

Mt Cook Schools'

Including Boys' /Girls'/ Infants'

Note: I have arranged the three schools as separate schools as each had their own Head Teacher. There was only one School Committee and information on that body or such that may cover all schools will be recorded under the Mount Cook Boys' School

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1878

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1878		Mt Cook Boys'	Lillington	E K		Master	£ 200.00
1878		Mt Cook Boys'	McGowan	H		Assistant Female	£ 110.00
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1878		Mt Cook Boys'	Reeve	T M		Assistant Master	£ 140.00
1878		Mt Cook Boys'	Gooder	E		Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1878		Mt Cook Boys'	McGowan	E		Assistant Female	£ 100.00
1878		Mt Cook Boys'	McNeill	E A		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1878		Mt Cook Boys'	Jones	N S		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1878		Mt Cook Boys'	Shrempf	A		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1878		Mt Cook Boys'	Dempsey	W N		Male Pupil Teacher	£ 55.00
1878		Mt Cook Boys'	Macdonald	M		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 35.00

Some of these teachers may have been teaching prior to these records start in 1878

G Everiss only taught for one year as Headmaster at Mt Cook Boys' for the Wellington Education Board Arrived in New Zealand December 1871. Married Helen Duncan in January 1877 By 1881 was retracting his resignation at Amberley School North Canterbury and was in Stratford in 1917

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E K Lillington only taught at Mt Cook Boys' in 1878 and 1879. He then went on to be Headmaster at Newtown from 1880 to 1886

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J McGowan (Jessie) taught at Mt Cook Boys' in 1878 and then at Thorndon 1879 to 1883

T M Reeve taught at Mt Cook in 1878 and Newtown in 1879

E Gooder (Emma) Taught at Mt Cook Boys' 1878 to 1881 at Mt Cook Boys' then 1882 to 1883 was at Wadestown

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E McGowan (Elizabeth) taught at Mt Cook Boys' 1878 and 1879. Then at Courtenay Place 1884 to 1888 followed by Clyde Quay 1889 to 1904

E A McNeill was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Boys' in 1878 and 1879

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W N Dempsey (Walter N) was at Mt Cook Boys as a pupil teacher in 1878 and 1879. He was then at Carterton 1883 to 1886 as a master. Then he was back at Mt Cook Boys' as an assistant

master from 1887 to 1893. Then from 1894 to 1900 was headmaster at Hastwell. In 1901 he became headmaster of Eketahuna and was there to at least 1917

M Macdonald was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Boys' in 1878 and 1879

17th January 1878 OPENING OF THE CITY BOARD SCHOOLS. ALL the City Schools under the Education Board, including the new schools in Taranaki and Tory-streets, will be opened on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. The new Mount Cook schools will afford accommodation for 500 boys in the boys' school, Taranaki-street, for 300 girls in two senior and junior departments in the Buckle-street school-rooms, and for 400 infants from three to seven years of age in the now school at the junction of Tory and Buckle streets. The education is quite free of charge, except for books. ROBERT LEE, Inspector of Schools.

30th January 1878 Wellington Education Board: A letter was received from Mr. James Smith Chairman of the Mount Cook School Committee, complaining that the new schools were in an unfinished state, and that 131 panes of glass had been broken, owing, to the absence of a proper protecting fence, which it was asked should be put up. It was decided that the necessary work should be done.

31st January 1878 It was resolved to postpone the election of local committees for the new Mount Cook schools until the new Board had been elected, as it was now too late for those committees, if elected, to send in nominations for the new Board.

7th March 1878 A letter was received from Mr. Gordon, assistant master at the Mount Cook school, complaining of harsh treatment and language on the part of the head master of that school, Ms. Everiss. It was resolved that the letter be referred to Mr. Everiss for an explanation..... excavation, Mount Cook School, Scalley £50.

28th March 1878 A letter was received from Mr. Everiss, replying to some charges made by Mr. Gordon, the assistant master of the Mount Cook boys' school, against him. The matter was considered in committee.

10th April 1878 The committee reported on proposed boundaries of city school districts, four being named, of To Aro, Thorndon, Terrace, and Mount Cook.

12th April 1878 Notice of Public Meeting for election of School Committee included Mount Cook at the Mount Cook Boys' School

The list of the boundaries for the Thorndon, Terrace and Te Aro schools were detailed and Mt Cook District was listed as All the other, portion of the city of Wellington.

26th April 1878 Wellington Education Board Report included: The Board think that one training institution for the whole colony would be the best for this purpose ; but if it is impracticable to confine the work to one institution, then they will look for a fair share of the sum of £6000 voted by Parliament for normal schools; and, should the grant be made, they hope to utilise it in a way which will be a great benefit to the service, by appointing a normal master who can begin with a class at once in the spare rooms of the Mount Cook Boys' School. The proposed new schools at Thorndon and Kaiwarra could be built so as to serve as model schools, and there could be attached one or two suitable rooms which might serve for some time as the lecture and students' rooms of a normal school."

30th April 1878 MOUNT COOK. A meeting of householders was held in the Taranaki-street Schoolroom last evening, when the Rev. R. Coffey, Messrs. J. H. Blow, G. R. Russell, James Smith, W. F. Cheesman, S. Costall, and C. McIntyre were elected by ballot as a school committee for the ensuing year,

30th April 1878 Some people have - extraordinary notions regarding election by ballot. At a meeting last night in the Mount Cook school, for the purpose of electing a school committee, one of the householders present asked the chairman if it was necessary for him to sign his name to the voting paper.

30th April 1878 A public meeting of householders was held in the Mount Cook boys' school, Taranaki street, last night, for the purpose of electing a school committee. There was only a very meagre attendance, there not being more than a dozen people present. Mr. W. Hutchison was voted to the chair and remarked that he was greatly disappointed at seeing such a poor attendance. He had hoped to have seen much more interest taken in such an important matter. He, however, had nothing more to say, but to ask those present to nominate seven or more gentlemen to be elected as a committee. The following gentlemen were then nominated: — Mr. W. Hutchinson, proposed by Mr. Costall, seconded by Mr. Hopkins ; Mr. James Smith, proposed by Mr. McIntyre, seconded by Mr. Russell ; Mr. J. H. Blow, proposed by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Russell; Mr. H. Gaby, proposed by the Rev. E. Coffey, seconded by Mr. Cheeseman . Mr. W. F. Cheeseman, proposed by Mr. T. Smith, seconded by Mr. Costall. Mr. Costall, proposed by Mr. J. Smith, seconded by Mr. F. Smith ; Mr. Russell, proposed by Mr. J. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cheeseman ; Mr. McIntyre, proposed by Mr. Costall, seconded by Mr. J. Smith ; Rev. E. Coffey, proposed by Mr. Gaby, seconded by Mr. Cheeseman ; Mr. Hopkirk, proposed by Mr. Costall, seconded by Mr. Russell. There being more than seven candidates a ballot was taken, with the following result J. H. Blow, 22; J. Russell, 14; J. Smith, 13; T. Cheeseman, 12; W. Hutchison, 8; Rev. E. Coffey, 7; Costall, 6; McIntyre, 6; Hopkirk, 5; Gaby, 5. As there was a tie between Messrs. Costall and McIntyre Mr. Hutchison retired. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the business.

