril retorted that he was elected to look after the interests — not of the Education Board, but of the Karori school, and intended to do so. The discussion closed at this point, but we cannot help thinking Mr. Deveril had right on his side, and that the local committee ought to have power to do these necessary repairs.

22nd December 1877 The annual distribution of prizes at the Karori School took place yesterday. Through the energy of Mr. Deveril, a member of the Local School Board, a large number of handsome prizes were purchased. These were distributed on the basis of the previous examination by Mr. Toomath, and the number of good marks obtained during the year. The Rev. W. Ballachey kindly undertook their presentation with appropriate observations. This being concluded, Mr. Ballachey observed that he had again the pleasing duty to perform of presenting to Mr. and Mrs. Marten a very elegant inkstand, the gift of the children, also pretty presents to the Misses Marten, in acknowledgment of their instruction in needlework during the past year. Games, races, and refreshments made a pleasant variety to the day's enjoyment.

1878-1880

1878		Karori	Marten	W		Head	£ 180.00
1878		Karori	Marten	Mrs		Female	£ 75.00
1879		Karori	Marten	W		Head	£ 180.00
1879		Karori	Marten	Mrs		Female	£ 80.00
1880		Karori	Marten	William		Master	£ 180.00
1880		Karori	Marten	Sarah A		Female	£ 80.00

William Marten only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Karori as did his wife **Sarah A Marten**

1888/5746	Marten	Sarah Ann	75Y
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1892/5651	Marten	William	83Y
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7th January 1878 Tenders are invited for painting the outside of the school Karori. Specifications can be seen at the office of the Education Board, Wellington, where tenders, addressed Chairman School Committee, Karori, will be received Up to 4 p.m. on Thursday, 10th Jan.

27th February 1878 Wellington Education Board A letter was received from Mr. Herbert Deveril, chairman of the Karori School Committee, requesting power to effect certain necessary alterations and repairs in the school buildings. The cost was estimated at not more than £50. The Inspector expressed his opinion that the work was desirable. The school building had been converted to its present use from an old ramshackle lunatic asylum, and had cost much more already than a new building would have done. On Mr. Bunny's suggestion the matter was postponed until Wednesday next, in order that Mr. Toomath, the member for the district, might be present.

26th April 1878 Inspector Lee's report included: Mr. Lee expresses disappointment with the Johnsonville and Karori schools.

27th April 1878 The Karori school presents nearly the same features as last year. Satisfactory work is done in the lower classes only. There was a breakdown in the arithmetic of most of the candidates for Standard II. and III., and the work of the same candidates was unsatisfactory in spelling, geography, and grammar,

29th January 1879 Wellington Education Board: Repairs to the schoolhouses at **Karori** and Johnsonville were authorised, to the amount of £30 and £65 respectively.

19th August 1879 Kaiwarra School Committee minutes: A letter was received from the Karori Committee, intimating that they had resolved to nominate Mr. S. Lancaster, and asking for the co-operation of the Kaiwarra Committee. After the matter had been carefully considered, it was thought desirable that the country districts should be represented by a member from among themselves, therefore Mr. Lancaster was unanimously nominated.

24th December 1879 SCHOOL DISTRIBUTIONS. KARORI SCHOOL.

On Tuesday, 16th inst. the pupils of Karori School underwent a most careful and exhaustive examination by the Rev. W. Balachey, preparatory to adjudging the Christmas prizes. On Friday, the 19th, the schoolroom being tastefully decorated, Mr. Giesen, chairman of the local School Committee, distributed the very handsome prizes with appropriate remarks. The prize-list is as follows : — First Class — Girls : 1st prize, E. Tarr ; 2nd, A. Lockett ; 3rd, M. Michell : 4th, B. Hancox. Boys: 1st, A. Lancaster ; 2nd, F. Porter; 3rd. E. Giesen. Second Class— Girls: 1st, Z. Dryden; 2nd, C. Brooks : 3rd. J. Dryden. Boys : 1st, C. Smith ; 2nd, A. Burrows. Third Class — 1st. E. Lancaster. Fourth Class—1st prizes, E. Jordan and C. Burrows : 2nd, W. Lewer : 3rd, M. Hockley and E. Lewer. Fifth Class—1st, E. Spiers; 2nd, W. Rising; 3rd, E. Goer. Sixth Class— 1st ; C. Jordan ; 2nd, W. Giesen ; 3rd, M. Spiers ; 4th, S. Eagle. Seventh Class— 1st, W . Jones ; 2nd, M. Dryden ; 3rd A. Lancaster ;4th, K. Michell; E. Michell, K. Stoddart, strid L. Porter, highly commended. Good conduct, A. Kilmister; best attendance, C. Jordan. At the conclusion, a handsome silver stand for cream and sugar, and a pretty frame for photographs, were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Marten from the children, accompanied with

expressions of goodwill and attachment. The inclement weather precluded all outdoor amusements, but several young ladies and gentlemen led the games in the schoolroom, and, with abundance of excellent refreshments, all enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Before separating, three cheers were given for the chairman, also for Mr., Mrs., and Miss Marten, and for the numerous kind friends who were present.

14th January 1880 KINGSTON HOUSE, Karori. SCHOOL duties will be resumed on MONDAY, the 26th instant, under the personal management of Mrs. Nicholson

11th June 1880 A meeting of Karori householders is convened by advertisement in another column, to be held on Monday evening next, at the Karori Hall, to consider the action of the local school committee

12th June 1880 We, the undersigned, do hereby convene a public meeting of the Householders of Karori to be held at the Karori Hall, on MONDAY, the 14th instant, at 7.30 p.m., to consider the action taken by the School Committee in acquiescing in the Inspector's recommendation that the respected Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress of the district be removed— Paul Kingdon, P. Monaghan, H. Allington, W. A. Gardner, Richard Hockley, (X his mark), A. Lissington, Wm. Ballachey, H. Michell, .O. H. Graves, P. F. M. Burrows, W. Eagle, A. J. Reading, J. F. Squires, W. Moorhouse, W. Hudson, J. Tarr, James Jones, S. G. Goss, A. Lower, jun., H. Bradnock, sen., N. Monaghan, J. Hooper, S. Brooks, John Hughes, C. Smith, G. Jordan, R. A. Rising, G. "Waite, John Kilmister.

15th June 1880 A public meeting of householders was held in Spier's Hall, Karori, for the purpose of considering what steps should be adopted in view of the proposed removal from the district of the schoolmaster and schoolmistress. Mr. Tarr presided, and there were over 60 persons present. On the motion of Mr. P. Monaghan, seconded by Mr. Paul Kingdon, the following resolution was carried, without dissent — "That this meeting regrets—that the Inspector of Schools should have considered it necessary to recommend the removal of the respected schoolmaster and school mistress from the district, as it is entirely against the wishes of a large majority of the parents and householders. A second resolution, moved by Mr. W. A. Gardner, and seconded by Mr. Woodhouse, was also adopted unanimously—" That a 'committee be appointed to draw up a respectful petition to the Education Board, requesting them to retain the services of Mr. and Mrs. Marten in Karori, such committee to consist of Messrs. Monaghan, Tarr, Burrows, Rising, and the mover." Mr. White moved that the matter be left entirely in the hands of the local committee, but the motion was lost by an overwhelming majority, only three voting for it. The almost unanimous opinion of the meeting appeared to be that the teaching of the scholars was good and satisfactory, both with respect to pupils and parents, and that were a change effected, there existed the probability that it would be for the worse. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

30th June 1880 Wellington Education Board: THE KARORI SCHOOL.

Messrs. Monaghan and Rising attended as a deputation to the Board to present a petition against the proposed removal of Headmaster and mistress of the Karori school.

The petition stated that, in consequence of a letter received by Mr. Marten, a public meeting was held at Karori on 14th June. The meeting was attended by about 60 residents, who unanimously resolved that a committee should be appointed to draw up a petition requesting the Education Board to retain the services of the schoolmaster and

schoolmistress. The petition bore the signatures of 60 parents, guardians, and others, representing in the aggregate 90 children, actually attending the school, and might be taken, the petitioners remarked, as a high testimony of the esteem in which this lady and gentleman are held. The petition concluded with a hope that the wishes of so large a majority of interested residents would be acceded to.

Mr. Monaghan stated that the petition was signed by all the parents of children attending school, except two. It was the unanimous wish also of the settlers generally that the services of Mr. and Mrs. Marten should be retained. The parents were entirely satisfied with the present teaching and stated that it had never been equalled in Karori before. In reply to a question, Mr. Monaghan said that only three members of the School Committee who had children attending the school. The public meeting, at whose request the deputation and petition were got up, had the report of the Inspector (Mr. Lee) before them, and considered it unfair to the school. Complaint was made that the last examination by the Inspector was very harsh. The children became nervous and excited and could not answer the questions. Several of the settlers had kept their children away from the school on account of the conduct of the Inspector, and would not allow them to go up at the last examination. Mr. Monaghan added that he had witnessed examinations of the school by Mr. Halcombe and Mr. Bowden, and these gentlemen gave a very different report of the school from that given by Mr. Lee. The children also never went away crying from those examinations. He (Mr. Monaghan) could mention one young lady of 17 in particular, who refused with several others to go back to the last examination.

The Board intimated that they would consider the petition, and the deputation then retired. A resolution of the committee was also read, in which they expressed a strong feeling of respect and liking for Mr. Marten as a most estimable gentleman but intimated a desire, in consequence of the unfavorable reports of the Inspector, that a change should be made, a hope being expressed that some other position might be found for Mr. Marten.

A letter addressed by Mr. Marten to the Board was also read. It stated that during the six years he had been in charge of the Karori School the attendance had increased from 40 to an average of 75, there being 102 on the books at the present time. He complained that five acres of land which had been promised in the letter, which induced him to give up his appointment at Collingwood, had been taken away by the Board, who had returned no answer to his letter of remonstrance. He also complained that his first-class certificate from the Nelson Board, also the testimonials from the Bishop of Nelson and other gentlemen, upon which he was appointed, had never been returned to him, although he had made repeated applications for them. Mr. Marten further pointed out that the Inspector's report was very different from the eulogistic entries he had made in the school log-book, and that the language in the former showed an inclination to make out as strong a case as possible against the school. The school had been examined by Mr. Toomath, ex-Inspector of Schools, and a teacher of great experience. On each occasion he awarded high praise to the school. The letter then went on to point out the serious disadvantages the school labored under in being overcrowded and owing to a large number of the children being engaged in the milk trade, and consequently unable to attend punctually, &c, adding that three boys had, notwithstanding, passed in the highest standard when only 13 years of age. In conclusion, Mr. Marten urged that it was not just or right that the scholastic reputation of a

teacher should be at the mercy of one man, who might be biassed, and without giving any right to appeal. The Chairman said probably it was a very hard case, but they could not go contrary to the Inspector's report. No doubt Mr. and Mrs. Marten were very popular, and the petition was signed out of personal feeling, and without reference to the teaching of the children.

Mr. Lee, in reply to a question, said he saw no reason to alter his opinion of the school. It was a very painful matter to him, as Mr. and Mrs. Marten had always met him most kindly. Mr. Hutchison thought the parents were the best judges, and that their wishes should be deferred to.

Mr. Blair and the Ven. Archdeacon Stock stated that there was a very general complaint in reference to the harshness of the examinations. The former gentleman said he did not blame the Inspector, but the system.

The Rev. J. Paterson and Mr. C. Pharazyn bore testimony to the kindness exhibited by the Inspector at examinations at which they had been present.

The Ven. Archdeacon Stock, the Rev. J. Paterson, Mr. Beetham, Mr. Hutchison, and Dr. Newman expressed themselves in favor of the resolution of the Board using suspended for another year. In the course of the discussion, Mr. Lee remarked that the reason why Mr. Monaghan was so active in the matter was that his son-in-law, Mr. Prenderville of the Makara school, had also been unfavourably reported against. After further discussion it was decided to refer the whole correspondence to the Local Committee.

6th July 1880 MR. MONAGHAN AND THE INSPECTOR.

* . TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING POST. Sir — I see by your report of the proceedings of the Education Board that Mr. Lee stated, in reference to the Karori School, that the reason why I was so active in the matter was that my son-in-law, Mr. Prendeville, of the Makara School, had also been unfavorably reported on.

Had I taken up the case of the Makara School, which as a settler and ratepayer I had a right did I choose to do so, there would be some grounds for the remark, but what connection there is between the Karori and Makara schools Mr. Lee may know, but I do not.

The fact is, I did not interfere in the matter until the Makara dispute had been settled. I then took up the case of the Karori School, partly at the urgent request of the settlers, and partly because I did not like to see a grievous wrong offered to an old and respected gentleman without raising my voice against it, knowing and believing a great injustice to be done, and that "in a most ungentlemanly manner by the inspector. So far for my connection with Karori petition.

Now it strikes me very forcibly that it would look better on Mr. Lee's part to repel the charges of harshness in conducting the examinations brought against him by Mr. Blair and Archdeacon Stock generally, and by myself particularly, with regard to the Karori School, than by trying to get out of it by charging me with interested motives. Mr. Lee is very hard on the teaching in the Karori school, but it may not be generally known that the boy who took first prize in the city schools had only been three months at the Mount Cook Boys' School before the examination, yet he passed the highest standard there with credit, although he only passed the third standard at Karori the year before and had been absent from school for months. Perhaps Mr. Lee could explain this too? Since I took up the case, I have heard enough of Mr. Lee's work to satisfy me that he ought to be the last person to

speak in the way as did of me. Take, for instance, the celebrated paper-swallowing case at the Greytown examination. Take also the erecting of the colossal baby school in Tory street, and the appointment of a relative of the Inspector to take charge of it Mr. Lee would do well to remember the adage about persons living in " glasshouses," and refrain from accusing me of interested motives when he is so terribly deep in the mire himself, as no one accuses the well-bred Inspector of interested motives, even if he hoists his relatives and friends into every available position under the Board. Those who know me, and few of the old settlers either in Wellington or Karori who do not, know well that I have taken an "active part" in the maintenance of the Karori school for thirty years ; and as to the Makara school, I helped to build and support it up to the time it was taken over by the Board, and have never been accused of interested conduct before, not even during the fiercest political contests, and I have seen my share and took my part in them. That is why I now repel the charge made in so cowardly a manner behind my back by the well-bred Inspector, who had ample opportunity to do so in my presence did he possess the manliness.

I am, &c. P. MONAGHAN. Karori, 2nd July.

27th August 1880 The start of a long letter from Mr Marten to the Wellington Education Board at the meeting of the Education Board on Wednesday afternoon, the following letter from Mr. W. Marten, master of the Karori school, was read :

" I observe that the Board has decided that its action towards me shall depend on a special inspection of the Karori school, to be held by Mr. Lee next month. I venture to point out that, in view of the strong animus displayed by Mr. Lee against me (which was so marked as to elicit the strong comments of the Board at the last meeting), this is practically condemning me beforehand. I am very unwilling to refer to the Inspector's treatment of me, but, in justice to myself, I must remind the Board (1st) that I was appointed to the Karori school on the strength of a Nelson first-class certificate, which was confirmed by the Nelson Inspector after six months' trial in practical tuition ; (2nd) that Mr. Lee has endeavored, quite gratuitously, to depreciate the value of this certificate in my particular case, and to prevent my receiving classification under it; (3rd) that the certificate itself, which with several highly favorable testimonials I forwarded to the Board, has never been returned, but has mysteriously disappeared, as also have those testimonials.....

31st August 1880 Wellington Education Board THE INSPECTOR AND THE BOARD. A letter was read from the Inspector General in reference to the proposed inspection by him of the Karori School { stating that it would be a very inconvenient precedent, considering how often teachers deem themselves wronged by an adverse report. Mr. Habens further stated that the Minister of Education was of opinion that the general influence and authority of an officer enjoying the confidence of the Board might be seriously interfered with by submitting his deliberate judgments to such review as was proposed in the Board's letter. Mr. Habens, therefore, declined to undertake the inspection of the Karori School. Mr. Blair asked what was the good of an Inspector-General, unless he could at any rate take steps to have the school inspected if he could not inspect it himself. The Chairman remarked that the view of the Inspector-General was that if the Board had not confidence in the Inspector, they ought to get rid of him. Mr. Blair remarked that here was a teacher who said distinctly that the Inspector had an animus against him. It was quite impossible that another inspection of the school by Mr. Lee would have the confidence of either the

Board or the public. The Chairman remarked that that might apply to every teacher who found fault with the Inspector.

[Note: there were more articles on the above issue during July/August which I did not copy]

1st September 1880 Wellington Education Board The Chairman stated that he had waited on the Inspector-General of Schools in reference to the inspection of the Karori School, and asked him to re-inspect the school, the master having complained of the report of the Board's Inspector, but Mr. Habeas positively declined to do so. A letter to the same effect was read by the Secretary from Mr. Habem. After some discussion on the subject, the Rev. Mr. Paterson and Mr. Bunny left the room and Mr. Hutchison entered and took his seat. Mr. Blair thought it ought to be put plainly before the public that the department was not doing its duty and that some reform was necessary. Mr. Hutchison, in reply to a remark, said he would be willing to move anything against the Government ; at the same time the only decision the Board could now come to was to let the matter remain, as the Government would not assist. The Chairman thought the difficulty might be got over by interchanging inspectors, say from Wellington to Napier, and vice versa. Dr. Newman considered it would be needless to apply to the Central Board for such concession, but in such a case as this, where a master complains of animus on the part of the Inspector, the 'Board' - should have the power to call on another Inspector to inspect the school under the control of the master so complaining. The Chairman could not agree with Dr. Newman's remarks, as one Inspector would not interfere with the work of another. Dr. Newman still held to his opinion.....

30th September 1880 WELLINGTON Education Board Mr. J. P. Restell, Inspector of Schools for North Canterbury, who had been requested to examine the Karori school because the master had expressed himself dissatisfied with Mr. Lee's report, and had charged him with animus, presented the following report : Wellington, Sept. 20, 1880. The Hon. C. J. Pharazyn, Chairman Board of Education, Wellington. Sir, —I have the honor to report that, in accordance with instructions communicated to me, I inspected and examined the Karori school on the 27th and 28th instant. There were present during the examination eighty scholars, an attendance considerably above the ordinary average of about sixty. The school-room is a very inferior, old building, low-roofed, draughty, ill-ventilated, overcrowded, ill-arranged, comfortless. The teachers are of advanced age, untrained, but comparatively new to the work, and of little if any aptitude for the conduct of so large a school. They appear to have taken great pains in the instruction of the scholars, to be very anxious for their success, and painfully uneasy as to the result of this examination, and as to the tenure of a position for which, however high their attainments, they are totally unfit, for want of technical skill. They have, however, labored under disadvantages, and contend with obstacles which would have defeated the best efforts of the most expert teacher. It cannot be surprising, then, that these teachers have been very unsuccessful. The instruction is fairly efficient in the infant classes and Standard 1., but no higher. It would be unfair at present to estimate the efficiency by the percentage of success in a "pass" examination; but probably if examined at the end of a full year, most of the scholars in Standard X., and few, if any, others would pass. Some of the work done in the upper classes is very commendable ; the penmanship and drawing are good for learners the reading is fairly free

from gross errors and defects of diction. Comparing the present lack of progress in the work of the standards the scholars are preparing, with the proficiency of the two previous years, as stated in the tabulated report of standards passed, there would seem to have been a steady falling off in the proficiency since 1878. I shall be willing to report more fully after my return to Canterbury, if your Board should require any more detailed information. I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, (Signed) J. V- Restill, Inspector of Schools, North Canterbury. After some discussion, it was resolved that copies of the report be forwarded to Mr. Marten and the local committee, and that further action be deferred till next meeting,

4th October 1880 The proceedings in connection with the Karori School have degenerated into something akin to the scandalous. If we did not know, we should be surprised at the marked unwillingness which the Education Board has apparently displayed in taking prompt action upon the reports sent in, from time to time, by the Inspector, Mr. Lee. But, as we do know, this disinclination on the part of the Board is, perhaps, explained by circumstances familiar to all who can put this and that together, and compare names. In fact, there is an indication of Press intimidation in the matter, and if the Board has been influenced by it, we hope that for the sake of that independence of action so indispensable in connection with the proper control of public institutions, it will hesitate no longer in dealing firmly and decidedly with a question that has been closely sifted by the Inspector, and also by an outside authority, the Inspector of the North Canterbury Education Board. For a long time past the reports of the Wellington Inspector have been adverse to the management of the Karori School, and, we should have thought, would have been sufficient in themselves to have warranted the Board in adopting measures of reform. It is not, to say the least, complimentary to the Wellington Inspector that his report should have been regarded as doubtful, even if every allowance is made for the local pressure brought to bear upon the Board. Either he is competent or not competent to fulfil the duties of his position. If the former, his inspection ought to be accepted as final ; if the latter, the alternative is obvious. Now we are not aware that the Board has any reason to be dissatisfied with Mr. Lee's inspection. So far as we are advised, he has ever striven to discharge his functions with impartiality, and with fair average ability. Why then all this fuss in dealing with a second-class district school ! The idea of incurring the expense of bringing an inspector all the way from Canterbury, simply for the purpose of verification, is really preposterous. However, it has been done, and we hope that the Board, being thus fortified, will not hesitate any longer in doing that which is right under the circumstances, and that for the future it will be guided in such matters by the official on whom the trust of inspection is reposed, and not allow itself to be influenced by local sentimentality on the one hand, and the dread of a bugbear on the other.

27th October 1880 Wellington Education Board The Chairman of the Karori School Committee wrote, reporting that the committee had received the report on the Karori school from Mr. Restall, and that he (the chairman) was directed to state that, having already fully considered the subject and expressed their opinion thereon, the committee had no further recommendation to make. A long letter was read from Mr. Marton, the master, acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Restall's report, and placing himself unreservedly in the hands of the Board. Mr. Bunny asked Mr. Lee if there was any

other position in which he could be placed. Mr. Lee replied that it was no use asking him that question, as the committees had to be considered. He did not know of anything just then. It was resolved to give Mr. Marten three months' notice of removal.

1st December 1880 Wellington Education Board A memorial from the Karori School Committee was read, pointing out the inconvenience and want of repair of the present school, which would require about £70 to put in proper condition, while the committee had no funds for this purpose. The memorial also pointed out the necessity of erecting a new building. A deputation, consisting of Mr. Giesen (chairman of the committee) and Mr. C. C. Graham, waited upon the Board in reference to the above, pointing out more fully the requirements of the district in regard to greater accommodation, and the repair of the old school or erection of a new building the latter being considered preferable. Mr. Lee said £70 could be put aside for the repairs, and the Board-agreed to vote this sum, the matter being left in the hands of the committee to settle preliminaries as to plans, &c

6th December 1880 Sib—Every resident at Karori, who has the advancement of that place at heart, must regret that the Board of Education has only determined to set aside £70 for patching up the dilapidated old building now used for a public school for children of both sexes. The money, if devoted to this purpose, will be simply wasted. Separate schools, in distinct localities, for boys and girls are urgently required in this district. They need not be pretentious and costly buildings, but should be simple, substantial, and commodious. Failing to obtain these, the next best thing the Board could do would be to sweep away the remnant of an old lunatic asylum, and to erect in its stead proper semi-detached schools, under one roof, with separate fenced-in play-grounds and out-offices. The building which now does duty for a school has been condemned by a thoroughly unbiassed inspector (Mr. Restell) as unfit for that purpose, and calculated to render nugatory the best efforts of the most qualified teacher. Many stables are more comfortable, and in the winter season teachers and pupils are > laid up with colds and sore throats, occasioned by its draughty condition. The fittings appear, also, to have been designed as instruments of torture by some bright genius, who wished to render the ascent of the hill of knowledge as arduous as possible to youthful minds and bodies. Thousands of pounds have been spent in the city of Wellington—in one instance it has been said, prematurely—in the erection of schools of almost palatial appearance. We all pay indirectly towards the cost of these structures, why then should a few hundred pounds be begrudged to those country districts which stand so sorely in need of necessary expenditure? Education, free and compulsory, is doubtless designed to be a blessing to the rising generation, but the system may be carried out amidst such inimical surroundings and obstacles as to become a curse, moral and physical. I am, &c, C. M. Igglesden Architect. Karori, 3rd December, 1880.

6th December 1880 Head Master, Karori School ; average attendance probably about 80. Salary, probably £200, with residence.

20th December 1880 The annual distribution of prizes at the Karori school took place on Friday evening at 7 o'clock. The books, which were many of them very handsome, were presented to the school children by Mr. Giesen, chairman of the School Committee, other members of the committee being present. After the distribution of prizes, Mr. and Mrs. Marten being absent, a deputation of the children was formed to wait upon them at their residence to present them with a beautiful silver cruet stand and the following address : —

" Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Marten by the children of Karori school, with their very best wishes, thanking them for all the kindness they have bestowed upon them. They regret that this is the last time they will have this opportunity, but they heartily wish dear Mr. and Mrs. Marten- every success and a Happy New Year." The Misses Marten were also presented with a very pretty purse each, in Russian leather, from the children, as a token of their love and esteem.

21st December 1880 Wellington Education Board: There were twelve applicants for the head-mastership of the Karori School.

22nd December 1880 Wellington Education Board: A letter was read from the Karori School Committee, asking the Board to reconsider their decision re repairing the school now that they had received £2500 from the Government. The Committee desired a new building, at a cost of £300 or £400. The letter was referred to the Building Committee to report upon. The Committee also asked whether it was the intention of the Board to appoint a new mistress, as well as a master, for the school.— Mr. Lea said the Board, in their resolutions, had never referred to the mistress, and only dealt with the master. He presumed Mrs. Marten would leave with Mr. Marten.— Mr. Bunny asked if there was any complaint against Mrs. Marten.— Mr. Lee. replied that there was no complaint. — Mr. Bunny: Very, well, then, of course she remains, The matter then dropped.Master Karori School, Mr. Badland, present master of Waihenga School ; [Waihenga school original name for Martinborough School. Mr Badland stayed at Waihenga until 1889]

1881-1882

1881	66	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£210.00
1881	66	Karori	Dyer	Maude B		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1882	62	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£210.00
1882	62	Karori	Dyer	Maude B		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1882	62	Karori	Lockett	Annie Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00

Henry H Dyer In 1880 Henry Dyer was at Carlyle District High School [The name was changed to Patea by 1881] for the Wanganui Education Board and started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Karori in 1881 and was there until 1898 with an attendance average of 133. He then went back in grade in 1899 to teach at Kaitawa 7 Kilometres East of Pahiatua until 1903. In 1905 he was sole teacher at Mangapakeha at the turn off to Riversdale beach on the Masterton Castlepoint Road

1st March 1881: A change in the head-mastership of Patea school is about to take place. Mr H. H. Dyer, who has managed the school over seven years, has accepted an appointment under the Wellington Board to the school at Karori, near Wellington, and the change is intended to take place at the end of the current month. In his letter of resignation, Mr Dyer says ; “ I am deeply grateful for the many kindnesses that have been shown to me as master, both by the different committees and the parents generally ; and whether I have been successful or not, I have always honestly striven to do my duty in school matters.” This modest claim is certainly true. Mr Dyer has worked with unmistakable zeal, and his success as a teacher is considerable. His discipline is perhaps a little easy, but if this be an exception his school management has been decidedly successful in all essential matters, A successor is not yet named.

18th July 1906 Teachers superannuation Board granted a pension to Mr Dyer

13th September 1909 Mrs. H. H. Dyer, whose death at the age of 76 took place at Khandallah on Friday last, was one of New Zealand's earliest arrivals. She landed at Auckland in the year 1853 with her father, Colonel Baddeley, R.E., and three sisters. She was married in 1864 to Mr. H. H. Dyer, son of the late Dr. Dyer, H.E.I.C.S. Her elder brother, who for years resided in the Taranaki district, had been a captain in the 40th Regiment, and her younger brother was formerly Resident Magistrate at Auckland., Both of these, and her sister, Mrs. Judge Beckham (formerly of Auckland), predeceased her. She leaves a husband, three daughters, and two sons — all resident in New Zealand.

14th August 1913 The death occurred last evening, at Eastbourne. Wellington, of an old colonist in the person of Mr H. H. Dyer. The deceased was for many years in the employ of the Education Department in Otago, Taranaki and Wellington provinces:, and possessed attainments of a high order which made him eminently successful as a teacher He was pre-deceased by his wife a few years ago, and leaves' the following family to mourn their loss: Messrs H. B. Dyer, a well-known resident of Masterton, W. Dyer, Mrs H?, Mrs G Vickers, and Miss M. Dyer.

Maude B Dyer only taught for 3 years for the Wellington Education Board at Karori. A recent Wellington paper announces the marriage on May 10th of Mr George C. Heenan to Miss Maude Dyer, both of whom were residents of Patea a few years ago.

Annie Jane Lockett taught at Karori as a Pupil teacher from 1882 to 1895 and as an assistant female until December 1898. Married 29th March 1899 at St Mary's Karori.

1899/557	Annie Jane	Lockett	George Henry	Norie
1902/14929	Norie	Phyllis Elizabeth	Annie Jane	George Henry
1904/8370	Norie	Sylvia Mary	Annie Jane	George Henry

8th January 1881 Wellington Education Board: The committee appointed at the last meeting having, with Mr. Turnbull, examined the Karori School, reported that it was practically unmendable, and recommended that a new school, to cost about £400, should be erected in front of the old building, which could be left as a useful shed. adopted.—it was agreed that Mr. Turnbull should be instructed to prepare estimates of the cost of a new school at Petone, and for additions to the schools, at Newtown, Carterton, Greytown, Masterton, and Dower Hutt; also for additions and improvements to the Buckle-street Girls' School, and for the Karori new school.

27th January 1881. Wellington Education Board: A letter was received from Mr. Marten, master of the Karori School, Stating that he had received a letter from the secretary instructing him to resume teaching until the end of the current month, and requiring him then immediately to leave the schoolhouse. Mr. Marten submitted that they was treating him with great harshness, and wholly debarring him from making the necessary preparations for removal. He also urged that the residence was part of Mrs. Marten's salary as well as his own and reminded the Board that although the school land at Karori was specified as part of their pay and was a groat inducement to them to remove thither, they never had the use of the land or its proceeds. Lastly, he expressed a hope that the Board would bear in mind the promise made that, if possible, another/ appointment should be found for him. In the course of the discussion which followed, an opinion was expressed that Mr. Marten was entitled to Borne compensation for the loss of the land. The Secretary (Mr. Lee), in reply to a question, said that the land was taken by the school committee In a way that he could never understand, and let to a tenant named Jordan. Mr.. Blair pointed

out that it would! Be a great hardship to expect Mrs. Marten to go on teaching without providing a residence for her, and he suggested that notice should be given to the tenant of the other house on the school property, and it should be assigned to Mrs. Marten. Perhaps that would be accepted as compensation for the loss of the land Archdeacon Stock and Mr Hutchison agreed with this proposal. Mr. C. Pharazyn moved that a letter be sent to Mr. Marten that the new master would take possession, of the present house on 1st February. Archdeacon Stock seconded, observing that he did not see how they could avoid doing this

5th February 1881 An interesting little ceremony took place at the Karori School-house on Wednesday evening, when a deputation of ladies waited upon Mr. and Mrs. Marten, who have been in charge of the school during the last six years, to bid them farewell on their departure from Karori, and to present them with a purse of sovereigns as a parting gift on behalf of their numerous friends and well-wishers in the neighborhood, all expressing deep sorrow at their removal from among them. Mr. and Mrs. Marten returned their warmest thanks for the very handsome present, and expressed the great pleasure afforded them by the kindness and good feeling evinced by their friends and neighbors, from whom they were compelled to separate with the deepest regret, and whose uniform good-will and kind offices during the six years they had resided at Karori would ever be remembered by them with pleasure and thankfulness. A number of the school children also waited of their own account to bid farewell to their master and mistress, for whom they entertain very warm attachment

5th February 1881 Head Master, Karori ; salary, according to scale, probably in a short time .£200 and residence. A new school for 150 children is about to be built. . Assistant Mistress, Karori ; salary, .£80.

9th February 1881 TO BUILDERS. THE Board of Education invite Tenders until noon of Tuesday, the 22nd inst., for the Erection of a School at Karori. Plans and specifications at my office. THOS. TURNBULL, Architect to the Board.

23rd February 1881 The tender of Messrs. Rigg and Son for a new school building at Karori was accepted..... Mr. Badland, who was appointed to the Karori School last meeting, tendered his resignation, as he had had a return of an old chest complaint, and was forbidden to continue his duties —Mr. Lee said it was a great pity that Mr Marten had not given up the residence, as the new teacher had to walk from town, besides the worry of opening the new school and this brought on spitting of blood. Mrs. Marten was not at the school, as she should have been, and this added to the worry. It was resolved to give Mrs. Marten the first vacancy that occurred in the Te Aro Infant School, and to give Mr. Marten .£30 compensation for his five acres of land at Karori.

24th February 1881 Mr. and Miss Dyer have been appointed to the Karori School, Mr. Dyer being head master and his daughter pupil teacher.

24th February 1881 THE SCHOOL LAND AT KARORI. TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING POST.

Sir — According to your report of the Education Board yesterday, Mr. Pharazyn stated that I had the use of the school land at Karori for four years out of the six for which I made a claim. As this, if uncontradicted, may prejudice my case, will you permit me to say that Mr. Pharazyn either has been entirely misinformed or else is under a complete misapprehension. It is notorious that I have never been able to obtain possession of the

land during the whole six years, from the time I arrived at Karori up to my departure thence, although it was distinctly promised to me as a portion of my remuneration. The Board has been receiving the rent for it during the period. I am, &c, William Marten. Wellington, 24th Feb.

24th February 1881 It is a curious and somewhat significant fact that although qualified teachers were very scarce in the Wanganui Educational District a short time ago, no less than four gentlemen who held head masterships in that district were candidates for the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Badland, master at Karori, while there was not a single one from within the Wellington District.

5th March 1881 The following is a list of tenders received by the Education Board for the Karori school, A. Riggs and Son, £529 — accepted. J. Hopwood, £579 ; Mitchell and Clegg, £614 ; Murdoch and Rose, £632; Hoskins and Carrigan, £650 ; Thompson and McLean, £750—declined. [Price is equivalent to \$92006.85 in December 2020]

12th March 1881 Wellington Education Board -Some slight alterations and improvements in the Karori school residence were authorised.

4th June 1881 TO LET at Karori, a five-roomed House, with wash-house, in the school ground. Apply to the Schoolmaster, Mr. Dyer, or to Mr. Graham, Karori.

27th July 1881 Maud Dyer of Karori passed her third year (age over 15) examinations

1864/24951	Dyer	Maude Baddeley	Emma Clinton	Henry Hardwick
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8 children born to Henry and Maude and all children had the Christian Name pf Baddeley as a Christian Name. Maude was the eldest

19th December 1881 The distribution of prizes at the Karori School took place on Friday afternoon, when, after various sports and a most substantial repast of cakes, fruit, and tea, the prizes were given away by the Chairman of the School Committee, Mr. C. C. Graham, in the presence of a large number of the parents and friends of the pupils. The chairman took the opportunity to congratulate both the teachers, Mr. and Miss Dyer, as well as the pupils, on the favourable results of the recent standard examination, at which the number of passes had been very great, in fact considerably above the average of country schools, and quite up to the average of the town schools ; and further stated that Mr. Lee, the Inspector of Schools, had given a most favourable report of the progress made during the past year. Mr. Graham then handed the prizes, a very nicely selected set of books, to the pupils who had made the two best passes in each of the standards, after which in the name of the pupils, he handed to Mr. and Miss Dyer two presents, viz , a very pretty silver pen, inkstand, and a velvet reticule, which had been subscribed for by the pupils themselves, as a mark of their regard in which Mr. and Miss Dyer have been held during the short time they have been in charge of the school. Mr. Dyer returned thanks for himself and his daughter and dwelt on the good-feeling which had obtained between them and the pupils during his term of office. He trusted that the results next year would be even better. After numerous ringing cheers for their teachers, the committee, and the ladies who had provided the numerous good things they had partaken of the proceedings terminated.

9th January 1882 Wellington Education Board Pupil Teachers, Thorndon Infant, Upper Hutt, Pahautanui, Karori, and Masterton Schools. By order of the Board. ROBERT LEE, 8426 Secretary

26th January 1882 KARORI SCHOOL. At the annual meeting of householders for the election of a new Committee, Mr Graham was elected Chairman, and read the report of the outgoing late Committee, which congratulated the district on the present satisfactory state of affairs, and on the fact that a new and most convenient schoolhouse had been built. As a satisfactory state of the efficiency of the teachers, it was shown that out of 48 candidates who had gone up for the various standards 46 had passed. The new Committee elected consists of the following persons : Messrs Graham (Chairman), Brown, Larchin, Spiers, McKenzie, Porter, and Williams.

27th January 1882 Miss Lockett appointed pupil teacher

13th April 1882 Wellington Education Board: Country Schools.— Twenty-one schools are in operation. Of this class, the schools which have the best quality of results this year are, in order; Waihenga, Fernridge, Karori, Bark Vale, Clareville, Opaki, Johnsonville, and Kaitara.

27th April 1882 Mr W. Marten, ex-master of the Karori school wrote, asking that his first-class certificate issued to him by Mr Hodgson, Inspector of the Nelson district, and which he had entrusted to the officers of the Board, might be returned to him. He complained that his last letter on the subject had not been replied to. The Inspector explained that the certificate had been searched for a number of times, but that it could not be found among any of the papers in the office. He suggested that Mr Marten should write to Mr Hodgson and obtain a new one. After a short discussion this suggestion was adopted.

1st July 1882 Wellington Education Board The following letter was received from Mr W. Marten, formerly master of the Karori School :

“ The Chairman of the Education Board. — Sir, —I have at length received from your Board my certificate and testimonials, which you have detained for seven years. The fact that your Inspector declared the documents were not in your office and threw doubts on their ever having been there —until you made a strict investigation into the matter, and so caused them to be brought to light—affords an interesting specimen of his reliability, and of the efficient manner in which he fulfils his duties. I must remind you that I have been deprived of the benefit of my credentials for a year and a half since I left your service, and have suffered loss accordingly. One appointment in particular, which I might have secured had I possessed my testimonials, being filled up while I was endeavoring to obtain them from you. I have indeed been most harshly and unjustly treated through the influence of your Inspector, but as I am only an old gentleman of decayed fortunes I can be trodden under foot with impunity. You have deprived me of my means of livelihood, and therefore are, I hope, satisfied at last.—I am, Sir, yours respectfully, William Marten.”

29th July 1882 The master at Karori wrote complaining th/t the Committee had let a house standing in the school ground, and with it the paddock surrounding it, and he was thus deprived of the use of the ground. The matter was deferred, pending the receipt of an explanation from the local Committee.

10th August 1882 Fourth year (age over 16.) —Bassett, Josephine, Thorndon Infant ; Dyer, Maud, Karori ;..

29th December 1882 Karori School.: The distribution of prizes took place on Friday afternoon in the presence of parents and friends of the pupils. The chair was taken by Mr C. C. Graham, the chairman of the school committee, who congratulated the master and

pupils on the results of the recent examination, no fewer than 83 per cent, of passes having been obtained. The prizes were presented to the pupils by Miss Davidson, and the chairman, in the name of the pupils, presented the teachers—Mr and Miss Dyer and Miss A. Lockett—with handsome gifts, subscribed for by the children, as a mark of esteem and of the good feeling which existed between teachers and taught. : The following is a list of the prize-takers Standard VI. — Hardwicke Dyer. Standard V.—Lawrence Porter, Douglas Graham. Standard IV,—Zoe Dryden, George Burrows. Standard III. Walter Giesen, Amy Lancaster and William Jones, equal Standard II.—Mabel Spiers, Frederick Hadden. Standard I.—Percy Giesen, Amy Standon. Recommended by Miss Lockett—Amy Thorby, Mary Conroy, Nellie Reading, Frank Spiers, Frederick Cole. Best attendance.—Eva Standon, Writing prizes.— 1st, Ernest Giesen ; 2nd, Zoe Dryden ; 3rd, Eva Reading. Most popular girl, Zoe Dryden ; most popular boy, Lawrence Porter (decided by the votes of the pupils), :

1883-1884

1883	70	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£230.00
1883	70	Karori	Dyer	Maude B		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1883	70	Karori	Lockett	Annie Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1884	74	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Male	£230.00
1884	74	Karori	Lockett	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1884	74	Karori	Dyer	Mona		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Mona Dyer only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Karori from 1884 to 1887 Was on the electoral roll in Wellington in 1896 and wasn't on any electoral roll until 1914 when she was in the Raglan Electorate and then on various rolls in central Auckland until 1949. The only other mention was the teaching of music pupils in 1913.