10th May 1878 The Education Board is advertising for a first-class assistant master for Mount Cook boys' school, at a salary of £200 a year;

29th May 1878 Letters from the Terrace and Mount Cook and other school committees asked the Board to empower them to obtain necessary school furniture. This caused a discussion as to the powers of the local committees, the general opinion being that, for the sake of uniformity, the Board should take into their hands the furnishing of the schools. Mr. Paterson, however, pointed out that the Act gave the committees considerable power in this direction. The question was ultimately referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Hutchison, Toomath, and Paterson, who were requested to confer with the local committee. The Board ordered £100 to be paid to the Mount Cook School Committee for certain work undertaken by them, but the secretary was requested to intimate that in future all works should be authorised by the Board before being carried out.

25th July 1878 Some 400 children from the Mount Cook School, visited the Industrial Exhibition this afternoon, accompanied by their head-master and teachers. They seemed to be greatly delighted with all they saw.

2nd August 1878 Consequent upon a misunderstanding by numbers of teachers of the force and effect of the recommendations made by Mr. Lee, the Inspector, in his annual report— an illustration of which occurred in the fact that Mr. Everiss, of Mount Cook School, guided by the report of 1876, entirely mistook the principle on which the prizes were recently awarded — Mr. Hutchison has given notice of the following motion for next meeting of the Education Board : — " It is hereby recorded, for the guidance of the Board's teachers, that any suggestions or recommendations contained in the Inspector's reports are not of themselves to be taken as part of the rule 3 and regulations of the Board, and do not become so, unless such suggestions

and recommendations shall have received the sanction of the Board by special resolution in each case."

2nd August 1878 Wellington Education Board: A letter was read from the Mount Cook school committee relative to the distribution of prizes. It was resolved that the Inspector be instructed to reply, giving the information required as far as he was able.

5th August 1878 Wellington Education Board Teacher examination results The lists were published in order of merit I have used position of candidates from Mount Cook

Third Class Certificate List	Emma Gooder	Boys	Assistant	4th
	Mr Reeve	Boys'	Assistant	5th
	Miss Maunder	Girls'	Assistant	8th
			Pupil	
Assistants Classed	Miss Jones	Boys'	Teacher	1st
			Pupil	
	Miss Wallis	Girls'	Teacher	3rd
	Miss Coney	Boys'	Assistant	4th
Pupil Teachers over 13 years of Age	Margaret Cook	1st Year		
	Emma Barnard			
	George Robinson			
	Minnette			
Pupil Teachers over 14 years of Age	MacDonald	2nd year		
	Elizabeth Barber			
Pupil Teachers over 15 years of Age	Elizabeth Rutter	3rd Year		
	Grace Sutherland			
	Emily Brown			
Pupil Teachers over 16 years of Age	Annie Duncan	4th Year		
	Ada Warren			
	Walter Dempsey			
Pupil Teachers over 17 years of Age	Annie Whitehouse			
	Annie Shrempff			

10 the August 1878 The first annual report of the Minister for Education has been issued. In their report the Wellington Board strongly urge the establishment of a training-school for teachers, suggesting that one of the spare rooms at the Mount Cook boys' school should be at first utilised for a normal class room.

29th August 1878 Wellington Education Board: A letter was received from the Mount Cook School Committee, asking the Board to 'O- pirate with them In opposing the granting of a license to a house now in course of erection, and immediately adjoining the Mount Cook Girls' School. The Board agreed to give the committee their help in the matter.

28th September 1878 Although the inquest called for yesterday afternoon on the poor boy Lyall, who was so severely kicked by a stray horse on Tuesday, happily proved unnecessary, there can be no doubt that if he recover, as it is hoped he will, his escape from death will have been a very narrow one. It is almost miraculous that he was not killed on the spot, and the point to which we now desire to direct attention is that hundreds of children are subjected daily to the imminent peril of such a fate through the criminal negligence of the owners of horses, who

allow these quadruped nuisances to ramble about the streets at their own sweet will, free to kick out the brains of as many unhappy children as it may suit their playful equine inclination to slay. It is about the streets in the neighborhood of the Mount Cook Schools that these horses love to roam, and if the nuisance be not repressed at once with a stern hand, it is to be feared that we shall hear some day of the children attending schools being 'suddenly decimated by a cavalry charge of these riderless horses.....

12th October 1878 Mr. E. R. Lillington has been provisionally appointed assistant-master of the Mount Cook Boys' School.

13th December 1878 We observe from an advertisement in another column that the Mount Cook schools committee are appealing to the public for the wherewithal to enable them to award deserving children with prizes at Christmas. We hope their appeal will not be unavailing, as it would be a pity to disappoint the children for the sake of the few pounds required. Subscriptions must be in by Monday next.

13th December 1878 THE COMMITTEE of the Mount Cook Schools being desirous of awarding prizes to deserving Scholars at the commencement of the forthcoming Christmas vacation, respectfully solicit donations in that behalf. Contributions will be received up to MONDAY AFTERNOON NEXT by James Smith, Esq. (Chairman of the Committee), the Rev. Mr. Coffey, the two branches of the Bank of New Zealand, and by the undersigned. SAMUEL COSTALL, Hon. Sec. Wellington, December 12,

21st December 1878 BOYS' SCHOOL. The prizes were distributed in the presence of the teachers, Messrs. W. F. Cheeseman and Russell, members of the Mount Cook school committee, Mr. H. Godwin, and Mr. Hutchison. The following is the prize list :

Division I.—Class 1: "William Russell, Bernard Sorwall, George "Robinson.

Division I.—Class 2: Donald "Wilson, Henry Jones, John Ewing.

Division I.—Class 3: Archibald "Wilson, Andrew Moar, Frederick Webbe. Byron Brown, Alfred Warren, Henry Smith, Arthur Wallis, Thomas Austin, Frederick Bull. Division II.—Henry Coster, Robert Ross, Joseph Pudney, James Donaldson, James "Waters, Robert Ewing, James Christie, Robert Miller, Daniel Christie, Charlton Morpeth, David Watson, Francis Crowe, Walter Billows, William Warren, John Martin, Albert Howe.

Division III William Jewell. Percy De Castro, William Churchill, Theodore Morpeth, Arthur De Castro, Archibald Campbell, Herbert Edmonds, Frederick Rowden, Frederick Lowater, Stephen Stockbridge.

Division IV,—William Coster, John Burns. Fred. Martin, John Gibson, Albert Hugh, Andrew Thompson, William McIntosh, George Reid, Frank Tonks, Frank Meacham.

Division "V.- -Samuel Watson, Robert Page, Wm. Kennedy, Allan Campbell, Charles Benbow, Cecil Nicoll, William Scott, John Williams, Alexander Reid, and Frank Roach.

Division VI. —Hugh Sculler, Hartley Emmett, Henry Backhouse, Evelyn 'Macdonald, Robert Blair, William Rudman, John Campbell, Charles Startup, Benjamin Greaves, and Albert Green, Division VII.—Charles Ralph, Arthur Rowden, Alfred James, Herbert Kennedy, Frederick Warren, James Eagles, Alfred Phelps, Thomas Morris, Hugh Knuckle, and Thomas Rowell.

Division VIII.—James Blair, George Watt, John Howell, George Goss, Henry Mitchell, Arthur Mitchell, John Flyger, William Legget, Robert McIntyre, Walter Harris. Division IX. James Gavey, Henry Edmonds, Sydney Phillips, Frank Smith, Herbert Mitchell, George Burkett, John Clark, George Hancock, Henry Agate, Charles Archibald.

Division X. —John Moffitt, George Pudney, Robert Clark, John Petherick, Eli Wright, Sydney Smith, Stephen Fuller, George Waters, William Folias, John Macaulay.

Division XI.—Alfred Churchill, Vernon Smith, James Foster, Charles Bird, Peter Oakes, Frank Savell, Edgar Tonks. Joseph Austin, Thomas Vincent, Francis Wilton. Division XII —John Sheer. Arthur Heighten, William Barrett; Edward Tamplin, William Cameron, Thomas Perrin, William Young, Leonard Hammond, John Winter, Septimus Tripe

24th December 1878 In connection with the proceedings at the distribution of prizes at the Mount Cook Boys' School, we omitted mentioning a pleasing instance of kindly feeling displayed by the boys under the charge of Mr. E. R. Lillington, assistant master. They subscribed no less than £5, with which they purchased a handsome illuminated album, and presented it to him through one of the members of the committee. The album bore a suitable inscription. The presentation was duly acknowledged.

Mount Cook Girls'

1878		Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	K		Head Mistress	£ 240.00
1878		Mt Cook Girls'	Devereux	L M		Female	£ 150.00
1878		Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	E		Assistant Female	£ 110.00
1878		Mt Cook Girls'	Swan	M		Assistant Female	£ 100.00
1878		Mt Cook Girls'	Maunder	E		Assistant Female	£ 80.00
1878		Mt Cook Girls'	Wallis	S E		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1878		Mt Cook Girls'	Whitehouse	A		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00
1878		Mt Cook Girls'	Warren	A R		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 45.00

Katherine H Tarn was appointed Head Mistress on the opening of the school. She remained head of Mount Cook Girls' until 1896

12th March 1897 Mrs. K. H. Tarn has resigned her appointment of Official Visitor of Her Majesty's Prisons, Wellington.

The many friends in Wellington and other parts of New Zealand, of Mrs. K. H Tarn will learn with great regret of her death, which took place in Singapore (Straits Settlement) on 14th July, after an illness extending over seven months. Mrs. Tarn was for twenty-one years head mistress of the Mount Cook Girls' School, a position which she only vacated a short time before her departure for Singapore about four years ago. Apart from her educational work, she took the liveliest interest in the private life of the children under her care, and between herself and her pupils a warm affection was always maintained. During her stay in New Zealand many thousands of children came under her influence. In many instances she taught two generations of the same families. Mrs. Tarn was a lady of much strength of character and fixity of purpose and was connected with many religious and charitable institutions here, being for several years on the religious visitors' list of the Hospital, the Alexandra Home, and the Gaol, besides being a most active member of the committee of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Mrs. Tarn was the widow of the late Captain E. R. Tarn, who, many years ago, was well known in the East, first as a lieutenant in the Royal Navy and afterwards, when for private reasons he had resigned his' commission, in the mercantile marine.

Lydia M Devereux was assistant mistress at Mt Cook Girls' in 1878 and from 1879 was Head Female at Thorndon Infants' until 1885

Elizabeth Helyer was at Mt Cook Girls' as assistant mistress from 1878 to 1905 as assistant female and From 1906 to at least 1915 as head female of the Girls' school

5th September 1933 The funeral of the late Miss Elizabeth Helyer, who was well known in connection with her social service work in Wellington, took place yesterday afternoon, and was attended by representatives of the various organisations in the city with which she had been associated. The services at the residence and at the graveside were conducted by the Rev. H. J. Odell, minister of the Thorndon Methodist Church.

The late Miss Helyer, who was in her seventy-seventh year, came to "Wellington with her parents from Victoria in the early sixties. Miss Helyer joined the staff of the Mount Cook Girls' School in 1880, and subsequently was appointed headmistress. . She retired from school service in. 1916.

The late Miss Helyer was a foundation member of the St. John Ambulance, was a member of the Nursing Guild from its inception, and also a member of the New Zealand Alliance and the Women's Christian 'Temperance Union. She was also 'for many years associated with the Wellington Women's Club and the Pioneer Club, being a foundation member of the latter organisation. Other local bodies with which she was connected were the Y.W.C.A., the English-speaking Union, the League of Nations Union, and the Kindergarten Society.

In an appreciation written of the late. Miss Helyer, Mrs. Johannes C. Andersen says: "Miss Helyer was a woman of gentle benevolence. She encouraged thrift in young people and was ever ready to assist the needy. She considered that work should be a great joy but wanted all workers to be skilled; and regarded a good educational foundation as important for good craftsmen. Miss Helyer placed honoured character above material success. Miss Helyer's life work is ended, but the good she has inculcated will live on. She has left a record of unselfish service,, a splendid example of truth, honour, and an unswerving sense of the principles of justice. Great sympathy will be felt for her remaining sister, Mrs. K. Tonks, and for her many younger relations."

M Swan only taught for the Wellington Education Board as an assistant at Mt Cook Girls'

Emma D Maunder Taught at Mt Cook Girls' from 1878 to 1887 as an assistant female

1901/1674	Emma Doomer	Maunder	John	Wright
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S E Wallis only taught as a pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board at Mt Cook Girls' 1878 1880

Annie Whitehouse was a Pupil Teacher at Mt Cook Girls' 1878 and Mt Cook Boys' 1879

Ada R Warren was at Mt Cook Girl's in 1878 and at Vogeltown as sole teacher 1883 to 1886. Resigned April 1887

29th May 1878 An application from the Mount Cook Girls' School Committee for additions and alterations to the school was referred to the Inspector to report thereon ; and if he considered immediate action necessary, the Building Committee were authorised to take the necessary steps to obtain tenders for the work

30th May 1878 Wellington Education Board: The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from the committee of the Mount Cook school, asking the Board to grant a sum of money for the erection of a girls' class-room. Mr. Paterson said the additions were quite necessary, and

that very shortly in all probability further additions in the way of classrooms would be required. On the motion of Mr. Toomath, it was resolved,—That the matter be referred to the Inspector to report on, and if he considered immediate action necessary, the Building Committee be authorised to take the necessary steps to obtain tenders for the work. The committee, 'also asked that the school should be satisfied with two : black boards, which could be moved by means of pulleys. The Clerk stated that their cost was between £9 and £10, and that the ordinary blackboards cost only £1. The Board decided that that- the outlay of £9 or £10 for blackboards was a useless expenditure, when the cheaper ones answered all purposes.