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26th January 1883 The election of a School Committee for the Karori District resulted in the return of Messrs. Mackenzie, Porter, Lancaster, Graham, Dryden, Brown, and Hooper. Mr. C. C. Graham was appointed Chairman, Mr. Porter treasurer, and Mr. Price , auditor. Mr. J. R. Blair and Dr. Newman" were nominated for the Education Board

18th April 1883 Inspector Lee's report to Wellington Education Board included: Karori, Wadestown, Ohariu, Tawa, Judgeford, Kaiwairi, Park Vale, and Eketahuna schools continue to do good service, and are more or less, in a satisfactory condition.

2nd October 1883 Pupil Teacher examination passes: Third year over 17 years Maud Dyer Karori [Failed to obtain higher classification by this examination]: First year aged over 15 passed A Lockett.

19th December 1883 Wellington Education Board A sum of £5 was granted to Karori for drainage ;

28th December 1883: At the breaking up of the Karori School the prizes were distributed by the Chairman of the School Committee, Mr. C. C. Graham, in the presence of a large

number of parents and friends of the children and the members of the School Committee. The principal prizes were given in the order of merit in which the pupils had passed the six standards, and in addition there was a writing prize for the best writing in each standard, decided by competition, two of the committee acting as judges. There were also special prizes for the boy and girl who had attended most regularly during the session, a very handsome edition of Shakespeare for the best descriptive essay on Karori and its neighbourhood, and prizes given by the teacher for the best recitation, which were decided by a committee of ladies chosen from the company present. After the distribution of the prizes the Chairman, in the name of the children, presented Mr. and Miss Dyer and Miss A. Lockett with very handsome presents as an expression of the good feeling existing between teachers and taught. These Mr. Dyer acknowledged in a few hearty sentences, and after several rounds of cheering the children sat down to a substantial repast, to which full justice was done, after which the proceedings terminated. The following is the list of prize takers :— Standard VI.— Douglas Graham, Lawrence Porter ; writing, Douglas Graham. Standard V. — George Burrowes, Thomas Graham and Zoe Drydon (equal) ; writing, Douglas Graham. Standard IV. — E. Standen, Edith Isaac ; writing, Etty Lancaster. Standard III.— F. Allington, E. Hendle; writing, Emma Lewer. Standard II. — E. Isaac, Amy Standen ; writing, F. Haddon. Standard I.— P. Thorby, F. Cole ; writing, P. Thorby. Regular attendance, Harry Graham, M. Conroy ; best essay, L. Porter

15th January 1884 KARORI DISTRICT. Bounded on the West and North-west by the Makara and Wadestown Districts ; on the East by the City of Wellington, and by sections 10, II, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 27, Ohiro; and on the South by Cook Strait.

1st February 1884 KARORI. A meeting of householders was held at the schoolroom, Karori, on Monday, the 28th instant, to elect a new committee for the ensuing year, Mr C. C. Graham being voted to the chair. The retiring committee presented their report, showing that numerous improvements had been effected, that there was a good credit balance in hand, and expressing entire satisfaction with the teaching staff of the school, and that, notwithstanding the numerous drawbacks, a very high percentage of passes had been obtained at the recent examinations. The following gentlemen were elected as a committee for the ensuing year, viz. :—Messrs Jas. Mackenzie, W. Williams, C. C. Graham, J. Hooper, G. Vickers, D. Porter, and C. T. H. Brown. At the meeting of this committee, held immediately afterwards, Mr Jas. Mackenzie was chosen chairman and secretary, and Mr D. Porter, treasurer

18th April 1884 Application for Pupil teacher Karori called for.

30th April 1884 Wellington Education Board: Karori Pupil Teacher Miss M Dyer

1st May Wellington Education Board: The resignations of Mrs Wilkinson (Wainui) and Miss Dyer a (Karori) were received and accepted

26th June 1884 Wellington Education Board: The Karori Committee recommended a vote of £5 as a grant for road repairs. Refused. The architect reported that £100 would be the cost of a teacher's residence at Karori, No action was taken.

14th October 1884 At a meeting of the Karori School Committee, held yesterday, Mr. Young, late headmaster of the Terrace School, was unanimously nominated for the vacant seat on the Education Board.

29th October 1884 Wellington Education Board: A letter was read from the Karori Committee applying for a grant of £10 with which to carry out repairs to the teacher's residence. The application was granted, the case being an urgent one.

23rd December 1884 The prizes in this school were distributed on Friday afternoon. There was a treat prepared in the school grounds by the ladies of the district, which seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by old and young alike. The prizes were distributed by Mr. James Mackenzie, Chairman of the School Committee, who briefly referred to the very satisfactory position the school had attained under the present teaching staff, as evidenced by the large percentage of passes gained at the recent examination. The following are the prize takers :— Standard prizes: VI.— Z. Dryden. V.— 1, E. Lancaster ; 2, W. Jones. IV.— 1, A. Lancaster ; 2 (equal), E. Lewer and M. O. Porter. III.— I, E. Isaac; 2, M. Dryden. II.— 1, H. Monton ; 2 (equal), A. and P. Thorby. I.— 1, L. Dryden; 2 (equal), W. Hooper and B. Burns. Junior prizes. — M. Porter, M. Kilmister, N. Barnes, F. Spiers, F. Lewer. W. Dyer, L. Allington, L. Lewer, E. *Garwood*, H. Lancaster, G. Graham, N. Graham. Writing prizes.— VI., T. Graham; V., E. Lancaster; IV., A. Lancaster ; III., K. Mitchell ; II., A. Barnes ; L, H. Graham. Junior for writing.— A. Kilmister, G. Graham. Sewing prizes. — 1, E. Mannering ; 2, L. Knight. Best attendance.—P. Spiers and M. Conroy. Geography. — Z. Dryden. Mapping.— T. Graham. Best exercise book.— H. Edmonds. Special prizes.— Two prizes presented by Miss Locket for sewing— 1, M. G. Porter ; 2, A. Thorby. Mr. James Mackenzie's prize for History,— T. Graham. Prizes presented by Mr. James Mackenzie for the most popular boy and girl.— T. Graham and M. Porter.

1885-1886

1885	85	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Male	£240.00
1885	85	Karori	Lockett	Annie Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1885	85	Karori	Dyer	Mona		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	85	Karori	Dryden	Zoe		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1886	94	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£260.00
1886	94	Karori	Lockett	Annie Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 35.00
1886	94	Karori	Dyer	Mona		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1886	94	Karori	Dryden	Zoe		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Zoe Dryden was a pupil teacher at Karori from 1885 to 1893 and didn't teach for the Wellington Education Board again. She was a prominent singer up to the time of her marriage

1894/4123	Zoe	Dryden	Percy	Simpson
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30th January 1885 KARORI SCHOOL. A well attended meeting was held on Monday evening, Mr J. Mackenzie in the chair. In addition to the ordinary duties the report stated a great deal of really useful work had been accomplished. Satisfaction was expressed with the teaching staff, and various recommendations made for the consideration of the incoming committee. The balance sheet showed £18 to credit. The report and balance-sheet having been adopted the meeting proceeded with the election of the new committee. The following gentlemen were returned in the order mentioned, viz., Messrs J. Mackenzie,

C. T. H. Brown, E. Monaghan, Hooper, Lancaster, Graham, and S. G. G. Vickers. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the teachers, which was suitably responded to by Mr Dyer, head master. At the first meeting of the new committee, held immediately afterwards, Mr Mackenzie was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Mr Vickers treasurer. The Rev James Paterson and Mr John Young were nominated for the vacant seats on the Education Board

27th March 1885 Wellington Education Board An application was received for a second school at Karori, it being pointed out that about 20 pupils would probably attend. It was decided that the Chairman should visit the locality and report to the Board.

24th April 1885 Wellington Education Board; Wanted: Also, Pupil Teacher, Karori,

29th April 1895 Wellington Education Board: The sum of £8 was voted for the erection of a porch to the Karori School.

1st May 1885 Appointment: Miss Dryden pupil teacher Karori

10th July 1885 Wellington Education Board: invite tenders for the erection of a new school at Mauriceville, and repairs to those at Petone and Karori.

29th July 1885 Pupil Teacher examinations Third Year (aged over 17) Annie Lockett Karori: First Year (aged over 15) Mona dyer and Zoe Dryden.

28th October 1885 Inspector's report on recent school inspections: The following shows the percentage of children who passed the examination and the condition of the schools generally : — Kaiwarra, 79 per cent. , good ; Johnsonville, 83 per cent., very good ; Korokoro, 63 per cent., fair; Tawa Flat, 86 per cent., good ; Pahautanui, 71 per cent., good ; Featherston, 71 per cent., fair ; Whiteman's Valley, 93 per cent., good ; Karori, 75 per cent., fair.....

22nd December 1885 KAKORI SCHOOL. The Karori School broke np for the holidays on Friday, the 18th instant. Daring the afternoon numerous games and sports wero engaged in by the children, who afterwards sat down to a repast provided for them by ladies of the district. At 5 o'clock the presentation of the prizes took place in the presence of a large number of parents and other friends of the pupils, as well as several members of the committee, Mr. C. C. Graham presiding. After hearing a number of recitations a very interesting election took place, the object being to decide as to who were the most popular girl and boy in the school. The whole affair wound up most successfully with a dance in the old schoolhouse. The following is the list of the prize-takers. Best passes in the Standards : —VI., H. Larchin; V., Amy Lancaster, Emma Lower; IV., Cuthbert Jones, K. Michell; III, Amy Thorby ; II.. G. Moreton, Emma Graham ; 1., W. Vickers, L. Larchin. Writing — VI, E. Lower; V., K. Michell; IV., M. Suisted; III., P. Thorby; III., N. Lower; II ,E. Knight; 1., L. Lewer. Sewing— G. Porter, L. Drydon, J. Gray. Knitting — K. Lower, L. Dryden. Darning— Edith Standon. Best attendance (Karori)—A. Lancaster, W. Standon. Best attendance (South Karori)— A. Lower, F. Lower. Mapping from memory — G. Porter, L. Tarr. History- VI., H. Larchin : V., K. Michell ; IV., M. Suisted. Sewing (South Karori) -Mary Hooper. Composition—G. Potter, J. James. Recitation (1st prize presented by Mr. Blair)— H. Edmunds ; K. Graham, M. Suisted. equal ; Arthur Spiers. Prizes given by Mr. Mackenzie (the Chairman of the School Committee) for the most popular boy and girl— H. Edmunds, G. Porter.

[This was the first record I could find of opening up a side school called South Karori which was to be staffed by a pupil teacher.]

11th January 1886 Karori Makara Road Board: , a letter was read from Mr. Page complaining that Mr. H. Bradnock permitted his cows and horses to wander on the Karori and South Karori roads, thus exposing the school children in the neighbourhood to great danger. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Bradnock that the Board would take action in the matter if there were any further complaints

22nd April 1886 Wellington Education Board Annual report included additions were made at Karori [A porch?]

28th April 1886 The meeting of the householders in the Karori district was held in the Schoolhouse, Mr. H. C. G. Vickers presiding, There was a good attendance. The report of the retiring committee was read and adopted. The election resulted as follows :—: — Messrs. S. Lancaster, J. Hooper, E. Monaghan, C. T. H. Brown, J. McKenzie, and T. Larchan. At a meeting of the newly-elected committee, Mr. Vickers was elected chairman and secretary and Mr. McKenzie treasurer and it was decided to carry out a recommendation of the retiring committee, by purchasing chemical and gymnastic appliances and planting trees in the school ground

29th April 1886 Resignations .—The resignations of H. B. Dyer (Karori) was accepted by the Wellington Education Board [Mr Dyer was Head master until 1898 at Karori there was also listed in the newspaper a Mr H B Dyer of Mt Cook Boys' school resigning]

1st May 1886 Mr. S. C. J. Vickers, one of the newly elected Karori School Committee, has been elected Treasurer of that body. At the election meeting on Tuesday evening, a vote of thanks to the head teacher and his staff for the very satisfactory manner in which the children had progressed during the past year was carried unanimously ; also a "vote of thanks to the retiring Committee

2nd July 1886 Wellington Education Board: The Karori Committee applied for £60 to assist them in erecting a side school. The request was acceded to.

5th August 1886 First Grade Drawing examinations 2 Karori pupils passed.

6th August Pupil Teacher examinations Fourth year age over 18 Annie Lockett Karori. With 496 marks

Second Year examinations over 16 years of age. Mona Dyer Karori with 442 Marks

16th December 1886 The prizes in this school were distributed to the successful pupils on Monday afternoon last, Mr James Mackenzie, Chairman of the local School Committee, presiding on the occasion. There was a large muster of children and of their parents and friends. The children commenced by singing, with good effect, "Bing the bell, watchman, Mrs Heenan presiding at the piano. Mr Mackenzie referred briefly to the progress made in the school during the past twelve months, as evidenced by the passes having reached 90 per cent, as against 75 per cent, of last year, and urged on the children to try to do even better. He also urged upon all the necessity of regular attendance. Mr Dyer (headmaster) proposed a hearty, vote of thanks to Mr Mackenzie and the Committee for the trouble they had taken in obtaining for them such handsome prizes. He hoped the pupils would keep in mind what Mr McKenzie had said to them with regard to regular attendance. Mr Mackenzie, in acknowledging the compliment reminded the children that the real givers of the prizes were the ladies and gentlemen of the Thalian Club who, at great trouble and

inconvenience to themselves, gave the entertainment in aid of the prize fund. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Thalian Club for their kindness. The proceedings, our report of which is unavoidably compressed terminated by all present singing "God save the Queen.

The following is the prize list, Standard VI. —Amy Lancaster, Gertrude Porter, Edward Messenger. Standard. V. Cuthbert Spiers, Ada Lancaster. Standard IV.—John James: Amy Thorby and Amy Standen. Equal. Standard III, Allan Lee, Frank Birch and Phoebe Thorby, equal. Standard II.— Frederick Cole, Elizabeth Cole. Standard I—Alice Lower Rosa Davy and Arthur Spiers,-equal Writing (one prize in each standard). —Standard VI. (upper), Emma Lower : Standard VI., Guy Kingdon Standard V Amy Thorby ; Standard IV., Phoebe Thorby Standard III., Guy Graham ; Standard II., "Alice Lower : Standard I, Florence Cole ; Infants, Henry Standen. Sewing (one prize in each standard).—Standard VI., Amy Lancaster ; Standard, V., Ada Lancaster; Standard IV., Amy Thorby ; Standard III., ' Lena Dryden; Standard II., Elizabeth Cole; Standard I. Phoebe Lancaster; Infants, Margaret Welling. .

South Karori School Special sewing prize by Miss Lockett Florence Reading , Mapping Prizes Upper Standards E Messenger. Lower standards C Messenger Attendance Prizes —Amy Lancaster, Minnie Dryden, Eva. Standen. Lena Dryden. N. Standen, Louise Farr; South Karori branch school-Alice Lower. Prizes given by Mr Mackenzie Most popular girl —Amy Lancaster; most popular boy Guy Kingdon (selected by the pupils)

In addition to the above, fourteen prizes were given for good conduct in classes below the standards, and a Christmas card to non. Prize takers among the younger children.

22nd December 1886 An application for a grant of £10 towards the cost of repairing the Karori School was granted.

24th December 1886 Civil service examinations were held in October and results announced E W Gieson Karori School educated 5 years at Karori School; Terrace School 2 years Wellington College 2 years. Scored 1590 marks

L G Porter Karori State School 7 years. Private School Karori 10 months scored 110

1887-1888

1887	102	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£260.00
1887	102	Karori	Lockett	Annie Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1887	102	Karori	Dyer	Mona		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1887	102	Karori	Dryden	Zoe		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1887	102	Karori	Dyer	Mrs		Sewing	£5.00
1888	88	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£225.00
1888	88	Karori	Lockett	Annie Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1888	88	Karori	Dyer	Mona		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1888	88	Karori	Dryden	Zoe		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1888	88	Karori	Dyer	Mrs		Sewing	£ 5.00

29th April 1887 Karori. The annual meeting of householders for the purpose of electing a school committee for the ensuing year was held in the school room on Monday evening. The attendance was unusually large. Mr McKenzie was called upon to preside. The retiring

committee presented their annual report, showing a balance of £10 8s 2d, which was adopted. The usual votes of thanks to the teaching staff and retiring committee having been carried, the election of the new committee was proceeded with, the following gentlemen being proposed and the first seven elected in the order named:—Major Messenger, Messrs James McKenzie, Stephen Lancaster, Edward Monaghan, C. C. Graham, C. T. H. Brown, J. Hooper, D. Porter, and T. Larchen. At the meeting of the new committee held immediately afterward, Mr McKenzie was unanimously re-elected chairman for the fourth time, and Mr Brown treasurer.

29th June 1887 Wellington Education Board Reports of Mr. Lee on the Tawa Flat. Johnsonville, and Karori schools were laid upon the table.... A vote of £10 was made for fencing Karori School. Miss [Sic Mrs] Dyer was appointed sewing teacher at Karori School.

18th October 1887 THE KARORI SLAUGHTER. YARD NUISANCE AND THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

« TO THE EDITOR. Sir — On several occasions lately statements have appeared in your columns in connection with the removal of the slaughterhouse at Karori and alleging that the local School Committee were the real offenders, and had intended challenging the accusation ere this, but the matter being *sub judice* and it being patent to the residents best acquainted with the facts that a red herring was simply being drawn across the scent and have therefore hitherto remained silent. As the matter was again revived at the meeting of the Hutt County Council the other day, when that body finally decided to cancel the slaughtering license, I think it only fair to ourselves as a committee* to say that the charge of the cesspool being in a disgraceful state is wholly untrue and without the slightest foundation in fact. The case stands briefly thus : The School Committee as a matter of duty, found themselves compelled, from the close proximity of the school to the slaughter-yard, to bring matters to an issue ; hence all the trouble and the counter charge. lam, &c., J. Mackenzie, Chairman, Karori School Committee. 15th October.

30th November 1887 Amongst the correspondence laid before the Board of Education this morning was a letter from Mr. Thomas Larchin of Karori, complaining that his daughter had been punished on account of the home work prescribed by the teachers of the local school. A letter from the School Committee was also read. The committee stated that in their opinion it would be unfair to interfere, for the sake of one child, with a system of home work which had always worked well. Mr. Bunny thought that in many cases the home work was much too difficult. The Chairman warned members not to arrive at a hasty determination to interfere with the teachers' work. Mr. Beetham was of opinion that children were forced too much by the teachers. Dr. Newman expressed himself in favour of night work, as it got the children on much faster than otherwise. He believed that the teachers of the Karori School gave considerable attention to the class of home work set for children. The Board decided to postpone the consideration of the matter in order to obtain further information.

29th December 1887 The prizes at the Karori School were distributed on Friday afternoon by Mr Mackenzie, chairman of the School Committee. There was a large attendance of scholars, parents and friends. Mr Mackenzie, before distributing the prizes, briefly referred to the progress made in the school during the past year, and expressed gratification that the

school had fully maintained its prestige for good work, as evidenced by the large percentage of passes it was still able to show. He hoped at future examinations this would always be the case, and in referring to the prizes and prize-takers, while heartily congratulating the successful ones, and giving them every credit for their victory, he trusted that the less fortunate would not be disheartened, but would persevere, and in due time their turn would come. The committee had endeavoured to be as liberal as possible in the awards both as to quality and number, some sixty prizes, exclusive of Christmas cards, having been obtained for distribution, many of which were really valuable and excellent books. As in previous years the attendance prizes were the best, the object being to stimulate punctuality and regularity amongst the scholars, the committee holding the opinion that without these attributes success was impossible.

The following is the prize list:—Examination prizes : Standard V.—1, Marion Suisted ; 2, John James ; 3, Amy Thorby. Standard IV.—1, Louisa Tarr ; 2, Lena Dryden ; 2, Allen Lee. Standard III.—1, Guy Graham ; 2, Frank Spiers ; 3, Gerald Suisted. Standard II.—1, Arthur Spiers ; 2, Phoebe Lancaster ; 2, Arthur James. Standard I.—1, Waldemar Windeley 2, Amy James ; 3, Florence Cole. Writing prizes—Standard VI.—1, Kate Campbell: 2, Emma Lower. Standard V. —1, Amy Thorby; 2, Marion Suisted. Standard IV.—1, Lena Dryden ; 2, Allen Lee. Standard III,—1, Prank Lewer ;2, Percy Murphy. Standard II.—1, Ada Radford ;2, Ernest Ludford. Standard I,—1, Amy James; 2, Rosie Messenger. Junior Class.—1, Mary Monaghan ; 2, Marie Brown. Attendance prizes—Present throughout the year, Marion Suisted, Elizabeth Cole, Harriet Cole ; once absent, Ada Lancaster ; twice absent, Allen Lee, Phoebe Lancaster. Attendance South Karori School—Once absent, Alice Lewer; twice absent, Henry Hooper, Sewing prizes.—Standard VI., Kate Campbell ; Standard V., Amy Thorby ; Standard IV., Lena Dryden; Standard III., Martha Kilminster; Standard II., Elizabeth Longhurst ; Standard 1., Rosie Messenger ; _ Infant Class, Marion Messenger, Prizes given by Mrs Dyer for good conduct at sewing class, Kate Campbell and Lena Dryden ; prizes given by Miss Dyer for neatness in her room, Winifred Suisted ; prize for diligence, William Hooper; prizes given by the Chairman, Mr Mackenzie, for most popular boy and girl—Boy : John James ; girl: Mary Messenger. Good conduct prizes In Miss Dryden's room—John O'Connor, Ernest Saint, Harold Watt, Olive Suisted, Betty Windeley, Elsie Thorby. Prize given by Miss Lockett for best sewing amongst her pupils.—Harriet Hooper.

The general distribution being completed, Mr Mackenzie on behalf of the pupils presented each of the teachers, viz.: Mr Dyer, Misses Lockett, Dyer and Dryden, with handsome gifts subscribed for by the children immediately under their charge, remarking in doing so that it was pleasing to see that the scholars in the joy incidental to the season did not forget those who had taken such interest in their welfare during the past year, and It pointed to the conclusion that the relations between the teachers and those taught were excellent. Mr Dyer suitably responded on behalf of himself and the teaching staff, thanking the school for their kindness to them on this and previous occasions, and congratulated the prize-takers, who had richly deserved all they had got. In conclusion, Mr Mackenzie hoped they would enjoy their holidays, and that all the old faces and many new ones would come back reinvigorated for the new year's work. He reminded them also that they were mainly indebted for their prizes to the ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly given the

entertainment in behalf of the school fund. He trusted that later on in the season, if it could be arranged at all, a treat would be provided for them. The proceedings then terminated by all present singing the National Anthem, At intervals between the presentations several songs were sung by the children, Mrs Heenan presiding at the piano.

10th January 1888 The alleged nuisance from Messrs. Garrett Bros.' slaughterhouse at Karori was again brought under the notice of the Hutt County Council this morning, two deputations waiting upon that body in reference to the matter. One deputation consisted of Messrs. C. C. Graham, McKenzie, and Major Messenger, members of the local School Committee, and the other comprised Messrs. Dryden, Suisted, Porter, and Townsend, settlers in the district. Both waited on the Council to ask that it would take further steps to abate the alleged nuisance.....

20th January 1888 The residents of Karori, and particularly those having children attending the public school, do not, seemingly, intend to rest satisfied with the recent decision of the Hutt County Council to renew the slaughtering license in the district. At a meeting of the Karori School Committee on Wednesday evening an influential deputation, representing all classes of the community, waited upon them, and urged upon the committee the necessity of the Education Board taking the matter up in the interests of the school, which might be done in the way of a prosecution as a public nuisance. It was also intimated in the plainest possible manner that the residents did not intend to Bend their children to the school whilst the nuisance existed. The committee, in reply, stated that they were quite at one with the deputation in the matter, and that they had done their best, without avail, to remove the cause of complaint. They had now determined to lay the whole particulars of the case before the Education Board, with a view to that body taking action. Regarding the closing of the school, the Board would be advised not to re-open after the holidays until the case had been tested, and, in the meantime, the committee would take upon themselves the responsibility of closing the school, pending the Education Board's decision.

7th February 1888 At the last meeting of the Education Board, it will be remembered, it was decided in consequence of a complaint having been received from the Chairman of the Karori School Committee with regard to the alleged nuisance of the Karori slaughter yards, that a Committee of the whole Board should be appointed to !visit the place and then take what action was necessary, as it had been pointed out that unless come action was taken to abate the nuisance the parents would not send their children to the school. Yesterday Messrs J. R. Blair (Chairman), A. W. Brown, J. Young, Rev J. Paterson, and Dr Newman, M.H.R., visited the locality, and they will shortly hold a meeting at which the matter will be considered and some decision arrived at.

2nd March 1888 A legal opinion by Messrs A. and C. Brandon on the alleged nuisance caused by the Karori slaughter yard, about which complaints have been made by the Karori School Committee to the Education Board, was read at the monthly meeting of the Board of Education on Wednesday. They state that there are two ways in which the nuisance complained of could be restrained —1. By proceedings in the Supreme Court at the in. stance of the party suffering damage. 2. By proceedings under the Public Health Act, 1876, undertaken by the Local Health authority, which in this case would be the City Council. There could be no doubt that any householder in the neighborhood would be a

proper party to apply for an injunction, but it might be a question whether the Board was an injured party. It was not inconvenienced by the offensive aroma, and no duty was cast upon it to provide pure air, although no doubt the revenue might be diminished by the non-attendance of children who are not within the ages in which attendance is compulsory. The odours being a nuisance restrainable by law, it would be necessary before commencing proceedings to obtain specific evidence on which affidavits could be prepared, with the view of obtaining an immediate injunction. It would materially assist if evidence could be obtained from a medical man after a visit to the school at a time when the smell was in full force. Mr Blair (chairman) suggested that they should send a medical man to visit the spot before taking any action. In reply to a question, he stated that the Committee of the Board who had visited the place {had labored under a difficulty as at the time of their visit there was practically no wind. Mr Bunny said he would protest strongly against taking any legal action, as he did not think they had got a case. After some further discussion, it was decided, on the motion of Mr Fraser, seconded by Mr Brown, that the Chairman should be authorised to employ a medical man to visit the locality.

12th March 1888

May 1888 The following are the returns of the late examination of Sixth Standard scholars of the city and suburban schools by Mr. Lee, School Inspector:— Thorndon, 23 scholars presented, 21 passed ; Terrace, 20 presented, 19 passed; Mount Cook Boys', 17 presented, 6 passed ; Mount Cook Girls', 21 presented, 11 passed ; Te Aro, 26 presented, 19 passed ; Newtown, 17 presented, 14 passed ; Karori, 5 presented, 5 passed ;.....

24th April 1888 KARORI. Notwithstanding the pouring rain, the meeting of Karori householders for the election of a new committee was crowded to the doors, the great question being the continuation or not of the slaughter yard in the centre of the district, the retiring committee having taken a firm stand against its retention. The result of the election confirmed the old committee's action, B members being returned against the nuisance being retained, and in its favour. At the election meeting Mr. James McKeough was called upon to preside, and read the annual report of the retiring committee, which briefly referred to routine matters, expressing satisfaction with the teaching staff, as evidenced by the high percentage of passes and the condition of ' the school generally. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £63 16s 1d. The report as read was adopted unanimously. The election of a new committee was then proceeded with, and resulted in the following gentlemen being elected:— Messrs. J. Mackenzie, S. Lancaster, C. C. Graham, E. Monaghan, C. T. H. Brown, T. Cole, and Major Messenger ; the voting being as follows :—J. Mackenzie, 76 ; S. Lancaster, 55 ; C. C. Graham, 42; E. Monaghan, 41; Messenger, 39 ; C. T. H. Brown, 33 ; T. Cole, 31 J. Spiers, 29 ; I. James, 20. At the meeting of the new committee, held immediately afterwards, Mr. Mackenzie was unanimously re-elected Chairman, for the fifth time, and Mr. Brown, Treasurer.

17th May 1888 Wellington Education Board annual report included: New buildings were erected at Mangaone, Paikakariki, and Karori South

15th September 1888 Inspector Lee to inspect Karori on 17th September.

25th September 1888 The Karori School inspection resulted as follows: The total number presented was 117 (43 of whom were infants), and out of that number 54 secured passes. The results in the various standards were—Standard I, 15 presented ; and 13 passed ; standard II, 20

presented, 18 passed ; standard III, 19 presented (1 excepted), 10 passed; standard IV, 13 presented (1 excepted), 6 passed ; standard V, 7 presented, 6 passed ; standard VI, 1 presented and 1 passed.

21st December 1888 Wellington Education Board granted Miss B Dyer a fortnight's leave.

24th December 1888 KARORI SCHOOL. The distribution of prizes in the district took place last Thursday, and was presided over by Mr. Mackenzie, chairman of the local committee. There was, as usual, a crowded attendance of parents, children and their friends. Prior to the prizes being given, the pupils were provided with a treat, subscribed for jointly by the committee and the residents. This took place in the School grounds, and it is needless to say was thoroughly enjoyed by old and young alike. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. and Mrs. Dyer and the rest of the teaching staff for their exertions towards making the gathering a success. An adjournment having been made to the school, the distribution then took place, some 70 prizes in all being given to 42 prize-takers. Mr. Mackenzie briefly referred to the work done for the year, congratulating prize-takers, and even non-prize-takers for their energy and industry and encouraging the latter not to lose heart. At the conclusion of the general presentation Mr. C. C. Graham, in a neat speech, presented each of the teachers — namely, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Miss Lockett, Miss Dyer, and Miss Dryden, on behalf of the pupils, with handsome presents. He concluded some appropriate remarks by wishing all of them a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Mr. Dyer, on behalf of the staff, suitably responded. The proceedings were interspersed with musical selections sung by the children and terminated with the National Anthem. The following is the prize-list :— Standard VI.— M. Suisted. Standard V. —1, N. Lewer ; 2, P. Thorby and W. Hooper. Standard IV.— 1, M. Porter and E. Cole; 2, G. Graham. Standard III.— 1, P. Lancaster; 8, L. Lewer, H. Mackenzie, and A. Spiers ; 3, L. Larchin. Standard II.— 1, W. Windelec; 2, A. James; 3, E. Evans and E. Messenger. Standard I.— 1, J. Moxham ; 2, L. Mackenzie; 3, T. Campbell'. Drawing prize and certificate from School of Design, Harry Graham. Attendance prizes for those who have not missed once during the year.— Standard VI.— N. Lewer. Standard V.— E. Cole. Standard IV.— A. Lewer, H. Cole, L. Lewer, A. Spiers. Standard III.— F. Hooper, F. Cole, H. Hooper, T. Cole. Preparatory —A. Cole, H. Reilly. Writing Prizes.— Standard VI— L. Dryden, 1 ; P. Thorby, 2. Standard V. — H. Hooper, 1 ; G. Suisted, 2. Standard IV.— H. Mackenzie, 1 ; P. Lewer, 2. Standard in.— F. Cole, 1 ; L. Birch, 2. Standard II— A. Hawkins, 1 ; M. Messenger, 2. Standard I — E. Thorbury 1; W. Longhurst S. Kingdon, 2. Preparatory Standard— A. Cole, 1; B. Windelev, 2. Sewing prizes. Standard VI.— M. Suisted. Standard V.— N. Lewer. Standard IV.— M. Porter. Standard III. — E. Allington. Standard II. — E. Messenger. Standard I.— M. Messenger. Preparatory.— E. Thorby. Sewing at South Karori School. — H. Hooper, B. Birch. Prizes given by Mrs. Dyer.— For Good conduct at sewing, L. Dryden, M. Porter ; for attendance at sewing, M. Suisted, P. Thorby. Prizes given by Miss Dyer for neatness and attendance. — Neatest Girl, O. Suisted; neatest boy, T. Campbell. For good conduct and attendance, H. Spiers. Prizes given by Miss Dryden for good conduct in junior classes. — Best girl, E. Thorby ; best boy, W. Drysdale, Prizes given by Miss Lockett for good conduct in her room. —'Standard III., E. Messenger; Standard II., O. Suisted. Prize given by Mr. Mackenzie, Chairman of Committee.— To the most popular boy, elected by themselves, F. Spiers ; to the most popular girl, elected by themselves, L. Dryden. Non-prizetakers in the lower classes were each presented with a child's picture book of fairy tales &c

1889-1890

1889	99	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£245.00
1889	99	Karori	Lockett	Annie Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00

1889	99	Karori	Donald	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1889	99	Karori	Dryden	Zoe		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1889	99	Karori	Dyer	Mrs		Sewing	£ 5.00
1890	100	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£245.00
1890	100	Karori	Lockett	Annie J		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1890	100	Karori	Dryden	Zoe		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1890	100	Karori	Donald	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1890	100	Karori	Dyer	Mrs		Sewing	£5.00

Jane M Donald taught as a pupil teacher at Karori from 1889 to 1896, She then served 1897 as an assistant at Karori before going on to being Sole Teacher at Kaipororo south of Eketahuna from 1898 to 1901

1902/1443	Jane Margaret	Donald	Anthony Hutchinson	Harrison
1903/22034	Harrison	Ina Jean	Jane Margaret	Anthony Hutchinson
1903/22035	Harrison	John Hutchinson	Jane Margaret	Anthony Hutchinson
1908/6013	Harrison	Robert Donald	Margaret Jane	Anthony Hutchinson

13th February 1889 Zoe Dryden passed her second year pupil teacher examinations Fand
Mona Dyer her third year

27th March 1889 Wellington Education Board : The Board decided to call for tenders for putting two coats of paint on the Featherston and Karori Schools.

29th March 1889 Wellington Education Board Inspector Lee's report included: Karori. — General working order of the school was and had been for years past fairly good, but with more enthusiasm and energy on the part of the teachers a much higher order of things was attainable.

25th April 1889 The elections of school committees in the suburban districts resulted in the election of the following persons KARORI. Mr J. McKenzie, Chairman of the retiring Committee, presided at the annual meeting of householders in this district. There was a fair attendance. The report of the retiring Committee touched briefly on the state of the two schools under the 'Committee's charge, expressing satisfaction generally at the progress made which reflected creditably on the teaching staff. The percentage of passes at the Christmas examination was 83 per cent. The balance-sheet showed the cash in hand to be L15 [L was sometime used by typesetters instead of the £ sign]. The report and balance sheet having been adopted by the meeting the election of the new Committee was proceeded with, and as only seven persons were nominated a ballot was unnecessary, the following gentlemen constituting the new Committee for the ensuing year, viz., Messrs S, Lancaster, E. Monaghan, C. C. Graham, O. T. H. Brown, P. C. Earle, James Mackenzie, and Major Messenger. Unanimous votes of thanks were passed to the teaching staff and the retiring Committee respectively. At the meeting of the new Committee, held immediately afterward, Mr Mackenzie was re-elected Chairman and Mr Brown Secretary and Treasurer.

31st May 1889 Tenders have been received by the Education Board for the following works :—Painting Karori school-house— W. Jennings, £18 (accepted); P. Burke, £21 10s; J. W. Thompson, .£23 ; F. Perry, . £29 15s.

25th July 1889 The seating accommodation of St Mary Church Karori, was taxed to its utmost by the large number of spectators who assembled there yesterday afternoon to witness the marriage of Mr. H. G Vickers, of the Customs Department, to Miss Alice Dyer daughter of Mr. H. H. Dyer, of Karori, and granddaughter of the late General Baddeley. The bride was tastefully dressed in cream cashmere, profusely trimmed with cream lace and orange blossoms, with bonnet to match, and was attended by four bridesmaids, Misses M. Dyer, Vickers, Stack and L Caldwell, who were dressed in navy blue and cream. Each bridesmaid wore gold and pearl brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. W. L. Miles officiated as best man. , After the ceremony the guests assembled at the residence of Mr. Dyer, where the wedding breakfast was served, and in the afternoon the happy pair left for the Manawatu, where the honeymoon is to be spent. The wedding presents were very numerous and costly

28th August 1899 Wellington Education Board The resignation of Miss Maria B. Dyer, of Karori, was accepted. [I could find no record of a Maria B Dyer]

19th June 1899 There are 127 scholars on the roll of the Karori school, and of these 66 passed the standard examination this week, 9 failed, 3 were accepted, [Excepted?] 8 were absent, and 41 were infants in the preparatory classes. The results in each class were as follows :—Standard VII , 1 presented, 1 passed ; Standard VI., 5 presented, 1 excepted, 4 passed; Standard V., 7 presented, all passed ; Standard IV., 16 presented, 2 absent, 1 failed, 13 passed; Standard III., 22 presented, 3 absent, 5 failed, 14 passed; Standard II., 17 presented, 2 absent, 2 excepted, 3 failed, 10 passed ; Standard I., 18 presented, 1 absent, 17 passed.

25th September 1889 Wellington Education Board: Miss Jane Donald was appointed pupil teacher at Karori.

27th Lee 1889 Inspector Lee Reports: Karori.—The examination results are very satisfactory, the upper standard arithmetic being particularly good. The discipline of the middle class-room should improve— Standards II. and III. The work generally should be more animated

4th October 1889. First Grade Art Examination: Karori.— E. Colo, M. Messenger, M, Suisted, P. Thorby.

27th December 1889 Distribution of prizes: KARORI SCHOOL. Mr j. McKenzie, Chairman of the local Committee; presided at the annual distribution of prizes in this district on December 18. There was a very large attendance of children and their parents and friends. A school treat had been provided for the children in the playgrounds, and after it had been done ample justice to, an adjournment was made to the school, where the prizes were presented. The following is .the prize list

Standard prizes.—Standard VII. —M Suisted, dux of school. Standard VI. M Messenger, 1 P Thorby, 2. Standard V;—G. Graham, 1 ; H. Hooper, 2 ; M. Porter, 3: Standard IV E. Standen, 1; Hilda Mackenzie, 2 : P. Lancaster, 3. Standard III—H. Lancaster; 1 ; L. Hawkins and W. Suisted, 2 : A. Lewer 3. Standard II. T. . Campbell, 1 ; J. O'Connor, 2 ; F. O'Donnell, 3. Standard I.— D. Stuart Mackenzie-1; S Kingdon, 2; E. Thorby, 3.

Writing Prizes— Standard VII.—L. Dryden, 1; P. Thorby, 2. Standard VI.—G. Graham, 1; A. Messenger, 2. Standard V.—P. Lancaster, 1 ; E. Standen and H. Cole, 2. Standard IV.—F. Hayes, 1; A. Lower and G. Welling, 2. Standard III. — O. Suisted, 1; N. Earle, 2.

Standard II.—M, Monaghan, 1; E. Thorby 2;. Standard I.—A. Messenger, 1 ; M. Knight, 2. -Preparatory classes—F. Platt, 1; M. Sharpe, 2

Attendance prizes for those who had not been once absent during the year— D. Stuart Mackenzie. G, Suisted, M. Monaghan, N. Monaghan, F. Hooper, H. Hooper, H. Hooper. Sewing prizes—VI., 1, Thorby; V., M. Porter ; IV., . E. Standen ; III., E. Allington ; II.. O. Suisted J I, E. Thorby. Preparatory—F. Platt.

South Karori School —L. Hawkins, M. Hawiler.

Special prizes— Mr Mackenzie's history prizes, open to Standards IV., V., VI., and VII. —H. Mackenzie, 1; P. Earle, 2. Mr Dryden's arithmetic prizes, open to Standards IV., V., VI., VII. —E. Standen, 1; H. Mackenzie, 2, Major Messenger's mapping prize, open to Standards V., VI., and VII.—P. Thorby, 1 ;E. Standen, 2. Mrs Kingdon's recitation prize, open to the whole school —P. Lancaster. Mrs Dyer's prizes' for attendance at sewing and good conduct —P. Thorby, M. Suisted, and E. Standen. Mrs Dyer's prize for good conduct and attendance at sewing, South Karori School—L. Lewer, Miss Lockett's prizes for good conduct and attendance at sewing—P. Lancaster and W, Suisted. Miss Lockett's prize for general conduct W. Suisted. Miss Dryden's prizes for general conduct—G. Suisted and A. Messenger. Miss Dryden's prize for good conduct at sewing —F. Platt. Miss Donald's prizes, South Karori school—Good conduct, P. Hooper; neatness in exercise books, L. Birch. All non prize takers in the lower forms Were presented with a picture book.