12th June 1878 Unless the members of the Education Board are very cautious and "canny", they are likely to come into collision with the various school committees, as the Dunedin Board has done. The Mount Cook School Committee have passed the following resolution :That this committee respectfully submit that on grounds, both of reason and law, they must decline to express any opinion respecting candidates for work in the schools under their charge until the applications of candidates, in their own handwriting, and "also their testimonials, &c, be laid before them. ,They also informed the Board of their determination not to recognise any master who is not first approved of by them." The Dunedin Committee went further than this, and not only refused to recognise the teachers appointed by the Board, but even made other appointments themselves. After a dispute the Dunedin Board has had to give way; to the committee. Those who listened* carefully to the debates on the Education Act will remember that in the House it was stated that the intention of the Act was to give the rep' power of appointing teachers into the hands of the local committee, the power of veto being, however, reserved to the Board should any improper appointment be made.....

26th June 1878 A letter from the Mount Cook School Committee strongly urged the immediate establishment of a school at Newtown. There was a building which could be obtained and used as a temporary school-house, and as soon as practicable the Board could secure a site, and place the money for building a new school at the disposal of the Committee. Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Paterson, and others agreed that the necessity for a new school in that district was pressing. The Secretary said the Board had a half acre site at Newtown. It would be very desirable if the Mount Cook district were separated, and a school established at Newtown, but the financial position of the Board must, in a great measure, determine their action

28th June Wellington Education Board: . MOUNT COOK DISTRICT. A letter was read from the Mount Cook committee, enclosing resolutions passed with reference to the necessity for establishing a school at Newtown, capable of accommodating 300 children.....A. letter was read from the Mount Cook School Committee, requesting that the sum of £100 should be placed at their disposal for certain works in connection with the school. Mr. Gisborne said that in reality the money had been voted by the Board, but he was not quite clear in his own mind whether it should be paid on voucher or given to the committee.....That the balance of the vote of £100 (amounting to about £60), due to the Mount Cook School Committee, shall be paid to the committee. Mr. C. Pharazyn thought that if Mr. Gisborne's motion was passed similar applications would be received from all the committees in the district. He considered it a bad precedent, and would move as an amendment, —That the Mount Cook School Committee be informed that the sum voted will be paid on production of vouchers, pending the decision of the Board on the distribution of school funds under section 80 of the Act. The amendment was then put and carried.....A long and chatty discussion took place as to the

mode in which teachers should be appointed, chiefly as to whether the Board should examine all examination certificates and testimonials ; whether these should be merely examined by the Inspector and reported on to the Board, or whether they should be referred to a standing committee, whose duty it would be to examine all documents in connection with each application. Nothing definite was done, excepting arranging for appointing two teachers for the Mount Cook school.

19th July 1878 Wellington Education Board: £500 has been allocated for additions to Mt Cook Girls' school

21st December 1878 MOUNT COOK SCHOOLS, GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The scholars assembled in the upper school at 11 a-m. After a few opening remarks by Mr. Jas. Smith, chairman of the school committee, the children sang a holiday song with great taste and precision.

The Rev. Mr. Coffey apologised for the Inadequate accommodation at the disposal of the teachers, which greatly impeded the work of instruction, and hoped the Inspector would let that fact be borne in mind. The committee kept the necessity for fresh accommodation constantly before the Board (who carried the purse), and the result was that when the school would reopen the addition to the building would be completed. Mr. Coffey addressed the children on the necessity of obedience at school, at home, and in the discharge of the duties of life Girls especially, who were to occupy positions in subjection to men, needed to learn this lesson. He did not altogether approve of giving prizes, because those who got none were often discouraged, and those who got them frequently regarded them as payment for work done. The right view was to regard them as encouragement to industry. School work was designed to exercise the mind in the acquisition of knowledge which would be useful in practical life. He wished the children to remember that it was better to be good than clever, and if all could not be clever all could aim at being good. He wished them all a pleasant holiday. Mr. Smith then presented two special prizes in the shape of a couple of large and beautifully-bound volumes of engravings, one on his own behalf, and the other given by Messrs. Hallenstein Bros, and Co. These were awarded to Margaret Cook and Bessy Sidey. He then distributed a number of prizes as follows :

Standard VI.—Margaret Cook, Emily Brown, Alice Crabtree, Ellen Wallace.

Standard V.—Bessie Sidey, Bella Campbell, Nellie Hand, Minnie Donaldson, Maud Dempsey, Nellie Archibald, Josephine Sorwall, Kate Tait, Maria Dixon, Minnie Cook. Standard III.—Milly Wallis, Alice Bovis, Caroline Ulrldge, Annie Brown, Charlotte Walker, Matilda Stockbridge, Agnes Bell, Gertrude McVicar, Edith Churchill, Sarah Fraser, Annie Slsson, Phoebe Donaldson. Esther Brighten.

Standard IV.—Grace Wallace, Lizzie Wallace, Janet Cuthbertson, Fanny Scott, Eva Hand, Jane Price.

Standard III.—Eliza Scott, Elizabeth Brady, Emma Smith. Charlotte Petherick, Lena Plimmer, May Flyger.

Standard II.—Emily Binge. Rachel Mabey, Celia Jones, Eva Gooder, Clara Backhouse, Edith Harris, Henrietta 'Warn, Caroline Treeby, Ellen Russell, May Phelps, Lilian Brighton, Elizabeth Leggett.

Standard I.—Alice Fraser, Charlotte Foreman, Sarah "Watson, Mary "Watson, Agnes McKennie, Lucy Eagle.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the children, made several presentations to the teachers. To Mrs. Tarn, the head teacher, a beautiful timepiece ; to Miss Helyer, a writing-desk and dressing case ; to Miss Manders a copy of Tennyson's poems ; and to Miss Wallis a dressing-case. Two of the pupils in the lower school then presented a handsome cake basket to Mrs. Swan who has been for several years a teacher in the school and is now leaving. Three cheers were heartily given for the teachers, and the proceedings ended by singing the National Anthem.

28th December 1878 The Board declined to accede to Miss Devereux's application (Mount Cook girls' school) for an increase of salary.