At the end of the general presentation, Mr Mackenzie, on behalf of the pupils, presented each member of the teaching staff (Mr and Mrs Dyer, Miss Dryden Miss Lockett and Miss Donald) with handsome and valuable presents. Votes of thanks to the teaching staff and Committee having been proposed by Major Messenger and Mr Suisted respectively, the proceedings, which had been interspersed with music throughout, terminated by the singing of " God Save the Queen.

14th February 1890 Miss Marion Suisted, of the Karori school, was a candidate for a country scholarship at the examination held in November. She sat for four papers, but while doing the English paper she was unfortunately taken ill and had to discontinue. As it was she stood sixth on the list of country candidates. Her father, wishing to see how she would have been placed had she done the English paper, obtained copies of the paper, and the girl wrote the answers under the supervision of Mr. McKenzie, Chairman of the School Committee, and Mr. Dyer, head master. She obtained 82 marks out of a possible 150, and as she only wanted 67 marks to obtain the second country scholarship, it is highly probable that She would have won this scholarship had she not been taken ill

20th February 1890 Zoe Dryden is listed as a 5th year pupil teacher and Jane Donald as a second year pupil teacher.

27th March 1890 Wellington Education Board Consideration of a letter from Mr Larchin, relative to the punishment of his child, who attends the Karori School, was deferred, pending the receipt of a report from the Inspector upon the matter.

29th April 1890 The meeting of Karori householders was held last evening in the Schoolhouse. Major Messenger was voted to the chair and read the report of the retiring committee and balance-sheet of the previous year, which were unanimously adopted. The balance, sheet showed that the net income had been .£49 18s 8d, and the expenditure £49 18s 8d leaving a credit balance of £8 9s 6d. The election of a committee was then

proceeded with. There being nine candidates a ballot was taken, resulting in the following gentlemen being elected :— Messrs. James McKenzie, S. Lancaster, C. Brown, R Suisted, C. C. Graham, R. Caldwell and Thomas Lower. Major Messenger and Mr. Caldwell having received the same number of votes, and each insisting upon retiring in favour of the other, the matter was finally settled by the Chairman (Major Messenger) giving his casting vote in favour of Mr. Caldwell, who was therefor declared elected. A cordial vote of thanks was then passed to the retiring committee . and chairman, and the meeting terminated , A meeting of the newly elected committee was then held, at which Mr. James McKenzie was elected chairman, and Mr. R Caldwell hon. secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year.

30th October 1890 Wellington Education Board and LIO [granted] to the Karori Committee for repairs.

24th December 1890 KARORI. Prizes were presented at this .school a few days ago, the prize list being as follows Standard Prizes—VII, M Messenger, I; I Dryden, 2. VI, Guy Graham, 1; H Sharp and M Porter (equal), 2. V, P Lancaster, 1; H Mackenzie, 2; L Larchin, 3. IV, B Benny, 1; H Lancaster, 2; A Lewer, 3. III, M Messenger, 1; J Moxham, 2; N Earle, 3. H, W Kilmister and M Monaghan (equal), 1; W Reilly, 2; B Birch, 3. I, A Messenger, 1; W Von Keisenberg, 2; M Knight, 3.

Writing Prizes —VII, G Graham, 1 ; M Porter and H Hooper (equal), 2. VI, E Cole, 1; P Lancaster, 2. V, D Porter, 1 ; R Henry, 2. IV, M Messenger, 1: R Messenger, 2. III, T Cole, 1; E Thorby, 2. II, W Earle, 1; A Messenger, 2. I, L Sapsford, 1 ; E Hawkins, 2. Preparatory, T Kilminster, 1; J Hughes, 2. Sewing Prizes—VII, M Messenger. VI, T Cole. V, H Cole, IV, W Suisted. III, O Suisted. II, E O Donnell. I, F Platt. Preparatory class, M Platt. South Karori School—A Hawkins, L Hawkins.

Attendance Prizes —First class—Pupils not missing a day during the year : G Suisted, P Earle, H Hooper, F Hooper, P Hooper, M Monaghan, N Monaghan, P Monaghan, I) Cole, A Spiers. Second class —Those not missing more than twice during the year: H Cole,. F Cole.

Drawing Prizes— Geometry— P Earle, 1; M Messenger, 2. Scale drawing—G Suisted, 1; M Messenger, 2.

Special prizes—Prizes given by Messrs Suisted and Kempthorne for spelling and dictation—VII, A Messenger; VI, P Lancaster; V,. A Lewer; IV, M Messenger; III, W Kilminster; II, W Von Keisenberg ; I, L Sapsford. Prizes given -by Mr T K Macdonald, M.H.R., for geography— VII, A Messenger; VI, L Larchin; V, R Henry; IV, F Hooper; III, Mary Monaghan. Prizes given by Mr Duthie, M.H.R., for the best in arithmetic in each standard— VII, E Cole VI, Hilda Mackenzie; V, R Henry ; IV, J Moxham ; III, W Drysdale ; II, A Cole; I, W and L Sapsford (equal). Prizes given by Mr H D Bell for history, open to Standards IV, V, VI, VII—H Mackenzie (VI), 1; G Graham (VII), 2; R Henry (V), 3. Composition prize, given by the Chairman of the School Committee, open to all standards—H McKenzie (VI) and A Messenger (VII), equal, 1; G Graham (VII) and P Earle (V), equal, 2. Popularity prize, given by Mr R Caldwell, decided by the pupils themselves Most popular boy, G Suisted; most popular girl, R Messenger. Prizes given by Mrs Dyer for good conduct and attendance at sewing—II Cole, 1; M Porter, 2 ; E Cole and H Hooper equal, 3. Lower Standards Prizes given by Miss Lockett for good conduct and

attendance at sewing—E Evans, 1; A Lewer, 2 ; neatest exercise book, E. Thorby ; general good conduct, J Moxham. Prizes given by Miss Dryden—General good conduct, W. Welling and M Evans. General progress, W. Earle. Prizes given by Miss Donald, South Karori School—Best progress, L. Hawkins, A Hawkins. Good conduct, T. Spiers. .Neatness, B. Birch. Prize given by Mr Dyer— Neatest exercise books in higher standards, P Lancaster. Handsome and useful presents were made on behalf of the children to the members of the teaching staff, Mr and Mrs Dyer, and Messrs Lockett, Dryden, and Donald.

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1891	II4	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£245.00
1891	II4	Karori	Lockett	Annie J		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1891	II4	Karori	Dryden	Zoe		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1891	II4	Karori	Donald	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1891	II4	Karori	Dyer	Mrs E C		Sewing	£ 5.00
1892	123	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£245.00
1892	123	Karori	Donald	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1892	123	Karori	Lockett	Annie J		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1892	123	Karori	Dryden	Zoe		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1892	123	Karori	Dyer	Mrs E C		Sewing	£5.00

7th February 1891 Zoe Dryden Karori 4th year passed annual examination and Jane Donald Passed Third year.....Richards, Parkvale ; Helena Sanderson, Mount Cook Infants ; Margaret Smith, Masterton ; Robina Tattle, Mount Cook Infants. Amongst the teachers named in the foregoing lists are some who have passed the matriculation examination of the New Zealand University, and are classified in the fifth, fourth, and third years, according to their term of service. Caroline Kelleher, Annie W. Kean, and Jane Donald have been promoted two years for good work and examination.

27th Feb 1891 The Karori School Committee at their meeting last night voted for Messrs. Paterson Young and Brown for the vacant seats on the Education Board. The committee also resolved to nominate Mr. S. Lancaster as a member of the Board in lieu of the late Mr. Henry Bunny. Mr Lancaster, we understand, has been connected with schools and educational matters from the very earliest times, in fact long before Education Boards or School Committees were even thought of.

28th April 1891 There was no necessity for a ballot at the Karori meeting, as the outgoing Committee were again nominated for office. The Committee is therefore as follows : — Messrs. J. Mackenzie, R. Caldwell, C. C. Graham, S. Lancaster, T. Lewers, K. Suisted, and Major Messenger. The annual report was presented and it congratulated the householders upon the very satisfactory condition of the affairs of the school. The average attendance was good, and the school obtained good results in examination. The balance sheet showed a credit balance of .£19 15s. Mr. Mackenzie was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. R. Caldwell Clerk and Treasurer. The Committee recorded its vote in favour of Mr. S. Lancaster for the vacant seat upon the Education Board.

17th August 1891 Football [Rugby] Mount Cook School defeated the Karori School on Friday by two tries to one. Innes and Thorburn touched down for the winners, and Gormley scored a try for the losers.

14th November 1891 First Grade Drawing Examination Geometry Karori.— Ellen Chappell. Margaret Gormley g, Annie Gormley, Harriett Hooper, Louisa Hawkins e, L. Lewer, Alice M. Lewer, H. Lancaster, H. McKenzie, M. Potter e, T. Spiers, A. Spiers g. g means good and e means excellent.

Scale Drawing:- Karori.— C. H. Bassett, Harriet F. Cole g, P. Earle e, Phoebe Lancaster, A. Spiers.

19th December 1891 KARORI SCHOOL. The annual distribution of prizes took place at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Mr. McKenzie, Chairman of the local Committee, presided, Mr. R. Caldwell, Secretary, being also present. A few congratulatory remarks were made by Mr. McKenzie, and after the ordinary presentation Mr. McKenzie, on behalf of the children, handed to each member of the teaching staff valuable and useful gifts. The following is the prize list : — St. 7. — M. Porter, dux. silver medal given by Mr. Williams. St. 6.— P.- Lancaster, 1 ; A. Spiers, 2 ; H. McKenzie, 3. St. 5.— L. Lower, 1 ; A. Lewer, M. Gormley (equal), 2. St. 4.— T. Pipe, 1 ; M. Messenger, 2 ; J. Conroy, 3. St. 3.— L. Mackenzie, 1; P. Conroy, 2; M. Monaghan, J. Campbell (equal), 3. St. 2.— W. Earle, 1 ; A. Cole, 2 ; H. Gormley, 3. St. I.— M. Evans, 1 ; K. O'Connor, 2; H. Cole, 3. Attendance (for pupils who have not missed a day during the year)— St. 7.— G. Suisted (given by Messrs. Mackay , P. Lancaster. St. 6. — L. Lewer, A. Lewer, H. Cole. St. 5.— P. Earle, E. Gormley, J. Moxham. St. 4.— T. Colo, L. Mackenzie, S. Mackenzie, M. Monaghan, P. Conroy (given by Mr. Grady). St. 3.— C. Campbell, A. Cole, D. Conroy, L. Davies. St. 2.— H. Cole, N. Monaghan, G. Moxham. St. I.— W. Cole, P. Monahan. Sewing (best in each class)— St. 7.— M. Porter. St. ' 6.— H. Cole. St. 5.— L. Hawkins. St. 4.— M. Messenger. St. 3. — L. Mackenzie. St. 2— F. Platt. St. I.— G. Suisted. Prep. M. Platt. South Karori School— B. Birch, M. Hawkins. Writing (given by Messrs. Sargood, Son & Ewing)— St. 7. — H. Hooper, 1 ; H: Mackenzie, 2. St. 6.— A. Gormley, 1 ; A. Lower, 2. St. 5.— G. Kingsbeer, 1 ; . T. Pipe, 2. St. 4.— T. Cole, 1 ; M. Monaghan, 2. St. 3.— A. Messenger, 1 ; G. Birch, 2. St. 2.— E. Hawkins, 1; N. Monaghan, 2. St. I.— M. Drysdale, 1 ; A. Birch, 2. Prep. — E. Gawith, 1 ; E. Gormley, 2. Arithmetic (given by J. Duthie, M.H.R.).— St. 7— G. Suisted. St. 6— H. McKenzie. St. 5— A. Gormley. St. 4— J. Moxham. St. 3— T. Colo. St. 2— A. Cole. St. I.— H. Cole. Prep. — P. Monaghan. Drawing — Freehand, A. Gormley ; Scale, P. Earle ; Geometry, M. Porter. Composition. — St. 7 M. Porter. St. 6— P. Lancaster, St. 5— A. Gormley. St. 4 — T. Pipe. Geography (under G. H. Davies' supervision). — St. 7— G. Suisted. St. 6— H. Mackenzie St. 5— A. Gormley. St. 4— G. Kingsbeer. St. 3— G. Davies. History (under G. H. Davies' supervision). — St. 7—G. Suisted. St. 6— P. Lancaster. St. 5 — A. Gormley. St. 4 — E. Chappell. St. 3— G. Davies/ Neatest Exorcise Books. — St. 7 — H. Hooper (given by Mr. Dutton). St. 6— A. Lower. Special Prize for Exercise Book (given by Mr. Dyer)— T. Pipe. Prizes given by Mrs. Dyer. — Attendance at sewing, L. Lower and A. Lewer ; good conduct at sewing, L. Hawkins, H. Cole, A. Lower ; special prize for good conduct, H. Hooper. Prizes given by Miss Lockett. — Good conduct at sowing, E. Evans, 1 ; R. Messenger, 2; neatest exercise book, M. Monaghan ; general progress, W. Williams, C.

Campbell. Prizes given by Miss Donald, South Karori School.— Good conduct at sowing, A. Hawkins ; general good conduct, X Spiers, C. McKelvey ; neatness prize, A. Hawkins.
11th February 1892 Zoe Dryden and Jane Donald are both classified as Fourth Year Pupil Teachers.

26th April 1892 Mr. J. Mackenzie Chairman of the retiring Committee presided at the Karori meeting. The retiring Committee's report and balance sheet (the latter showing a credit of £14 10s) were adopted unanimously. The report stated that the school attendance was greater now than had ever been known in the history of the school, and if it kept up the incoming Committee would have to consider the question of enlarging the building. The state of the school generally was considered satisfactory, 93 per cent, of the children having passed their standards at the Christmas examinations, and other matters being in a good state. Votes of thanks to the retiring committee and teaching staff having been carried and responded to by the Chairman and head teacher respectively, the election of the new committee was then proceeded with. Mr. Mackenzie said he hoped the meeting would relieve him from further duty on the committee, as he had served for 10 or 11 years, for most of which time he had been continuously Chairman. It was not the work he objected to so much as the feeling that if one set of men ran educational matters for such long periods, it gave the appearance of a "ring," and of ten prevented reforms which might be desirable from ever being broached. The trouble at Karori was that those dissatisfied would neither come to the meetings and air their grievances nor yet allow themselves to be nominated for the Committee. As the meeting was unanimous in opposing Mr. Mackenzie standing out, he was again nominated. The following gentlemen were then nominated : — Messrs. E. Monaghan, J. Mackenzie, S. Lancaster, G. H. Davies, It. Bulkley, R. Suisted, Tegner, Nash, and Warmington, the first seven being declared elected. At the meeting of the new Committee held immediately afterwards, Mr. Mackenzie was re-elected Chairman, and Mr. Tegner appointed Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year

28th April 1892 This year the Education Board will distribute the Scholarships as follows Ten or more Scholarships of the value of £15. open to any children attending schools within the City of Wellington; three or more Scholarships of the annual value of £30, open to any children attending schools within the Wairarapa North and Wairarapa South Counties; £60 a year or more to be awarded in Scholarships within the Hutt and Horowhenua Counties, and Boroughs of Hutt, Petone, Onslow, Karori, and Melrose, as follows—£15 a year to be given if successful candidates can reach the College or Girls' High School by daily train from Porirua or Hutt, or if they reside at Vogeltown or Kilbirnie ; otherwise, £30 a year.

Under the new regulations the examinations will take place in October instead of December as before.

26th July 1892 A number of gentlemen interested in chess met at the schoolhouse, Karori, on Saturday night, and decided to form a Chess Club. Mr. Dyer was elected President. The Club will meet every Saturday evening at Karori schoolhouse '

15th August 1892 Inspector Fleming to inspect Karori 15th and 16th September

31st August 1892 An application from Miss Lockett, Karori, for an increase of salary, was not granted.

26th October 1892 State School Drawing Examination: Freehand Karori —J. Campbell, E. A. Chappell, H. N. Drummond, P. Lancaster, H. Lancaster, H. B. McKenzie, G. H. Suisted, A. Spiers, J. M. Spiers.

27th October As Above Geometry: Karori— M. Bulkley, J. Campbell, W Suisted

1st December 1892 Wellington Education Board The Fernridge Committee, applied for an additional classroom and repairs. The application was referred back for farther information. ., . An application by the Karori Committee for £50 for various alterations was treated In a similar manner.

14th December 1892 The prizes at the Karori School are to be presented at 4 o'clock tomorrow by Mr. J. R. Blair, Chairman of the Board of Education.

15th December Wellington Education Board Questions of repairs at Karori and the petition for a new school at Otaki were also ordered to stand over

16th December 1892 The distribution of prizes for the Karori Schools took place yesterday afternoon. The parents and children took part in a treat in the school grounds. The Chairman of the Education Board, Mr. J. R. Blair, -who presided over the prize distribution, referred to the satisfactory condition of the school, and said he classed Karori as one of the best schools in the provincial district. The prize-list is as follows :— St. 7— P. Lancaster (dux), silver medal given by Mr. C. H. Williams, 1; H. Hooper, 2; H. Mackenzie, 3. St 6— P. Earle, 1 ; N. Drummond, 2 ; H. Colo, 3. St. 5— W. Suisted and E. Chappell, equal, 1 ; E. Gormley, 2 ; M. Messenger, 3. St. 4—O. Suisted, 1 ; C. Palmer, 2; C. Bulkley, 3. St. 3— A. Messenger, 1 ; C. Campbell, 2; W. Earle, 3. St. 2— M. Evans, 1 ; H. Cole, 2 ; L. Davies, 3. St. 1— p. Bulkley, 1 , K. Mackenzie, 2; F. Field, 3. .General progress.— St. 7 — Upper, H. Mackenzie and P. Lancaster, equal ; lower. A. Lewer 1, P. Earle 2. St. C— E. Gormley, 1 ; M. Messenger, 2. St. 5— A. Field, 1; C. Bulkley, 2. St. 4—F. Platt, 1 ; A. Cole, 2. St. 3— C. Bagnall, 1 ; G. Suisted, 2. St. 2— W. Cole, 1; P. Monaghan, 2. St. I— D. Campbell, 1 ; G. Messenger, 2, Preparatory — L. Evans, 1 ; V. Lancaster, 2. South Karori —St. 4. P. Hooper; St. 3, IC. Spiers and T. McKelvie ; St, 2, S. Hooper and M. Hawkins. Writing. — St. 7 (upper)— H. Mackenzie, 1 ; P. Lancaster, SS. Lower— H. Cole, 1 ; C. Cathie, 2. St. C— W. Suisted, 1; E. Gormley, 2, St, 5— J. Campbell. 1; J. Bagnall, 2. St. 4— A. Messenger, 1(W. Williams, 2. St. 3— A. Kilminster, 1 ; L. Davies, 2. St. 2— F. Field, 1; M. Platt and N. Tarr, 2 (equal). St. I— E. Caldwell, 1; A. Page, 2. Preparatory—F. Palmer, 1; W. Reynolds, 2. Neatest exercise book in each standard, presented by Mr. John Duthie. — St. 7 (Upper).— H. McKenzie. St. 7 (Lower).— H. Cole. St. C.— E. Gormley. St. 5--. T. Campbell. Attendance prize 9 presented by Dr. Newman. — St. 7. — P. Lancaster, H. Colo, L. Lower, A. Lower. P. Earle. St. 6. — B Evans. St. 5.— M. Monaghan. S. Mackenzie. St. 4.— W. Earle. D. Cole, A. Cole. M. Spiers, C. Campbell. St. 3. —N. Monaghan, H. Cole. St. 2.— W. Cole, P. Monaghan. St. I.— D. Campbell, B. Conroy. Preparatory. —W. Monaghan, South Karori. Attendance. — St. 4— P. Hooper. St. 1 — C. McKelvie. Arithmetic, presented by Mr. H. D. Bell — St. 7 (upper), C. Cathie; St. 7 (lower). L. Lewer; St. 6, E. Evans; St. 5, I. Moxham; St. 4, A. Messenger ; St. 3, H. Cole and W. Cathie, equal; St. 2, E. Potts; St. 1, D. Campbell. Composition, presented by Mr. A. de B. Brandon— St. 7 (upper), P. Lancaster ; St. 7 (lower), A. Lower ; St. 6, M. Messenger ; St. 5, J. Bagnall ; St. 4, A. Messenger. Sowing, presented by Messrs. Sargood and Co.— St. 7, H. Hooper ; St.

6, A. Lewer ; St. 5, W. Suisted ; St. 4, M. Bulkley ; St. 3. F. Platt; St. 2, G. Suisted; St. 1, F. Field; Preparatory, E. Caldwell. South Karori — St. 4, A. Hawkins ; St. 3, E. Hawkins ; St. 1, S. Hooper ; Preparatory, A. Brooks. Prizes given by Mrs. Dyer — Good conduct in sowing — St. 1, L. Lower ; St. 2, A. Lewer, H. Cole, equal. Attendance at sewing, A. and L. Lower, P. Lancaster, H. Cole, II. Hooper. Prizes given by Miss Dyer. — Darning — H. Mackenzie. Knitting — W. Suisted. Prizes given by Miss Lockett. — Good conduct at sewing— O. Suisted, 1 ; W. Earle, 2. General good conduct— C. Bagnall. Prizes given by Miss Dryden. — Good conduct at sewing — M. Platt. General good conduct — H. Caldwell and .7. Gawith. Prizes given by Miss Donald, South Karori School. — Good conduct — P. Hooper. Good conduct at sewing— C. McKelvie. Special prizes for neatness. — J. Campbell, given by Mr. Dyer ; A. Lewer, given by Mrs. Balkley; A. Cole, given by Miss Lockett; M. Page and K. Spiers, given by Miss Donald. Special popularity prizes, given by Mr. Dutton (chosen by majority of votes of pupils). — Most popular girl in the school — Mackenzie. Most popular boy in the School— P. Earle. The prizes having been distributed, Mr. Blair, on behalf of the pupils, presented each member of the teaching staff, viz., Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Misses Lockett, Dryden and Donald with a small gift, showing the good feeling existing between pupils and teachers. Votes of thanks and cheers for Mr. Blair, the teachers, and the committee, and .singing of the National Anthem, concluded the ! proceeding. To-night a concert and calisthenic display will be given by pupils and others at the Parochial Hall.

1893-1894

1893	87	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£245.00
1893	123	Karori	Donald	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£45.00
1893	123	Karori	Dryden	Zoe		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1893	123	Karori	Lockett	Annie J		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1893	123	Karori	Dyer	Mrs E C		Sewing	£5.00
1894	120	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£245.00
1894	120	Karori	Donald	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£55.00
1894	120	Karori	Lockett	Annie J		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1894	120	Karori	Old	Ada		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1894	120	Karori	Dyer	Eliza C		Sewing	£5.00

Ada Old only taught for the Wellington Education Board for two years at Karori.

25th January 1893 Wellington Education Board the Chairman was instructed to deal with the question of effecting repairs to the Karori School and erecting a fence.

9th February 1893 Zoe Dryden and Jane Donald were classified Fifth Year pupil teachers.

25th April 1893 Mr. J. Mackenzie, as Chairman of the retiring Committee, presided at the Karori meeting. The report and balance-Sheet (the latter showing a substantial sum to credit were read and adopted. After several matters connected with the school had been discussed, the election of the new Committee was proceeded with, the following gentlemen: being nominated : — Messrs. Evans, Suisted Bulkley , S. Lancaster, J.P., T. Campbell J.P., E. Monaghan, Davies, Mackenzie Field, W. Monaghan, Bradnock, and Moxham. On a ballot being taken the first named six has had a majority of votes, and Messrs. David and Mackenzie being equal, the Chairmen gave his casting vote in favour of

Mr. David. Special votes of thanks were passed to the retiring 'Committee, the teaching staff, and the Prize Fund Entertainment Committee. The retiring Secretary took very strong exception to the new cash-book which the Education Board had sent to the various School Committees, which he mentioned was needlessly involved. After the full meeting the new Committee met, Mr. Lancaster being elected Chairman pro tem. Mr. Davis at once tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee, giving as his reason that the accidental exclusion of Mr. Mackenzie from the Committee by his (Mr. Mackenzie's) own vote was a loss, educationally, that the district could not afford to make and he urged upon the Committee the necessity of electing Mr. Mackenzie in his place as provided by the Act. This was unanimously agreed to. Mr. Mackenzie, with very great reluctance, consented to meet the Committee's wishes, pointing out that he already had twelve years of it continuously and about ten as Chairman, which he considered was a fair share of the work and honour. Mr. Mackenzie was then unanimously elected Chairman and Mr. Evans Secretary and Treasurer. A special vote of thanks was passed to the retiring Secretary for his past services.

27th June 1893 An entertainment in aid of the Karori School funds will be held on Thursday evening. There will be a miscellaneous programme and the drama of "Mignonette, or the Fairy Vervain's Spell.

30th June 1893 The first of a series of entertainments in aid of the Karori school library and piano fund was given in the Parochial Hall last night by the girl pupils, assisted by their teachers and others. The performers were Misses Moss, Donald, and Dryden, Messrs. Waterson, Beauchamp, jun., Beauchamp, sen., and the school children, nearly every item being encored. "Mignonette," an illustrated fairy tale, was capitally played by girls trained by Miss Lockett, with Miss Bellairs as musical directress. The chief parts were taken by Misses N. Suisted, N. Earle, H. Messenger, and Lockett. The overtures and accompaniments, with other incidental music, were played by Miss Bellairs.

2nd August 1893 The latest donation to the Ballance Memorial are as follows Karori State School children, 8s 2d [Ballance memorial is in Parliament Grounds]

7th August 1893 Inspector Fleming to inspect Karori on 7th and 8th September

26th October 1893 Drawing Examinations Karori 52 entered 22 passed (Johnsonville 67-19, Kilbirnie 60-34)

15th December 1893 Mr. J. Mackenzie, Chairman of the local Committee, presided at the annual distribution yesterday, afternoon. 'At the close of the proceedings the members of the teaching staff— viz, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, and Misses Lockett, Dryden, and Donald — were each presented with useful and ornamental articles by the scholars. The following is the prize-list .- — Standard Examination Prizes- Std. VII., C. Cathie and P. Earle (equal), 1, silver medals presented by Mr. Williams; A. Lewer, 2; VI W. Suisted, 1; E. Evans, 2 V., O. Suisted, 1: N. Earle and M. Young (equal), 2; G. Davies, 3; IV., A. Cathie, 1: A. Whale, 2 C Campbell and A. Cole (equal), 3; III., W. Cathie, 1; H. Cole. 2; M. Evans and B. Horrax (equal), 3; II., L. Bulkley, 1; P. Monaghan, 2: F. Field, - 3; 1.. B. Hargood, 1: D.. Campbell and B. Waters (equal), 2.

Attendance Prizes.— Std VII, P Earle, C. Cathie, A. Lewer, W. Suisted; VI., S. McKenzie, T. Campbell; V., A. Cathie, C. "Campbell, R. Robson, A. Cole, M. Monaghan"; IV., W. Cathie, H. Cole, L. Davis; III., P. Monaghan, G. Moxham, W. Cole,

E. Potts, R. Potts, L. Davies, N. Monaghan ; -II., D. Campbell ; 1., E. Prenderville ; Preparatory, W.- Monaghan.

Writing Prizes.— Std.- VII., A. Lewer, C. Cathie' 2 ; VI., N. Earle 1, G. 'Davies 2 ; V., M. Monaghan 1, J. Campbell 2 V., L. Davies 1, B. Horrax 2 ; III., G. Suisted, 1 ; E. .Caldwell, 2; II., B. Caldwell, I; M. Drysdale, 2; 1.. . Ashdown.- I; A. Page, 2 ; preparatory, V. Beauchamp, 1 ; D Potts,

Geometry (presented by Mr. A. Gray)-C. Bulkley 1 ; W. Williams, 2. Scale- Drawing (presented by Mr. W. Cook) — W. Suisted. .Sewing Prizes (presented by Levin & Co.) : Std. VII., A. Lewer ; VI., W. Suisted; V.' M. Young ;',IV., F. Platt"; in., G.; Suisted. II M Plat 1., B. Caldwell; preparatory, E. Bulkley.

Sewing South Karori). — Std. IV., K. Hawkins; III, K. Hawkins: II., M. Hawkins, prep , A. Brooks.

General progress (presented by Sargood, Son & Ewen) —Upper Std. VII.", C. Cathie; VII , W. Suisted ; VI., C. Palmer; V., A Cathie and C. Campbell (equal); IV., N. Callanan ; III..E. Potts; II., B. Waters and G. Messenger (equal) ; I ,A. Cathie ; prep., V. Beauchamp.

General progress (South Karori).— Std. V., P. Hooper ; IV , K. Spiers ; III , S. Hooper; prep., A. Brooke.

Arithmetic (presented by Mr. H. D. Bell). — Std. VII., P. Earle; VI . W. Suisted; V., N. Earle ; IV., C Campbell ; III., W. Cathie ; II., T. Horrax ; 1., C Campbell ; preparatory, J. Ashdown, H. Caldwell, E Torr (equal).

History (presented by Mr T King).-Standard VII., P. Earle; VI W Suisted. V G Davies IV, J. Campbell.

Geography (presented by Mr. T. M. Wilford).— Std. VII P Earle; "VI , W. Suisted; V., G. Davies; IV., J. Campbell.

Composition Prizes (presented by Dr. Newman Std VII., C. Cathie Standard VI, W. Suisted ; V., S. Mackenzie ; IV.. A. Cathie ; III., H. Horrax II., G. Suisted. Prize for Neatest Exercise (presented by Mr. A. D. Brandon). —Std. VI., W. Suisted ; V , O. Suisted ; IV.. J. Campbell: III . L Davies; II., K. Caldwell.

Special Prize for Neatest Exercise-book longest in use (given by Mrs. Bulkley).— J. Campbell. Prizes given by Mrs. Dyer. — Attendance at sewing— Std VII-. A. Lewer; VI., L. Mackenzie ; V., M. Monaghan.

Good conduct—. Std. VII., A. Lower ; VI , L. Mackenzie ; V., M. Monaghan. Prizes given by Miss Dyer. — A. Lewer, for knitting; O. Suisted, for darning. Prizes given by Miss Lockett. — Good conduct at sewing — A. Cole and G Suisted. Good conduct in general - L. Bulkley. Prizes pi yen by Miss Dry den .—Good conduct, E. Bulkley, U. Caldwell ; good conduct at sewing, V. Beauchamp. Prizes given by Miss Donald. — Good conduct, S. Hooper ; neatness, M. Page ; good conduct at sewing, M. Hawkins. Prize for most popular boy, elected by the pupils (given by Mr. Dutton), T. Campbell most popular girl, W. Suisted.

28th April 1894 An audience of quite 200 people filled the Parochial Hall, Karori, last night at the concert in aid of the school piano fund. The chief item of the programme was the juvenile play " Mignonette," well performed by the girls. The younger girls in the song "Cock .Robin," and the boys, dressed as Christy Minstrels, in " The Tavern in the Town " and "Ten Little Niggers," sang well, and were encored. There were also songs by Messrs.

F. W. Waters and Waterson, and pianoforte selections by Misses Bellair and Messenger, and Master Barry Waters. The girls had been under special training from Misses Dryden and Lockett, and Messrs. Finn and F. Beauchamp had taken the boys in training.

27th June 1894 WELLINGTON Education Board It was resolved to attend to repairs, &c, required at Shannon, Manukau, Mauriceville, Karori, and Hawera. [Bush Area]

Search from 30th June

31st August 1894 The resignation of Zoe Dryden was accepted by the Wellington Education Board

1st November 1894 Wellington Education Board It was decided to effect certain repairs to the school at South Karori, as recommended by the Inspector.

21st December 1894 the gross proceeds of the sale of work in connection with the Karori School yesterday, amounted to .£13. Misses Lockett, Donald, and Old were the stallholders.

21st December 1894 The breaking-up ceremony of the Karori School took place on Tuesday. The children were regaled with tea, cake, and buns, provided by Mrs. Dyer. After tea Mr. S. Lancaster, Chairman of the School Committee, distributed the prizes to the successful scholars, and at the same time drew the attention of parents and children to the Education Act of last session, which stated that all children from six years old to the age of 13 must attend school, and parents not sending their children were liable to be fined to the extent of 40 shillings. The School Committee would take action against all who neglected. After the distribution of prizes. Mr. Lancaster, on behalf of the children, handed to the teaching staff presents provided by the children as follows:—Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, silver butter dish and knife, -. Miss Lockett, plate-glass wall bracket and candlestick; Miss Donald, silver mounted cake knife and melon saw; Miss Old, antique bronze-mounted jug.

The prize-list was as follows :—Examination - prizes Std. VII.—W. Suisted, 1; E. Evans, 2. Std. VI.—O. Suisted, 1; T. Campbell, 2; N. Earle, 3. Std. V.—A. Cathie, 1; A. Cole, 2; W. Earle, 3. Std. IV.—W. Cathie, 1; H. Spiers, 2; L. Davies and M. Page, 3. Std. III.—G. Suisted, 1; P. Monaghan, 2; F. Field, 3. Std. II.—E. Drysdale, 1; G. Messenger, 2; D. Campbell and D. Manttan, 3. Std. I.—E. Tarr, 1; A. Cathie and H. Monaghan, 2; L. Evans and E. Prendeville, 3.

Attendance prizes—Std. VII., M. Young, T. Campbell; Std. VI., A. Cole, C. Campbell, A. Cathie; Std. V., H. Cole, W. Cathie; Std. IV., E. Monaghan, W. Cole; Standard . III., N. Monaghan, D. Campbell; Prep., L. Monaghan.

Drawing - Model, J. Campbell; Scale, A. Cathie; Geometry, M. Messenger, O. Suisted. Sewing—Std. VII, W. Suisted; Std. VI., R. Messenger; Std. V., M. Monaghan; Std. IV., B. Horrax; Std. III., E. Caldwell; Std. II., B. Caldwell; Std. I, F. Brogan; Prep., V. Beauchamp.

South Karori's Sewing —E. Hawkins, M. Hawkins, A. Brooks.

Writing—Std. VII., M. Young, 1; C. Palmer, 2. Std. VI, J. Campbell, 1; M. Monaghan, 2. Std. V., R. Robson, 1; L. Davies, 2. Std. IV., P. Monaghan, 1; F. Platt, 2. Std. UI., E. Caldwell, 1; N. Monaghan, 2. Std. II., A. Page, 1; A. Norman, 2. Std. 1., V. Beauchamp, 1; F. Palmer, 2. Prep, E. Brogan, 1; C. Spiers, 2.

Silver medal presented by Mr. C. H. Williams — Dux, W. Suisted. Prizes presented by Mr. Lancaster and Mrs. Bulkley for neatest exercise books — Boys, J. Campbell; girls, M. Monaghan.. Prize for neatest drawing book, given by Mr. Dyer—W. Williams. Mrs. Dyer's prizes—Attendance at sewing, A. Cole, 1; O. Suisted, 2; M Monaghan, 3. Good conduct at sewing—A. Cole, 1; O. Suisted, 2. Miss. Dyer's prizes — Darning, B. Messenger; Knitting, W. Suisted, E Evans, R. Messenger. Miss Lockett's prizes —Good conduct, H, Caldwell; good conduct at sewing, F. Platt, 1; V. Field, 2. Miss Donald's prizes—Good conduct, P. Hooper, 1; C. McKelvie , 2; neatness, M. Page, 1; K. Spiers, 2. Miss Old's prize—Good conduct , D. Walmsley

1895-1896

1895	121	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£245.00
1895	121	Karori	Donald	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£55.00
1895	121	Karori	Lockett	Annie J		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1895	121	Karori	Old	Ada		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1896	114	Karori	Dyer	Henry H		Head Master	£245.00
1896	114	Karori	Lockett	Annie J		Assistant Female	£80.00
1896	114	Karori	Donald	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£55.00
1896	114	Karori	Young	Minnie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Minnie Young taught as a pupil teacher Karori from 1896 to 1900 then from 1901 to 1902 was still a pupil teacher at Otaki.

15th May 1895 Dyer— Moss.— On the 29th April, at Holy Trinity Church, Greymouth, by the Rev G. W. York, Hardwicke Baddeley, eldest son of H. H. Dyer, Karori, and grandson of the late Dr Dyer, Auckland, to Edith Amy, second daughter of G. W. Moss, Greymouth . Auckland papers please copy

5th August 1895 Wellington Education Board Inspector Lee or Fleming to inspect Karori on 4th and 5th September.

26th June 1895 Wellington Education Board Mr. H. H. Dyer, head-teacher at Karori, was allowed an extra week's leave of absence beyond the midwinter holidays, provided a suitable substitute can be found.

27th June 1895 Wellington Education Board: The question of painting the Karori School was deferred to next meeting of the Board.

15th July 1895 Mr. H. H. Dyer, of Karori, has purchased a farm of 100 acres in the Feilding district from Mr. J. T. Bray, at £10 10s per acre.

11th September 1895 House of representatives: Dr. Newman presented petitions from Karori and Makara in favour of religious instruction in schools.

23rd December 1895 An entertainment in aid of the Karori School prize fund took place in the Parochial Hall on Thursday night. The girl pupils gave a clever rendering of the "Beauty and the Beast " extravaganza, and the boys performed the farce of "The Dentist's Den." The pupils of Miss Bellairs played very creditably, and Messrs. Spray and Waters contributed songs.

23rd December 1895 The prizes won at the Karori School were distributed by Mr. B. C. Bulkley, Mayor of Karori, as follows :— Examination prizes Lily Young, Dux medal (presented by Mr Chas. H. Williams). St. 7— L. Young, 1 T. Campbell, 2. St. 6— A. Cathie, 1; C Campbell, 2; C. Bulkley, 3. St. 5— W Cathie, 1; W. Williams, 2 ; A. Messenger, 3 St. 4— P. Monaghan, 1 ; T. McKelvie, 2 ; L Bulkley, 3. St. 3-V. Field, 1 ; D. Campbell 2 ; G. Messenger and M. Drysdale, equal, 3 St. 2— L. Evans and H. Monaghan, equal 1 ; A. Cathie and E. Prendeville, equal, 2 F. Brogan, 3. St. 1— V. Beauchamp, 1 ; D Potts, 2; E. Atkins, S. Putnam, and J) Welling, equal, 3. Sewing. — St. 7, L Young: St. 6, L Mackenzie ; St. 5, M Evans ; St. 4, F. Platt ; St. 3, E. Caldwell St. 2, F. Brogan; St. 1, V. Beauchamp preparatory, M. Earle. South Karori E. Hawkins, A. Brookes, and M. Fownes Attendance prizes.— St. 7— T. Campbell, A Cathie. C. Campbell. St. 6— W. Cathie, H Cole, A. Cole, M. Monaghan. St. 5-P Monaghan, W. Cole. St. 4-D. Campbell N. Monaghan. St. 3— H. Monaghan, A Cathie, K. Prendeville. St. 2— E. Atkin St. 1 — W. Monaghan, E. Monaghan, C Spiers. Preparatory— C. Monaghan. Writing Prizes.— St. 7— A. Cathie, 1. St. 6-M Monaghan, 1 ; A. Messenger, 2. St. 5— P Monaghan, 1 ; F. Platt and G. Walmsley equal, 2. St. 4— V. Hughes, 1 ; N. Monaghan, 2 St. 3-M. Platt, 1: B. Caldwell and S. Neil, equal, 2. St. 2— V. Beauchamp 1 ; F. Palmer, 2. St. 1-L. McKelvey, 1 ; E Brogan and J2. Monaghan, equal, 2 Preparatory 2- M. Cole, 1 ; G. Gillespie, 2. Preparatory 1— D. Bulkley, 1 ; H. Williams, 2 Prize given by Mr. Dyer for greatest improvement in writing — V. Hughes. Prizes given by Miss Lockett— Knitting in upper division, F. Platt knitting in lower division, K. Caldwell; good conduct, V. Beauchamp. Prizes given by Miss Donald Neatness, K. Spiers and O. Bradnock ; good conduct, C. McKelvie ; general progress. S Smith and F. Downes. Prizes given by Miss Old— Diligence in needlework, A. Cole general proficiency, J. Cathie ; good conduct H. Walmsley and B. McKenzie. Prize given by Mrs. Bulkley for boy's neatest exercise book — A. Cathie. Prize given by Mrs Cathie for girl's neatest exercise book — M Monaghan.

30th January 1896 Wellington Education Board: The Board agreed to have the school and residence at Karori painted at a cost of £23.

27th February 1896 A coincidence in names. At the meeting of the Education Board yesterday, Miss Old resigned her position as pupil teacher at Karori School, and Miss Young was appointed in her place,

11th April 1896 Brunner Relief Fund [Brunner Coal Mine on West Coast Incident] Karori School £1

23rd April 1896 South Karori School Brunner Fund Collection by Miss Donald. 15 shillings

17th August 1896 Inspector T R Fleming to inspect Karori 9th and 10th September.

5th November 1896 First Grade Drawing Examinations: Passes Karori. —Lizzie Bulkley, Ethel Caldwell, George Messenger, Ethel Potts, Ruby Potts, Florence Platt.

19th December 1896 KARORI SCHOOL.

The prizes presented at the breaking -up of this school for the holidays were as follows: — Dux and medallist, Claude Campbell. Examination prizes : St. VII.— Claude Campbell, 1. St. VI— Ruby Farr, 1 ; Mary Monaghan, 2 ; Alfred Messenger, 3. St. V.— Susan Hooper, 1; Patrick Monaghan, 2; Guy Walmsley and Lizzie Bulkley, equal, 3. St. IV.— Dalton Campbell, 1 ; Barrie Waters, 2 ; George Messenger, 3. St. III.— Harold {Monaghan, 1;

Vera Beauchamp, 2; Ernest Atkin and Beth Caldwell, equal, 3. -St. II.— Nellie Warmington, 1 ; Dolly Walmsley, 2 ; Francis Eagle and Stephen Smith, equal, 3. St. I.— Ruth Putnam, 1 ; Jessie Cathie and Kathleen Beauchamp (equal), 2 ; Herbert Evans and Maggie Mackenzie (equal), 3. Attendance prizes.— St. VII,— Claude Campbell. St. VI.— Horace Cole, Lizzie Bulkley, Matilda Evans. St. V.— Wilford Cole, Dalton Campbell, Arthur Cathie, Barrie "Waters, Lewis Evans, Emma Bulkley. St. IV.— Harold Monaghan. St. II.— William Monaghan. St. I. — Charles Monaghan, May Cole. Prep. — Ernest Cole, Winnie Cathie, Sydney Lowe. Sewing prizes.— St. VI. — Mary Monaghan. St. V. Florence Platt. St. IV. — Ethel Caldwell. St. III.— Vera Beauchamp. St. II.— Nellie Warmington. St. I. — Charlotte Beauchamp and Madge Earle (equal). Prep.— Dorothy Earle. South Karori.— St. V. — Minnie Hawkins. St. III. — Annie Brookes. St. II.— Mabel Fownes. Prep. — Amy Smith. Writing prizes — St. VII.— Madge Walmsley, 1 ; Claude Campbell, 2. St. VI.— Guy Walmsley, 1; Matilda Evans, 2. St. V. — Dalton Campbell. 1 ; George, Messenger, 2. St. IV. — Vera Beauchamp, 1; Beth Caldwell, 2. St. III.— Agnes Page, 1 ; Frances Eagle, 2. St. II.— Mabel Fownes, 1 ; Emmie Brogan, 2. St. I.— Archie Caldwell, 1; Heathcote Farr. 2. Prep. ii. — Ruby Lewer. 1; Rose O'Reilly> &. Prep. .-Kathleen Buckley, 1; Lydia Spearman, 2. Special prizes. — Composition—Leo Davies, Beth Caldwell. Good conduct— Violet Field, Hubert Caldwell, Charlotte McKelvie . Progress — Frank , England, Ruby Lewer, Kate Brookes. Neatness—Mabel Downes. Good conduct— Ernest Cole.

1897-1898

1897	135	Karori	Dyer	Henry H	C1	Head Master	£245.00
1897	135	Karori	Lockett	Annie J	E2	Assistant Female	£80.00
1897	135	Karori	Donald	Jane M	E5	Assistant Female	£80.00
1897	135	Karori	Young	Minnie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1898	133	Karori	Dyer	Henry H	C1	Head Master	£245.00
1898	133	Karori	Lockett	Annie J	E2	Assistant Female	£80.00
1898	133	Karori	Walton	Margaret C	E4	Assistant Female	£80.00
1898	133	Karori	Young	Minnie		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00

Margaret C Walton started her career as a pupil teacher at Dreyerton (later renamed Kopuaranga) North East of Masterton in 1894 and 1895. In 1896 she was at Kilbirnie, In 1897 at Clyde Quay and then in 1898 as an assistant Female at Karori. In 1901 she was listed as relieving at Karori.

21st April 1898 The many friends of Miss M. C, Walton, Into of Masterton, will be pleased to learn of the recognition of her sterling qualities as a student and pupil teacher, by the Education Board in her appointment to the charge of South Karori School. Miss Walton's career during her school course under Mr Grundy and Mr Jackson was very commendable and securing a scholarship of the value of £30 for five years, which the Town Lands Trust supplemented by a grant of £20, placed her at the Girls High School, where she still upheld her character as a diligent and painstaking worker. Having matriculated she was appointed to Dreyerton, later to Kilbirnie, thence to Clyde Quay (under her old master, Mr Grundy) and as before stated, now to the charge of South

Karori. Her example may well stimulate other students' in their efforts, and the best wishes of many friends and schoolmates will follow Miss Walton in her future course.

12th April 1901 was acting headmistress for the Masterton School Committee

From 1906 she taught in a variety of schools for the Wanganui Board around Feilding

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23rd February 1897 Minnie Young is classified as a year one pupil teacher.

31st March 1897 Messrs. Buckley and Cathie attended with reference to the salary of the teacher at the side school at Karori, and it was resolved to promote Miss Donald to be an assistant at a salary of £80 a year.

27th April 1897 The chair was occupied by Mr. R. C. Bulkley. The following Committee was elected :— Messrs. C. Cathie, T. Campbell, . Platt, W. Tarr , W. F. England, Fi V. Waters, and H. Dryden. Mr. Tarr was elected Chairman, and Mr. Cathie was reelected Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. R. C. Bulkley who was Chairman of the Committee last year, declined to stand again.

5th August 1897 Karori to be inspected on the 2nd of September

16th December 1897 The Karori School dispersed for the holidays yesterday afternoon, when prizes were distributed by Mr. E. C. Farr, Chairman ,of the School Committee, as follows . — Examination Prizes. — Standard VII.— Mary Monaghan, medal (given by Mr. C. Williams for dux of school). VI.— Patrick Monaghan. V. — Barrie Waters, 1 ; Kate O'Connor, 2. IV.— Mary O'Connor. III. — Nellie Warmington, 1 : Stephen Smith. 2; Frances Eagle, 3. II. — Eileen Monaghan, 1 ; Margaret Mackenzie, 2. 1. — Winnie Cathie, 1; Heathcote Farr, 2: Dorothy Bulkley and Herman William, equal.

Attendance prizes ~ VII. — Mary Monaghan, Patrick Monaghan. VI. — Matilda Evans, Wilfred Cole, Lewis Evans, Dalton Campbell. Arthur Cathie. V. — Mary O'Connor Fanny ' O'Reilly, Ernest Atkin, Noral Monaghan, Harold Monaghan. IV.— Annie O'Reilly, Frances Eagle, George Hooper III. —Lena Monaghan, Herbert Evans, Maggie Mackenzie, William Monaghan II. — Charles Monaghan. Gordon McDonald Edward Ridge, Rose O'Reilly, May Cole May Tarr. I. — Ernest. Cole, Orland Dryden, Sydney Lowe. Prep. — Gilbert Monaghan, Percy Spiers.

Drawing. — Scale —Mary Monaghan. Geometry — Matilda Evans, Kate O'Connor, Harold Monaghan Sewing— VII. and VI.— Lizzie Bulkley. V —Ethel Caldwell. IV.— Vera Beauchamp III. — Annie Brooks. II. — Mabel Fownes I. — Dorothy Earie. Prep. — Amy Smith

Writing— VII., Mary Monaghan, 1. Matilda Evans, 2. VI., Barrie Waters, 1; Adi Cook, 2. V., Vera Beauchamp, 1 ; Fanny O'Reilly, 2. IV., Beth Caldwell, 1 ; Agnes Page, 2. III., Etty Moxham, 1 ; Eileen ' Monaghan, 2. II., Heathcote 'Farr, 1 Maude McDonald, 2. L, Albert Lewer, 1 Alice McDonald, 2. Prep., Mabel Henderson, 1 ; Zoe Walmsley, 2 Composition — Boys (given by Mr. Farr) George Messenger; girls (given by Mr Cathie), Vera Beauchamp. Prizes given by Miss Donald, Mistress, South Karori.— Composition, Stephen Smith ; home work Thomas McKelvie and Mabel Fownes ; good conduct, Charlotte McKelvie

3rd February 1898 Wellington Education Board . A letter was read at last week's meeting of the Education Board from Miss Lockett, assistant mistress at Karori, who is at present in

Australia, requesting that three months' leave of absence should be granted. The writer pointed out that she had been 15 years in the service of the Board, and, as her health was indifferent, the request could not be considered as being other than legitimate. Should the proposed leave not be granted, her resignation could be assumed. Members thought the lady had taken a rather unusual course, but in consideration of her excellent record, the required holiday was granted without pay.

13th April 1898 Miss Donald, now in charge of the South Karori School, will open and take charge of. the .school at Kaipororo, a settlement between Newman and Eketahuna, next Monday.

29th September 1898 Wellington Education Board: A deputation from Karori was granted a bell and £5 towards fencing the school grounds. Other small items asked for were left to the Board's carpenter.

29th September 1898 A deputation from South Karori attended with regard to certain improvements to the school, which the Board promised to attend to at the earliest possible moment, a small grant being allowed in connection therewith

20th October 1898 A delightful little concert arranged by Mrs. W. F. England and Mr. F. V. Waters took place in the Parochial Hall at Karori last evening, to supplement the prize fund of the Karori School. The attendance was good, and approval of the programme was shown by the persistent breaking away from an announcement made that no encores would be allowed. There was some excellent pianoforte-playing by Miss Vartha and Miss Putnam (the former's " American Airs" being encored), an assortment of vocal items by Mesdames England and Salmon, Miss Jamieson, and Messrs. F. J. McDonald, J. Salmon, J. F. Carr, A. S. Ballance, and R. Dickie, recalls being given to most of the singers, and especially as to some items in both comic and pathetic vein by Mr. Salmon, and a duet by Messrs. Carr and Ballance. The concert was quite a success.

3rd November 1898 The Children's Fancy Dress Carnival in aid of the Karori School prize fund has been fixed for 8th inst.

17th December 1898 The following prizes were, in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committee, presented by Mr. F. V. Waters on Wednesday afternoon : — Main School, examination prizes — Standard VII., Matilda Evans (medal given by Mr. C. H. Williams), Ava Cowie ; St. VI., Dalton Campbell ; St. V., Ernest Atkin ; St. IV., Mary Gavin ; St. III., Douglas Henderson ; St. II., Hurman Williams and Hilda Walmsley , equal ; St. 1., Eric Waters. Drawing — St. VII., Guy Walmsley ; St. V., Hubert Caldwell, Frances Eagle, Beth Caldwell, Doris Gavin (excellent) ; St. IV., Victor Lancaster. Attendance—St. VII., Patrick Monaghan; St. VI., Ernest, Atkin; St. IV., Victor Lancaster, Maggie Mackenzie, Herbert Evan? ; St. III., William Monaghan, May Cole, Charles Monaghan; St. II., Ernest Cole, Arthur Davey. Orlando Dryden, Sidney Lowe; preparatory, Violet Monaghan, Eva Atkin, Kathleen Campbell, Ronald Macdonald Sewing— St. VI., A. Cook 1, E. Caldwell 2; St. IV., B. Caldwell I, M. Gavin 2; St. II T. M. Earle; St. II., H. Walmsley; St. 1., A Wickman ; Prep. 1., M. Henderson ; Prep. II., B. Mansfield. Prize for general proficiency, given by Miss Lockett — Winnie Cathie. Prize for writing in preparatory classes, given by Mis» Young — James Kerr. Prizes for writing, given by Mr. F. V. Waters— Stds . V., VI., VII., Muriel Henderson ; St. IV., Rebecca Coleman ; St. III., Heathcote Farr ; St. II., Neville Clarkson ; Side School. — Examination prizes, St. VI.,

Henry Luxton. St. IV., Fanny Fownes. St. III., Mabel Fownes and Thomas Page, equal. St. II., Maude McDonald and May Tarr, equal. St. 1., Amy Lewer. Attendance.—St. VI., Susan Hooper. St. IV., Stephen Smith and George Hooper, equal. St. III., Myrtle Spiers. St. II., Philip England and May Tarr, equal. St. 1., Albert Lewer. Preparatory; Percy Spiers. Sewing—St. VI., Susan Hooper. St. V., Charlotte McKelvie. St. IV., Annie Brooks. St. III., Mabel Fownes, St. II., Kate Brooks. St. 1.. Amy Smith. Conduct—St. VI., Susan Hooper. St. V., Charlotte McKelvie. St. 1., Frank England. Writing—St. IV., Agnes Page. St. III., Lily McKelvie. St. 1., Elsie McKelvie.

1899-1900

1899	135	Karori	Bird	William W	B1	Head Master	£245.00
1899	135	Karori	Ballachey	Ernest H	D3	Assistant Master	£80.00
1899	135	Karori	Banks	Ada F	D2	Assistant Female	£80.00
1899	135	Karori	Young	Minnie		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1899	135	Karori	Luxton	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1900	166	Karori	Bird	William W	B1	Head Master	£245.00
1900	166	Karori	Ballachey	Ernest H	D3	Assistant Master	£80.00
1900	166	Karori	Banks	Ada F	D2	Assistant Female	£80.00
1900	166	Karori	Young	Minnie		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1900	166	Karori	Luxton	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1900	166	Karori	Harper	Harriet A		Sewing	£5.00

William W Bird was from 1894 to 1898 Assistant Master Mt Cook Boys' and then was Karori for two years and did not teach for the Wellington Education Board again. He had earned a MA 27th September 1884 Evening Star: Mr W. W. Bird, M.A., master at the Caversham Industrial School, has been appointed chief assistant of the Mount Cook Boys' School, Wellington. 1st February 1901 and Mr. W. W. Bird appointed as Organising Teacher and Practical Instructor of Native Schools. In 1939 was elected to the Wellington Education Board after a distinguished career in the Maori Service.

1954/34920	Bird	William Watson	85Y
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Ernest H Ballachey started teaching for Wellington Education Board as an temporary teacher at Masterton in 1898. He was at Karori as a permanent teacher in 1899 and 1900. From 1901 to to 1903 he was at Newtown. Then from 1903 to 194 he was at Hutt DHS and its side schools. From 1915 to 1921 he was at South Wellington as an assistant 22nd September 1923 BALLACHEY.—On the 21st September, 1923, **Ernest** Harold, last survivor of the sons and daughters of the Reverend W. and the late Mrs. Ballachey; aged 49 years. Burial in St. Mary's Churchyard, Karori, on Monday, 24th, at 3 p.m. No flowers **Ada F Banks** started teaching for Wellington Education Board at Manakau as an assistant in 1897 and 1898. Then was at Karori 1899 to 1901 and taught at Mt Cook Infants in 1901 and 1902. In 1896 there was an Ada F Banks working for the Canterbury Education Board at Southbrook School in the Ashley area.[Note: There was an Adeline Banks teaching for Wellington Education Board over the same period]

Elizabeth Luxton taught at Karori 1899 to 1901. Then from 1902 to 1903 at Brooklyn all as a pupil teacher. Then taught Sole Charge at Ponatahi School between Carterton and Martinborough for two years.

1906/2024	Elizabeth Myra	Luxton	Harold Robert Richmond	Renall
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26th January 1899 Coming cooks and housewives of New Zealand are to be given every encouragement to make themselves perfect in this important domestic art by the Wellington Education Board. The Technical School Committee of the Board met yesterday and approved a number of important recommendations made by Mr. Lee, Chief Inspector of Schools, and Mr. Riley, Director of the Technical School as follows :— 1. That 20 consecutive lessons constitute a course. 2. That two courses be given during the year, the first from February to June, the second from July to December. 3. That the undermentioned schools provide during the year two clashes of 20 girls each for two hours per week,Fridays, Kilbirnie 10.30 to 12.30, and Vogeltown 1 from 2 till 4, and possibly Karori and Kaiwarra on the same day.

9th March 1899 APPLICATIONS will be received at this office up to the 15th March instant for Assistant Female Teacher of the Karori School. Salary, £80 per annum. Forms of application at this office. A. DORSET, Secretary.

20th March 1899 Assistant at Karori, vice Miss Lockett, resigned (salary £90), 11 ;[Applications received]

30th March Wellington Education Board In committee the Board made the following appointments, but the names will not be disclosed until the school committees have approved them:—Head teacher, Brooklyn School, salary £265; assistant, Master ton School, salary £150; assistant, Petone School, salary £80; assistant, Karori School, salary £80 ;

30th March 1899 Inspector's report to Wellington Education Board included The Mount Cook Girls', Lower Hurt, Wadestown, South Karori and Kaiwarra are small unsuitable • confined areas, and in all those the out-buildings are necessarily, too near, the main building to be either pleasant or healthy.

30th March 1899 Inspector's report included: The opening of the schools at Roseneath, Kahutara, and Mangapakeha, the separation of the South Karori School from the main school, [In the 1900 report on all schools in New Zealand the Karori South school was not listed as being under a separate School Committee]

25th April 1899 Very little interest was taken by the householders of Karori in the election, there being only eight present. The following were elected: — Messrs. Farr, Dryden, England, Mansfield, Monaghan, and Spiers. This leaves one member to be elected. Mr. Farr was elected Chairman oi the Committee.

1st July 1899 Karori Borough Population 1050

31st August 1899 With respect to the Kaitawa and Pongaroa appointments, it was resolved to uphold the Board's selections, Messrs H. H. Dyer and W. Rowntree respectively. By the end of the year Mr H H Dyer was at Kaitawa School and there was no record of him leaving Karori School

11th September 1899 Wellington Education Board Head Master, Karori School: average 141. Salary, about £235 and residence.

26th September 1899 Head teacher at Karori, salary, £245, 39 applicants

29th September 1899 Mr. Bird, at present first-assistant in the Mount Cook Boys' School, has been selected by the Board of Education to take the position of head teacher of the Karori School.

5th October 1899 The Education Board's selection of Mr W. W. Bird, first assistant at Mount Cook Boys' School, as Headmaster of the Karori school has been approved by the School Committee

7th October 1899 Assistant teacher Karori School Salary £80

25th October 1899 The Board of Education) has received 76 applications for the four vacancies in its service, as follows: — Assistant Mistress at Petone, 26 ; Assistant. Master at the Mount Cook Boys' School, 24; Assistant at Karori, 15; Pupil Teacher at Petone, 11

17th November 1899 The Karori School committee has approved of the appointment of Mr Bird as headmaster and Mr Ballachey as assistant.

22nd November 1899 KARORI SCHOOL REPAIRS. TENDERS for Paperhanging required at the Karori School will be received at the Education Board Office up to Noon of FRIDAY NEXT, the 24th instant.

22nd December 1899. Board Scholarship. Class C First three awarded Louisa Compton, Kilbirnie, 454; H. Walmsley, Karori, 436; Grace Clemance Greytown 412 The scholarships in this class are of the annual value of £35, but if the winners reside within a radius of four miles of the Post Office, or at Vogeltown, or Kilbirnie*, or are able to reach the College or High School by coach, the scholarship is reduced to £15, with an allowance to cover coach or train fare. Under, this latter regulation the first two will be awarded £15, and as the money allotted to this class is not all awarded, the Inspectors recommend that an additional scholarship be awarded to Grace Clemance, of Greytown, thus allowing one of the scholarships of this class to go to a country school.

8th March 1900 Wellington Education Board The following applications were referred to the board's carpenter to report: "Bideford erection of shelter sheds; MIKI Miki, tanks required; Carterton, alterations to school; Nireaha, special grant for cleaning • Karori. increased accommodation.

24th April 1900 School Committee KARORI. The following committee was elected: Messrs J. W. Henderson (chairman). W. F. England, (secretary and treasurer), B. O. Lewer. F. -T. McDonald. James Mackenzie. W. Monaghan and F. V. Waters.

26th July 1900. In a review of teacher's salaries by Wellington Education Board was V. Bird, Karori, £20: under paid

25th September 1900 Karori had 4 pupils sitting scholarship examinations.

25th October 1900 Mr W. Bird, M.A., who has been head-master of the Karori public school for the past twelve months, has resigned, having received an appointment in the Education department as organising superintendent of Maori schools for the colony.

31st October 1900. Wellington Education Board Mr Bird Resigned

5th November 1900 APPLICATIONS, which must be made — on forms to be obtained 'at this office, will be received up to SATURDAY, the 17th inst., for the position of Head Master of the Karori School. Average attendance, 161, for half year ended 30th

June. Salary, from £235 to £265 (according to certificate), and residence. D certificate a necessary qualification. A. DORSET, Secretary.

20th November 1900 There are 39 applicants' for the position of headmaster of the Karori School, about to be vacated through the appointment of Mr. Bird as organising superintendent of the Maori schools throughout the colony.

29th November 1900 Wellington Education Board n application from Mr. W. W. Bird (of Karori) for an increase of salary, on account of increased attendance whilst he has been in charge, was refused. This refers to the work *of Mr. Bird during the past six months. It will be remembered that he has been appointed to a position 'under the Government in connection with the native schools.

8th December 1900 TENDERS are invited and will be received by the undersigned to the 15th inst. for Alterations and repairs to Karori School. Plans and specifications can be seen at my residence, Karori, or at 17, Victoria-street, Wellington. JAMES W. HENDERSON, Chairman School Committee

12th December 1900 Wellington Education Board: A deputation from the Karori School Commit toe, consisting of Messrs. Henderson, Waters, and McKenzie, attended and requested the Board to alter its selection of the new master for the Karori School. The deputation suggested six candidates, any of which it was prepared to accept. The Board went into committee to deal with this and other matters connected with appointments.

13th December 1900 Wellington Education Board: With regard to requests made by the Karori and Petone Committees, that the Board should alter its select-ions of masters for the schools in those suburbs, the Board decided to adhere to the appointments already made

22nd December 1900 KARORI SCHOOLS. ' The distribution of prizes at the Karori School was made last evening by Mr. J. McKenzie, in the absence of Mr. j Henderson, Chairman of the Committee, ' who was laid aside by sickness. After the distribution Mr. W. Bird, the headmaster, was presented with a; watch by the teachers and pupils, and great regret was expressed that he was severing his connection with the school. The price list is as follows I.—Arithmetic, Edgar Lewer, Doris Cathie ; spelling, Chris. Davis, Dora Evans ; reading, Ron. McDonald, Alice Kerr ; writing, Violet Monaghan, Doris Reading ; sewing, Bessie Mansfield. Standard II. — Arithmetic, Oswald Clarkson, Eva Atkin ; reading. Guy Cowie, Kathleen Campbell; .spelling, Cyril Williams, ! I Dorothy Hunt sewing, Jessie Hughes progress, Ernest Lewer ; writing, Brian Robinson, James Ker. Standard III. — (1) Gilbert Monaghan and Amy Lewer., [(2) Willie Raine and Frances Harris; Mrs. C. J. Johnstone's prize for spelling, A. McDonald. Standard IV.— (1) Leslie McDonald and Coral Brown, (2) Ernest Cole and Lucy Raine; sewing prize, Rose Reilly; progress, Jack Stevenson, Frank England, and Orlando Dryden. Standard V . — (1) Victor Lancaster and Winnie Cathie, (2) John Raine and Dorothy Earle ; geography, Gordon McDonald ; writing, May Tarr ; sewing, Hilda Walmsley; progress, Eric Waters. Standard VI.— (1) Arthur Edwards and Nellie Harris, (2) Hugh Caldwell and Phyllis Cowie ; writing, Mabel Fownes ; j drill, Chelsea Spiers; composition, Lily McKelvey. spelling and progress, Jessie Cathie ; sewing and Madge Earle ; progress, Ethel Tarr. Standard ! VIE. — Chemistry and- English, Ernest Atkin ; geography and history, Harold Monaghan, (girls) Ethel Caldwell, M. Henderson 2 ; composition, Frances Eagle; sewing

and writing, Beth Caldwell. Dux of school (silver medal presented by Mr. C. H. Williams), Dalton Campbell. South Karori School. — Standard I. — Arithmetic, N. McKelvey ; writing, P. Spiers. Standard ' II. — Writing, A. Lewer ; reading, W. Moxham ; arithmetic, Ivy Walker. Standard 111. — Reading, D. Brooker ; arithmetic, D. McKelvey; writing, K. Brooks. Standard IV.— Myrtle Spiers. Standard V. — George Hooper; composition and reading, J. Brooker. Standard VI. — Stephen Smith. .Dux of the. school,. Susan Hooper. 29th December 1900 Bird.— On 21st December, at 16, Turnbull-street, the wife of W. W. Bird, of a daughter.

1901-1902

1901	168	Karori	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£255.00	House
1901	168	Karori	Banks	Ada F	D2	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1901	168	Karori	Walton	Margaret C	E3	Relieving	£80.00	
1901	168	Karori	Luxton	Elizabeth M		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00	
1901	168	Karori	Edwards	Dorothy L		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00	
1901	168	Karori	Harper	Harriet		Sewing	£5.00	
1902	171	Karori/Side school	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£255.00	House
1902	171	Karori/Side school	Holm	Annie A	D2	Assistant Female	£110.00	
1902	171	Karori/Side school	Scott	William W	E4	Assistant Master	£ 80.00	
1902	171	Karori/Side school	Stevens	Winifred L	D4	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1902	171	Karori/Side school	Edwards	Dorothy L		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00	

House just lists that a house is provided for the Head Teacher

Francis Bennett started his career at Mt Cook Boys' in 1879 as an assistant Master. He was then at Te Aro 1880-1882. Johnsonville as headmaster in a two teacher school 1883-1885. Newtown 1886-1889. Then at Eketahuna from 1890-1894 as Headmaster Then Carterton as Headmaster from 1895 to 1900 and then at Karori from 1901 to 1914 and finally as Headmaster of Berhampore school until at least 1921 with a roll twice that of Karori.

8th February 1941 The death occurred yesterday of Mr. Francis Bennett, Everest Street, Khandallah, at the age of 81.

Mr. Bennett was born in Durham, England, and came to New Zealand at the age of 20, He . started teaching in England in 1872, and when he retired in New Zealand had completed 51 years of. teaching service. At the seventieth anniversary (in 1937) of the Johnsonville School, where he taught for some years, he was presented with a silver medal as a mark of appreciation for the interest he had taken in the school and also because he was the oldest teacher present. Mr. Bennett will be widely remembered by pupils of the other schools. where he taught These schools include Tinui (Masterton), Eketahuna, Carterton, Karori, and Berhampore, where he was headmaster for many years. He was a member of the. Civic League, and for six years was a member of the Hospital Board. A keen bowler, he was a foundation member of the Carterton and Karori Bowling Clubs, a former member of the Wellington Bowling Club, and a member of the Khandallah Bowling Club. He was interested in the activities of the Masonic Lodge. He joined the Order in Carterton some .50 years ago.

His wife died two years ago,

Mr. Bennett is survived by two sons, Mr. J. R. E. Bennett, a member of the legal profession in Wellington, and Mr. W.B. Bennett, of Christchurch, and three daughters, all of whom live in Wellington.

The funeral will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday.

Prior to the commencement of play at the Karori Bowling Club today the president. Mr. A. Dempster, referred to the death of Mr. Bennett,' and at his request members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Margaret C Walton started her teaching at Dreyerton (later Kopuaranga) North East of Masterton in 1894 and 1895. Then 1896 at Kilbirnie, 1897 at Clyde Quay, 1898 as assistant female at Karori and then relieving at Karori at December 1901

1958/28352	Walton	Margaret Catherine	81Y
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In April 1901 was acting Headmistress of Masterton Infant School with a roll of 92. Later taught in the Manawatu and Taranaki

Dorothy L Edwards was a pupil teacher at Ohariu in 1900, and Karori from 1901 to 1904 and then as an assistant teacher until December 1910.

Annie A Holm started as a pupil teacher at Newtown in 1893 until 1898. In 1899 she was sole teacher at Reikiorangi until 1901. She then was at Karori from 1902 until 1906. From 1907 to at July 1917 she was teaching at Mount Cook Girls' as an assistant. She was then head of the St Mark's School in Wellington and was still head Teacher in December 1939.

1969/42920	Holm	Annie Alexander	95Y
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William W Scott started his career at Greytown for the Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher 1900 to 1901. From 1902 to 1904 he was assistant master at Karori and then from 1905 to 1907 Headmaster of Mangamaire [South of Pahiatua]. From 1908 to 1919 he was an assistant at Pahiatua School and from about 1921 until at least 1923 when my records end was Head teacher of Nireaha School [West of Eketahuna]

Winifred L Stevens started her long career in 1895 at Te Aro Infants' until 1898. Then she taught at Mt Cook Boy's until 1901 still as a pupil teacher. Then from 1902 to 1904 she taught at Karori. From at least 1903 until at least December 1923 she taught at Mt Cook Girls'

Retired March 1931 after serving 36¼ years' service for the Wellington Education Board

1949/25964	Stevens	Winifred Laura	72Y
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22nd June 1949 A woman was injured fatally when knocked down by a tramcar in Lambton Quay last evening. She was: Miss Winifred Stevens, aged 73, of HAITAITAI, Wellington. She was extricated with difficulty from beneath the tram and died in the hospital last night.

8th February 1901 Mr F. Bennett, headmaster of the Carterton school, has been appointed to the charge of the Karori school.

1st March 1901 To-day Mr. F. Bennett, late head master of the Carterton School, enters upon his new duties as master of the Karori School. The Education Board has appointed a teacher to fill Mr. Bennett'* place at Carterton (for which the salary, ranges from £255 to

£285 per annum), but the gentleman's name will not be made public until it has been before the Carterton School Committee for its approval.

21st March 1901 In a list of proposed salaries from the Wellington Education Board was this: Karori — (attendance 168), female assistant, new salary £90 (increase £10) ; pupil teacher, £41 (increase £5) ; pupil teacher, £37 (£5).

23rd April 1901 Karori.— The, following were elected a committee — Messrs. J. Mackenzie, J. W. Henderson, C. Cathie, G. Eagle, W. F. England, W. J. Monaghan, and C. H. Williams. Mr. J. W. Henderson was elected Chairman, and Mr. England was again elected Secretary.

15th June 1901. Duke of Cornwall's visit to Wellington: The Karori School Committee is having a stand erected on the Parliament House side of Sydney street, near the end of Museum street, for its children. Steps will be taken to prevent children moving from their positions until a reasonable time after the procession has passed.

22nd June 1901 Teacher's salaries commission hearing report included: Mr. F. Bennett, headmaster of the Karori School, representing the schools with an average from 100 to 300, said they were exercised about the proposed 'scale of salaries. At Mangatainoka, for instance, the headmaster's salary, was £265. Under the proposed scale, the salary would be from £219 to £229, and nuclei" the alternative scale £237 to £252.....Karori, average 135, present Salary £245, under proposed scale £189 to £219 under alternative scale, £225 to £237

24th June 1901 Mr. Francis Bennett, headmaster of the Karori School, adduced on Saturday a series of reasons why the sexes should not rank as equal in the matter of salary received as school teachers. Women, he urged, should not receive equal salaries because they were not demanding it, as far as his knowledge went ; if women were paid the same salaries as men a competition would ensue which "would necessarily, in the long run, result in a breakdown on the pay of the woman — hence it would be cruel to place her in such a position ; it was generally conceded that men had greater responsibilities than women ; statistics proved that men adopted the profession as a life-work to a" much greater extent than women did ; higher salaries for men were more likely to attract suitable boys to the service ; men. did not break down as often as women ; few women could control upper classes of boys ; a woman could not well take the place of the headmaster during his temporary absence ; women could not become heads of large mixed schools ; married men are demanded by parents. He made an exception in favour of the smaller country schools, where, he thought, the salaries should be equal.

27th June 1901 Captain Henderson, of the Wellington Battalion staff, who attended the Christchurch, review, gives a good report of the way in which the visiting public school cadets were treated there. Being chairman of the Karori School Committee, he made it his business to go and see the boys in the Normal School buildings. He states that the living and feeding- arrangements were excellent. The boys had their food at tables, which were scrubbed between meals. The floors were kept thoroughly swept. The only unfortunate circumstance was that boys who arrived late and in excess of the number expected were billeted at outside schools and were under the necessity of walking some little distance for their meals

4th July 1901 Wellington Education Board advertises for a pupil teacher at Karori

29th August 1901 Wellington Education Board: recommended Mr. Ballachey, of South Karori, as assistant master at Newtown (the committee recommended another candidate);That tenders be called for providing an extra classroom at Karori, to relieve the present pressure that exists both at that school and at South Karori school;

16th October 1901 Wellington Education Board: calls tenders for Alterations and additions at Karori School

30th October 1901 THE SOUTH KARORI SCHOOL. Though thought informal, a petition was presented to the House yesterday which had - originally been intended for the Wellington Education Board and was so addressed. There were sixteen signatures, and the petition drew attention to contemplated changes in the South Karori School. It had been in the charge of Mr Ballachey, but the committee was now endeavouring to reduce the number of standards and appoint a pupil teacher only, instead of a first assistant. The petition points out that Makara School has a head teacher with a roll attendance of 50, while the South Karori School has a roll of 53.

9th October 1901 Scholarship Examinations: C List (two scholarships of the annual, value of £35, for schools with an attendance, of over 100 and not exceeding 200)—Mangatainoka, Fernridge, and Roseneath, 1 each; Greytown, 4; Karori, 6; Kilbirnie, 2.....D List (three scholarships of the value of £35, open to schools with an attendance not exceeding one hundred)—Ballance, Ngaturi, Worser Bay, and Porirua, 2 each; Hastwell, Clareville, Park, vale, Tokomaru, and Paraparaumu, 3 each; Ihuarau Valley, Mangamahoe, Rangitumau, Gladstone, Dalefield, Cross's Creek, Shannon, Pahautanui, Horokiwi, Tawa Flat, South Karori, and Makara, 1 each.

1st November 1901 Public Schools scholarship examinations: Class C, for children attending schools which have an attendance of between 100 and 200. Two scholarships. The following is the complete list: — Harold Monaghan, Karori, 476 ; Ernest Atkin, Karori, 442; Roland Wakelin, Greytown, 438

3rd December 1901 KARORI SCHOOL. ALTERNATIVE TENDERS FOR TWO CLASS-ROOMS. 1 TENDERS for the above work will be received at the Education Board Office up to 12 o'clock Noon, of Wednesday next, 11th instant.

19th December 1901 Wellington Education Board: F H Meyer accepted tender for the addition of two classrooms at Karori.

21st December 1901 Prizes were distributed at the Karori School yesterday as follows : — Two boys tied for the position of dux — Harold Monaghan and Ernest Atkin. Both were awarded an inscribed silver medal, presented by Mr. C. H. Williams. Harold Monaghan was also presented by Mr. Bennett with a silver medal for being top of the scholarship list, and also for gaining a drawing scholarship. Standard VII. — Frances Eagle, 1 ; Douglas Henderson, 2 Ellen Warrington, 3. Writing — Phyllis Cowie, 1; Douglas Henderson, 2. Progress — Hugh Caldwell, Jessie Cathie, and Ivy Bennett. Sewing — Ethel Tarr, May Walmsley. Standard VI. — Girls — Winnie Cathie, 1 ; Mono Robinson, 2; Eileen Monaghan, 3. Boys — John Raine and Gordon McDonald, equal, 1 ; Eric Waters, 3. Writing— May Tarr, 1 ; Archibald Caldwell, 2. Progress — Charles Monaghan and Kenneth Caldwell. Standard V. — Frank England and Leslie McDonald, equal, 1; Kathleen Buckley, 3. Writing — Kathleen Buckley, 1 ; Joseph James, 2. Progress — Ronald Mackenzie and Norman Johnson. Standard IV. — William Raine, 1; Gilbert

Monaghan, 2; Ruby Lewer, 3. Writing — Ruby Lewer, 1 ; William Raine, 2. Progress — Frank Rossiter, Henry Nairn, and Ruth Cook. Sewing— Amy Wickman and Zoe Walmsley. Standard 111. — Lynette Mackenzie, 1 ; James Ker, 2 ; Eva Atkin, 3. Writing— Walter Mansfield, 1 ; Robert Guthrie, 2 Progress — Ernest Lewer, Kathleen Campbell. Sewing— Jessie Hughes. Standard II. — Girls — Reading, Dora Evans ; spelling, Dora Evans ; arithmetic, sewing, and writing, Doris Cathie; progress, Daisy Coats. Boys—Reading, Eric Stubbs; spelling and progress, Robert Raine ; arithmetic and writing, Norman Henderson. Standard I.— Reading, Elsie Bailey and Sydney Robinson ; spelling, Effie Cathie and Kenneth Henderson ; arithmetic,, Janie Atkins and Roy Randell ; writing, Marjorie Monaghan and Comyn Caldwell and Kenneth Henderson (equal) ; sewing, Nellie Wickman. P. 111. — Leo Newcombe and Carrie Warrington; Claude Pycroft (progress) and Clara Shotter (writing). P. IL — Olive Lewer and Dallah Dibley. The list in respect of the South Karori School was: — Dux, Stephen Smith. General efficiency, Susan Hooper. Standard VII.— Lily McKelvie 1, Isabel Brooker 2. Standard VI— Samuel McKelvie. Standard V.— Sewing, Myrtle Spiers, Kate Brooks, and Amy Smith. Standard IV. — Reading, Myrtle Slack ; arithmetic, Ivy Walker ; writing, Albert Lewer ; progress, James Hooper and William Moxham. Standard HI. — Reading, Percy Spiers; arithmetic, Clara Slack; progress, May Walker. Standard II. — Writing and arithmetic, Mabel Slack ; progress, Ernest Spiers ; reading, Elsie Hook. Standard I. — Writing, Alfred Slack; progress, Zoe McKelvie; sewing, Sarah McKelvie

23rd December 1901 Two boys at the Karori State school tied for the position of dux— Harold Monaghan and Ernest Atkin. Both were awarded an inscribed silver medal, presented by Mr C. H. Williams. Harold Monaghan was also presented by Mr Bennett with a silver medal for being top of the scholarship list, and also for gaining a drawing scholarship, Stephen Smith was dux of the South Karori School.

27th December 1901 . Mr. James .Mackenzie, who since 1879 has been Chief Draughtsman of the Wellington District Survey Office, has been appointed Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Crown Lands for Taranaki The appointment is popular and well merited. Mr. Mackenzie came to- the colony with his parents in 1858, being then nine years of age. After experiencing the rough life of an early settler in Otago, and passing an examination as a surveyor, he came to Wellington in 1872, when he received an appointment as assistant surveyor on the Provincial Government staff. Two years later he was promoted to a district surveyorship, and five years further on he received the position from which he has now been promoted to the chief post in his department in Taranaki. Mr. Mackenzie, who is a brother of the member for Waihemo, has lived for some twenty years at Karori, where >he has, taken a keen interest in local concerns, and particularly in school committee work, having for many years been chairman of the Karori School Committee.

30th December 1902 Wellington Education Board Vacancy: Karori. .Salary £110 Mistress,

2nd January Wellington Education Board: Mistress Karori Salary £110

30th January 1902: Wellington Education Board New salary scale Karori, Annie Holm, present salary £117, colonial salary £110; Winifred Stevens, £42—£80; William Scott, £50— £80

20th February 1902 KARORI SCHOOL COMMITTEE. APPLICATIONS are invited for the Position of Caretaker for the Main School, Karori. Particulars may be seen at Mr. Raine's Store, Karori. , W. F. ENGLAND, Hon. Sec.

24th February 1902 In a match- between Wadestown and Karori public schools^ Wadestown won by eight wickets.

26th February 1902 The following primary free studentships at the Technical School have been awarded to fill vacancies in the list, caused by the retirement of students who have left the primary schools:— George Williams, Clive Edwards and Alfred Caddick, of Mount Cook Boys' School; Bertha Hoffmeister and Amy Smith, Mount Cook Girls'; Archie Caldwell and Douglas Henderson, Karori;

26th March 1902 A member of a Karori deputation which waited upon the Education Board this afternoon said he was the father of. twenty-one children, and "he hoped to bring them all up a credit to New Zealand.