Mt Cook Infants'

1878		Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Mrs		Head Mistress	£ 240.00
1878		Mt Cook Infants '	Wilkinson	Mrs		Assistant Female	£ 150.00
1878		Mt Cook Infants '	Huntley	Mrs		Assistant Female	£ 100.00
1878		Mt Cook Infants '	Meek	B		Assistant Female	£ 150.00
1878		Mt Cook Infants '	Sutherland	G		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 40.00
1878		Mt Cook Infants '	Rutter	E		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 40.00
1878		Mt Cook Infants '	Reeve	E		Monitress	£ 12.00
1878		Mt Cook Infants '	Smith	E		Monitress	£ 12.00

Mrs Catherine A Francis was head female at Mt Cook Infants' from 1878 to 1905

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Mrs Sarah Wilkinson Taught 1878 to 1881 for the Wellington Education Board at Mt Cook Infants'

Mrs Sarah Huntley taught at Mount Cook Infants' 1878 to 1879. Then at Featherston 1880 to 1882 using the Christian name Bessie

B Meek only taught at Mount Cook Infants' in 1878 for the Wellington Education Board

Grace Sutherland taught at Mount Cook Infants' 1878 and 1879

Ellen Rutter taught at Mount Cook Infants' in 1878, Thorndon Infants' in 1879 and 1880 and Mount Cook Girls' in 1881

E Reeve was a monitress in 1878

E Smith was a monitress in 1878

2nd May 1878 Wellington Education Board: Mr. Hutchison inquired why Mrs. Francis, the mistress of the Mount Cook Infant School, received a salary of £240, she not having a certificate. Mr. Lee, in reply, stated that though Mrs. Francis held no certificates, she had very flattering testimonials from two South Australian school inspectors, and another from the Dean of Adelaide, bearing a high testimony to her personal character. Her salary was fixed by the Board at £200, with £40 allowance for house rent. He believed Mrs. Francis would be a great acquisition. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hutchison, that in future the meetings [As Printed]

13th September 1879. We yesterday paid a visit to this school, situated at the corners of Tory and Buckle streets, in order to judge for ourselves of the value of teaching by the Kinder-Garten system, as carried on there under the direction of the head mistress, Mrs. C. A. Francis. There are something like 500 children on the books, and there were yesterday 486 absolutely present. Indeed, so full has the school become of late, that it has been found necessary to decline

admission to some children as regular scholars. The teachers complain very much of the uneven way in which some of the children are sent to school, and for the most part lay it to the charge of “baby-nursing.” When a child is not regular in its attendance it often happens that during its absence its place is taken, and when it next goes to school there is no room for it. And this irregular attendance not only does great harm to the child itself, but to the rest of the Class to which it belongs. When we visited the building the children were having a music lesson on the tonic sol-fa system, and the unanimity with which they read off the notes, haphazard, singing all together, was very agreeable to the ear, and showed that they had been well trained in this respect. There is a very great deal of singing in the school, and it is greatly liked by the children, some of whom are only three years old, that being the age at which they may be entered, remaining until they are seven, when they are drafted into the higher school. The classes sang a number of different pieces very nicely. Most of the music was lively in character and was sung with great zest by the young folks. When marching and counter-marching—of which there is a great deal—the singing forms an accompaniment to the footsteps, and there is a good deal of appropriate action with the hands and arms. After the singing was over, Mrs. Francis gave the classes collectively an object lesson, which was both of an instructive and entertaining character. She took for her subject a small card of carpenters’ tools of course on a diminutive scale—and by means of one after the other succeeded in eliciting, by mere questions, a wonderful amount of information from the children before her, herself supplying it when it could not be given by the little scholars. The card contained a hammer, a saw, a chisel, a screwdriver, a bradawl, &c., and it is needless to say that the history of any one of these instruments, closely followed up, embraces a great variety of subjects. Take the hammer, for instance—What does it consist of? what is iron, a vegetable or a mineral how is it obtained? how is it brought into its present condition? its relative weight? how forged and smelted? and numerous other questions of a similar character. The same with the handle, the question of its uses being dealt with at some length, one answer leading to another question; and it is wonderful how apt the children are, and how their ideas seem to expand under the operation of this class of teaching. In one of the cases used by the mistress are contained many hundreds of common objects, all of which are used in their turn to teach the children a useful class of knowledge. The Kinder-Garten system is somewhat different to the object lessons, but so far as we could see, it is similar in principle. To describe its application properly would take up too much of our space; but it might be said briefly that it is the simplest and most practicable teaching that can be given to a child. For instance, in the case of color, a knowledge of which is never or rarely possessed by the little ones before they go to school, the colors are shown by pieces of wood of various shapes arranged indiscriminately which are picked out by the children and arranged by the teachers in a way to make a regular and pleasing pattern. The same with regard to shapes. These are also represented by pieces of wood, which are picked out by the scholars in the same way. Then there are Kinder-Garten puzzles all on subjects that are a part of our daily life, and these are highly popular. There are many boxes of these, and we learn that the children take a great pleasure in such lessons generally. - There are some four classrooms independent of the main room, which is the mistress’ room, and here at certain times in the day the lessons are carried on collectively. We visited the different rooms, and found the children all hard, at work, and apparently deeply interested in what they were doing. There is quite a diversity of this work going on, but none of it lasts sufficiently long to cause

restlessness or weariness. There can be no doubt that the system pursued at these schools is such as to commend it to the scholars, who seem to do whatever they may have to do in a light and cheerful manner. Although the full teaching staff is ten, it at present consists but of seven, three having left and not having been replaced. The old system of teaching appears to have been entirely superseded, and there is no doubt that the system of to-day is in every respect greatly superior to that adopted by our forefathers to teach the young idea how to shoot. That in vogue, at, this school appears to be eminently satisfactory, and we have great pleasure in bringing this abort notice to a close with the following extract from the school log, which is the testimony of a gentleman in this city who recently visited the school, and who takes great interest in educational matters, being indeed himself a member of a school committee :—" X visited the Infant School yesterday, and was present during part of the time when Mr. Lee, the inspector, was examining the first class, and must say that X was highly pleased with the intelligence of the children. They had not only learned, but really understood the lessons they had been taught. I was gratified to find that all of them, 26 in number, passed the examination, and among them my daughter Annie, who entered the school just twelve months ago, when she only just knew her letters. She had, however, made such good progress as to be able yesterday to pass the first standard. From the interest and attention she manifests in her lessons while at home I am satisfied that the method adopted at the school, which is the combined system of the Home and Colonial Training Schools, London, with the Kindergarten lessons as an auxiliary, is eminently practical and attractive. Mrs. Francis and her staff of assistants are worthy of the highest praise for devotedness to their duties. Where teachers and assistants are so united in effort, and the system pursued is so excellent, the results cannot fail, as in this instance, to be highly satisfactory. I cannot help noticing also the order, discipline, and command over the school maintained by Mrs. Francis. This is really surprising and must prove an excellent groundwork for the after education of the pupils. No less than 493 children were present on this occasion." The teachers of the school are now busily engaged preparing for the annual Christmas tree and would be glad if all friends would kindly assist them with donations, either in cash or articles, for the purpose. Last year no less than fifteen hundred articles, such as dolls, toys, &c., were contributed, to the evident enjoyment of the children. "We feel sure that it needs only to be made known to ensure a most hearty response, not only from all friends of this particular school but also from all those who are interested generally in the cause of education.