26th March 1902 A deputation of six residents from* South. Karori waited upon the Education Board this afternoon and urged the Board to separate the side school from the main Karori school. It was stated by members of the deputation that children could not be taught beyond the Fourth. Standard in the side school, and those children of South Karori who had qualified for the higher standards had to attend the main school. This was as much as from two and a half to four miles distant from the homes of some of 'them. The. side school had an average attendance of 35, and as the district was brightening up since the construction of the tramways, it was expected that the school would shortly have to be enlarged. The Chairman of the Board said the deputation came as a surprise, as it had been reported by one of the Inspectors that he had met the residents and had arrived at a satisfactory settlement. The Board was only following the national regulations, and it was for the good of the South Karori district that it should have a well equipped main school for its senior scholars. A promise was given that the Board would make full enquiries and would give its decision later on.

2nd April 1902 The Board promised a deputation from South Karori that it would obtain the fullest information in regard to the objections raised against sending South Karori children, who had passed the Fourth Standard, to the North Karori School.

29th April 1902 KARORI. There was a large attendance of householders at Karori. Mr. J. W. Henderson, Chairman of Committee, presided. A satisfactory report and balance-sheet was presented by the retiring committee and was adopted. The election of a new committee resulted as follows: — Messrs J. Slack, G. J. Eagle, A. Henley, H. E. Dryden, W. H. Moxham, and A. Lewer. At the first meeting Mr. Henley was elected chairman. The election of Secretary was deferred,.

1st May 1902 Wellington Education Board and contracts were let and the Works in progress for considerable additions and improvements at Karori, Newtown, and Pirinoa

14th June 1902 Children residing within the Borough of Karori are invited by the Karori School Committee to take part in the Coronation Day celebrations to be held in the school grounds.

25th June 1902 The Karori Borough Council has decided to make the fullest enquiries into a complaint made by Professor McKenzie that children from houses in which there were cases of scarlatina had been allowed to attend the Karori School, with the result that two

of his children Jiad contracted the disease. The Council was informed by its Clerk last night that he had been unable to find a case where a child from an infected family had attended the school.

27th June 1902 King's Birthday celebration KARORI. At noon, the Mayor, the Borough Councillors and School Committee of Karori, the Revs A. L. Hansell and A. Scotter, and about 200 children with their teachers, assembled at the Parochial Hall. The Mayor addressed the gathering briefly, and after the Rev Mr Scotter had offered up a short prayer, refreshments were handed to the children. During the afternoon they were entertained with a limelight exhibition by Mr Bone. [The King was very ill]

14th July 1902 During the holiday vacation just closed the Health Department disinfected the whole of the city schools, and also a number of the suburban schools, including those at Karori, Kaiwarra, and Petone.

18th August 1902 Association Football [Soccer] SCHOOLS. The match between Karori and Kaiwarra was played at Miramar and resulted in a draw. Neither side scored.

1st September 1902 [Association] SCHOOLS. Marist Bros, defeated Karori by 6 goals to nil, Duignan (3), O'Connor, Fitzgerald, and Leydon scoring.

8th September 1902 In the schools' fixtures, Marist Bros, won by default from Kaiwarra, and Karori defaulted to Island Bay

15th September 1902 SCHOOLS. Tc Aro won the match against Karori by default.

30th October 1902 Wellington Education Board The application of Karori for cookery instruction was postponed, pending the reply to inquiries by the director.

1st December 1902 Playing for the Karori School on Saturday, against the Thorndon School, Gordon McDonald scored 102 not out.

1903-1904

1903	188	Karori/Side school	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£255.00	House
1903	188	Karori/Side school	Holm	Annie A	D2	Mistress	£110.00	
1903	188	Karori/Side school	Scott	William W	E3	Assistant Master	£80.00	
1903	188	Karori/Side school	Stevens	Winifred L	D3	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1903	188	Karori/Side school	Edwards	Dorothy L		FP3	£40.00	
1904	188	Karori/Side school	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£244.80	House
1904	188	Karori/Side school	Holm	Annie A	D2	Mistress	£110.00	
1904	188	Karori/Side school	Scott	William W	E2	Assistant Master	£80.00	
1904	188	Karori/Side school	Stevens	Winifred L	D3	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1904	188	Karori/Side school	Edwards	Dorothy L		FP4	£50.00	

23rd February 1903 The Education Board has granted one of its scholarships to Frances Eagle, of the Karori School. The school has also gained six primary drawing scholarships.

26th March 1903 Wellington Education Board: deputation of six residents from Northlands (near Karori) asked that a school should be started at Northlands. It was urged that there were 136 children in the Northlands district, of which number 97 were ready for school; that within the last two years thirty houses ' had been built in the vicinity of the proposed school, and that in another twelve months twenty more houses would go up; that the site of the proposed school was three miles from the Karori school; and that a gift of

land for, a school site would be made if the Board acceded to the request of the deputation. A counter petition was forwarded on behalf of the Karori school, in which it was urged that the latter school offered ample accommodation, and that the district of Northlands was only a mile and a half from the Karori school. The Chairman of the Board assured the deputation that the Board would be pleased to grant the school but for the customary lack of treasure in the Board's coffers.

15th April 1903 Mr F. Bennett has convened a meeting for next Monday evening, when he asks all interested to attend at the Karori School.

14th May 1903 The secretary of the Karori School Committee wrote requesting the attendance of the Mayor and Councillors at the schoolhouse on May 25th, Empire Day. It was proposed that the children should salute the flag and that addresses be delivered afterwards. The remainder of the day would be observed as a holiday. The Mayor said he had no doubt all Councillors would be only too willing to assist in any possible way,, on the occasion, referred to.

28th April 1903 . At Karori the following committee was elected:—Messrs R. O. Bulkley, Charles Cathie, W. P. Newcombe. C. H. Williams, H. E. Dryden, William Monaghan, J. G. Raine. Mr Cathie was re-elected chairman and Mr Williams secretary and treasurer

2nd June 1903 Our Wellington correspondent wires: Mr W. W. Bird, M.A., selected to fill the position of assistant inspector of native schools, vacated by Mr Kirk, is well known in Dunedin, having come from there to join the teaching staff of the Mount Cook School, subsequently being promoted to the head-mastership of the Karori School, leaving the latter post to accept a position in the Education Department as organising and practical instructor of native schools. Mr Bird, who is a son-in-law of the late Mr A. Morrison, M.H.R., has splendid credentials for the new appointment, and it is not unlikely that he will be still further promoted to the inspectorship of native schools when Mr Pope retires at the end of the year.

19th December 1903 At the Karori Public School yesterday, the special prizes donated by the Mayor (Mr. W. H. Tisdall) for the best essays on Empire Day and its application to local history were presented to the winning scholars as follows: — Sixth and Seventh Standards : Girls, Ivy Bennett, 1, and Winifred Cathie 2 ; boys, Leslie Tisdall. Fourth and Fifth Standards: Girls, Olive Lower; boys, Cyril Williams. South Karori School : — Hooper. The Mayor expressed his appreciation of the high standard attained in the essays (.some of which were read at the gathering), and announced his intention of again giving prizes for the^ same subject next year.

22nd December 1903 KARORI SCHOOL. At the break-up of the Karori school his' Worship the Mayor (Mr, W. H. Tisdall). accompanied by Mrs Tisdall. presented the prizes won during the past year. Besides the ordinary prizes. Mr Tisdall offered prizes for competitive essays in Standards IV. and VI on Empire Day; Mr Cathie, chairman of the committee. donated two prizes for arithmetic in Standards VI. and VII., and Mr C. H. Williams again presented a silver medal to the dux of the school. Appropriate speeches were made by the chairman of the committee, by his Worship the Mayor , and by the headmaster, Mr F. Bennett. In the absence of Mrs C. H. Williams. : Mrs Tisdall decorated the dux with the silver medal. Hearty applause accompanied votes of thanks to Mr Tisdall. Mr Cathie, and to the teaching staff. , The following is a list of the prizes:

Main School.—Dux (silver medal): Ivy C. A. Bennett. Standard VII.—Girls: Ivy Bennett. 1; Winifred Cathie. Boys: m John Raine. 1; Erie Waters. 2. Mr Cathie's prize for arithmetic : Winifred Cathie, Composition Eric Waters, 1; Kenneth Caldwell, 2. Mr. Tisdall's prizes — Girls: Ivy Bennett 1; Winifred Cathie 2. Boys: Leslie Tisdall ,1. Sewing prize; , Ivy Bennett Standard VI.—Girls: Amy Wickman. 1 : Ruth Cook, 2. Boys: Daniel Jones 1; William Raine 2. Mr Cathie's arithmetic prize: Orlando Dryden. Sewing May Tarr. Standard V.—Girls Eva Atkin, 1; Kathleen Campbell, 2. Boys: Cyril Williams, 1; Montague Tisdall. 2. ' Mr Tisdall's prize: Amy Leaver and Cyril Williams. Composition: Guy Cowie. Sewing: Amy Wickman. Standard IV.—Girls: 'Dora Evans, 1; Doris Cathie, 2. Boys; Christopher Davies, 1 y Robert Raine. 2. Sewing; ; Breta Hohn. Standard III.—Girl's: Marjorie Monahan, 1: Alice Ker 2. Boys Comyn Caldwell 1: Kenneth Henderson, 2. Composition; Rupert Kellow. ; Sewing: Nellie Weston. Standard II.— ; Boys Bernard Brooker. 1; Claude Bycroft 2. Girls: Sarah Callanan, 1: Ivy Jacobs, , 2. Sewing:. Ethel Archer. Writing: Sidney Page. Standard I.—Norman Henderson.

South Karori Side School.—Dux. Myrtle Slack. Standards IV and V. sewing— Myrtle Slack. Composition: James Hooper Standard IV Clara Slack Standard III Mabel Slack Standards 1 and III Writing Mabel Slack Sewing Bessie Bradnock Standard II Alfred Slack and Sarah McKelvie, 2

3rd February 1904 Acting under the recommendations of the Board's Inspectors, the Chairman of the Education Board has awarded additional Education Board scholarships to Margaret Graham (Brooklyn School) and Winifred Cathie (Karori School) to complete the list

12th February 1904 Sir — I desire to call your attention to the allotment of scholarships to pupils of the Board schools. There are three classes of scholarships now open to pupils — the Victoria, the Board, and the National. The authorities who award the Victoria Scholarships have wisely made it a condition that the successful pupils shall hold no other scholarship. Not so, however, the Board and National Scholarships. It seems that a pupil may hold both of these if successful in taking them. Thus one scholarship will provide the fees for a higher education, -while the other goes into the parents' pockets. I feel sure that this was never intended when the Education Boards' Scholarships were instituted. At that time there were no other helps to secondary education, and no necessity to make a proviso limiting the holder to one, as in the Victoria Scholarships. The granting of National Scholarships has made the possibility, which some parents seem disposed to take advantage of. With so many pupils who passed the required marks to qualify them to take a scholarship, it seems only fair that these should go round as far as possible, rather than that a few should make money out of them. Can you suggest any way by which this desirable object can be attained, otherwise some very eligible pupils will lose their opportunity? —

I am, etc., CHARLES CATHIE, Chairman Karori School- Committee. 8th February, 1904.

9th March 1904 Karori Borough Council: The headmaster of the Karori school (Mr F. Bennett).wrote, asking permission, to use the borough map. as the school syllabus now required children in all standards to have a knowledge of the district in which they lived.—Several councillors said the map was rather ancient, but all were agreed that the

applicant should have the use of it, if- ho thought it would assist him in teaching local geography.

26th April 1904 Nino householders were present at the Karori meeting. The report and balance, sheet were adopted. The following gentlemen were elected to act on the Committee: — C. Cathie (Chairman), H. E. Dryden, W. Monaghan, J. G. Raine, J. W. Henderson, J. G. Duthie, T. Baillie.

28th April 1904 Wellington Education Board: Messrs. Cathie and Henderson, from Karori, waited on the Board with regard to the application for n school at Northland, and pointed out that needs would be met if a side school was built attached to the present Karori school. The deputation did not think a school was required at Northland yet. The site of the proposed School was only two miles from the Karori school. It was said that there were seventy-seven children who would attend the school, but Mr. Cathie did not know where they got the number from. After discussion, it was decided to write to the authorities enquiring when the Training College was to be erected, n« it wus thought that this .school would meet the requirements of Northland and Kelburne. [Spelling often used]

30th April 1904 AN INDIGNATION MEETING •^ Will be held On MONDAY, 2nd MAY, 1904, in the PRIMITIVE MKTHODIST SCHOOLROOM, NORTHLAND, At 7.30 p.m., To, PROTEST against the UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE with the efforts of the Northland people to establish a school in their district The Karori School Committee, are especially invited to attend.

4th May 1904 A deputation from the Karori school committee urged the Board not to give effect to an application for a school at Northlands and pointed out that the school at Karori had sufficient accommodation for the children of the whole district, and those from Northlands had not more than two miles' to travel at the very furthest. The Board decided to take no action until it lias ascertained Where the Government intends to erect its training school or normal school, ' That school, it is understood, will be erected in Northlands, and the Board will write to the Education Department for information. [A normal school is one attached to a Teachers' Training College and is used to train intending teachers]

29th June 1904 Karori Borough Council: The Rubbish Committee reported that It had been unable to secure a permanent site for a rubbish tip. It recommended the acceptance of a temporary site, opposite the Karori School and convenient to the main road, offered by Councillor Newcombe, free of charge.—The offer was accepted.

12th July 1904 To the Editor "N.Z. Times.") Sir, —In this morning's issue you inform your readers "A schoolmaster was presented with a tobacco pouch." In the interest of the rising generation I enter my protest (and I trust the Minister of Education will take action) against any man or woman being allowed to teach in our public schools that uses tobacco in any form. It is not consistent to protest against juvenile smoking and engage teachers who smoke. Some years ago I had to withdraw my children from the school at Karori (the same teacher is not in charge now) and send them to the Terrace School, as the children complained the teacher's breath was so objectionable.—I am, etc., July 8th. B. G. KNIGHT.

20th December 1904 KARORI SCHOOL. Last Friday afternoon the above school closed after the annual distribution of prizes. The Chairman of the Committee (Mr. C. Cathie) presided and spoke highly of the work of the school. He specially mentioned the generous

gifts of Mr. C. H. Williams, who for many years has presented an engraved silver medal for the dux of the school; Mr. W. H. Tisdall, for not only again presenting prizes for competitive essays, but also for renewing the offer for next year; and Mr. W. Monaghan, for prizes to the pupils with the neatest exercise books. Hearty cheers were given for the committee and teachers. Following is the prize-list : — Dux, Eric B. Waters. Standard VII.— Eric Waters and Eileen Monaghan 1; sewing, Alice Tustin. Standard VI.— William Raine and Mabel Henderson 1. Standard V.— Claude Sutton 1, Cyril Williams 2; Doris Stewart 1, Zoe Walmsley 2 ; sewing, Zoe Walmsley. Standard IV.— Robert Raine 1, Christopher Davies 2; Doris Cathie 1, Daisy Coate 2; sewing, Breta Holm. Standard III.— Roy Randell 1, Kenneth Henderson 2; Marjorie Monaghan 1, Carrie Warmington 2; sewing, Carrie Warmington. Standard, II.— Bernard Brooker 1 1, Edward Eagle 2; Harriett Evans 1, Hilda Dryden 2 ; sewing, Winnie Sunley. Standard I.— Hugo MacKenzie 1; Florrie Raine 1, Olive Lewer 2. Standard Ia.— Jack Bennett 1, Norman Henderson 2, Sydney Lissington 3; Edna Newcombe 1, Alma Cox 2. Special Prizes.— Mr. W. H. Tisdall's prizes (essay)— Standards V. to VII., Eric B. Waters and Ruby Lewer; Standard IV., Griffith Jones and Daisy .Coate ; South Karon, Edwin Campion. Mr. W. Monaghan's prize (neatest exercise book)— Boy, Phillip England; girl, Mabel Henderson. South Karori (side school). Boy, Alfred Slack; girls, Sarah McKelvie 1, Dorothy Smith 2; sewing, Mabel Slack 1, May Campion 2. Special prize —Clara Slack.

1905-1906

1905	190	Karori/Side school	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£244.80	House
1905	190	Karori/Side school	Holm	Annie A	D2	Mistress	£110.00	
1905	190	Karori/Side school	Young	Mabel F	D3	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1905	190	Karori/Side school	Edwards	Dorothy L		Assistant Female	£80.00	
1905	190	Karori/Side school	Prendiville	E C		MP3	£40.00	
1906	173	Karori/Side school	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£250.00	House
1906	173	Karori/Side school	Monaghan	Harold		Assistant Master	£117.00	
1906	173	Karori/Side school	Holm	Annie A	D2	Assistant Female	£115.00	
1906	173	Karori/Side school	Edwards	Dorothy L		Assistant Female	£90.00	
1906	173	Karori/Side school	Young	Mabel F	D3	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1906	173	Karori/Side school	Clemence	Herbert		MP3	£55.00	

Harold Monaghan only taught for the Wellington Ed for three years at Karori. Ans probably H W at Te Aro in 1905 and was not teaching for any government school in 1904 or 1909. By 1910 was teaching at Wellington College who resigned from her in October to study for the church (Anglican).

Dorothy L Edwards had a long career with the Wellington Education Board and her surname varied as she taught. In 1900 she was a pupil teacher at Ohariu. 1901 to 1904 taught as a pupil teacher at Karori as Dorothy L Edwards. Then from 1905 to 1910 taught as Dorothy L Edwards at Karori. In 1911 she was Edwards D Whitbread/ In 1912 D Edwards Whitbread. In 1913 and 1914 she was Dorothy Whitbread Evans and 1915 & 1917 Dorothy L W Edwards In 1917 at Karioi and 1919 to 1923 when my records she was at Te Aro/Mitchelltown/infants as Dorothy L W Edwards

Mabel F Young had a very long career with the Wellington Education Board:

1892 to 1901 Pupil teacher at Mt Cook Girls'

1902 Pupil Teacher at Rangitumau north east of Masterton

1903 Assistant Female at Brooklyn

1904 Assistant at Newtown

1905-1906 Assistant at Karori/Side school

1909-1910 Assistant at Petone DHS

1911 to at least 1923 at Hutt DHS/Side school, Hutt DHS/Side School and Hutt DHS

6th January 1928 An interesting feature in the recent breaking-up ceremony at the Hutt Central School was a presentation to Miss Young, who has served on the staff for the past sixteen years, and is retiring on superannuation. The headmaster (Mr. J. Tamblyn) made eulogistic reference to Miss Young's work and influence among the scholars, and also expressed the appreciation of the teaching staff of Miss Young's many fine qualities. He then presented Miss Young with a purse of sovereigns on behalf of the teachers and scholars of the school, conveying good wishes to the recipient for many years of happiness in her well merited retirement. Mr. Forsyth, chairman of the School Committee, thanked Miss Young for her services, and trusted that she would be blessed with good health to enjoy her leisure in the years to come. Miss Young suitably replied.

1952/34672	Young	Mabel Florence	78Y
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Herbert Clemence only taught as a pupil teacher for Wellington Education Board at Karori for two years

E C Prendiville only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Karori as a pupil teacher in 1905

31st January 1905 Eric Waters Karori topped the C Schools scholarship lists

26th April 1905 Karori School.—Messrs. CV Cathie (Chairman), H. Bradnock W, Monaghan» A. G. Robinson, W. H. Tisdall , G. Eagle and J. G. Duthie (Secretary),

1st September 1905 Mr Sutton, at present assistant at the Karori School, has been appointed assistant at Masterton. [Mr Sutton was actually at the Te Aro School before going to Masterton]

1st November 1905 Miss Young and Mr. Dyer are relieving at Karori School, and 'Mangapakeha School respectively

30th November 1905 Mr. H. Monaghan, who is a pupil teacher at the Te Aro School, is to become an assistant at the Karori School from the beginning of next year

May 1905 All

1907-1908

1907	169	Karori/Side school	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£250.00	House
1907	169	Karori/Side school	Monaghan	Harold		Assistant Master	£117.00	
1907	169	Karori/Side school	Edwards	Dorothy L	D4	Assistant Female	£115.00	
1907	169	Karori/Side school	Bairstow	Jane	D5	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1907	169	Karori/Side school	Young	Mabel F	D3	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1907	169	Karori/Side school	Clemence	Herbert		MP3	£55.00	
1908	185	Karori	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£250.00	House
1908	185	Karori	Monaghan	Harold		Assistant Master	£117.00	
1908	185	Karori	Edwards	Dorothy L	D3	Assistant Female	£115.00	
1908	185	Karori	Cooper	Ethel R	D2	Assistant Female	£90.00	

Annie A Holm commenced teaching in 1893 at Newtown until 1898 as a pupil teacher. She then spent 1899 to 1901 as sole teacher at Reikiorangi. She then taught at Karori from 1902 to 1906 and finally finished her career at Mt Cook Girls from 1907 to 1915.

In 1937 she was Principal St Mark's Church School which had been open for twenty years/

1969/42920	Holm	Annie Alexander	95Y
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Ethel R Cooper started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Mount Cook infants' in 1899 and Newtown in 1900 and 1901 still a pupil teacher. 1902 she was at Opaki [Just North of Masterton] as a female then 1903 to 1907 she was a mistress at Scarborough [Later renamed Mangamutu] Just East of Pahiatua. Then from 1908 to 1921 she was at Karori. In 1923 when my records end she was an assistant at Miramar South school/

1940/15169	Cooper	Ethel Ruth	59Y
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Jane Bairstow started teaching at Pongaroa as a pupil teacher. From 1902 to 1905 at Te Aro 1902 to 1905 still a pupil teacher In 1907 was at Karori as an assistant. 1908 to 1910 at South Wellington.

1911/6107	Jane	Bairstow	Percy Harold Hughes
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1912/4914	Hughes Elizabeth Alice	Jane	Percy Harold
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1916/17752	Hughes Nola Jean	Jane	Percy Harold
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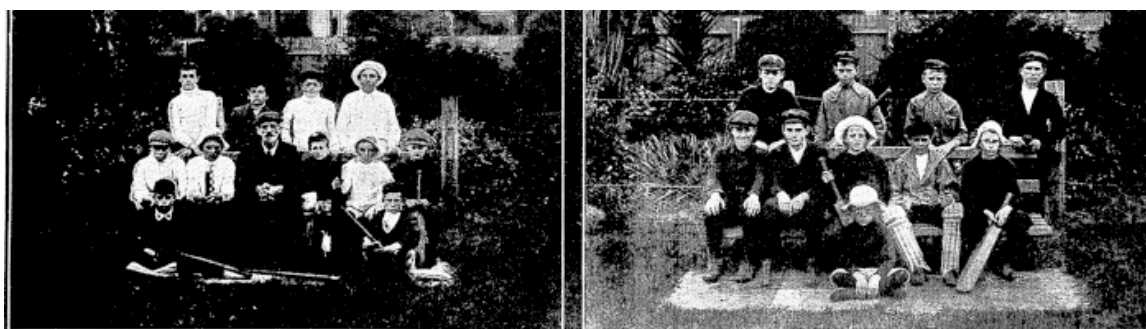
1918/7796	Hughes	Harold Bairstow	Jane	Percy Harold
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5th January 1907 Miss Dorothy Edwards, who has been promoted to a higher grade in the Karori school,- is a daughter of the late Mr. Edwards, who was well known in political circles as organising secretary to the Liberal and Labour Federation of New Zealand.

12th February 1907 Wellington Education Board Miss J Bairstow appointed assistant

1st May 1907 School Committee: Karori. —F. J. Lissington (chairman), E. Sunley (secretary), W. Cooper, G. J. Eagle, T. Brooker, E. Spiers, W. F. Newcombe

8th May 1907 Wadestown and Karori schools cricket teams NZ Mail



26th June 1907 Karori Borough Council: A complaint from the Karori School Committee regarding overhanging trees on neighbouring property was referred to the engineer to deal, with

16th September 1907 Some of the boys attending the Karori Public School a few days ago were found in possession of a number of dynamite 'caps, which two of the scholars are stated to have obtained from Messrs. Mitchell and King's magazine at the Karori reservoir works. One lad named Leonard Standen picked the end of one of the caps and it exploded, severely injuring one of his hands.

24th December 1907 KARORI SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING. Messrs Lissington (chairman), Sunley (secretary), and Newcombe, members of the school' committee, were present at the annual distribution of prizes. The chairman congratulated the school staff on the work of the year, and then presented the prizes. Mrs Lissington decorated the dux with a silver medal, presented by the school committee. A concert in aid of the school funds was held in the Parochial Hall. Following is the prize-list: —

Dux —Marjory Monaghan.

Standard VI.—Kenneth Henderson and Marjory Monaghan 1, Roy Randell and Barbara Waters 2; sewing, Violet Costall 1, Caroline Warrington 2; darning (presented by Miss Edwards), Winnie Sunley: special prizes presented by Mr Lissington—Progress, , Frank Lissington and Ernest Spiers; arithmetic, Norman Henderson.

Standard V—Alfred, Henderson and Winnie Sunley 1. Arthur Cos and Mabel Anderson 2; sewing, Queenie Turnbull.

Standard IV.—Hugo McKenzie and Florrie Raine 1, Eric Dickerson and Edith Ballentine 2; sewing, Hettie Vernon

Standard III. —Hardie Randell and Doris Holdsworth 1, Ronald Cathie and Louie Anderson 2; sewing, Embazine Penfold I, Nancy Waters 2.

Standard II.—George Lissington and Myra, Read 1, Arthur Vernon and Given Newcombe 2; sewing, Frances Spencer 1, Ruth Warrington 2.

Standard I. Ray Newcombe and Daphne Kellow 1, Sidney Randell and Gladys Tarr 2; sewing, Alice Hemsley.

SOUTH KARORI.

Standard IV.—Dorothy Smith 1 sewing, Dorothy Smith. Standard III.—Joseph Bradnock. Standard I.—Eric .Spiers 1; , sewing, Elsie Slack. . Nature study—First prize, presented by Mr G. V. Hudson, Eric Dickerson; second, presented by Mr Monaghan, Florrie Raine; third, presented by Mr, Monaghan, Stella Hudson;

Shooting—First prize presented by Mr Monaghan, Connyn Caldwell; second, presented by Mr Monaghan, Roy Randell,

Attendance certificates. First-class — Ethel Archer, Sidney Lissington, George Lissington. Second-class—Mabel Anderson. Barbara Waters, Clifford Lowe, Louie Anderson, Hilda Raine.

29th January 1908 Successful scholarship winners from Wellington Education Board in Class B were Marjorie W Monaghan Karori 545 (4th) and Frank R C Lissington Karori 441 (13th)

29th February 1908 Wellington Education Board: The committee which visited the Karori school recommended that a grant of £50 be made towards levelling and grading the playground in accordance with the plan submitted, provided the committee undertook to complete the work to the satisfaction of the Board, building repairs to stand over for the present;—Approved

28th April 1908 School Committee: There was a good attendance of householders at the meeting for the election of the Karori School Committee,- Mr. Lissington being in tile chair- The following were the successful candidates for .election to the new • .Committee:—Messrs. Lissington, ' Sunley , Sarst, Fraser, Spiers, Monaghan, and Moore. All of those gentlemen were asked if they were in favour of Bible-reading in the schools and replied in the negative. Subsequently Mr.. Lissington was elected chairman of the newly-appointed Committee.

28th April 1908 Twenty-eight parents and householders attended the meeting at Karori last evening, and Mr. F. J. Lissington presided. The report, which was adopted, stated that prizes "had been presented as usual, and that the annual picnic was held ill Newtown Park. ' The^ question of teaching swimming had received attention and hopes were expressed that baths might be formed. The numbers on the roll were': Main school 194, and side school 14 ; total 208. At the annual examination the results were most satisfactory and the report was highly complimentary. The committee consider the results most satisfactory, reflecting great credit on Mr. Bennett and the teaching staff who were congratulated on the high state of efficiency to which the school had attained.

11th June 1908 Wellington Education Board wanted an assistant mistress £90

23rd June 1908 The Education Board, at its meeting on Thursday, will consider a report upon the Karori main and side schools. The report states that the fact of Standards I. and 11. having to be placed under a pupil teacher is a weak spot in the organisation, but that it is unavoidable under present conditions. Were the side school closed, and the above classes placed in charge of an assistant, this weakness would be at once removed, and the whole of the school would be benefited by this change. The regulations require a side school to be placed under the charge of an assistant,' but as the present side school has only fifteen children on the roll it is at once evident that the staff of the main school must be considerably weakened in order to provide this inequality. Of these fifteen children only five live south of the school, and the greatest distance that any one of these five -has to

travel at present is under a mile. If arrangements can be made to make use' of the 'bus which' travels to and from the tram' terminus, all of these children could very easily be taken to the main school, where not only they themselves would receive better instruction, but the children of the main school itself would also be" benefited. The present position is that for five children, who would have no further distance to travel on foot than at present if the 'bus went to the' side school or only a little further, it they had to walk to the stables to catch the 'bus, the organisation of the main school, which contains nearly 200 children, is, considerably weakened. —

"Moreover," adds the report, "the change .would be better for the education of these children, but even placing this advantage aside, it is evident that the advantages, to the children of the whole district' are so great that I have no hesitation in recommending the board to close the side school, and to take steps to provide for the 'conveyance of the children to the main school, where there is sufficient accommodation' for all.

22nd August 1908 Mr. W. B. Bennett, of Karori, who last year left New Zealand to take charge of the Melbourne office of the National Cash Register Company, has arrived in America. He journeyed from Australia to South Africa, England, France, and thence to New- York. In June last he arrived at the headquarters of the company in Dayton, Ohio, and is now on the permanent staff of the foreign department of the head office. Mr. Bennett is the son of Mr. F. Bennett, headmaster of the Karori School.

26th June 1908 Wellington Education Board Karori Side School: Upon the Inspector's recommendation, it was decided that, subject to the approval of the School Committee concerned, the side school at Karori be closed, and the children at present attending there be conveyed to the Main School. This step is considered advisable in view of the decline' in the attendance at the side school

7th July 1908 Appointment of Miss E R Cooper formerly of Scarborough near Pahiatua

25th August 1908 A meeting of Karori householders will be held to-morrow evening to protest against the action of the' School Committee in closing the South Karori school. "

25th August 1908 KARORI RESIDENTS. MEETING of Householders of Karori will be held in Parochial Hall, WEDNESDAY, 26th, at 8 p.m., to Protest against the action of the School Committee in Closing the South Karori School. Conveners — B. G. H. Buns, H. Bradnock, E. Spiers, S. McKelvie, W. Moxham.

26th August 1908 The Karori Borough Council has been approached with a request that it provide the means of conveying the children at- present 'attending the South Karori, School to the Main School, as the -Education Board's inspector has recommended that the former be closed, The question of closing the school has occasioned considerable differences of opinion in the district, and the Mayor of Karori is of opinion that these differences should be settled before the Council should interfere. "If," he said at the Council meeting last evening, "we agree to convey those children, the Education Board will immediately close the smaller school, and whether it should or should not be closed is not for this Council to decide." The conveyance of children was properly a matter for the Education Board, It was stated that the Karori School Committee had supported the proposal to close the South Karori School, and that the residents of that portion of the borough were about to hold a public meeting to consider the notion of the committee. The Council decided, like "Brer Rabbit," to lie low and say nuffin."

26th August 1908 There has been a recommendation from the ' Education Board's inspector that the South Karori School should be closed, and the local Borough Council has been approached with a request that it should provide the means of conveying the children at present attending South Karori to the Main School. Public opinion in the district concerned is divided as to whether or not the school should be shut down, and the Mayor oi 'Karori, at the council meeting last evening, expressed the belief that until the local differences were settled it would be advisable not to interfere. The conveyance of children was really a matter for the Education Board. The council decided to take no action in the matter. A Post reporter, who questioned Mr. G. L. Stewart, secretary of the Wellington Education Board, concerning the subject, was informed that information gathered by the board showed that there were only about a dozen children attending the school now, and when the number was fifteen only five of the children lived south of the school. Information had been sent to the board by the school committee that the Borough Council promised to convey children to and from the 'bus terminus if the school was closed. The chief point in favour of closing it was the fact that the addition of its pupils to the Karori main school would entitle that institution to an assistant teacher in place of a, pupil teacher, and there was not, enough work at the side school to fully exercise the capacity of a teacher.

28th August 1908 **TO BE CLOSED BY THE BOARD.** Residents of Karori have been divided on the question of closing the small side school at South Karori. The Education Board had previously decided, on the recommendation of its inspectors, that no good educational purpose was to be served by keeping the school open, and in this it was supported by the Karori School. Committee, which controlled both the main and side schools. A side school, it may be explained, is usually constituted as a concession to a certain portion of a school district which is so far distant from the main school that the junior scholars have too great a distance to walk, and instruction is given up to Standard IV, by which time the legs of the youngsters are strong enough to accomplish the greater distance without undue fatigue.

Addressing the members of the board yesterday, Mr. B. G. N. Burns, spokesman for a deputation of South Karori residents, said .the matter was a bone of contention in their district. The side school had been erected mainly by the interested efforts .of local residents, on a site donated for the purpose by Mr. T. Lower. In 1902. there were 42 scholars on the roll, but this, in consequence of successive drafts of the senior to the main school, had. now been reduced to about 13. Mr. Burns submitted that the extension .of the tramway towards their end of the district would inevitably cause an increase of population in South Karori. He advocated the conversion of the school to an independent establishment, with a properly qualified teacher in charge.

The deputation having retired, Captain McDonald moved That the board agrees with the school committee that the side school should be closed." He disapproved of side schools entirely. There was, however, the question of the land and the building, which deserved consideration.

The chairman said that that could be arranged later. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Fleming (inspector) said that he had gone into the matter, and was of opinion that if the conveyance of the children could be arranged for, no hardship would be inflicted. The motion was carried.

8th September 1908 Three small boys who deserted their home in Karori last week had some little adventure before they were brought back to the parental abode. On Thursday night they camped out in a shed adjoining the Karori School, and, feeling cold, set fire to some papers stored there. When they left the papers were still alight, and the building soon caught fire, but luckily some persons passing about 5 o'clock in the morning noticed smoke and put out the blaze before any great damage was done.

8th September 1908 A largely-attended meeting of the householders of South Karori was held last night, Mr G. B. H. Burn in the chair, when further consideration was 'given to the question of closing the local school. A number of ladies took part in the discussion. On the motion of Mr. J. Moxham, seconded by Mr. J. Bradnock, it was decided "That the householders of South Karori deeply regret the action of the school committee in closing the South Karori School, and seeing that former resolutions have never been forwarded to the Education Board, have no further confidence in the committee as constituted.'

23rd September 1908 Karori Borough Council: Mr. F. Bennett, headmaster of the Karori School, wrote asking that school children taking part in the Dominion Day celebrations be conveyed free of charge over the council's section of the tramways. The request was granted.

25th September 1908 The pranks of some smart scholars from the Karori School were recently responsible for an outbreak of fire in one of the shelter sheds, fortunately suppressed, however, by the prompt action of the teachers. The matter was referred to at the Education Board meeting yesterday, and members were unanimously of opinion that the young scapegraces should be made to feel the burden of their offence. This - could best be done, the board decided, by calling upon the parents of the culprits to make good the damage caused by the fire.

14th October 1908 CONVEYANCE FOR THE CHILDREN. WHO SHOULD PAY? The action of the Education Department in closing the South Karori side school' is still a sore point with) some residents of the Karori borough. A discussion in regard to the matter took place at last night's meeting of the Borough Council.

The Education Department wrote asking the Council to supply particulars of the distance from the South. Karori school to the main school; also the distance from the 'bus terminus to the South Karori school. In a further communication the Department asked for distances from the side school to certain houses on the main road.

Some councillors objected, to supplying the information which had, reference to the distances to private houses.

Councillor Lissington said if the three mile limit was exceeded there was the possibility of the Education Department paying for taking the children to and fro instead of the borough bearing the expense. He moved that all the information. asked for be supplied. A councillor interjected that he did not think the Council ever proposed to pay for the conveyance.

Councillor Lissington said if the distance was under the three-mile [4.83 Kilometres] limit the children would have to' walk.

THE RESIDENTS ROBBED. Councillor Spiers said the school committee had made a blunder, and a serious one at that, and residents had been robbed of a convenience they had had for years. Under such circumstances he would not be a party to carrying the children free of cost.

The Mayor (Mr C. I. Dasent) said a large amount of friction was involved in the matter. Councillor Smith said intimation had been made to the school committee that the Council would carry the children. On the strength of that the chairman of the committee had acted. If the Council went back on that the chairman would be put in a false position, and it would not be playing fair. The remarks that had been passed would induce friction, If the information could be obtained without expense it should be supplied.

WAS IT GUARANTEED?

Councillor Spiers wanted .to know if the school committee had received a guarantee . from the Council that the children would be carried free of cost.

The Mayor .made an explanation in regard to the matter having been referred to a committee which had not met when called together by notice. No formal action had then been taken.

Councillor Smith: Previous to that the Council gave a guarantee that it should be done. The Mayor; That must have been before my time.

In further discussion it was stated that Councillor Lissington had been given to .understand that the children would be 'carried at the Council's expense. On the casting vote of the Mayor it was decided that the information asked, for by the Department should be given.

12th December 1908 ss W. Cathie, "dux" of Wellington Girls College, is an ex pupil of the Karori School, from which she won a college scholarship about five years ago

1909-1910

1909	202	Karori	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£255.00	House
1909	202	Karori	Brockett	Arthur E	D4	Assistant Master	£135.00	
1909	202	Karori	Edwards	Dorothy L	D3	Assistant Female	£125.00	
1909	202	Karori	Cooper	Ethel R	D2	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1909	202	Karori	Paine	Ivy		FP1	£20.00	
1910	201	Karori	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£270.00	House
1910	201	Karori	Sutton	Howard H	D3	Assistant Master	£180.00	
1910	201	Karori	Edwards	Dorothy L	D3	Assistant Female	£135.00	
1910	201	Karori	Cooper	Ethel R	D2	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1910	201	Karori	Paine	Ivy		FP2	£25.00	

Arthur E Brockett stared as a male Pupil Teacher at Newtown DHS as a Male Pupil Teacher in 1906. Taught at Mangatainoka North of Pahiatua in 1907 and 1908. And in 1909 was at Karori and didn't teach for Wellington Education Board again. In 1910 he was at Nelson Boys' College/In 1922 was head at Westport Technical School as Director.

Ivy Paine taught at Karori for two years and then in 1917 was sole teacher at Kekerangu in Marlborough

Howard H Sutton started his Wellington career at Te Aro school as a pupil teacher year 3 and served year 4 at the same schools. He was then at Masterton as an assistant until 1909 . Then 1910 to 1913 was assistant at Karori. In 1914 he was at Island Bay before going on war duty. He was not teaching for the Wellington Education Board until 1921 when he shows up as sole teacher at Whareama [On the road to Riversdale Beach} where he still was when my records end in December 1923. In 1930 was Headmaster at Martinborough. In 1934 Appointed to Miramar Central School. In 1937 Head of Petone and 1940 head of Te Aro

2nd January 1909 Mr. F. Bennett, headmaster of the Karon school, and Mrs. Bennett, celebrate their silver wedding to-day. They have received numerous congratulations on the occasion

24th February 1909 Karori Borough Council: Councillor Lissington asked the council to grant children of the Karori School free passage on the cars from the terminus to the gardens on the occasion of the school picnic tomorrow.—The concession was granted on condition that the council was supplied with a statement as to the number of children to be carried.

2nd March 1909 The Education Act passed List session, empowered education boards to appoint probationers who will eventually become teachers. Included Miss I Paine (Karori)

26th March 1909 Wellington Education Board: It was decided to obtain the sanction of the Department to the sale of the Karori side school site and building,

27th April 1909 Mr. Monaghan, who won a scholarship at the Karori School in 1901, is leaving ' the teaching staff of that school to take up an, appointment on the staff of the' Wellington College.

27th April 1909 The annual report of the Karori School was of a very satisfactory nature The' total- receipts from 'the two concert performances amounted to .£19 14s. On the rolls of the school there are 112 boys and 117 girls,, total 229. The average for the last quarter was 202.,

The following committee- was elected :—Messrs. F. J. Lissington (chairman), E. Sunley (secretary and treasurer),' B.' G. H, Burn, H Bradnock, E. Spiers, W. Monaghan, and J. A. Frost. ' —

24th June 1909 Wellington Education Board: Karori : That the board is prepared to reconsider its decision to sell the site provided the committee will take charge of the building and will endeavour to find a tenant.

30th July 1909 inspector's' recommendation re supply of hyloplate [Blackboards] to Karori and Muritai Schools approved

26th August 1909 Wellington Education Board: That the Karori and Makara Committees be informed that at present no new circumstances are 'before the board to justify it in re-opening the question of Side School, Karori.

24th December 1909 KARORI SCHOOL. In connection with the breaking-up ceremonies at Karori, two concerts were given in the hall in aid of the prize fund of -the Karori School. The committee wishes to thank Miss Randell and the party from Wellington, and also Messrs. P. V. Waters, H. Oram, and J. I Clark, and Misses Oram and Cook for their assistance.

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. Lissington, Mr. J. A. Frost presented the prizes and certificates won by the children. Mr. G. V. Hudson, Mrs. L. Randell, and Mrs. Burns are especially thanked for gifts of prizes to the school.

Dux, Arthur Oscar Cox.

Standard VI. — Boys : Arthur O Cox, 1 , Alan Mackenzie, 2. Girls : Florence Raine, 1 ; Joy Burns, 2. Sewing. — Edna Newcombe, 1.

Standard V.— Boys : Athol Caldwell (Mr. Hudson's special), 1 ; Bernard Holdsworth, 2; Hardie Randell (special); Mrs." Randell's special conduct prize, Athol Caldwell. Girls: Stella Hudson, 1 Maude Mitchell, 2. Sewing, Maude Mitchell, 1.

Standard IV.— Boys: Cyril Frost, 1; George Lissington, 2. Girls : Mary Burnham, 1 ; Kathleen Nimmo, 2. Sewing. — Dorothy Crawford, Gwen Newcombe, equal; special, Louie Lovell, Beatrice Frost.

Standard III. — Boys : Allan Mackay, Lawrence Read, equal, 1; Sidney Randell. 2. Girls : Evelyn Collins, 1 ; Daphne Kellow, 2. Sewing. — Evelyn Collins, 1.

Standard II. — Boys : Edwin Dryden, 1; Alfred Foster, 2; Archibald Fraser, special. Girls Oney Tarr, 1 ; Ruby Burns, 2. Sewing. — Ruby Burns, 1.

Standard I. — Boys : Ernest Emmerson, 1; Adna Van Slyke, 2. Girls: Elsie Sunley, 1 ; Doris Frost, 2. Sewing. — Emma Parsons, 1.

Mrs. Burns' special conduct prize for Standards I. and P. Class. — Standard I. : Elsie Sunley ; P. : Bessie Henderson.

Certificates for good attendance were granted as follows :—:

Standard VI.— J. R. E. Bennett, Sidney Lissington, Joy Burns, Winifred McCallum (first class) ; Harriet Evans, Edna Newcombe, Norman Henderson, Henry Holmes, Dorothy Rowson, Florence Raine (second class).

Standard V.— Harold Russell, Sylvia Burns (first class) -, Athol Caldwell, Hardie Randell, Bernard Holdsworth, Maude Mitchell (second class).

Standard IV. — Herbert Hildreth, George Lissington, Hilda Raine (first class) ; Myra Read, James Russell (second class).

Standard III. — Charles Coate, Sidney Randell (first class) ; Allan Mackay, Ray Newcombe, Leslie Standen, Evelyn Collins (second class).

Standard II. — Edwin Dryden, Ruby Burns (first class).

Standard I. — Edgar Raine (first class). Infant-room. — Grace Raine, Vera Lissington, Olive Benson (second class)

20th January 1910 In Junior national Scholarship Arthur Cox Karori in Class B with 515 marks.

23rd February 1910 Karori Borough Council: An application from the Karori School Committee for free transit over the council's portion of the tramways for children and teachers on the occasion of the annual school treat was approved

26th April 1910 School Committee: Mr Lissington was re-elected chairman of the Karori school committee, Mr Sunley reappointed secretary, and the following also elected on the committee:— Messrs Bum, Frost, Nimmo, Hildreth, Standen, and Rev. Park

28th April 1910 Association Committee Football [Soccer] , A letter was received from one of the masters at the Karori School, stating that the boys of the. school had decided' to abandon Rugby and take up the Association game, and asking whether, the Association

would present a practice ball to the boys, who desired to learn the game during the current season and enter a team for next year's competition. The request was granted, and a copy of the rules ordered to be sent to the school.

1st June Wellington Education Board: Mr. A Brockett resigned

14th June 1910 Karori.—Assistant-mistress, Miss D. Gavin, ex-student of the Training College, at present relieving at Karori. [Didn't appear to start until 1911]

1st July 1910 Wellington Education Board: I have conferred with the inspectors and clerk of works in reference to residences which are so old or in such bad condition as to render any considerable expenditure undesirable. It is recommended that application be made for house allowance for the head teachers Upper Hutt, Eketahuna, and Pahiatua; and that the teacher at Karori, the building having been condemned, be required to accept house allowance on such terms as the board may determine, the Department having agreed to pay house allowance;

25th October 1910 Wellington Education Board Approved Fencing at Karori.

30th November 1910 Wellington Education Board: Tender accepted Karori painting Standige and Co £52

17th December 1910 KARORI SCHOOL. In the unavoidable absence of the 'chairman of the committee (Mr. E.J. Lissington) at the annual break-up of the Karori School, - the Rev. J. Clark presented the prizes and certificates, and Mrs. Lissington decorated the dux of the school with the medal won;

Dux.—Walter Crowther.

Standard VI.—Boys: Walter Crowther, 1; Hardie Randell, 2; J. R. E. Bennett and Athol Caldwell, equal, 3. Special prize, Ronald Cathie.

Girls: Stella Hudson, 1; Edna Newcombe, 2. Conduct, Sylvia Burns. Sewing, Doris Standen.

Standard V.—Boys: George Lissington, 1; Cyril Frost, 2. Best all-round cricketer, Geo. Lissington. Girls: Mary Burnham and Ida Cox 1; Beatrice Frost, 2. Sewing, Ida Cox. Standard-IV Boys: Leslie Standen, Allan Mackay and Charles Coate, equal, 2. Conduct, - Ernest Henderson. Girls: Amy Ellis, 1; Norma Pierard, 2. Sewing, Alice Hemsley. Standard III.—Fred. Kilmister, 1; Alfred Foster, 2. Conduct, Walter Shatter. Girls: Oney Tarr, 1; Ruby Burns, 2. Sewing, Ida Hemsley.

Standard II.—Boys: Ernest Emmerson and Charles Sutton, equal 1; Cecil Foster, 2. Progress prize, Fred. Dean. Girls: Elsie Sunley and Susy Burnham, equal, 1; Doris Wilsone, 2; Sewing, Emma Parsons. Conduct, Susy Burnham.

Standard I.—Boys: Roy Smith, 1; William Hobbs, 2. Girls: Grace Raine, Doris Emmerson, 2. Sewing, Doris Emmerson.

Class P.—Conduct, - Myrtle Henderson. Gladys Moore:

All below Standard 1 received a picture book. The committee express thanks to the following for donating special prizes:—Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Burns; Mrs. Frost; Mrs. Lissington; Mrs. Wilsone, Messrs. Miller and Williams, and the Rev. J. Clark.

. Attendance Certificates: —First Class: Standard VI—Percy Williams, Hardie Randell, Sylvia Burns, Edna Newcombe, Nance Waters Standard V—Geo. Lissington, Hilda Raine. Standard IV—Chas. Coate, Llewellyn Hodge, Walter Pierard, Louie Calvery, Evelyn Collins. Standard III—Edwin Dryden, Ruby Burns, Ida Hemsley. Standard II—Edgar

Raine, Violet Kennedy, Ethel Leonard.. Standard I—Grace Raine: P.—Ernest Parsons. Second Class: Standard VI—Ronald Cathie. Standard V—Leo Mann, Stanley Lock. Standard IV—Amy Ellis, Isabel McCallum, Walter Dean, Raymond Newcombe, Sidney Randell, Lawrence Read, Leslie Standen. Standard III Ray Cooper. Standard II—Harry Bromley, Ernest Emmerson, Doris Frost; Doris Daulton, Violet McCallum, Lily Smith. Standard I—Jack Kilmister, Harold . Halford, Grace Dean. P. —Vera Lissington, Emma Dean, Myrtle Henderson.

1911-1912

1911	219	Karori	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£275.00	House
1911	219	Karori	Sutton	Howard H	D2	Assistant Master	£185.00	
1911	219	Karori	Whitbread	Edwards D		Assistant Female	£140.00	
1911	219	Karori	Cooper	Ethel R	D2	Assistant Female	£110.00	
1911	219	Karori	Gavin	Doris M H	C4	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1911	219	Karori	McKenzie	Mary E		FP2	£55.00	
1912	206	Karori	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£280.00	House
1912	206	Karori	Sutton	Howard H	D2	Assistant Master	£190.00	
1912	206	Karori	Whitbread	D Edwards		Assistant Female	£145.00	
1912	206	Karori	Cooper	Ethel R	D2	Assistant Female	£115.00	
1912	206	Karori	Gavin	Doris M H	C4	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1912	206	Karori	Aikin	Eva V		FP1	£20.00	
1912	206	Karori	Waters	Barbara		FP1	£20.00	

Dorothy Whitbread-Edwards. See Dorothy L Edwards above. In 1911-1912 taught at Karori with Whitbread as her surname. Then in 1915 as Whitbread Evans. 1917 as Dorothy L W Edwards and from 19109 to at least 1923 as Dorothy L W Edwards as infant mistress at Te Aro /Mitchell Town infants. She was on NZEI committee in May 1922

Doris M H Gavin only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Karori 1911-1913

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19th December 1913 Miss Doris Gavin has resigned from the Education -Board's service to take up work in a secondary After the prize-giving yesterday the teachers met and presented 'her 1 with. a token of the great' esteem in which she is held both by every member of the staff and also by the .children of the school. In suitable terms, Mr. Bennet, the headmaster, referred to her four years' connection with the school staff, and wished her every success in her future sphere of work. Miss Gavin suitably replied.

29th October 1924 Miss Doris Gavin, who has for the past four years represented the New Zealand Student Christian Movement in mission work in Calcutta, is at present on long furlough and just now is visiting the local branches of the Student Movement in the University, the Training College, and secondary schools. Miss Gavin was the first foreign representative to be sent out and supported by the New Zealand Movement, and the appointment was therefore .to some extent experimental.....

Mary E McKenzie only taught for the Wellington Education Board for one year

Eva V Aikin only taught for Wellington Education Board for one year

Barbara Waters only taught for the Wellington Education Board for 2 years as a pupil teacher

15th February 1911 Karori Borough Council: Permission was granted to the Karori School Committee for the schoolchildren to travel free on the tramcars on the occasion of the school's annual picnic.

1st March 1911 Wellington Education Board: Library grants were made to Karori £5,

25th April 1911 KARORI SCHOOL. The annual meeting for the election of a committee at Karori School was attended by some thirty householders. Mr. F. J. Lissington presided. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, on the motion of Mr. C. Cathie- The Rev. J. K. Clark moved, and it was carried by acclamation:—"That this meeting desires to place on record its great appreciation of the work done by the headmaster (Mr. Bennett) and his staff, in the conduct of the school during the past year." The following committee was elected:—Rev. J. R. Clark (chairman), Messrs. E. Sunley (secretary), J. A. Frost, D. Burn, W H Nimmo, G. J. Eagle, E. J. Standen, A. Halliday. and Jas. Smith. A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, and the retiring committee.

26th April 1911 Wellington Education Board: Karori.—' That, as recommended by the inspector, application be made for a grant for a separate infant department

4th May 1911 Thee Soccer game: Mr. F. L. O'Connell wrote, advising, that the Karori School was desirous of entering teams for the sixth division championship.—Affiliation granted.

14th June 1911 Karori Borough Council: It was decided to donate £10 to the funds of the Karori school committee in order to assist in carrying out some celebrations in connection with the Coronation.

9th August 1911 Karori Borough Council: A petition from a number of ratepayers, backed up by the Karori School Committee, was received asking that, for the convenience of school' children, a request-stop should be made on the borough tramway line at Donald-street. ; The council decided that the change could not be made

23rd August 1911 Karori Borough Council: The Karori School Committee is to be given permission to remove trees from the council's property _ on the eastern side of Donald-street, which at present interfere with the access of light to the school.

27th September 1911 The department notified the following grants .—Karori, additions, .£600

11th October 1911 Karori Council: That the request of the Karori School Committee for the allotment of a pitch for the boys on the Recreation Ground be granted, provided that a responsible person is in charge of the boys when using it.

14th December 1911 Dominion: KARORI SCHOOL. The Rev. J. E. Clark, chairman of the committee, presented the prizes won at the Karori School yesterday. Mrs. Frost pinned the dux medal, on the winner.

The chairman spoke of the splendid work done by the teachers, and of the improvements to the accommodation and grounds, resulting from the efforts of the committee. Inside the school mainly owing to the efforts of the chairman and Mr. Frost, and the generous response of parents and friends an almost new library had been established,-and a complete cricket outfit had helped the boys in their sport. -By the end of the holidays both a new infant room and a new tennis court for the girls would be available for use. So far

the cricket team had only sustained one loss this season. The speaker added that one player (Leo Mann) had retired, after, making. 107 .runs in a-match this week in junior championship cricket. The committee desired to thank .these friends who. Had donated prizes- Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. .Burns, ' Mrs.. Horrax, Mrs. Growther and -Mr. Richards. It was mentioned that last year Athol Caldwell was the top boy on the scholarship list for the Wellington district. The. prize-list is as follows':—

Dux—Bernard Yule Holdsworth.

Standard VI—Bernard Y. Holdsworth, 1; Cyril Frost, 2. Ida Cox, 1; Mary Burnham, 2. Sewing—Mary Burnham. most popular girl in Standards VI and V (Mrs. Horrax's prize)—Evelyn Collins. Most popular boy in' Standards VI and V- George Lissington. Mrs. Crowther's industry prize—Ronald' 'Cathie. 'Standard-V—Stanley Lock, 1; Allan Mackay 2. Myra Read, 1; Gwendoline Newcombe, 2. Mr. Richards's industry prize—Phyllis Shalders: Standard IV—John : P. Forbes, 1; Alfred Foster, 2. Jean Standen, 1; Oney Parr, 2, Sewing—Ida Hemsley. Mrs. Wilson's prize for industry—Alan Gordon. Committee's prize for industry— Elsie Sunley. Progress prizes—Susie Burnham, 1; Doris Wilson, 2; Doris Frost, 3. Standard III—Ernest Emmerson, 1; Charles. Sutton, 2. Elsie Pennington, 1; Edna Tingey, 2. Sewing—Emma Parsons.

Standard II—Ronald Henderson, 1; Arthur Roberts, 2; Grace Raine, 1; Doris Emmerson, 2. Sewing prize, Grace Dean. Progress prizes, Leonard Randell, Myrtle Henderson, Rawhinia Cox. Standard I—Edward Hoskins, 1 Ernest Parsons, 2; Hilda Edmonds, 1; Cora Connelly, 2. Conduct, Doris Mulhane (Mrs .Burns's). Sewing, Bessie Henderson. Infant Room: Each .child had- a book given to' it. . Conduct prizes (Mrs. Burn's), Gladys Moore. Certificates of proficiency were won by Leslie Andrews, Ronald Cathie, Cyril Frost-Herbert Hildreth, Bernard Holdsworth, George Lissington, ' Leo Mann, Harold Russell, Harold Sunley, Roy Sutton, Cecil Smallbone, Mary Burnham, Ida Cox Beatrice Frost, Hilda Raine, Nance Waters.

Attendance certificates were won by:— Emily Dean. Gwen Kilmister, Ernest Parsons, William - Nimmo, Myrtle Henderson, Doris Emmerson, Grace Raine, Ethel Leonard. Grace Dean, Charles Pennington, Jack Kilmister. Arthur Roberts, Hurry Hull, Charles' Rothnie. Emma Parsons, Violet Kennedy, Ernest Emmerson. Willerton Lowrey, Frederick Dean, Edgar Raine, Alfred Foster, Elsie Pennington, Raymond Cooper, Elsie Hull, Lena Barr, Bernard Holdsworth George Lissington, Herbert Hildreth, Gwen Newcombe. Ray Newcombe, Ernest Pennington. ' Hilda Raine, Kathleen Nimmo (first-class), Ian Nimmo. Harry Newcombe, Edward Hoskins, Elsie Emmerson. Marjorie' Hodge. Marion Rothnie, Freida Betcke, -Sybil Nimmo, Thomas Watchman. Clara Mansfield, Roy Smith, Jessie Williams, Violet McCallum, Eileen Blackburn, Lily Smith, Myrtle Brown. Ethel Smith, Oney Farr, Thelma Nimmo, Ivy Gordon, Lawrence Kilmister, Edwin Dryden. Eric Williams, Sidney Randell. Leslie Standen, Walter Dean, Louie Calvary, Nance Waters, Ernest Henderson, Cyril Frost. Lawrence Read, Ronald Cathie, Harold Russell (second class); Only Ronald Cathie received a Junior National Scholarship.

17th January 1912 Education Board Results National and Junior Board scholarships 10th Ronald Cathie Karori 553 marks. 23 Cyril Frost Karori 509 Marks. 24 Ronald Holdsworth Karori 508. 32 Mary Burnham Karori 489 Marks

11th March 1912 Karori Amateur Athletic Club report included: RESULTS. Karori School Championship (100 yds) — First heat: E. Jacobson 1. R. Cooper 2, T. Shalders 3. Also started—E. Kreig, F. Dean, E. Livermore. Second heat: G. Lissington 1, L. Reid 2, Henderson 3. Also started—G. Barr, L. Hodge, A. Foster, L. Kilmister. Final: E. Jacobson 1, G. Lissington 2, R. Cooper 3. And later held: Girls' Race (100 yds)—Oney Tarr 1, C. Smith 2, R. Bum 3. Eight starters.

27th March 1912 Permission has been granted by the Education Board for the Defence Department to instal electric light in the school grounds at Thorndon, Brooklyn, Newtown, and Karori, the Department to pay (at its own suggestion) the cost of installation and current, and other charges incidental to the lighting, which is required in connection with the senior cadet parades.

30th January 1912 Wellington Education Board Karori awarded a Boarded fence facing Donald Street.

23rd April 1912 Twenty-six people were present at the annual meeting of householders of the Karori School district last evening. The chair was taken by the Rev. J. B. Clark.

Mr. Sunley, the secretary, read the report and balance-sheet. Although there, had been much increased expenditure, yet a small balance was left over for the new committee. The report showed that the committee had had a strenuous year, for probably never had there been such activity in educational matters in Karori as during the year just closed. The most important item mentioned was the building, apart from the main school, of an up-to-date infant room, replete with the latest ideas of ventilation, fixtures, and apparatus, making a complete equipment for a splendid kindergarten and infant training. . For the girls, a long-felt want was supplied by laying down an asphalt tennis court, and for the boys an asphalt cricket pitch. The girls' playground had been extended to twice its former size, necessitating much renewal of fencing. Both boys and girls had been supplied with complete sets of materials for their games, due to generous donations to the school funds. Referring to the school work, the report expressed the committee's unanimous appreciation of the work of the headmaster, Mr. Bennett, and of his staff. At the last December scholarship examination four of the pupils passed with high marks, and the top boy, Ronald Cathie, who was awarded a board's junior scholarship, stood highest on the list of the Class A schools of Wellington city and suburbs.

Those present were fully satisfied with both the report, and balance-sheet, which were passed without comment. A unanimous vote of appreciation of the excellent work of the staff was passed, and all the remaining members of the old committee were re-elected.

The committee for the year is now as follows:—Rev. J. R. Clark (chairman, re-elected), Mr. E. Sunley (secretary and treasurer, re-elected), Messrs. J. A. Frost (re-elected), E. J. Standen (re-elected), B. G. H. Burn (re-elected), A. Halliday (re-elected), W. H. Nimmo (re-elected), H. B. Roberts, T. Brooker.

A vote of thanks to the chairman and the secretary were passed for their past services.

28th May 1912 Donations to new national art gallery included: Pupils Karori School £1 13s 0½

25th September 1912. Wellington Education Board approved new grates [probably for fires] at Karori School.

20th December 1912 KARORI At the breaking-up function of the Karori School yesterday, the Rev. J. R.. Clark, who presided, congratulated the teachers and pupils on the -year's record. Special praise was accorded the cricket' team, which has so far this season not lost a match. A special prize was awarded the captain (James Russell) in recognition of his interest in school sports.

The following is the prize list : Dux : Ida Elizabeth Cox. Runner-up : Huia George Lissington (special committee prize).

Conduct : Standards V and VI. boys — H. O. Lissington (medal donated). Standard VI : Boys — H. G. Lissington, 1 ; Stanley Lock, ' 2. Girls— Ida E. Cox, 1; Myra Read, 2. Sewing— Gwendoline Newcombe.

Standard V : Boys— John Forbes, 1 ; Alfred Foster, 2. Girls— Doris Frost, 1 ; Ina Dunn. 2. Sewing — Ruby Burn

Standard IV : Boys— William Forbes and Thomas Hillston , equal, 1 } Charles Button, 2. Girls— Florence Henderson, 1 ; Violet Kennedy, 2, Sewing — Violet Kennedy.

Standard III : Boys — Leonard Randell, 1 ; Charles Rothnie. 2. Girls — Grace Raine, 1 ; Rawhinia Cox, 2. Sewing — Ethel Leonard.

Standard II: Boys— William Taylor, 1; Edward Haskins, 2. Girls — Vera Lissington, 1 ; Cora Connolly, 2. Sewing — Bessie Henderson. Conduct (Standards I and II) — Emily Dean.

Standard I : Boys — Ian Nimmo, 1 ; Alfred Smith, 2. Girls— Vera Sutton, 1; Gladys Moore, 2. Sewing — Hilda Crawford

P IV-III : Conduct— Hettie Wills.

P. II-! Conduct— Rita Barnes.

Proficiency Certificates. — Charles Coates, George Lissington, Raymond Newcombe, James Russell, Gwen Newcombe, Leo Dunne, Stanley Locke, Sidney Randell, Ida Cox, Myra Read, Llewellyn Hodge, Allan Mackay, Lawrence Read, Sybil McCallum, Phyllis Shalders. Attendance Certificates : Standard VI —First-class— H. G. Lissington, R. Newcombe, Gwen Newcombe, Myra Read, Lawrence Read. Second class— Charles Coate, Allan Mackay, James Russell, Daphne Kellow. Standard V : First class — L. Kilmister, Oney Farr. Second class — Edwin Dryden, Myrtle Brown, Ruby Burn, Doris Wilson. Standard IV: First class— Thomas Hilston, Willerton Lowery, Edgar Raine, Annie Baker. Second class — Violet McCallum . Standard III : First class — Thomas Watchman, Cecilia Jennings, Rubeena McCallum. Grace Raine. Second class — H. Halford, H. Hull, Freda Betcke, Evelyn Moore. Standard II : First class — William Nimmo. Second class — Oscar Smith, Harry Foster, Charles Moore. Standard I : Second class —Ian Nimmo.

All children below Standard I received a book. The prizes were provided by contributions from the parents and friends. The committee donated the dux medal, and an anonymous donor kindly presented the conduct medal for boys for Standards VI-V. The thanks of the committee are again due to Mrs. Bum for providing the prizes for conduct in Standards 11-I and the infant rooms.

The pupils of the different standards presented their teachers with mementoes of appreciation. Before closing the ceremony, cheers were given for the committee, Mr. Clark, and the headmaster. Mr. Bennett took the opportunity of expressing the best thanks

of the teachers and pupils to Mr. Clark for his efforts on behalf of the interests of the school.

1913-1914

1913	201	Karori	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£285.00	House
1913	201	Karori	Sutton BA	Howard H	D2	Assistant Master	£195.00	
1913	201	Karori	Whitbread-Edwards	Dorothy	D2	Assistant Female	£150.00	
1913	201	Karori	Cooper	Ethel R	D2	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1913	201	Karori	Gavin	Doris M H	C4	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1913	201	Karori	Waters	Barbara		FP2	£25.00	
1914	224	Karori	Bennett	Francis	D1	Head Master	£295.00	House
1914	224	Karori	Eager BA	Edward F	B2	Assistant Master	£210.00	
1914	224	Karori	Whitbread-Edwards	Dorothy	D2	Assistant Female	£150.00	
1914	224	Karori	Cooper	Ethel R	D2	Assistant Female	£130.00	
1914	224	Karori	Pinder	Constance M	C5	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1914	224	Karori	Sanson	Henry S M		MP3	£55.00	
1914	224	Karori	McKay	Kathleen M D		Female Probationer 1	£25.00	

Constance M Pinder taught at Karori as an assistant from 1914 to 1999. By 1921 and 1923 she was at Worsley Bay school. She was a pupil teacher in Hawkes Bay in 1910, and by 1913 was at Victoria College.

3rd February 1921 Leave of absence on full salary has been granted by the Wellington Education Board to three infant mistresses to enable them to visit Australia for special-study in connection with the Montessori system. The teachers are Miss R. Macalister, Eastern Hutt; Miss D. Edwards. Te Aro; and Miss C. M. Pinder, Karori. They will be absent from the dominion for two months, and their steamer fares will be paid by the board. In 1929 was Infant Mistress at Thames Central and in 1935 was transferred to Morrinsville School

1970/37844	Pinder	Constance Marshall	73Y
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Henry S M Sanson only taught for Wellington Education Board at Karori. Originally from Palmerston North. In 1915 joined the expeditionary forces. Lieutenant H S M Sanson of Palmerston North. Killed in action September 1918

Kathleen M D McKay only taught for the Wellington Education Board for the 2 years at Karori School

1971/28715	McKay	Kathleen Mary Dunbar	75Y
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28th February 1913 Part of a long letter to the Evening Post included this: In your report of the proceedings of the Education Board meeting concerning the unfair discrimination between pupils of different schools made by the authorities of the Girls' College,, published in this evening's issue of your paper, it is stated that the holders of proficiency certificates from the Te Aro, Newtown, Clyde-quay, and South Wellington 'Schools were shut out of the Girls', College because their applications were not received by the '18th .December. I should like to add that the girls of the Karori School were also - victimised •

in the same manner. It has come to my "knowledge, and I, have it on very good authority, that some girls have since been admitted, as "paying pupils,"

29th March 1913 Miss E Atkin resigned.

29th April 1913 Karori School. —The headmaster's report stated a falling off in the numbers on the roll, which now stood at 210. Although the school was much affected by epidemics during the year, the usual high standard of efficiency had been maintained by the earnest co-operation of the staff. In sport the boys won the junior championship in cricket during the past season. Four pupils passed the junior scholarship examination last December —George Lissington, Ida Cox, Allan Mackay, and Leo Dunne. Miss W. Cathie, a former scholarship pupil, took first class honours at the Victoria College this year. Both Miss Gavin and Mr Sutton, members of the staff, passed their B.A. examinations. The new kindergarten room was much appreciated by both teachers and pupils. Mr Sunley, the retiring secretary, who did not seek re-election, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his seven years' services.

29th April 1913 Mr. B. G. H.' Burn presided over a numerous-attended meeting of householders, last night in the Karori school room. The report and balance-sheet were , highly satisfactory. A' balance of .£9 8s. 9d was shown. Several improvements to .the grounds were made during the year, including a fine concrete front wall, an extension of the girls' playground, and the top-dressing of the tennis court. Several , donations were made by liberal residents for-these improvements Mr. Brigham received the thanks of the committee for his generous help on several occasions. Special reference was made to the loss the committee had sustained in the removal of the Rev, J. R. Clark who had so ably : filled the position of chairman for the preceding two years.

The headmaster reported a falling off in .the number on the roll, which now stood at 210. Although the school was much effected by epidemics during the year, the usual high standard of efficiency had been maintained, The boys' team won, the junior championship in cricket during the past season, Four pupils passed the junior scholarship examination last December— George Lissington Ida Cox Allan Mackay and Leo. Dunne. Miss M. Cathie, a former scholarship pupil, took first-class honours at the Victoria College this year. .

Mr, Sunley the retiring secretary who 'did not seek re-election, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his seven years' Services. The new committee is as Follows. Messrs B. G, H. Burn (chairman) .W. Skegg (,Secretary), W. H.. Nimmo .T Brooke, A. Halliday, T. Pell, M, Speirs, E.. Faire, A. Needham .

28th May 1913 Wellington Education Board A grant to repair ventilator's in corridor.

28th May 1913 In a record of all Wellington Education Board schools of school average attendance in 1900 compared to 1912 164-206

22nd July 1913 A concert was held last evening in the Parochial Hall, Karori, in aid of the funds of the Karori School. An enjoyable and varied programme was gone through, items being contributed as follow : — Overture and Characteristic Piece, orchestra (Mrs. and Messrs. Cimino) ; recitations, Miss Hazel Jeffery, Mr. Picot, and Mr. Percy Clark ; songs, Messrs. W H. Dunn, Oakey, Henderson, Jones, Luff, Mrs. Astill, and Miss Florence ; duet, Messrs. Dunn and Jones ; clarinet solo, Mr. F. A. Cimino ; school songs, junior scholars,

and Miss Margery Hodge and scholars ; sleight-of-hand, Mr. Liardet ; sifter drill, junior girls, and physical drill, senior boys.

23rd August 1923 The second of a series of two concerts in aid of the funds of the Karori School was held last evening in the Parochial Hall, Karori, when an excellent programme was provided. Both performances were marked by excellent attendances, and it is estimated that the school funds will be benefited to the extent of about £20.

10th September 1913 Karori Borough Council: The Karori School Committee wrote thanking the council for the use of chairs for concert purposes.—Received

24th September 1913: Karori Brough Council: The Karori Cricket Club and the Karori School were allotted cricket pitches on Karori ' Park on the same terms as obtained last season.

3rd OCTOBER 1913 Public School Cricket Ass. In the junior grade, the Karori School, who had an exceptionally strong team, won without being extended

26th November 1913 Miss Gavin resigned.

19th December 1913 Mr. H. B. Burn, the chairman of the committee, presided over a very large attendance at the break-up yesterday afternoon. After expressing the committee's great appreciation of the work of the staff of the school, he impressed upon parents the importance of the regular attendance of their children. At the Conclusion, hearty cheers were given for the committee, the teachers, and the headmaster. All the teachers were recipients of tokens of regard from their respective classes. ,

Th« prize list is as under : —

Dux : J. Forbes. Standard VI. : Boys, J. Forbes, 1 ; J. Russell, 2. Girls : E. Sunley, 1; D, Frost, 2.

Mr. Richards's special prize for sports : J. Russell. Mr. Burns's special prize for progress : R. Burns.

Standard V: Boys, C. Sutton, 1; W. Forbes, 2. Girls :, A. Lambert 1 ; E. Tingey, 2. Standard IV: E. Raine, 1; L. Randell, 2. Girls : G. Raine, 1 ; ,G. Dean, 2. Sewing prize : R. McCallum. Mrs. Nimmo's special reading prize: Grace Raine.

Standard III: Boys, H. Foster, 1; 0. Smith, D. McGavin , and E. Hoskins, 2. Girls : M. Hodge, 1 ; V. Lissington and D. Smith, ,2. Sewing prize : G. Kilmister. Mr. Sutton's conduct prize: H. Edmonds.

Standard II: Boys, A. Smith, 1; W. Mills and I. Nimmo, 2. Girls : G. Moore, 1; A. Halliday, 2. Sewing prize: G. Moore. Mrs. Burns's special prize for conduct, Mary' Griffin. Standard I:' Boys, F. Shortt, 1; W. Birch, 2. Girls : H. Wills, 1 ; H. Crawford, 2. Sewing prize, E. Hilston.

All below Standard I receive a picture book. Mrs. Burns's conduct prize, infant room : Rose Whithair. Conduct prize, Primer IV class: Daniel Gregg.

Attendances certificates were awarded as under : — First-class : R. Burns, F. Dean, G. Dean, A. Forbes, G. Forbes.' J. Forbes. W. Forbes, E. Hilston, J. Hilston, T. Hilston, E. Leonard, W. Mills, E. Raine, G. Raine, E. Hoskins, L. Dean. Second-class : A. Baker, E. Baker, R. Barnes, H. Cox, A. Foster, M. Griffin, D. Horwood, C. Jennings, J. Kilmister, L. Kilmister, V. Lissington, W. Lowery, V. McCallum, R, McCallum, D. McGavin, C. Moore, W. Newcombe, H. Newcombe, L. Reid, H. Robertson, J. Russell, 0. Smith, C. Sutton, T. Watchman, J. Watchman. S. Nicholls. .

20th December 1913 Miss Doris Gavin, teacher at the Karori school, has resigned from the Education Board's service to take up work in a secondary school. After the prizegiving the teachers met and presented her with a token of the great esteem in which she is held, both by every member of the staff and also by the children of the school. In suitable terms, Mr Bennett, the headmaster, referred to her four years' connection with the school staff, and wished her every success in her future sphere of work.

20th December 1913 The Karori school boys have distinguished themselves in sport during the past year by winning three championships : (1) the junior championship in cricket, (2) the six-a-side championship in Association football—winning a modal each; and (3) the championship of the schools hockey teams, in which they scored 90 points to nil—perhaps a record in school games

28th January 1914 Pupil Teachers appointed Mr Henry S M Sanson Karori

10th February 1914 Wellington Education Board: Assistant Master £180 to £210: Assistant Karori £100 to £120

17th February 1914 KARORI SCHOOL. Karori Park was the scene of the local State school's annual picnic last week. The chairman of the School Committee (Mr. B. G. H. Burn), and the other members (Messrs Nimmo, Faire, and M. Spiers) were untiring in their efforts to amuse the children, and Mr. F» Bennett and his teaching staff also had a strenuous but enjoyable time. The sports resulted as follow : — Handicap | Race (100, 220, 440 yds)— A. Foster 1, A. Burton and T. Shalders tie for I second. Half-mile Handicap (Standards VI., V., IV.)— G. Forbes 1, J. Kilmister 2, T. Shalders 3. Handicap Race (standards 111. and II.)— W. Mills, i Forbes, W. Nimmo, H. Newcombe, Foster. Race (Standard I.)— S. Roberts, E. Blackmore. Blindfold Race— G. Forbes 1, G. Barr 2. Throwing Cricket Ball— R. Henderson (64yds). Egg and Spoon Race— C. Foster 1, T. Watchman 2. Potato Race— T. Watchman 1, R. Cooper 2. Three-legged Race— G. Waterson and W. Nimmo 1, G. Barr and C. Sutton 2. Monkey Race— J. Kilmister 1, T. Watchman 2. Handwheel Race — W. Nimmo 1, R. Cooper 2. Girls' Handicap Race (75, 100, 220 yd s; Standards VI., V., IV.)— Annie Baker 1, E. Tingey 2, M. Hodge and F. Oakey 3. Handicap Race (Standards 111. and II.)— M. Griffin 1, Vera Sutton 2. Race (Standard I.)— T. Lowery 1, I. Moore 2. Blindfold Race— V. Sutton 1, C. Connelly 2. Egg and Spoon Race — I. Cooper 1, Tingey 2. Three-legged Race— T. Lowery and Blackmore 1, E. Hilston and E. Turner 2. Skipping Race- V. Sutton 1, I. Cooper 2, E. Leonard 3. Handwheel Race — R. Bradnock 1, G. Kilmister 2.

10th March 1914 Assistant Master Mr E Eager from Johnsonville Assistant: Miss C Pinder ex-student appointed

11th March 1914 Karori Borough Council: The Karori school committee complained regarding the obstruction of light and sunshine from the headmaster's house by trees, and it was decided that every other tree (about seven in number) be cut down.

20th March 1914 Wellington Hockey Ass.: The association was successful in instituting a schools' hockey competition for the 1913 season, which resulted in a very creditable win for the Karori School, with an unbeaten record. Great interest was taken by the schoolboys in the games, and the competition promises to be a great success

1st May 1914 The annual report of the Karori school committee to he presented at the householders meeting on Thursday next, states that the year just closed has been a very

active one, the satisfactory sum of £51 18s (apart from capitation allowances) ' having been raised in various ways by the committee for the benefit of the children. Considerable improvements have been made to the playground in the shape of concrete channelling, new drains and pipes, etc. The proceeds from a concert amounted to £22 2s, of which £7 14s 6d went towards the library 'fund. A further £23 3s 6d was utilised for the purpose of obtaining additions of the latest works by popular authors, this being one of the committee's principal achievements during the year. The committee says it is greatly indebted to a large number of people, who have shown willingness to assist in any scheme promoted for the pleasure or benefit of the children.

17th July 1914 A concert organised by the Karori School Committee, in aid of the library of the school, was held at the Parochial Hall last evening. The hall was taxed to its utmost, there being about 250 people present, and the library funds will be considerably augmented. The following contributed items to the programme:—Vocal, Messrs. A. Baker and H. T. Wood: recitations, Misses Doris Easson and Hazel Jeffrey, and 'Mr. W. .A. Spencer; pianoforte solos, Misses Pinder and Doris- Easson. Miss Easson also acted as accompanist.

16th August 1914 Wellington Education Board: A letter was received from the Karori School Committee recommending that a quarterly report on pupils by the headmasters should be made compulsory.—It was decided to write and point out that on application from a parent a report could be received from the teacher

7th September 1914 Hockey The Karori School is to be represented as follows in. their match against Te Horo School at To Horo on Wednesday next:—Goal, C. Moore; fullbacks, Henderson and Kilminster; halves, Hemsley, C. Foster, Randell; forwards, Cooper, E. Raine, T. Watchman, Lowery, and R. Smith.

10th September 1914 At Karori to-night the third and final of a series of concerts is to be held at the Parochial Hall. An excellent programme has been arranged by Mr. Oakey. These concerts have been organised by the Karori School Committee, and the funds derived there from form practically the sole means of providing the school children with prizes at the close of the year, a picnic, library, etc. The programme is a very attractive one from a musical and elocutionary point of view and should provide a pleasant evening's entertainment.

8th October 1914 TE HORO v. KARORI. The return match between Te Horo School hockey team, and Karori School team was played yesterday afternoon, at Karori Park. Keen rivalry existed between the two teams, as the visitors defeated the Karori boys by 3 to 1 when they went to To Horo in the September holidays. Everything favoured a fast game, and just after starting Karori scored an easy goal. When the half-time spell came, the score was — Karori 3, Te Horo 2. In the second half of the game Karori added three more goals, while Te Horo secured one, making the final result — Karori 6, Tc Horo 3. A keen green was something the visitors were unaccustomed to, and they were unfortunate in not having one of their best boys owing to illness. They played a plucky game, and thoroughly enjoyed their visit. The Karori School Committee provided lunch and afternoon, tea, and much credit is due to Messrs. W. H. Nimmo (chairman) and M. Spiers for making such satisfactory arrangements. Members of the Te Horo Committee came with

their boys, and Mr. R. Spiers, the chairman, deserves special praise for the way the team was coached.

25th November 1914 Wellington Education Board was stated that authority had been obtained from the Education Department to rebuild an outbuilding attached to the school at Karori; that was destroyed by a bush fire.

8th December 1914 Wellington Education Board: Karori, subsidy up to £20 for asphaltting and repairs ;

19th December 1914 The prize, proficiency and attendance certificates awarded to pupils at the Karori school were presented by Mr W. H. Nimmo, chairman of the committee. The money for prizes and sports was unanimously voted by the children, with the concurrence of the committee, to the Belgian children's fund. To further aid this fund the teachers and children gave an entertainment on Wednesday night, many failing to gain, admission. It was a pronounced success and resulted in over £13 being added to the fund, making a total of £30 from this school. Misses O. Edwards, Cooper and C. Pinder (accompanist) were specially thanked for their untiring efforts in connection with the entertainment. For generous help at the hall Messrs Nimmo, T. Fell, and M. Spiers, members of the committee, were specially mentioned. Helped by the lady teachers, both girls, boys, and many sympathising friends were able to send two boxes of most useful clothing to the Belgian children. Following is 'the prize list: —

Dux of the school, Edna D. Tingey.