16th September 1878 Same Visit as above but a different report: This morning we paid a visit to the Mount Cook Schools, where, for the first time in New Zealand, the Kindergarten system of teaching infants has been introduced, and has now been in operation for about six months. To Mrs. Francis is entirely owing any credit which is due for the change from the old system to the new : but the assistant teachers, when once they understood the German plan appreciated its superiority and joined heartily in the Work. The result has certainly been highly satisfactory. When we entered the room this morning some 350 small boys and girls were repeating the multiplication-table in common. They were next drafted " Into side-rooms, where writing exercise was engaged in. The seats and desks are low, and the slates (no copybooks are used) are fixed on the desks. So obliging the child in writing to assume a proper position. Some of the children, we were informed, could hardly form a letter little more than a month ago; but this morning they certainly wrote beautifully — much better than the majority of children

double the age of the little things who engaged so earnestly in their work. The '• copy 7 ' was written in a large round hand on a blackboard, the peculiarities of the different letters were explained, and questions asked about them, thus leading the children to take an intelligent interest in their lessons and inciting them to emulation. The reading was as good as the writing, but that which most surprised us was the extraordinary efficiency of the first and second elates iv several of the higher branches of education. Thus they could immediately pick out from a box ot models a cone, or cube, or square, or octagon as; requested ; could distinguish colors, even to their finer shades, with wonderful precision ; and last, but not least, they showed a thorough elementary knowledge of the sonic sol fa system of singing. They would almost be instantly taught any tune "by means of the scalp, Mrs. Francis merely using her pointer to mark the notes. It should be said that singing forms an important feature in the Kindergarten system. Every half-hour the children change, their studies, and in a five minutes interval sing some simple childish piece, which they accompanied with appropriate gesture, and they then march, round and round the school in the most intricate serpentine forms, ultimately separating suddenly, the various streams of young and happy faces pouring into their proper class-rooms. The "drilling" of the children appeared to be carried to a high point of perfection, a movement of the hand causing the school to rise, sit, march, halt, sing, or be silent. There appeared, however, to be nothing mechanical in their action — each seemed to do his or her part solely from intelligent interest in the exercise of the hour, and yet every movement was executed with the greatest precision, all acting in concert. Several gentlemen who take an interest in the work of educating the young have already paid visits of inspection to the school, sometimes staying three or four days that they might thoroughly understand and feel the working of the new' system,

Parents might receive many valuable hints for the education of their children by even a brief hour's visit to the Mount Cook School. Mrs Francis at first had no inconsiderable amount of prejudice to overcome, but those who ac first disapproved of her innovations now heartily appreciate those changes, and warmly second her efforts.

17th September 1878 In our notice of the Mount Cook Infant Schools in yesterday's i-sue we should have mentioned that Mrs Francis passed 11 children in the first standard at the last examination. Mr Lee, the Inspector, stated beforehand that he did not expect any of the children to pass, and afterwards expressed his gratification at the result. No children over seven years of age are allowed to attend the school, "and the average is considerably under that age.

21st September 1878 TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING POST Sir— It gave me great pleasure to see in Monday evening's issue of your paper an account of a visit paid to the Mount Cook Infant School, so ably superintended by Mrs. Francis. May I beg of you to add to that account one other fact. The children in that school have no provision made by Government for prizes, or any reward of any description. The teachers feel this to be hard for the little ones, and have themselves determined to provide, if possible, an equivalent for "prize day." They Intend to have a Christmas tree when the December' holidays arrive. I know that Mrs; Francis and her staff of assistants .•will gladly receive any contributions either of money or articles, which anyone may be disposed to send. When it is remembered that there' are four hundred children to be pleased, f am sure there are many ladies who will like to encourage the teachers in so kindly an impulse and all the more because of the season on> of "goodwill" at which this child delight is to occur. A Mother.

28th September 1878 Leave of absence was granted to Miss McNeill, of the Mount Cook school, for one month.

21st December 1878 KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL. The parents and friends of children were invited to a distribution of gifts, which took place at 3 p.m. The school was prettily decorated with flowers and evergreens. There were two large Christmas trees, containing over 1200 gifts, one of which had suspended from its branches more than 300 dolls, purchased and dressed by the teachers themselves. The other tree contained miscellaneous toys, &c, given by parents and friends. The children sang several pieces and went through some of their evolutions in the presence of a large number of guests, who were intensely delighted with the children's training. The large number of gifts were distributed amongst 520 children. The arrangements were admirably made by Mrs. Francis, the head teacher.

1879

1879 Boys'

-1879		Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy B A	C J		Headmaster	£350.00
1879		Mt Cook Boys'	Lillington	E R		Master	£ 200.00
1879		Mt Cook Boys'	Robertson	A E		Assistant Female	£ 110.00
1879		Mt Cook Boys'	McGowan	E		Assistant Female	£100.00
1879		Mt Cook Boys'	Gooder	E		Assistant Female	£80.00
1879		Mt Cook Boys'	Bennett	F		Assistant Master	£100.00
1879		Mt Cook Boys'	McNeill	E A		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1879		Mt Cook Boys'	Jones	N S		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1879		Mt Cook Boys'	Dempsey	W N		Male Pupil Teacher	£60.00
1879		Mt Cook Boys'	Whitehouse	A E		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1879		Mt Cook Boys'	Robinson	George		Male Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1879		Mt Cook Boys'	Macdonald	M		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00

Charles J Hardy B A From 1879 to 1905 was headmaster of Mt Cook Boys. School 20th February 1906 Mr C. J. Hardy, for many years headmaster at Mount Cook School, who lately retired from the service of the Wellington Education Board, has been appointed tutor at St. John's Theological College, Auckland.

7th July 1916 Another of Wellington's early schoolmasters, Mr C J. Hardy, died in Auckland yesterday, aged 78 years.

Annie E Robertson taught at Thorndon in 1878 and Mt Cook Boys' as head female 1879 to 1883, In 1884 taught at Courtenay Place

1884/1238	Annie Elizabeth	Robertson	George	Georgeson
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Francis Bennett taught at Mount Cook Boys' in 1879. 1889 to 1882 as assistant at Te Aro. 1883 to 1885 as headmaster of Johnsonville with around 60 pupils. 1886 to 1889 as assistant at Newtown. 1890 to 1894 headmaster of Eketahuna. 1895 to 1900 Headmaster of Carterton 1901 to 1914 Headmaster of Karori and 1915 to at least 1921 Headmaster of Berhampore [Berhampore had about twice the students as Karori]

A E Whitehouse. Was a pupil teacher at Girls' in 1878 and Boys' in 1879

M Massey only taught at Mt Cook Boys' in 1879 for the Wellington Education Board

7th January 1879 NOTICE.— -The Committees of the Four School Districts in the City of Wellington, viz., the Mount Cook, Te Aro, Terrace, and Thorndon Districts, are requested to attend an aggregate meeting of the Committees which will be held (by permission of his Worship the Mayor) in the City Council Chamber, on FRIDAY EVENING NEXT, the 10th instant., at 8 o'clock p.m. The secretary of each committee will please to bring up (in writing) any subjects on which the opinion of the meeting is desired to be taken. By authority of the Chairmen. J. WOODWARD, Chairman of Thorndon School Committee. Wellington,

15th January 1879 We are requested to state, in the case of the Mount Cook school committee, the election to be held on the 21st instant will take place in the boys' school.