Standard VI—1st prizes, T. Hilston and Edna Tingey; 2nd prizes, W. Forbes and Florence Henderson. Standard V.—1st prizes, A. Oakey and Violet Kennedy ; 2nd prizes, W. Lowrey and Grace Raine. Standard IV.—1st prizes, H. Foster and Cora Connolly; 2nd prizes, C. Moore and Gladys Turpin. Standard III.—1st prizes, A. Smith and Valerie Simpson; 2nd prizes, H. Brooker and Gladys Moore. Standard II. : —1st prizes. W. Birch and Hilda Crawford; 2nd prizes, E. A. Moss and Daisy Blackmore. Standard I. —1st prizes, M. McCallum and Doris Shepherd; 2nd prizes, E. Blackmore and Daphne Beamish. Attendance Certificates.—Standard VI. —First class, T. Hilston, W. Forbes; second class, A. Burton, F. Dean, Florence Henderson. Standard V. — First Class, E. Raine, Grace Dean; second class W. Lowrey, T. Watchman, A. Oakey, J. Cathie, L. Randell, Flora Oakey, Violet Kennedy, Cecilia Jennings. Rubeena McCallum. Standard IV.—First class, C. Moore, W. Nimmo, Cora Connolly, Bessie Henderson, Ethel Leonard, Alice Baker; second class, J. Kilmister, Doris Hunn, Ruth Watt. Olive Benson, Emily Dean. Standard III. —First class, G. Forbes, Kathleen Salmon, Edith Storie; second class, Dorothy Anderson Irene Cooper, Annie Halliday. Standard II.—First class, Wm. Douglas, Thelma Faire, Euphemia Hilston, Daisy Blackmore, Eileen Burns; second class, F. Shelter, Doris Horwood, 'Given. Robinson. Standard I.—First class, L. Holz, Doris Shepherd, Rita 'Barnes; second class, B. Blackmore, O. Halliday, W. Hearfield, J. -Watchman, Edith Baker, Thelma Lowrey, Ruby Richards. F. IV.—First class, L. Evans. Elsie Brown, Agnes Kellerman; second class, J. Hilston, Winnifred Faire.

Proficiency Certificates.—:T. Hilston, W. Forbes, C. Sutton. F. Dean, W. Park's. Edna Tingey, Florence Henderson, Eileen Jacobson.

26th December 1914 Belgian Children's Fund Karori School Concert £13 12s 6d sports £3 making a total for the school of £33 12s 6d.

1915-1916

1915	229	Karori	McKenzie	Alexander	C1	Head Master	£300.00	£40.00
1915	229	Karori	Manson	Nedby M	D2	Assistant Master	£210.00	
1915	229	Karori	Edwards	Dorothy	D2	Assistant Female	£160.00	
1915	229	Karori	Cooper	Ethel R	D2	Assistant Female	£140.00	
1915	229	Karori	Pinder	Constance M	C5	Assistant Female	£110.00	
1915	229	Karori	Sanson	Henry S M		MP4	£65.00	
1915	229	Karori	McKay	Kathleen M D		Female Probationer 2	£35.00	

£40 means that a house is no longer being provided by the Wellington Ed for the Headmaster

Alexander McKenzie Taught at Masterton as a pupil teacher in 1885 and was there until 1889 From 1890 to 1895 he taught at Greytown School as Mackenzie. In 1896 he was an assistant at Rintoul Street 1896 to 1903. Then at South Wellington from 1904 to 1914. In 1915 he was appointed to Karori and was there until at least 1917 when he became head of Te Aro/Mitchelltown/infants school in central Wellington and was there until at least 1923 **Edward Eager** started for the Wellington Education Board at Johnsonville in 1905 and was there until 1913. In 1914 he was at Karori and then from 1917 to 1919 sole teacher at Ocean Bay school in Port Underwood. By 1921 he was back in Wellington at Newtown/Hospital school as an assistant.

5th March 1915 It is understood that Mr. Francis Bennett, headmaster of the Karori School, has been appointed headmaster of the new school at Brittomart [Also spelt at times in newspapers as Britomart] Street, [Near Adelaide Road]

8th March 1915 Belgium Relief Fund : Standard iv Boys proceeds of bazaar £2 3s 1d

9th March 1915 r. Bennett, the new headmaster of the Brittomart Street School, has been in the teaching profession for 43 years. He entered it in England, and for the last 35 years he has been in the service of the Wellington Education Board — as second assistant at Willis-street, first assistant at Newtown for four years, headmaster at various schools, including Johnsonville, Eketahuna, Carterton, and Karon. During the fourteen years he has been in charge of the Karori School he took the full course of practical and theoretical chemistry and physics at Victoria College, Under his administration pupils of the Karori School have figured prominently in the scholarship lists and have also done excellent work in the athletic field. Mr. Bennett will be greatly missed by a large number of the residents of Karori, among whom he has been very prominent in bowling and horticultural circles, but all will join in congratulating him on his well-deserved promotion.

20th April 1915 A reminder is given that no nominations for election to school committees can be made at the annual meetings of householders in the City of Wellington, in the boroughs of Karori, Miramar, and Onslow, or the boroughs of Hutt and Petone, to be held on Monday, 3rd May. Written nominations, properly attested, must be handed in to the chairman of the school committee at least seven days before the date of election, and the list of nominations must be displayed upon the outer door of the schoolhouse as soon as practicable*.

27th April 1915 The Karori School Committee has made a strong effort during the past year to introduce a system of issuing periodical reports to the parents on the position and progress of the children.. "This system states the committee in its annual report "is

observed at many "of the. public schools in the Wellington district with exceedingly satisfactory results, enabling the parents to watch the subjects in which their children display strength or weakness.. The committee regrets, however; that the inalienable right of the parents to the fullest information regarding their children is not recognised or encouraged by the Education Board or the teaching staff.

27th April 1915 In its annual report to be submitted to the public meeting of householders on Monday next, the Karori School Committee states' that the year 1914-15, in spite of the war distracting attention from lesser, things, has been one of considerable activity and achievement. The girls' playground has been asphalted at a total cost of over £40. Three school concerts, organised by the committee, realised £22 12s. 6d., slightly ill excess of last year's concerts, while a further concert, in aid of the Belgian Children's Fund, netted £13 12s. 6d., and £9 was voted towards the children's "Uncle Tom's Fund," instead of being spent on prizes. The dux medal was won by Edna Tingey. "The Karori School has attained a high standard of_ proficiency. The Education Board's inspectors paid their annual visit on June 11 ana 12, and their report is on the whole very satisfactory. Special commendation was extended in the report to the work of the infant department. The average attendance has progressively increased until it stands now at 234. It only requires an average attendance of 241, or seven more, to raise the school to a higher grade. The work of the teaching staff has been capably and satisfactorily performed."

27th April 1915 In the course of its annual report, to be submitted to the meeting of householders on Monday next, the Karori School Committee states that the policy of previous committees in improving the school grounds has been vigorously pursued, with the result that the girls' playground has been asphalted at a total cost of over £40, toward which the committee, after at first experiencing a rebuff, was successful in obtaining from the Education Board a grant of £20. The work has been very well carried out, and the girls have a good hard playground for the winter in, place of the mud and pools of water that formerly accumulated. A series of three concerts, at intervals of a month, under the direction of Mr. Oakley, was organised by the committee, and though the net receipts realised the sum of £22 12s 6d. being slightly in excess of last year's concerts, it is to be regretted that the people of Karori did not more generously support them. Excellent programme were arranged, and the committee put a great deal of work into them, but the fact remains that an important portion of revenue, viz., £12 15s 6d was derived from advertisements 'in the programmes. The dux medal was won by Edna Tingey. The sum of £5 was voted by the committee towards the library, which, together with the subsidy of £5 from the Education Board, makes £10 spent in the 'purchase of books. Karori now boasts one of the best school libraries in the Wellington district. The committee has made a strong effort during the past year to introduce a s/stem of issuing periodical reports to the parents on the position and progress of the children. This system is observed at many of the public schools' in the Wellington district with exceedingly satisfactory results, enabling the- parents to watch the subjects in which the children display strength or weakness. The committee much regrets that Mr. Bennett did not see his way to assist in this very desirable reform." The committee regrets that the inalienable right of the parents to the fullest information regarding the children is not recognised or encouraged by the Education Board or the teaching staff.

4th May 1915 There was a good attendance of householders at Karori, Mt. W. H. Nimmo occupying the chair. The report of the headmaster (Mr. F. Bennett) stated that the average roll for 1914 was 246, and of this the average attendance was 224: During the March quarter of this year the average was 231 out of an average roll of 245. At present there are on the roll 117 boys and 123 girl*. "Of the work of the school," the report went on, " the inspectors speak in terms of highest satisfaction, and refer to the staff in complimentary terms. On the 14th March the Chief Inspector visited the school and reported most favourably on the staff and on the very satisfactory condition of the working of the school. Reference- is made in the report to my long connection, of over fourteen years, with the school; states that the school has been maintained in a high state of efficiency; that the individual interests of the scholars have been my first care? and that my promotion to a school like Brittomart-street has been well earned. As this is the last time I shall have the honour of reporting to you, I wish to express my deepest appreciation of the support .and kindness of the people of Karori tendered to me during my long stay here. I much regret the necessity of leaving the district." Only seven persons had been nominated for the nine seats on the committee, and. it will, therefore, be necessary for the Education Board to appoint two to fill the vacancies. Those elected are : Messrs.. W. H Nimmo, J. Guerin, M. Spiers, C. Moore, T. P. Brown, A. S. Needham, and A. Oakey. After the public meeting the new committee re-elected Mr. Nimmo chairman.., Mr. Oakey was appointed secretary..

5th May 1915 In the report of the Karori School Committee, published in The Post last week, the following passages occurred : "The committee has made a strong effort during the past year to introduce a system of issuing periodical reports to parents on the position and progress of the children. . . The committee much regrets that Mr. Bennett did not see his way to assist in this very desirable reform." * In his report, read at Monday night's meeting of householders, Mr. Bennett (the headmaster) referred to the above as follows: — " I am sorry I cannot allow one portion of the committee's published report to pass without comment, as it might convey wrong impressions. _The part' of the report I refer to relates to sending out reports of marks. Two members asked if I would send out reports containing all marks gained by all pupils in the school at regular intervals. I pointed out that I could not do so, as (1) it was impossible, as figures had not been used in estimating the work ; (2) the work of the teachers was strenuous enough without increasing it. To make the issuing of the reports compulsory, the committee asked both the Minister of Education and the Education Board for a ruling on the matter. Both these authorities refused to make it compulsory, as the matter was in the hands of the headmaster to deal with. I might mention in passing that masters who have sent out reports now regret having done so, as the results are not commensurate with the work involved. One other point I wish to refer to. It might be gathered from the report that parents cannot get any information about their own children. This, is not so, as I am at all convenient times pleased to give parents what information I can. In connection with this, matter, I am entirely responsible, although my staff was referred to." The majority of_ those present expressed themselves in favour of the proposed system, and cue and all contended that there was no intention of casting a slight on the headmaster. An amendment to delete the clause referred to was lost by 17 to 5, and it was decided to recommend the incoming committee to adopt a system of periodical inspection.

31st May 1915 National Fund: Proceeds from Karori School Bazaar £13 8 3

26th June 1915 Mr. A. McKenzie, first assistant at the South Wellington School, on leaving to take up the duties of the headmastership of the Karori School, was presented yesterday with several tokens of esteem from the teaching staff and from past and present pupils. Mr. Flux, in making the presentation, spoke of the faithful service rendered to the school by, Mr. McKenzie for the past nineteen years, and., added that hundreds of ex pupils up and down New Zealand would' have been only too glad to be present, had it been possible, to show their respect for their old teacher. Mr. McKenzie, after replying, was given three hearty, cheers.

30th June 1915 Mr. E F Eager resigned from Karori School

7th July 1915 On Saturday last the children of the Karori School held a bazaar in the afternoon and dance in the evening, in the Parochial Hall, for the wounded soldiers' fund, the functions providing quite a success. They were ably assisted by Mesdames England, Lissington, Dean, Hodge, Miss Edwards, and Miss Randell. Mrs Luke (the Mayoress) was to have opened the bazaar, but owing to the bazaar at the Girls' College, was unable to be present at the opening. She arrived later and gave a short address, which was greatly appreciated. After the bazaar was opened by Mr Burn, the Mayor of Karori. little Miss Woodward presented Mrs Burn with a handsome bouquet. Thanks are due to Mrs Kilminster for the gift of a Lamb and Mrs Dean for Samoan mats. The lamb won by Mr Burn and a tongue won by Mrs Luke were again auctioned in aid of the fund. Two girls, Vera Lissington and Marie Hargreaves, gave a doll's push cart and a baby doll respectively, which were also auctioned, and realised the sum of twenty-five shillings. The net proceeds amounted to £23 10s, which will be sent to the wounded soldiers' fund.

8th July 1915 Wellington Rugby Union: An application from, the Karori School for a football was granted

26th January 1916 Karori Borough Council: The secretary of the Karori School Committee wrote, asking if the borough engineer would undertake the work of removing the trees from the schoolground. On the recommendation of the Public Works Committee, it was decided to reply that the work could be undertaken about February 15

18th April 1916 There was an attendance of about 40 at Karori. The report showed that the children had contributed £26 16s 5d to patriotic funds. A special drill class had' been formed for the purpose of rectifying physical defects. As to the healthiness of the school, it was stated that during the past week there had been an average attendance of 248, out of 259. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £27 19s 1d. The election resulted in the following committee :—Messrs. W. H. Nimmo (chairman). E. B. Ash, W. Craig, A. Needham, R. T. Pell, J. Raine (secretary). M. P. Spiers, T. Watchman, and E. McLachlan.

25th May 1916 Association Football [Soccer] An application from the Karori school to be supplied with a ball was granted;

1st June 1916 TENDERS are invited for the Purchase and Removal of Cottage and Outbuilding., at Karori School lately occupied as Caretaker's Residence. Tenders close at 3 p.m. on Monday, 5th June, and must be lodged with the Headmaster at the School, where specifications ,may be seen during school hours.

4th September 1916 On Saturday, whilst playing in the schools' representatives trial games at Kilbirnie, Alan White, captain of the Karori School soccer team (son of Mr. William

White, of Dalgety and Co.'s staff), fell and broke his right arm. Dr., Kemp attended to the lad's injury.

1917-1918

1917	263	Karori	McKenzie	Alexander	C-28	Head	£320.00
1917	263	Karori	Cooper	Ethel R	D-72	Assistant	£190.00
1917	263	Karori	Edwards	Dorothy L W	D-69	Assistant	£190.00
1917	263	Karori	Pinder	Constance M	C-92	Assistant	£150.00
1917	263	Karori	Caigou	Melba F	C-93	Assistant	£120.00
1917	263	Karori	Richmond	Marietta D	C-100	Assistant	£110.00
1917	263	Karori	Aplin	Grace M		Probationer 1	£60.00

Melba Frances Caigou was teaching at Te Horo in 1915: Karori in 1917 and 1919 and by 1923 at Upper Hutt. In 1921 she was teaching at Rocky River School [In the back Blocks of Golden Bay] for the Nelson Education Board. In 1931 was in Hawera. In 1936 at Nelson Central,

After 31 years' service with the [Nelson Education Board]board, during which time she had not had one day's absence through sickness Miss M F. Caigou. first assistant at Nelson Central School, tendered her resignation to the Nelson Education Board at its meeting this morning. The secretary (Mr H. J. Thornton) stated that in 31 years Miss Caigou had been absent for only one day, and that had been an unavoidable occasion when the boat on which she was returning to Nelson had been delayed by weather in Wellington

Marietta D Richmond was at Hutt DHS in 1911 and 1912. Then didn't teach for the Wellington Education Board again until coming to Karori by 1917 and from about 1921 to at least 1923 at Wadestown School.

18th September 1913 The Victoria College Council decided last evening to appoint Miss M. D. Richmond to succeed Mr B. H. Low as anatomist. [An expert in Anatomy:

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Grace M Aplin was teaching at Kaori in 1917, and at Berhampore in 1921 and at Levin DHS in the secondary department in 1923 Was teaching at Waipawa in 1925 Carterton 1928, Appointed to Tauranga D H S in 1941 and Te Awamutu D H S in 1945

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5th June 1947 Principal of Tauranga College made reference recently at the morning prayers, to the death of Miss Grace Aplin. Miss Aplin was well known to many of the present staff and pupils when she taught in the 'District High School for a number of years prior to taking up an appointment as senior woman teacher on the staff of Te Awamutu District High School.

Mr Nicholson paid tribute to the late Miss Aplin's years of service given in teaching, and to her courage and cheerfulness during her long; illness. Silence was observed by the school in her memory.

14th January 1917 LOST, Karori School Cricket Score Book. Finder' kindly leave Shortt's Pictures Ticket Box, Willis-street. Reward

2nd February 1917 Resigned: Miss C Dwyer Probationer: Karori

6th February 1917 Mr A E H Parkinson appointed assistant at Karori [Presumably on war service as he was not listed at any Wellington Education Board by 1917 but was at South Wellington by 1919]

17th April 1917 Mr W H Stainton appointed assistant at Karori. Was listed as a teacher at Karori by 1919

1st May 1917 KARORI. Mr. W. H. Nimmo, chairman of the outgoing committee, presided. The report and balance-sheet, which, were of a satisfactory character, were adopted. Messrs. Nimmo, J. Raine jun. , E. B. Ash, L. R. McLachlan, and W. Craig were re-elected members of the committee, and Mr. W. Skegg was also elected. There are three vacancies yet to be filled. Mr. Nimmo and Mr. Raine were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively. The householders passed a motion urging the board to provide more school, accommodation.

The report of the committee stated that there was now-no male assistant, Mr. Parkinson having' gone .into camp. His position was being temporarily filled by Miss Richmond. The total number on the roll was . 278 (including 82 infants), the average attendance being 256. As the 'result of the increased attendance, the school had been raised a grade. During the year Mr. M. P. Spiers,- a member of the committee, left for the front.

1st May 1917 The scheme for a new playground for the Karori School provides for an area of three-quarters of an acre. The committee is moving energetically in the matter. The sum of £83 has already been raised, and it is hoped that the Education Board will be able to obtain a pound for pound subsidy on that amount

1st May 1917 The Honours list at the Karori School contains the name of Capt. O. R. F. Johnston (a son of the Hon. C. J. Johnston, Speaker of the Legislative Council), who was killed in. France last. year.

17th May 1917 Association Football: The Karori School advised that they would take part in the competitions as usual and had already started practice.

6th July 1917 A Karori committee which organised a dance in aid of the fund for the children who suffered by the recent air raid has handed the amount of £7 12s to Mr A. McKenzie, headmaster of Karori School, to be forwarded to the proper quarters.

29th August 1917. Wellington Education Board: Communications were received from the Department that grants of £455 d £445 respectively had been authorised for additions to the schools at Karori and Upper Hutt.

8th September 1917 A sum of £78 has been collected by l the Karori School Committee from the residents of. Karori towards the cost of a grounds improvement scheme. This amount is to be subsidised by the Education - Department £1 for £1. On receipt; of the. subsidy the work will be put in hand at once. The borough engineer, Mr Brigham, has supplied a plan of the necessary work free of charge, in the meantime, prices for the work are being obtained by the committee. The addition of two extra rooms to the infant school is being considered by the Education Board.', This work, in the opinion of the committee, is absolutely essential.

2nd November 1917 The Wellington Education Board has accepted the following tenders :-Karori School (additions), and additions to the Upper Hutt School, Mr. A. A. Renner

3rd November 1917 At the monthly meeting of the Karori School Committee there were present: Messrs. Nimmo (in the chair), Ash, Craig, Moore, McLachlan, Whitten, and Skegg. Notice was received from the Education Board that the projected addition to the Infants' School would shortly be put in hand. It was also reported that the board had granted the requested subsidy towards the improvement of the schoolgrounds, towards which the residents of Karori last year contributed the sum of £78. A proposal was brought before the committee to endeavour to raise funds for the benefit of the school. The idea was approved of and will be gone into in detail at a later meeting. The committee, in common with other committees at the present time, are sadly hampered by the inadequacy of the Education Board's grant towards school maintenance. Whatever war economies are necessary, it was felt that the last people made to suffer should be the children. The committee determined to use every means available for collecting funds for the benefit of the school. Probably a ceremonial opening of the new addition to the Infants' School will be held early next year when the opportunity will be taken to show the parents and friends the work that is being done for the education and improvement of the little ones.

8th December 1917 At a meeting of the Karori School Committee held on Thursday : it was decided to approve of the Karori Borough Council undertaking - "the making of a new playground. " The total amount in hand for the work "is £160. Half of this amount was subscribed by the residents of the district, the other half being a subsidy received from the Education Department.'. The work is to be put in hand at once: It was also reported that the new additions to the Infants' School was well in hand, and the work is expected to be finished next month. The committee some time ago requested the Education Board to instal the electric light, in the new building while being erected; but no reply has yet been received

29th December 1917 Miss Dunn, of the Defence Department. and Miss Aplin, of the Karori School, have gone for the holidays to Dunedin and Masterton respectively

8th February 1918 At its monthly meeting, held last night, the Karori School Committee received a communication from the Borough Engineer, stating that satisfactory progress was being made with the new playground. The work was half completed, and it was anticipated that the money in hand will enable the whole scheme to be finished. : In view of the shortage of expert labour and the added cost of material, the committeemen expressed themselves more than satisfied with the Engineer's progress report. The addition to the infant school is almost completed. It is the intention of the committee to open the new school room with some kind of ceremony. The object of the ceremony is in the principal part to collect enough money to purchase a piano for the infants' school. A subcommittee was set up to make the necessary arrangements for the opening, and to invite the Minister of Education to be present. '

2nd March 1918 KARORI SCHOOL COMMITTEE., RESIDENTS of Karori are invited to attend, the Opening of the NEW INFANT SCHOOL. The Ceremony will be performed by the Hon. Mr. Hanan, Minister of Education, on "WEDNESDAY, 6th MARCH, at 2.30 p.m. For the purpose of raising funds to purchase a Piano.-for the LITTLE FOLKS the following programme has been arranged:—Wednesday: Opening- Ceremony and Sales, at 2.30 p. m.; Afternoon Tea; Concert at School, 8 p m. Thursday: Concert at School, 8. p.m. Come and look to the comfort of your little ones. JOHN BURNS, Hon. Secretary.

2nd March 1918 An indication of the increasing popularity of Karori as a residential suburb is furnished in the local public school. The attendance has increased at such a rapid rate that, although an up-to-date infants' school was erected about five years ago, the accommodation provided again became quite inadequate. The School Committee has - pressed in Season and out of season for improvement, and the result is that the infants' school has been enlarged by the addition of a spacious room. In order to celebrate the event the committee has arranged for an official opening on Wednesday next at 2.30 p.m. The Minister for Education, the Hon. Mr. Hanan, has consented to perform the opening ceremony. In order to raise funds to provide a school piano the committee ha 6 arranged for a sale of produce and home-made cakes, jams, etc., to follow the opening, and it" is hoped the residents will give generous support. A series of two concerts will also be held in the new schoolroom on Wednesday and Thursday evening

7th March 1918 AN ADDITION—AND A CEREMONY. An addition to the infant school at Karori has just been completed. The addition consists of one room only, but a very up-to-date room, and the School Committee held a celebration for the opining of the room yesterday afternoon. The Minister of Education (Hon. J. A. Hanan) performed the opening ceremony.

Mr. W. H. Nimmo, chairman of the committee, presided. He said that the committee proposed to ask a favour of the Minister and the Department. They had in hand a scheme for ; the enlargement and improvement of the school grounds, but trey could not complete it without financial assistance, and they. intended to ask the Minister to help them with it. Some, of the money necessary had been found by the residents, and they would be asked to provide more, in order that there should be available for the children at the school a sufficient playing area for their school games. The addition of a room to the school would be' a great boon but it was a pity that the addition had not _ been of two rooms, because the district was a growing ono, and already there were 110 children at the school to be housed in the two infant rooms available. He was afraid that the district would have very soon to ask for other additions. The Minister said lie was very pleased to be present to open the new infant room. The need for additional accommodation showed that Karori was a part of Wellington which was progressing and he was pleased to know that there was need for still more accommodation for the school. "With regard to the proposed increase of the playground area, lie said that the Department believed in and . encouraged the principle of self-help, and it gave subsidies ta those committees who helped themselves in the matter of increasing the size of their grounds. Mr. Hanan referred to education expenditure generally. (This portion of the speech is noted elsewhere.) Mr. R. A. Wright, member for the district, said he was glad to hear from the Minister that the committee would get help from the Department in regard to the increasing of the area of tile school ground. He did not believe that the criticism that bad been levelled against the Minister and the Department had been made with any idea that the Minister or his Department had not done their duty. The truth of the matter was that 'the properly Education Department did not receive a sufficient grant from Parliament to do its work The proper course for Those interested in' education to pursue was to stimulate public opinion in New Zealand oil the question. By this' means it. would be possible to bring pressure to bear on members of Parliament, who, in turn, would bring pressure to bear on the Government to allow

Parliament to vote a very much larger sum every year for education than was available now. \ In view of the amount of money that had been found in the country for other purposes, it would not be possible any longer to make the reply that the country was too poor to be able to afford the extra expenditure. • The chairman at this, stage made the announcement that -Dr. Platts-Mills, who was present, had offered to subscribe the sum of £5 .towards the ground fund, 011 condition that five other people subscribed like sums. Dr. Platts-Mils, who was next called 'upon to speak, advised the people of Karori to agitate for what they wanted. - "You have only to make enough noise about a thing, and you will get it," : she said. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Minister Afterwards the visitors were entertained at afternoon tea, and then they were invited to purchase from a number of stalls that had been set up for the sale of household and garden produce in aid of the school funds.

7th March 1918 Judging by his remarks at the Karori School yesterday, the Hon. J. A. Hanan, Minister of Education, does not consider the schools a place solely for tuition in the three "R's." On. the contrary, he urged particular attention to the physical side, and asserted that the schools were a place where the social tendency should be developed. Games he favoured, because they taught the value of discipline and organisation, besides teaching the value of unselfishness. A boy played football not for himself, but for the school. It was unselfishness 'which caused him to pass the ball to another player. Schools should be full of sunlight and fresh air, and the scholars should be taught the value of exercise and deep breathing, besides being told something about diet.

8th March 1918 The Karori School concert was repeated with great success last evening, when the schoolroom was again crowded to its utmost capacity. The whole of the programme was provided by the scholars, and each of the many items appeared to be thoroughly appreciated. Owing to the length of the programme no encores were given. The recitation by Master John Watchman, a clever- little boy, was regarded by. many as the star item. As a result of both' concerts and the sale of work and produce, the committee has in hand the sum of about £50, and' the provision of a .piano for the infant school is assured. The. head master (Mr. McKenzie) thanked-all those who had assisted in bringing about such an excellent financial result. Additional contributions to the grounds improvement fund were announced as follow:—S. Shortt £1 Is, A. V. Hewett 10s 6d, making a total of £19 14s 6d out of the £25 required.

5th April 1918 PIANO WANTED. The Karori School Committee desire A to .Purchase a SECOND-HAND PIANO, for the Infant School; must be of good British make. Send offers to JOHN BURNS, ' Main-road, Karori.

19th April 1918 The Karori School Committee, in its report, states that the total amount expended in improving the playground up to date is £166. A sum of £58 has been contributed towards patriotic purposes by the school children. Twenty-one scholars out of twenty-four gained proficiency certificates at the annual examinations, and five children qualified for a free pass in the junior national scholarship examination. The number of "old boys" who are on active service is seventy-three.

20th April 1918 During the past year the scholars of the Karori School have contributed £58 to various patriotic funds The principal items are as follows:—Young Helpers' League, £36 3s; soldiers' Christmas puddings, £8 12s; London Air Raid Fund, £11 18s;

Raetihi Fund, £1 7s 3d, in addition to articles of clothing, etc., and also additional contributions of flowers, eggs, to Violet Day and other local activities in aid of the war funds.

22nd April 1918 The annual report of the Karori School Committee stated that the attendance throughout the year had been good, and the number on the roll is higher than at any period of the school's history. There has been a steady increase during the last three years. The number on the roll at the beginning of 1916 was 236; 1917, 252; 1918, 283; and the average attendance for 1915, 220; 1916, 247; 1917, 263. It was worthy of special note that the average attendance for the last quarter of 1917 rose to 280. The sum subscribed by friends of the school for the purpose of improving and completing the new playgrounds was £25 7s. A subsidy of £ for £ on this sum has been applied for. The committee, school staff, and children assisted at the combined school concert held in the Town Hall.

23rd April 1918 Karori There was a good attendance of householders of Karori, and the following were elected to the committee :—Messrs. W. H. Nimmo' (chairman), J. Burn (secretary), E. D. Ash, J. W. J. R. Whithair, W. Skegg, C. Moore, W. Craig,—

S. E. Brown,, W. F. Brook. Motions were carried drawing the attention of the Education Board to the want of more accommodation in the infants' division, 1, and congratulating the School Committee Association and the Educational Institute on the excellent work done during the year in the interest of the State school children.

10th May 1918 Miss D. Whitbread-Edwards, the infant mistress of the Karori School, has been appointed to a similar position at the Te Aro School. The Karon School Committee at its last meeting expressed regret at the loss the school had sustained by the removal of Miss Edwards. The committee is taking steps to in some appropriate manner the value of Miss Edwards's services to the school before she leaves the district.

15th May 1918 Karori Borough Affairs: The Karori School Committee wrote asking for financial assistant to enable the school to participate in the Wellington School library scheme. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

31st May 1918 A PRESENTATION. Miss D. Whitbread-Edwards. the infant mistress at the Karori School, was farewelled by the school and householders yesterday afternoon. Miss Whitbread Edwards, who has had charge of the infant division for some years, has been promoted to the position of infant mistress at the Te Aro School. There was a good gathering of the householders and school committee, together with the school staff and scholars assembled in the school grounds. Mr A. McKenzie, the headmaster, on behalf of the scholars, presented Miss Whitbread-Edwards with a fine camera, and Mr W. H. Nimmo, chairman of the committee, on behalf of the committee and householders, handed to the guest of honour a handsome suit case, fully equipped. Both speakers dwelt on the serious loss the school and district had sustained by the removal of so competent a teacher. Short speeches of eulogy were also delivered by Mr John Burns the committee secretary, and Mr W. Skegg. on behalf of the householders. Miss Whitbread-Edwards feelingly thanked the children and committee and householders for their valued gifts. She trusted that the school would be successful in obtaining a teacher who had the Interests of the infants at heart. She thanked the school staff and committee for the generous assistance received from them. Miss Whitbread-Edwards is a daughter of Mr Arthur Minchin

Edwards and Mrs A. M. Whitbread-Edwards, a cousin on the maternal side of the late Sir Geo. Grey, an ex-Governor of New Zealand.

7th June 1918 Last night the Karori School Committee entertained the school staff at a social evening. A progressive euchre party was held and the winners were Mrs. W. H. Nimmo and Mr. H. S. Brooke; Mts. W. Skegg earning the "booby" prize. A short musical programme was contributed to by Misses Bracey, Whitbread-Edwards, and Mr. J. Burns. Miss Bracey and Mrs. J. Burns played the accompaniments. The committee and staff, took the opportunity to say farewell' to Miss Whitbread-Edwards, who has been appointed to the staff at Te Aro School.

8th August 1918 The Karori School Committee decided at its meeting last night that an offer from Mr. Darroch to give a lecture on the Navy, illustrated, by lantern slides, should be held over until the weather is more propitious.

A large number of ex-scholars of the Karori. School have joined the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and it is proposed to complete an Honours Board to be hung in a suitable position, in the school. Such records as this will show to future generations how each little district throughout New Zealand rose to the occasion under the national stress and manfully carried out its duty, By placing such a record in each school a magnificent object-lesson is afforded for future generations of children who have grown to manhood and, largely as a result of teaching they have received in childhood, have not hesitated to offer their lives for their country's good.

10th September 1918 At the monthly meeting of the Karori School Committee, it was reported that the Education Board had decided to erect an additional room to the infants' school. It 19 expected that this work will be put in hand shortly. Exception was taken by members of the committee to the manner in which a recent medical examination of the school children was conducted. The attention of the board was drawn to the matter. The committee decided to complete the grounds improvement scheme during the spring. The new playing ground will have an area of nearly an acre of flat land. It is the intention of the committee to further improve the grounds adjacent .to the infants' school. A sub-committee was set up to visit the school and report on matters requiring attention. A sub-committee was also appointed to report on the planting of the new ground.

18th September 1918 Overcrowding in the Karori School was mentioned at to-day's meeting of the Wellington Education Board, the matter being brought up by a letter from the Education Department, declining in the meantime to make a grant for additions. Mr. 'R. A. Wright,' M.P., said he did not blame the Department so much as the .Government 'for the altogether inadequate grant made for education. Mr. T. Forsyth, . the Chairman, said he blamed the Department which was supposed to use common-sense in its computations. Mr. E. McCallam, M.P., agreed with. Mr. Wright. Since the war, he said, the education system had been drifting, drifting, drifting, and there was no knowing where it was going to drift to. Personally, he had quarrelled with the Minister for Education on the subject, and he did not believe that there were eight members in the House who took a live interest in education, or who realised •the' importance of it. The board decided to/ again approach the Department concerning the Karori School.

19th September 1918 At yesterday's meeting of the Wellington Education Board it was reported that the board's application for a grant for the extension of the Karon School had

been declined on the ground that the standard air measurement per scholar had not so far been exceeded. Mr. H. A. Wright, M.P., made a vigorous protest against the method of estimating an air measurement. While some classes might not be up to the standard, there were others where it was exceeded, but instead of taking the case room by room they averaged the school and finding that it did not exceed the standard air measurement over the total number of scholars, declined the grant. He thought that the method was all wrong. The chairman: There should be some common sense exercised.Finally it was resolved to refer the matter of a amount for the extension of the Karori School back to the Department for reconsideration.

8th October 1918 It was resolved at the monthly' meeting of the Karori School Committee that a letter of sympathy be sent to the parents of the late Lieut. H. S. McDugal Sanson. Lieut. Sanson was prior to enlisting- on the teaching- staff of the Karori school. He was recognised as a young man of great promise. Universally, liked, his company was valued by pupils staff, and residents of the district. In the field of school sport he is sadly missed: The new room of the infants school, has been reported on by a sub-committee;-which, has recommended that the attention of the board be called to the fact that the room is draughty, and that the fireplace is practically useless;-The exterior of the building also requires attention, and ' a. recommendation for improvement is also being made to the board. It was decided to support the School Committees' Association in the endeavour, to hold'. Dominion Conference, this year.

Copies of the Ten Commandments (without numbers) are being obtained for each of the; schoolrooms,-- the -pupils are to be encouraged to memorise

It is' understood that-the Education Board is to wait on the Education Department in connection with the very .necessary addition required at the infants' school. In one room seventy children are being taught.

15th November Influenza Epidemic: KARORI, from the Tunnel to Makara. Officer-in-charge, A. McKenzie, Esq Headquarters, Karori School Telephone 3701 (one short and one long)

20th November 1918 With regard to the untrained staff, Wellington had asked for twelve volunteers from Trentham. and twelve men had volunteered and had been working in .the temporary hospitals at Karori school and the Sydney street Club.....

4th December 1918 KARORI SCHOOL. ~~The School will be OPEN for the REMOVAL OF BOOKS, etc., from 10. till 12 o'clock on FRIDAY NEXT. The Staff is requested to attend if possible. JOHN BURNS, Secretary,

1918-1919

1919	262	Karori	Burns MA	John C	B-34	Head	£370.00
1919	262	Karori	Stainton	William H	D-80	Assistant	£285.00
1919	262	Karori	Cooper	Ethel R	D-70	Assistant	£230.00
1919	262	Karori	Pinder	Constance M	C-89	Assistant	£210.00
1919	262	Karori	Gamage	Jessie Mrs	D-83	Assistant	£175.00
1919	262	Karori	Caigou	Melba Frances	C-90	Assistant	£175.00
1919	262	Karori	Richmond	Marietta D	C-98	Assistant	£140.00

1919	262	Karori	Bracey	Phyllis		Probationer 2	£75.00
1919	262	Karori	Graham	Ida M		Probationer 1	£65.00

John C Burns had a long career with the Wellington Education Board:

1896-1898 Petone Male Pupil Teacher. 1900-1901 Terrace Assistant Master, 1902 Reikiorangi Sole Charge. 1903-1909 Levin DHS. 1910-1912 Mount Cook Boys' assistant master. 1913-1917 with a BA at Newtown as an assistant. 1919 At Karori with an MA. He was not teaching at any Primary school in New Zealand in 1921 but by 1923 was headmaster of Petone West. He was appointed to Petone West in November 1921. He played a leading part in Petone Borough Council affairs

12th June 1941 The death occurred last night of Mr. John Campbell Burns, until recently Deputy Mayor of Petone and headmaster of the Petone West School, at the age of 62. Mr. Burns was born in the mining district of Lawrence, one of the four sons of Mr. Andrew Burns. The latter, who is 95 years of age, is still living in Wellington, after a long career as a journalist, during which he established newspapers at Riverton, Tuapeka, Cromwell, and Lawrence. When he came to the Hutt Valley he took over the "Hutt and Petone Chronicle." The late Mr. Burns graduated M.A. with honours at Victoria University College, and he started his career with the Education Board in August 1896 and was at Petone for three years as a junior teacher. He was then assistant master at the Terrace School, Wellington, for two years. He served successively at Reikiorangi, Levin, Mount Cook, Newtown, Karori, and Petone West Schools, and was appointed headmaster to Petone West, in November, 1921, a position he retained until his death. His total service was 44 years and 10 months. He was treasurer of the New Zealand Educational Institute and an executive member and was a foundation executive member of the Victoria University College Students' Association. He was a member of the Petone Borough Council for eleven years, and Deputy Mayor for three years. Elected to the council in 1929, he retained his seat until 1935, and was returned [to the council again in a by-election in 1936, continuing a member until ' May of this year. As Deputy Mayor, he took the place of Mr. G. London, who is on active service, from May, 1940, to May, 1941. Owing to ill health he had decided not to contest the fast municipal election, but at the last moment was induced to reconsider his decision, stood as an independent, and was defeated.

Mr. Burns was a foundation member of the Petone Dental Clinic, and of the Hull Valley V.M.C.A. executive, a member of the Board of Governors of the Hutt Valley High School, the Hutt Park Committee, and the Wellington Provincial Patriotic Association. As chairman of the Petone Emergency Reserve Committee he took a great part in the formation of the Home Guard and Petone E.P.S. He was a lay reader and member of the choir of St. Augustine's Church, where he was a churchwarden for 20 years.

Mr. Burns played Rugby football in the late years of the last century and was a Wellington representative as inside back, and was also a Wellington representative in cricket, as wicket-keeper. He played Rugby and tennis, representing Victoria University, and was also keen on rowing and rifle shooting. He was a foundation member of the Petone Tennis Club.

He is survived by Mrs. Burns, a son, Mr. S. C. Burns. Petone, and three daughters, Mrs. S. V. McEwen. Wellington, Mrs. E. G. Thompson, Lower Hutt and Mrs. J. D. Mackay , Welling ton.

The funeral will take place on Saturday-afternoon from St. Augustine's Church, Petone. after a service commencing at 1.45 p.m.

William H Stainton started at Roseneath as a pupil teacher in 1910 and 1911.. Then a gap of 2 years presumably at Training College Then in 1914-1915 on war duty from Mt Cook Boys'. Next Listed at Karori in 1919 and was still there when my records end in 1923.

In 1925 Assistant at Petone By 1930 was head of Mangatainoka school north of Pahiatua.

Gamage Jessie Mrs

1916/3760	Jessie	Higgins	Ambrose Francis	Gamage
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Jessie Higgins started teaching at Clyde Quay in 1911 and taught until 1913 and in 1915 was at Mt Cook Boys'. Under her married name she was at Mt Cook Boys' in 1917. Karori in 1919 and South Wellington in 1921. No Children are registered under this name. No Ambrose Francis Gamage is recorded as dying in New Zealand,

There was a court case where Mr Gamage was used as a false name. Ambrose Gamage was only on the electoral roll in 1914 in the Napier Electorate.

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Phyllis Bracey only taught for the Wellington Education Board as a probationer in 1919

1923/8054	Phyllis Olga	Bracey	Joseph Thomas	Woolley
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Ida M Graham only taught for the Wellington Education Board as a probationer in 1919

1921/2200	Ida May	Graham	William Gordon	Campbell
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8th February 1919 It was reported at the last meeting of the Karori School Committee that it was hoped to have an Honours Board placed in the school before the committee went out of office, next April. The committee has arranged to entertain the pupils and school staff at a picnic to be held at the Karori Park on Friday nest. It was decided to have certain repairs made to the caretaker's cottage.....A motion congratulating the headmaster (Mi-. A. McKenzie) on the efficient manner in which lie had controlled the local committee set up,, during the recent epidemic, was passed at .the monthly meeting of the Karori School Committee. Mr. W. Skegg in moving the motion, expressed the opinion that the work of the local committee reflected great credit on all concerned. This view was agreed to by all present.