25th January 1879 To Fencers TENDERS for fencing at Mount Cook School ground will be received at the Education Board Office on or before the 3rd February, at noon, where particulars can be seen

29th January 1879 Wellington Education Board: the motion of Rev. J. Paterson, it was resolved to ask the opinion of the Mount Cook Committees to the proposal to form a separate district. It was also resolved to ask the Committee to appoint two or three members to confer with a Committee of the Board as to the best site for a school. [Newtown School Site]

30th January 1879 Wellington Education Board: [Two paragraphs of same report] Mr. Toxward was instructed to call for tenders for the furniture (desks) required for the new class rooms. Mount Cook girls school.....As to the furniture for Mount Cook school, it was ordered on January 8th, and was in the school two days after the opening day, so that the committee had really made a great deal out of nothing in reference to this matter.

31st January 1879 MOUNT COOK DISTRICT. At the meeting in this district Mr. W. Hutchison occupied the chair. The report reviewed the increased accommodation found necessary, and the steps taken to meet the requirements of the district, but still regretted that there was not sufficient room. The committee hoped that the Board would an appropriation out of the grant for new buildings for erecting school premises in the fast rising suburb of Newtown, so as to relieve the present schools. The boys' school opened with an attendance of 196, which increased to a daily average of 392, The committee desired to draw attention to the questionable practice of employing so large a number as nine females out of thirteen teachers in a boys' school. The attendance at the girls' school had increased from 123 to 225, and the infant school from 400 to 624. Trees were required in the playground. Arrangements had been made by which the children would be taught swimming, and hopes are entertained that the Board would make arrangements (or authorise the committee to do so) for teaching music and singing, and for drilling at the boy's school. The report closed as follows ; —The committee regrets that it cannot report so favorably as it could wish upon the working of the machinery provided by the new Education Act. The powers and duties of both boards and committees, are partly compulsory and partly permissive. The former are well defined by the Act, but the latter will, the committee ventures to predict, prove a serious obstruction to the smooth and satisfactory working of the Act. That large powers are conferred upon committees is clear and absolutely essential in the case of districts at some distance from the Board's place of meeting. The Mount Cook Committee cannot refrain from expressing its regret upon public grounds that the Board has shown a strong determination to retain as much of the permissive power conferred by the Act as it legally can do. Hence some of the efforts of the committee have been

neutralised by the Board, and freedom of action seriously curtailed. A reference to the records of the former committee will show that in consequence of that committee not being consulted in the expenditure of large sums of public money in the erection of the new schools in Tory-street and Taranaki street, a larger outlay was incurred than was at first necessary. The committee regrets that the same course of procedure was adopted in the recent additions to the girls' school. Had the plans and specification been laid before the committee (and this at least the Board might have done) alterations would have been suggested effecting a saving in cost and producing greater efficiency. Although this increased accommodation was so urgently required no steps have, so far as the committee is aware, been taken to have the necessary furniture ready to be placed in the rooms on their completion. The committee desires to strongly express its disapproval of the laxity shown in allowing these rooms to be unfurnished on the re-opening of the school this quarter, so that the increased accommodation so urgently required is still unavailable. A large part of the committee's duties has consisted in attending to trivial matters of repairs, cleaning, fuel, and sanitary matters, and which the committee is of opinion might, in the absence of more onerous duties, be with advantage attended to by an officer of the Board. Payments on account of these have absorbed nearly the whole of the committee's income. Much absolutely necessary work would have been cheerfully done by the committee had the means to do so been placed at its disposal. The committee regrets the position taken by the Board with reference to the appointment of teachers and wishes to place on permanent record its protest to being asked to approve the appointment of the Board's nominees, without being furnished, as has sometimes been the case, with any evidence whatever of the person's fitness for the position. In order to ensure and maintain harmony and efficiency in the working of the Education _ Act, the committee expresses its strong belief in the necessity of specifically defining the duties and procedure of the Board, committees, and teachers, and that this alone will secure the proper performance of the functions of each. The balance-sheet showed that there had been an expenditure by the committee of £92 odd, and that there was an overdraft at the bank of £10.

The following gentlemen were then elected a school committee for the ensuing year —Messrs. McIntyre, Holmes, Costall, A. Hopkirk, Blow, Miller, and Smith. Messrs. Wilson and R. Hopkirk were also nominated.—A vote of thanks to the chairman and retiring committee concluded the business

1st February 1879 Mount Cook: Chairman, Mr. O. McIntyre; secretary and treasurer:, Mr. H. J. Blow.

25th February 1879 Some time ago the Chief Justice offered a prize for the best swimmer in the State schools of the city, and the different committees added other prizes. The competition took place yesterday at the Thorndon baths, with the following results: . Mount Cook Boys' School— Senior Race. S. Tripe, 1 ; Carwardine 2,

26th March 1879 Wellington Education Board: MOUNT COOK SCHOOL —DISMISSAL OF HEAD-MASTER RECOMMENDED'

A letter from the Mount Cook Committee contained some extraordinary disclosures relative to the conduct of the school. It appeared that for a long time past Mr. Everiss, the headmaster, had had disagreements with his teachers, especially with the three Misses McGowan. At last Mr. Everiss made serious charges of insubordination and irregularities against these three young ladies, and the committee held a lengthy investigation into his "charges. They report that

the charge* were "frivolous, exaggerated, and fabricated," and stated that in the course of the Investigation Mr. Everiss admitted " that he was biased against the Misses McGowan and wanted to get them out of the school." A resume of the charges and the evidence was attached to the report. This, they submitted, showed the charges of insubordination to be " grotesquely exaggerated." On the other hand, the evidence in their opinion proved that Mr. Everiss had adopted "dishonourable and dishonest " means to attain his admitted end, and that his conduct to the lady teachers under him was " most unmanly and insulting." On one occasion' a boy answered a question asked by Miss Harriett McGowan, after the whistle had sounded, he was called out by Mr. Everiss for punishment. Miss McGowan interfered, ' when he told the boy it was his teacher's fault, and, flourishing his cane in her face, exclaimed, " My whistle is for you — for you ." " adding that he would not be under any subordinate—never! never!!" At one point of the investigation-m Mr. Everiss said, v He would be candid. In plain English he wanted to push them (the Misses McGowan) out and get pupil teachers." Once in school, he took Miss Harriett's class and said "Boys, you have no fool of a teacher going to have you this morning." He was continually informing the young- ladies that they were his "servants," and heaped indignities upon them, on one occasion putting a boy pupil-teacher over Miss Jessie McGowan. The committee, after carefully considering the evidence, came reluctantly to the conclusion that they could not do otherwise than recommend the Board to remove Mr. Everiss, because "he was rendered unfit for his duties by infirmity of temper," because "he totally lacked that courtesy so salutary and necessary in directing subordinates," and because "he had shown that he possessed an unusually strong will, uncontrolled by reason or prudence." His conduct before the committee was "self-willed, impertinent, and sometimes defiant, deserving the severest censure."