11th February 1919 Mr. Alexander McKenzie, who has been appointed headmaster of Te 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 fine work. The date on which he will take charge of Te Aro School has not been decided upon.

17th February 1919 Head mastership—. Karori: £340 to £380 and £50 h.a.

26th March 1919 Karori Borough Council: The Mover suggested that peace celebrations take the form of an outing at Karori Park for the children. Councillor Tingey moved that a committee of the whole council be set up to get into touch with the Karori School Committee for the purpose of arranging for peace celebrations to be held for the benefit of the children.—The motion was carried.

1st April 1919 The Karori School grounds, were crowded yesterday afternoon with scholars and parents, when a presentation was made to Mr. A. McKenzie, the head master. Mr. McKenzie, who has been appointed to the position of headmaster at Te Aro School, received a solid leather suitcase from the V. and VI. Standards, while the scholars in other classes' presented him with an electric hand lamp and a fountain pen. Mr. Nimmo chairman of the committee, made the presentation. Mr. McKenzie, in reply, said he regretted to part with those with whom he had spent nearly four years of school life. It was his desire and should be the desire of all, to try and leave some mark of improvement as we moved along from one post to another. He had done his best, and by the expressions from scholars, parents, and staff he felt that some success had been attained. Afternoon tea was supplied to the visitors by the lady teachers of the school.

2nd April 1919 The appointment is announced of Mr. J. C. Burns. M.A. (for several years first assistant of Wellington South School to the headmastership of Karori School. Mr. Burns succeeds Mr. Alexander McKenzie, who has been promoted to the post of headmaster at the To Aro School, in Willis Street.

5th April 1919 The Executive of the Wellington Branch of the Navy League met this week.....It was reported that Karori School had enrolled 66 pupils for the current year.

9th April 1919 The annual report of the Karori School Committee states that a sum of £166 was expended during the year on grounds improvement, sports, and a piano. The school grounds generally were regravelled and it is hoped to have the new ground completed before the winter. During the year the school joined the City Library scheme, and library books are replenished periodically by the city librarian. At the annual examinations twelve scholars out of eighteen obtained proficiency certificates. The inspector's report ranged from "very satisfactory" to "very good." The average attendance during the year was 264 The school honours board is almost completed and is to be hung in the school. The question of infants' school accommodation has been before the committee, and whilst the Education Board recognised the committee's claim for additional accommodation, the Education Department was unable to grant the cost of the suggested improvements. The committee expresses appreciation of the action of the National Government in increasing the scale of capitation and the agreement for extra allowance for "incidentals." The balance-sheet shows a total credit, balance of .£101 7s. 8d. During the year Miss Edwards, infant mistress, resigned, she having been appointed to a higher position in another school. Miss Macalister was appointed to succeed Miss Edwards. "The headmaster. Mr. A. McKenzie, also received promotion, and his valued services were lost to Karori by his transfer to To Aro School. The committee places on record its thanks to Mr. McKenzie for the excellent services rendered the school during his headmastership and says the utmost harmony has prevailed during the last two years between the staff and the committee. During the recent epidemic Mr. McKenzie acted as chairman of the local committee, and his work as an organiser was most excellent.

The scholars were entertained at a "sports day"- arranged by the committee, assisted by the school staff, and held at Karori Park on February 14. This was the only outing given to the children during the war period. A social evening was held at the school on May 30. During the year the transactions between the committee, and the Education Board were conducted in a most harmonious manner. The committee thank the officers of the board for the

attention paid to its correspondence and congratulates Mr. T. Forsyth on his appointment to the position of chairman of the Education Board, the appointment, being one which it considers to be in the best interests of our national system of education.

9th April 1919 The Karori School Committee in its annual report states that during the year the school grounds have been further improved by regravelling. The completion of the new playground is now under way, and it is hoped the work will be finished before the winter. The school has joined the city library scheme, and the library books are replenished periodically by the city librarian. At the annual examinations twelve scholars out of eighteen obtained proficiency certificates. The inspector's report on the different classes ranged from "very satisfactory" to "very good." The attendance throughout the year has been from fair to good. The average attendance for 1917 was 263; for last year it was 264. The average of 261 is considered by the headmaster and committee to be very good, when owing to a very wet season and the epidemic the attendance was naturally much reduced. It is hoped that the matter of school prizes will receive the earnest attention of the incoming committee. The committee has during the year sent in communication with the Education Board regarding more accommodation in the Infants' School. The present position is that the board recognises the committee's claim, but the Education Department is unable to grant the cost of the suggested improvements at the present time. The board has intimated its intention of keeping this matter before the Education department. The balance-sheet, which has been audited by the board's officers and found correct, shows a total credit balance of £101 7s 8d. The committee trusts that the finance will be considered to be satisfactory, the amount in hand in the general account being larger than for some years past. Works necessary in the future may be summarised as follows:—New grate in infants' school, asphalt around infants' school, planting grounds, new fence on main road frontage, and an additional room to infants' school... In conclusion the committee desire to thank the school staff for the good work done during the year and for the excellent manner in which they have assisted the committee both in and out of school hours. The committee also desire to thank the ladies who gave their assistance at the sports gathering, and to Mr A. Smith, who generously placed his motor at the disposal of the sports committee. Mr Brigham, borough engineer, is also thanked for services gratuitously rendered during the year.

14th June 1919 At a meeting of the Karori Public School Committee, held this week, it was reported by the sub-committee instructed to report on the question of hot drinks for the children at lunch time that arrangements had been made with the caretaker to supply hot cocoa, etc., at a minimum cost. The school committee, desirous of further improving the school grounds, will meet at the school on the 24th inst. at 2 p.m., in order to consider the matter of planting and laying out of flower plots. Some difficulty has been experienced in selecting suitable colours for the school. It is suggested that caps, badges, and jerseys of maroon be ordered, but no finality has yet been reached in the matter. It was agreed to allot the two prizes given by Mr. R. Boyes for improvement in handwriting to Standard V. and VI. boys. The committee decided to encourage the girls also and donated similar prizes to V. and VI girls. The additions required to the school buildings have not yet been approved, and overcrowding still exists. The removal of a teacher to another school by the Education Board, without any notification whatever to the committee, was severely

criticised. The work of asphaltting a strip around the infants' school to allow of exercise during wet weather is to be undertaken at once.

20th June 1919 An interesting gathering took place at Karori School yesterday when » New Zealand ensign was presented by 'the chairman of the Navy League's Education Committee to the school. The headmaster, Mr. Burns, accepted the gift, and in thanking the Navy League promised that this flag would be greatly treasured. Captain Chudley addressed the scholars on the work of the Navy and the mercantile marine in the war, and account of some of his own experiences at sea greatly pleasing the children. The boys and girls sang with enthusiasm a patriotic song, and God Save the King' the ceremony concluding with three cheers for the Flag.

5th July 1919 Karori is regarded by many as the home of hockey. It has certainly produced many excellent players. Mr. J. Burns, an old 'Varsity player, is now headmaster of the Karori School, and a keen hockeyite. He wants the Karori boys to be hockey players and has 30 promising lads under his tuition. However, he is handicapped for the want of sticks.: Here's where old players can help him. He will welcome any sticks that they can spare. It does not matter how worn they are, they will be good enough for the boys.

18th July 1919 Special arrangements have been made to entertain the Karori children in their home suburb on Monday. The festivities, which are meant for all Karori children, irrespective of what school they attend, will commence at 9.30 a.m., when children, parents and friends are asked- to assemble at the Karori School. The programme for the day is as follows:—9.45 am.—Mr. B. A. Wright, M.P., will deliver a short address, and will unveil the Honours Board at the Karori School. The flag will then be saluted, and the National Anthem will be sung. The school children will sing a Hymn of Peace; 10.30 a.m.—Children, parents, and friends will form up ready to march to the Park, when a flag will be presented to every child ; 10.45 a.m.— The band will lead the procession to the Karori Park; 11.30 to 12 noon—Games at the Park; noon —A free lunch will be provided for all; 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.— Sports. Three classes of events will be run simultaneously:— (a) Events for infants, (b) events for girls ,2nd to 6th Standard, (c) events for boys 2nd- to 6th Standard. Prizes will be distributed at the conclusion of each events 3.30 p.m.— Tea and refreshments for all.

22nd July 1919 AT KARORI All the children attending the Karori School. together with many of the parents, the total number being well over 700, assembled in the school grounds this morning. Mr. W. H. Nimmo, chairman of the School Committee, introduced Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P for the district, who had been asked to unveil the honours board. Mr. Wright made a stirring patriotic speech before he drew off the Union Jack. After the ceremony the big Jack was run up to the top of the flagpole in the school grounds, and everyone stood to attention while the National Anthem was sung. The "Last Post" was sounded 'by a bugle. A hymn of 'peace was sung by the children, who then gave three cheers. After a photograph of the scene had been taken, the children and their parents marched to the Karori Park, headed by a band. The spectacle was the finest ever seen in the district. Owing to rain coming on only two races —those for boys and girls over 16 could be got off. Plenty of refreshments were served out. It was decided to postpone the remainder of the sports until to-day,

2nd August 1919 An enjoyable social gathering was held! at Karori last night when the members of the local. School Committee entertained the teaching staff for the. Purpose of bidding farewell to Mr. McKenzie, the retiring headmaster, and to Miss Macalister, the infant mistress, both of whom have recently received promotion, and also for the purpose of welcoming the new headmaster, Mr. J. C. Burns, M.A. The large infant schoolroom was prettily decorated. A progressive euchre party was held, the prize being won by Mrs. Whithair. Supper was afterwards served', and several speeches were made. Mr. Nimmo, the chairman of the School Committee, referred in terms of high. praise to the work accomplished by Mr. McKenzie and Miss Macalister during their period of service in the Karori School and expressed regret at losing their services. He "stated that Mr. McKenzie, during his three and a-half years at Karori, had created a very high standard in the school, which. Mr. Burns would find hard to beat. He was satisfied, however, that the committee's. selection was going to prove; a good one, and already Mr. Burns had given evidence of sterling merit. The committee felt that it was to be congratulated on securing so competent a headmaster. He also extended the congratulations of the. committee to Miss Pinder on her appointment to the vacancy caused by Miss Macalister's retirement. Miss Macalister had been at Karori School for a number of years, had, greatly endeared herself to the children and parents, and had proved herself a highly efficient teacher. Other members of the committee supported these remarks, and' the teachers referred.to suitably responded, Musical items were given by Miss Edwards,- Miss Pinder, Miss Macalister, and Mr. Burns. A very pleasant evening concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne."

4th August 1919 Miss Pinder, who succeeds Miss Macalister on the teaching staff of the Karori School; has been a teacher in the school for some years, having joined the staff as a junior. Miss Macalister , who has been appointed to another school, has been 'Connected with the Karori School for about a year.

6th November 1919 Mrs Gamage appointed assistant Karori

13th December 1919 For some time past the senior pupils of the Karori school have been strenuously engaged in discussing political and social questions, with a view to an' end which arrived on Wednesday. They produced, in their limited, area,, all the features of a general election. Candidates addressed meetings; committees were appointed, and worked, hard, too; even interruptions were not unknown when, the candidates were.: speaking, and many searching questions were asked and answered. Nomination forms were filled in with due regard to the requirements of the Legislature Act, and the whole proceedings, which were instituted and supervised by the headmaster (Mr. J. Burns) excited the keenest interest. Wednesday was polling day, and it is well worth recording that there was not one informal vote in the Parliamentary poll, and only two in the more complicated licensing poll, out of 110' voters.

17th December 1919 The breaking-up ceremony of the Karori School was held yesterday afternoon in the infants' school. The secretary of the committee, Mr. John Burns, presided, and addressed the children. Several songs were sung by the combined classes, led by the headmaster, Mr. J. C. Burns, M.A. Mr. W. H. Stainton, first assistant, presided at the piano. Two special prizes, donated by Mr. T. R. Boyes for writing, were awarded as

follows : Standard V., Albert Dyer; Standard VI., Henry Turner. Committee prizes, also for writing, girls only : Standard V., Dorothy Williamson; Standard VI., Dolly Clegg.

The following certificates were also presented :

Proficiency : H. Andrews, Rita Barnes, Daphne Beamish, R. Caughley, L. Chambers, R. Grant, D. Gregg, Gwen Guthrie, Gladys Lovell, R. McDonald, Nellie Mitchell, W. Newcombe, Marjorie Pearce, Ruby Richards, S. Roberts, Flora Tingey, H. Turner, J. Watchman.

Endorsed competency : E. Blakemore. Competency : Irene Moore, Eva Williamson.

Eighty attendance certificates were presented to those scholars who were absent not more than 2½ days during the year.

In his address to the children, Mr. Burns stated that from April next the school would, on amalgamation, become a city school, when water and improved sanitation would be supplied. The school would also derive some benefit from the city schools' library scheme. This information was well received by the children. It was the hope of the committee that a dux medal and a pre-war prize list would be reverted to next year. At the request of the headmaster, cheers were given for the committee. The singing of the National Anthem closed the proceedings.

16th January 1920 Wellington Education Board assistant wanted Karori £130 to £120

29th January 1920 The Wellington Education Board decided yesterday to award the J. L. Heckler Scholarship to Robert L. C. Grant (Karori School). This scholarship is tenable at Wellington College. Master Grant is a son of the late Rev. W. Grant, chaplain to the New Zealand Forces, who was killed on Gallipoli in 1915

12th February 1920 WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD. REOPENING OF SCHOOLS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Schools throughout the Wellington Education District will Reopen on THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY. G. L. STEWART, . Secretary. [Following Influenza Epidemic]

18th March 1920 The annual picnic of the Karori State School was held yesterday at the Karori Park. There was an excellent attendance of scholars. A cricket match played between the school committee- and the school team resulted in the committee being defeated. The following are the results of the sports programme:— Boys' championship, over 12: Gerald McGavin, 1; C. Jacobsen, 2. Girls' championship, over 12: Ena Williamson, 1; Rose Whithair 2. Girls' championship, under 12: Marjorie' Manson, 1; Dulcie Sunley.. 2. Boys' championship, under 12: Ian McGavin. Standard VI.— Girls: D. Williamson, 1; Jean Burns, 2. Boys: Roy Hull, 1; J. Hilston, C. Livermore (dead heat), 2. Standard V.— Girls : Violet Ash, 1; Freda Nash, Ella Reed, Enid McKenzie (dead heat), 2. Boys: E. King, 1; John McGavin, 2. Standard IV.—Girls: Mavis Barr, 1; Mavis Cooper, D. Sunley (dead heat), 2. Boys: Barry Smith, 1. "Standard III.—Boys: A. Jacobsen, 1; S. McDonald, 2. Girls: Connie Manson, 1; Sadie Gibson, 2. Standard II.—Girls: B. Fugal, 1 ; D. Henderson and L. Brown (tie). 2. Boys: H. Fugal, 1; J. Whithair, 2. Standard I.—Girls: Lettie Le Serre, 1; Jessie Fugal, 2. Boys: A. Guthrie. 1; Morris Brown, 2. Prizes in the lower divisions were also won by: R. Watchman, Noel Hislop, J. Dunstan, Jack. Gooden, Clair Radcliffe, Audrey Picot, K. Larkin, Jean McGavin, and Barbara Whithair. In the infant division every child received a prize.

3rd April 1920 The occasion of the amalgamation of Karori with the city was fittingly celebrated at Karori School on Thursday. Before the close of afternoon school the scholars were assembled, and speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered by the headmaster, Mr J. C. Burns, M.A., the ex-Mayor of Karori. Mr G. G. H. Burn, the Mayor of Wellington (Mr J. P. Luke, C.M.G., M.P.), and Mrs Luke All the speakers! the importance of the occasion and urged the fit themselves during their school days so that they would later be worthy "citizens of no mean city.

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Householders' meeting's and the election, of' school committees will take place on 28th April.

19th April 1920 The Karori school, .committee reports that during the year Miss Macalister, Miss Cagou, and Mr A. Parkinson left the school staff. The appointments to the staff were: Mr J; C. Burns, M.A., Mr Stainton, Mrs Gamage, and Miss Q. M. Hind.

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Kathleen M Grant taught at Karori in 1921 and at Clyde Quay in 1923

16th January 1920 Wanted Karori Assistant £130 to £140

29th January 1920 The Wellington Education Board decided yesterday to award the J. L. Heckler Scholarship to Robert L. C. Grant (Karori School). This scholarship is tenable at Wellington College. Master 1 Grant is a son of the late Rev, W. Grant, chaplain to the New Zealand Forces, who was killed on Gallipoli in 1915.

18th March 1920 The annual picnic of the Karori State School was held yesterday at the Karori Park. There was an excellent attendance of scholars. A cricket match played between the school committee- and. the school team resulted in the committee being defeated. The following are the results of the sports programme:— Boys' championship, over 12: Gerald McGavin , 1; C. Jacobsen, 2. Girls' championship, over 12: Ena Williamson, 1; Rose Whithair 2. Girls' championship, under 12: Marjorie' Manson, 1; Dulcie Sunley.. 2. Boys' championship, under 12:' Ian McGavin. Standard VI.— Girls: D. Williamson, 1; Jean Burns, 2. Boys: Roy Hull, 1; J. Hilston, C. Livermore (dead heat), 2. Standard V.— Girls : Violet Ash, 1; Freda Nash, Ella Reed, Enid McKenzie (dead heat), 2. Boys: E. King, 1; John McGavin, 2. Standard IV.—Girls: Mavis Barr, 1; Mavis Cooper, D.

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3rd April 1920 The occasion of the amalgamation of Karori with the city was fittingly celebrated at Karori School on Thursday. Before the close of afternoon school the scholars were assembled, and speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered by the headmaster, Mr J. C. Burns, M.A., the ex-Mayor of Karori. Mr G. G. H. Burn, the Mayor of Wellington (Mr J. P. Luke, C.M.G., M.P.), and Mrs Luke All the speakers! the importance of the occasion and urged the fit themselves during their school days so that they would later be worthy "citizens of no mean city."

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Householders' meeting's and the election, of' school committees will take place on 28th April.

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18th April 1921 The committee of the Karori School refers to the much-greater interest taken in sport by the children during the past year and expresses appreciation of the work. done by the staff in the fostering of that interest.,

Various improvements have been effected during the year. A suitable fence was erected along the. Main-road .frontage, the. gate-ways have been altered, and a set of concrete steps constructed at the main entrance.. But much yet remains to be done. While many shrubs and trees have been planted, garden plots laid out or extended, both the committee and the staff are desirous of further improvements. »Gifts of shrubs, plants, seeds, etc., will be gladly welcomed.

The committee finds itself at variance with the Education Board in the methods employed in making appointments to the school staff, says the report. The tendency seems to be to destroy the authority of school committees, to reduce them to a condition of impotence. The most that a committee can do seems to be to lodge a strong protest. What is needed here, and throughout the country, is a virile, shall we say, a combative, public opinion that will not have less than it demands.

27th April 1921 Wellington Hockey Association: It was reported that a cup for competition among the schools had been donated by the headmaster of the Karori School

10th May 1921 The needs of the Karori School have recently been receiving the attention of the Education Board. Yesterday the chairman, Mr. T. Forsyth, with Messrs. G. London, A. J. White, R. A. Wright, M.P., members of the board, the architect (Mr. A. McDougal), and the secretary (Mr. Q. L. Stewart), inspected the school buildings and grounds. They were met and welcomed by the School Committee and the headmaster (Mr. J. C. Burns). The school roll has been steadily increasing, necessitating increased accommodation. If the present rate of increase is maintained, two extra rooms will shortly be required. The visitors were impressed by the urgency of the need, and the people of the district now look for results

13th May 1921 At Karori School recently parents, teachers, and pupils assembled to bid farewell to Miss Pinder, who has been infant mistress there for some years. The headmaster, Mr. Burns, expressed regret at losing so capable a teacher, and wished her every success 'in her new position at Worser Bay. Mr. Lankshear, chairman of the. School Committee, also spoke of Miss Pinder's good work among the children and presented her with a gold wristlet watch as a mark of appreciation. Mr. Stainton then briefly responded for Miss Pinder and thanked the parents and committee for the kindness and assistance always extended to her.

17th August 1921 Wellington Education Board Regarding temporary use of a room for school. purposes, at Karori, 'the' Department notified that it declined to pay the rent.

10th September 1921 A meeting of the Karori School Committee was held last evening, Mr. Lankshear presiding. Arrangements were made for the school concerts to be held on 29th and 30th instants. The children will provide all the items. It was reported that a vote of parents in connection with the introduction of the Nelson system of Bible instruction into the school had resulted in 75 per cent, being in favour, of the proposal. The committee will make arrangements. with clergymen interested. The committee expressed concern at the attitude of the Education Department in connection with the matter of the long-overdue provision of accommodation for the increased attendance of scholars. It was said that the Department had declined to pay rent for the use of temporary premises and had also refused the committee's application for additional room for the main school. The-committee decided to place the matter before the householders as soon as official advice is received.

3rd October 1921 The Karori school children gave very successful concerts on Thursday, and Friday nights in aid of the sports funds of the' school. Nearly £20 was raised, and the school is to be, congratulated upon its splendid effort. .The bulk of the items were by the children, and the committee is also indebted to a number of friends who assisted. The Misses Needham, Liper and Kirpatrick gave Scotch dances, Mr. G. Nelson violin solos,

and Master John Watchman recited- The team-work of the scholars was excellent, especially the drill, which betokened the care taken by the teachers in the training of the children. The assistant master, Mr. W. H. Stainton," both in the training of the class singing and at the piano the proved his value as a musician. A. largo tent and platform curtain and back-scene were kindly lent by Mr. W. Dean

12th October 1921 Mr. J.C .Burns, M.A., has been promoted from, the position of headmaster of the Karori School to that of the Petone West School

15th October 1921 At the meeting of the Karori School Committee, held last evening, the headmaster (Mr. J. C. Burns) tendered. his resignation, he having been appointed to the headmastership of the Petone West school. The chairman (Mr. C. R. Lankshear), while' expressing the regret felt by the Karori residents at the loss the district would sustain, congratulated Mr. Burns upon his promotion. Mr. Burns thanked the committee for their good wishes, and for the help and co-operation he had always received. The committee subsequently decided to call an urgent meeting of householders for Monday night, with a view to petitioning the Education Board to allow Mr. Burns to remain at the Karori school until after the examinations. The vexed question of the long-overdue additional accommodation will also be dealt with at Monday evening's meeting.

19th October 1921 THE PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS.

A deputation from the-Karori School Committee waited on the Education Board to-day in reference to the transfer of the head teacher, Mr. Burns, to Petone West. It was urged that Mr. Burns should be retained until after the proficiency examinations were held.

Mr. T. Forsyth, chairman of the board, stated that the Chief Inspector, Mr. F. H. Bakewell, had undertaken to conduct the examinations before the end of. the month.

The deputation intimated . that this would overcome the difficulty entirely.

Representations were also made to the board that-, sufficient accommodation should be provided to meet the needs of the school.

On the motion of Mr. Forsyth, the board decided to continue the extra classroom at the Methodist Schoolroom until, the end of the term, and to consider the ..whole matter again at the beginning' of next year.

24th November 1921 "May I call your attention to. a deplorable act of vandalism perpetrated in the Karori School grounds and vicinity (writes " Alabama " to The Post) ? Karori is known as one of the most beautiful of the Wellington suburbs, mainly on account of its trees. A few months ago the valuable belt of trees which surrounded the school grounds was cut down and chopped up for firewood; the wood is now heaped on the children's playground, where it will rot. Naturally many local residents, as well as visitors, were vexed to see such wanton and useless destruction. Slight comfort was taken, however, in the fact that the fine row of trees on the left side of the school lane were still standing ; these were chopped down last week. Many of the Karori School children have been confused by the appearance in the 'School Journal of an article on the value and use of trees at the time of the unrestrained attack on their own beautiful and valuable possession."

28th November 1921 Sir,—There appeared in The Post on Thursday last, an anonymous letter by "Alabama." The Karori School Committee is glad of the opportunity of placing before inquirers the reasons for the removal of nearly 50 largo trees that once' flourished

on the Karori school grounds. The subject was not a new one; it has been discussed by interested people for some years. The committee's only regret is that the work was not done last year, for then fuel was scarce and the wood would have sold freely, but now with an abundance of coal available the sale of the firewood has not come up to hopes. Various reasons led to the final decision, and they are fairly obvious. Along the main J road frontage, the trees were jeopardising the concrete wall; cracks are plainly visible. The protruding roots are dangerous for children, causing them to trip. The pine needles were a nuisance, causing much blocking of roof gutters and valleys, and littering up the ground. The trees afforded very little shelter from the sun in summer, when shelter was needed, and shut off the sun in winter, when sunshine was most valuable. During the colder months the grounds were always wet and cold. The foliage, bunched as it was well up the trunks, gave no shelter from the wind to those on the ground. The lower portion of the trunks being bare of branches caused an unhealthy ground draught. There are other reasons for the "vandalism," and any member of the committee would be quite willing to explain the policy. Owing to the general hardness of the finances, in which Karori is involved, we do not feel justified in pressing the residents for money, but are content to do any modest little jobs that come to our hand. Had the firewood sold better we would have more to spend on improving the school grounds. One resident has offered the committee £5 if we can find 49 others who will put down a similar amount. Such a large sum is beyond most of us, but we suggest that any resident may become responsible for the amount, collect it from his neighbours and acquaintances, and hand it to any of the committee. With the handsome sum of £500 such improvements can be carried through as to leave "Alabama" and the vexed residents nothing to complain of; also the youthful minds will receive some needful instruction on the care of flowers, shrubs, and trees. Perhaps "Alabama" would like to head that subscription list? For every £5 thus secured the Government matches it with another. The new headmaster has something of a reputation for school grounds' work, and under the stimulus of new ideas, the general public of Wellington may look to Karori to make its contribution to the work of raising the standard of school life.—I am, etc., C. R. LANKSHEAR. 25th November. '

Two other letters for and against not copied

21st December 1921 Karori School had 81 members of the Navy League.

1922-1923

1923	325	Karori	Polson	Donald	C-65	Head	£405.00
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1923	325	Karori	Peart	Elvira S	D-177	Assistant	£225.00
1923	325	Karori	Sutton	Constance G	B-212	Assistant	£175.00
1923	325	Karori	Guthrie	Gwendlyn C		Probationer 1	£83.00
1923	325	Karori	Thomson	Marjorie M		Probationer 1	£83.00
1923	325	Karori	Cattanach	Agnes E R		Probationer 2	£78.00
1923	325	Karori	Williams	Natalie B B		Probationer 2	£78.00

Donald Polson started his career for the Wellington Education Board as an assistant at Clyde Quay 1899-1903. He was at Thorndon 1904-1905 and was headmaster at Northland School when it was a 2 teacher school until 1921.

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3rd January 1922 Mr H McKenzie late of the Victoria Avenue School Wanganui will take charge of the Karori School when it opens early next month.

9th February 1922 On Saturday next, from 2 to 6.30 p.m., the Karori School Committee will hold a garden fete to raise funds for the annual picnic. The committee has been fortunate in obtaining the use of Mr. J. F. and Dr. Platts-Mills's beautiful grounds, in Campbell-street, Karori, which are over twenty acres in extent, and have not hitherto been thrown open to the public, so that in themselves they will prove an attraction, irrespective of the fine programme which has been arranged. There will be stalls for the sale of sweets, produce, and fancy goods; sports and games; and, commencing at 7.30 p.m., dancing by moonlight.

13th February 1922 Very great Success attended the garden fete organised by the committee of the Karori School, in aid of its funds, assisted by Mr. J. F. Mills and Dr. Platts Mills, who lent their beautiful grounds, "and helped in many other ways. The fete was,, most enjoyable, and it is estimated that about 900 people attended. The garden, which is one of Wellington's' oldest, contains beautiful trees, shrubs, and flowers, with lawns and paths coolly shaded, which, were much appreciated. Stalls containing great quantities of goods were set out in various directions, and "trade" was so good that they were practically sold out at the. end of the day. Side-shows included Aunt Sally, Punch and Judy, and pillow-fights, all of which, were well patronised, ..In the evening the Scene was quite fairy-like, as Chinese lanterns and electric lights were arranged in profusion, and a large, number of young people thoroughly enjoyed dancing on the lawn. It was altogether a very happy and successful occasion, the takings amounting to nearly £100. Mr. Burroughs, the energetic hon. secretary, and all concerned deserve congratulations for a well-organised entertainment.

31st March 1922: Wellington City Council: The request of the Karori School Committee for a reduction in the charge of 10s per week for the sanitary service to the Karori School was refused.

11th April 1922 Wellington School Committee Association: The delegates from the Karori School Committee stated that they were being called on to pay 10s a week for their school sanitary service, totalling a quarter's capitation each year. It was resolved that Messrs. J. Clark, T. Forsyth, and A. J. White be delegated to represent to the Education Board the hardship on the Karori Committee in this matter

19th April 1922 At the invitation of Mrs. Browne, who is a member of the Karori School Committee, a number of mothers of children visited the school in order to realise for themselves the urgent necessity of having additional accommodation provided. Lady members of the School Committee's Association were also present. Considerable indignation was expressed, when it was found that no room was available for Standard III., which, perforce, had to be accommodated in the corridor; that a portion of Standard V. and Standard VI. were in one room; and that the remainder of Standard V. and Standard IV. shared another room. The unsatisfactory conditions prevailing were conversationally discussed over afternoon tea, which had been provided in the infant room by Mrs. Browne, and it was decided to urge at the annual meeting of householders on Monday next that the erection of an additional room should be proceeded with immediately. Mrs. Browne was cordially thanked.

9th June 1922 The Minister of Education visited the Karori School this morning, when he was met by the members of the committee, the chairman of the Education Board, householders, and the member for the district. It was explained to the Minister that there was considerable overcrowding, and that one class had to be taken in a narrow corridor. What was asked was that two rooms should be built as the commencement of a new brick block. The Minister said he had to admit that some of the rooms were overcrowded, but others were satisfactory. It was a question of getting the money. Speaking on the question generally, he said there were over 100 schools in New Zealand in a worse position in regard to overcrowding than Karori. A committeeman: "Two wrongs don't make a right. Schools should be built." The Minister: "Well, it amounts at least to a million pounds, and that seems out of the question at the present moment. I have to take the cases that are the most urgent—where there is the most overcrowding and go to Cabinet for a grant. I think you have made out a case for consideration, but this must come through the Education Board. If the board advises me that yours is the most urgent case, of one of the most urgent cases, on its books, I will ask for favourable consideration by Cabinet."

Mr. Parr commented on the state of the playground, saying that it looked as if it needed attention. Committees throughout New Zealand were gathering money and putting their playgrounds in order, and if the local committee would do likewise he would be pleased to help with a subsidy. (Applause.)

Subsequently the Minister informed a Post reporter that he had gone into the question put before him with his officers, and had decided, as a temporary measure, to rent a hall in the district. He would confer with the Education Board as to the position of the school in the list of urgent cases.

15th June 1922 Respecting the request for more room at the Karori School, the Minister of Education has advised Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P., that in view of the overcrowding in some of the rooms he had approved of the renting of a hall for auxiliary accommodation as a temporary expedient.

4th November 1922 Karori School Committee's application to the Minister of Education for needed improvements has not been successful. / A Meeting of Householders is therefore called for THURSDAY, 9th November, at 8 p.m., at the School, to consider what steps the Committee should now take to secure the required accommodation. Roll up and chow your interest in the school and your children's welfare. C. R. LANKSHEAR, , Chairman,

10th November 1922 A meeting of Karori ratepayers was held in the Karori School last evening, there being about 25 people present. Mr. Lankshear presided. Matters affecting an addition to the school were discussed, and it was stated that when a visit was made by the Minister of Education^ (the Hon. C. J. Parr) some time ago, he said he was in accord with the erection of the addition, A communication received from the Minister last night intimates that at the present time finance would not permit the work being proceeded with. This matter was left over and will be given further consideration at a later date. • It was decided on the motion of a ratepayer that at the next meeting of the School Committees' Association the association be asked to obtain a pledge from the candidates of the Wellington electorates supporting an increased grant for education, and more particularly for primary education.

14th December 1922 Wellington Education Board: and also to proceed with the erection of an additional room at Karori.

16th December 1922 Certificates were awarded to pupils of Karori School as follow :— Proficiency: Graham Guthrie -Robert Hilston, Leslie Larnach, Ian McIntosh, Gillies Nicole,' .Lionel Nimmo, Barry Smith, Mavis Cooper; Rita O'Brien, Dulcie Sunley, Olive Young, Ivy Wright, Lyall Hill, Colin Johnson, Nelson Martin, Bert Neilson, Frank Nicoll, Raymond Rankin, Mavis Barry Nancy Messenger, Molly. Plank, Nesta Wood,, Leila Cattnach Endorsed' Competency: Ian McGavin , Molly Spiers.

Competency: Hazel McFarlane, Aileen .Larkin. \

Dux.—Nesta Wood.

Standard, VI.—N. Messenger, G. Nicole. (Mr. McKenzie's prizes.)

Standard V. -D.. McKenzie, F. Newcombe (Mr. McKenzie's prizes.)

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Standard III.—D. Hewitt, F., Edwards, K. Wood.

Standard II.—P. Morrison, P. Nimmo. I Cheyne.

Standard I.—D. Cheyne D. Whitney, D. Lankshear.

Mr. Brown's Special Prizes.—Edward Shotter, Leila Cattnach, Nelson Martin.

Special Prizes. Standard IV.—Progress, Elizabeth Carver, James Needham ; neat work, Alice Mackay, Ronald Fletcher; special prizes, Gladys Fuhrman.

Special Prizes. Standard III.—Gladys Clark, Molly Findlay.

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8th February 1923 KARORI SCHOOL. GRAND GARDEN" PARTY 'AND DANCE in the beautiful Grounds of MR. AND DR. PLATTS-MILLS, Campbell street, Karori , SATURDAY, 10th February, 1923. Stalls, Side . Shows, Highland Dancing, Concerts, Queen Carnival, Art Union. Dancing on Lawns,: etc. Afternoon Tea and Supper at

moderate charges; Ices and Soft Drinks. Admission: Afternoon, Adults 1s; Children, 6d. Evening, Gents 1s 6d; Ladies 1s: The last occasion these grounds will be open to the public W. E. BURROW, Hon. Sec.

20th February 1923 The funeral of the late Charles Frederick Stubbs, of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, took place yesterday at Karori..... The Newtown School provided a guard of honour at the mortuary chapel, John street, and a similar guard was provided at the cemetery by the Karori School.

16th March 1923 The need for providing more accommodation at the Karori School was emphasised by the Karori School Committee which interviewed the Minister of Education (the Hon. C. J. Parr) to-day. Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P. for Suburbs, introduced the deputation. He recalled the Minister's inspection of the school last June, and asserted that the position had become worse since then. One class was accommodated in a church hall for which a rental of 27s 6d per. week was paid, and Mr. Wright asserted that the rent would more than cover the interest on the sum of money needed to construct two additional rooms. He hoped that Mr. Parr would impress upon the Minister of ..Finance the urgent need of enlarging the Karori School. . :. The Minister said he knew the conditions quite well. He had just received from the Department a list of urgent works required, in the Wellington _ district, and the provision of an additional room at Karori was placed fifth. Clyde Quay was placed first, and the requirements of • that school had already been attended to.. If the educational vote for the next financial year was. as great as last year's vote, Karori would be provided "with an additional classroom, the estimated cost of which was £814.

The Minister added that there was no reason to suppose that the education vote-would be reduced. The statement published in "National Education" that there would be a cut of £30,000 was as astounding as it was untrue; It was certainly the first he had heard of the proposal.

21st March 1923 Wellington Education Board: After some discussion provoked by a letter from the Department of Education intimating that the question of accommodation at Karori School would be considered in order of urgency, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Wright to again draw the attention of the Department to the urgent need for increased accommodation, and also to the fact that the Minister had promised the work would be proceeded wit , and that it had been placed amongst the first five works on the list, each on an equal footing-

20th April 1923 An. application has been before the Education Department for some time past for an extension to the present school building at Karori. At present some eighty children are accommodated in auxiliary premises in the Methodist Hall. The Minister (Hon. C. J. Parr) visited the school yesterday in company with Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P., and officers of the Education Board, and inspected the building. The result was that Mr. Parr announced this morning that Cabinet had agreed to a. vote for the immediate addition of one large class room.

1st May 1923 The Dalton system of teaching, or what is more commonly known it "auto-education," was one of the subjects discussed at the householders' meeting at Karon last evening. The headmaster (Mr. T. D. O. McKenzie) said that as far as the Karori School was concerned the system was more or less an experiment in the higher classes, though it had

been introduced into the lower standards by one of his lady teachers for some time past. Briefly, the system was that on each Monday morning the teacher asked the children how much work they thought they could get through during the week. The pupils then arranged their own estimates, under the supervision of the teacher, and were , then allowed to complete the work in their own time. Sometimes a pupil would have the week's allotment completed by Tuesday, while in the case of others it would extend_ over the entire week, while yet again in other cases the work would not be completed by the Friday, when a test_ was held. As far as the teaching staff was concerned the system entailed a great amount of extra work, as each child's paper had to be corrected separately, and it resulted in his taking home-bags-full of papers every night. In his class, between 50 ,and 60 pupils, there were too many children for the ! system to work perfectly. If a child finished its week's routine early, then the remainder of the week could be devoted. to "special" work, such as preparation for scholarship examinations. In any class there would be children at all stages, some ahead, and : others behind; but it was slow pupils-, who benefited to the greatest extent, for when a child was held up in its "work, then it was shown by the teacher. In fact, he was sometimes explaining things to some of the children all day. In, England the system had been successful, and also in some New, Zealand schools, ' One parent thought that the result of the. system would be that a child would sometimes be getting too much work and would. perhaps worry over it, and consequently suffer ill-health: He thought the idea would be more suitable for the elders at the colleges but was too strenuous for the children. Mr. McKenzie mentioned .that no child was ever left to struggle along. "I am always helping them," he said. "I don't know much about it. This is an experiment, but I would like to see the end of it. I am not anxious to continue if you think nothing of it. I have learnt more about the class lately than I have ever .imagined. . Some of the children are ahead, some are on the edge, and some are not going to grasp it. If you think some other system of teaching is better, then I am willing to change." The chairman (Mr. C. E. Lankshear) said he had been struck with the great amount of work Mr. McKenzie did. If they supported him it did not mean that they committed themselves. If Mr McKenzie knew it was their wish, then he would be only too glad to drop or modify the system. The motion accordingly was carried unanimously, supporting Mr. McKenzie in the Dalton system of teaching.

20th July 1923 Mr. T: B. O. McKenzie, headmaster of the Karori School died in a private hospital, 'Wellington, .yesterday" afternoon. He-was appointed to Karori School at 'the "beginning of last year. He was formerly assistant at the Avenue School, Wanganui.- Mr. McKenzie leaves a; widow, three daughters, and two sons.

24th July 1923 The funeral of the late Mr. T. D O McKenzie, headmaster -of Karori School, took-place on Saturday morning. Me Rev. G. Y. Woodward officiated at the service at St. Mary's, Karori, which service was attended by representatives of educational bodies, local residents 'school children, and-members of the local Masonic Lodge. The interment was at Karori. Cemetery.

4th October 1923 KARORI SCHOOL GARDEN FETE "" AND QUEEN CARNIVAL. A MEETING of those-persons interested and willing to assist in the forthcoming ' Garden Fete and Queen Carnival will be' held in the Schoolroom THIS EVENING, at 8 o'clock.

9th October 1923 Wellington School Committee Association:
The Karori School Committee wrote stating that "the scholars over twelve years of age attending woodwork and cookery classes were charged full fares on the trams, this being 5d each way. It was suggested that the Tramways Committee be approached with a view to children over twelve, attending the woodwork classes being carried at the same rate as children under twelve years of age

19th November 1923 garden fete held at "Craigielea" on Saturday afternoon in connection with the Karori School, was very successful despite adverse weather conditions in the morning. A special feature of the afternoon was a series of pretty dances by pupils of Miss Carwell Cooke, under the direction of, Miss Chamberlain The moonlight dance on the green held in the evening attracted a large attendance, and proved so popular that it has been decided to hold another at an early date

1st December 1923 Yesterday afternoon a pleasant function took place at, the Northland School on the occasion of the departure of the headmaster, Mr. Polson. Mr. Polson, who has been headmaster of the Northland School for the past seventeen years, leaves on promotion to the position of headmaster of the Karori School.