On the motion of Mr. C. Pharazyn, it was resolved to send the letter of the committee to give him an opportunity of replying and request his attendance before the Board tomorrow morning. Mr. Hutchison said that the Mount Cook Girl School was also in a state of disorganisation.

A letter was read from the Mount Cook School Committee, approving of the formation Of a separate district for Newtown, and suggesting that reserve 14, at the corner of Revans and Main-street, would be a suitable site for the new school. Archdeacon Stock and Rev. J. Paterson were appointed a deputation to wait on the Government to lease the reserve.

27th March 1879 Wellington Education Board: Inspector's report included: Taking the city schools individually the greatest increase is in the Mount Cook boys' school, which has 518 this year as against 262 last year, and consequently now occupies the premier position, of all the Board schools in point of numerical strength, but the Inspector remarks that many of the newcomers had received very little previous instruction, and consequently the actual standard of the school is low, there having been, moreover, many experimental changes in the teaching methods adopted. The Head Master is described as " energetic and thoroughly efficient." Of the work done it is remarked that the writing, arithmetic, and dictation were generally good ; the reading, oral instruction, geography, and word knowledge deficient. The condition of the school is reported as " satisfactory."

27th March 1879 Wellington Education Board: A letter was read from Mr. Everiss, headmaster of the Mount Cook school, with reference to the recommendation of the local committee that he should be discharged in consequence of his conduct to the Misses M' Go wan. Mr. Everiss stated that the committee were prejudiced against him, and would not allow him to produce

books, which would have proved the work of the Misses McGowan's classes to be unsatisfactory. He asked the Board to institute a full inquiry into the matter. The Board resolved to hold the inquiry asked for, and that it should be held on Monday evening next, at 7 30.

27th March 1879 TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING POST. Sir,— As it would appear, from your report Of the Education Board meeting held yesterday, that they are about to deal with a matter that has given rise to a deal of scandal of late, viz., the unpleasant relations existing between the head master and some of his assistant female teachers, I think it would be well if the Board, after settling that particular matter, carried their investigations a little further, in order to find if there is any cause tending to that spirit of insubordination said, by Mr. Hutchison, to exist in the Mount Cook schools. The present school committee is I know, are working hard to make the schools flourish; let the Board make their efforts as easy as possible. Among other matters let them scrutinise the position of their assistant teachers and see if they are recompensed fairly and equitably for their services, and whether a proper spirit of industry and emulation is encouraged. Is it a fact that there are teachers who have passed creditably as assistants, and yet are only rated and paid as pupil-teachers, while strangers (three of a family) are brought into the school, whose teaching qualities are said to be inferior, and who yet receive £300 a year among them? This does not even sound like fair play ; and where the head master has a relative in the school who is one of those thus slighted, it is not calculated to engender very kindly feelings towards the favored individuals. I am, &c., Justitia 27th March, 1879.

27th March 1879 To the Chairman of the Education Board. “ Sir, —The Mount Cook School Committee beg to forward the following report of certain matters which recently transpired in the boys’ school. “ During the month past the committee received from Mr. Everiss, the head master, a letter (enclosure No. 1), in which he made grave charges against the Misses McGowan, three teachers who were appointed to the boys’ school in July last. About the same time complaints against Mr. Everiss were verbally made by these teachers to the chairman. Immediately inquiry was instituted, which led to several attempts to induce Mr. Everiss to withdraw his letter and make further effort to work amicably with these teachers, accompanied by the assurance that; should there be reasonable ground for repeated, failure, the committee would take steps to procure a remedy. Mr. Everiss persistently refusing, to accept this advice, the committee with great reluctance appointed an evening to fully investigate the matters complained of. The Misses McGowan (who declined making any counter charges: against Mr. Everiss, merely defending themselves), were furnished; with a copy of the head master’s letter and requested to meet the committee - prepared with any rebutting evidence they could produce. ‘

Mr. John McGowan, the elder brother of ‘the accused was permitted 'to attend and ,act on behalf "of his sisters.' ’ Miss Jones,’ a teacher in the same room,’ and her brother a Pupil' in the first class, were; requested by the Misses McGowan to attend and' give evidence.: “ For five and a half hours the committee sat,-three hours of .which .were. occupied by Mr. Everiss, after this hearing both parties, and devoting a subsequent evening to the consideration of the evidence received. The committee make the following representations : .

“The charges of insubordination were frivellent and unnecessary, and were in every instance adduced characterised by Mr. Everiss in language grotesquely exaggerated. It was stated that Miss Jessie McGowan had employed a black board in giving lessons in a manner not previously adopted in the school, but which had been approved of by the Inspector when visiting the

school. For doing this the black board was in a peremptory and highly unbecoming manner taken away in the presence of her class, though the use of the board, it was admitted, was necessary to greater efficiency. “Irregularity in observing the hour prescribed for the various exercises forms another part of the charges of insubordination. It was shown that these deviations had been necessary either when a lesson was completed a few minutes before the time allowed, or when a little extra time was required to properly finish one. Considerable justification for this, if indeed any were needed, is to be found in the fact that no clock is available for ascertaining, during the progress of a lesson, how' the allotted time is passing. Mr. Everiss admitted that while imputing ‘gross rank insubordination’ to the Misses McGowan for these departures from his time-table, Mr. Lillington had a timetable of his own, and that he had also found Mr. Reeves using another table. Thus against those who occasionally depart from the exact time prescribed, either to perfect a lesson or because the exact time cannot be ascertained, heavy charges of insubordination are made, while against those who use a table of their own no complaints are made. “Mr. Everiss complained that the Misses McGowan did not take part in the daily and weekly drill in the open space at the front of the building. That they did not open the windows before the entrance of the children. And that they did not fill the ink wells and place them in the desks ready for use. To the charges the committee remark that female teachers ought not to be expected to pass through the evolutions of boys at drill and are not fitted for positions of command during such exercises. This Mr. Everiss admitted, though he persisted in trying to compel them to do so. This charge, it should be added, lies equally against the other female teachers in the school. The opening of windows is part of the specified work of the school cleaner, whose attention to the matter should have been drawn by Mr. Everiss; while with reference to the filling of ink wells, at the time the alleged neglect occurred no information had been given them as to where the ink was to be found. This, however, the committee is of opinion is work that should be performed by suitable boys in each class, and not personally by the teachers themselves. : ~ .•

“During the investigation, Mr. Everiss. stated that ‘he would be candid : that the plain English was that he wanted to push them out to ’ get pupil teachers. In order to secure this object facts were adduced which clearly showed that Mr. Everiss had adopted methods alike dishonorable, and dishonest—dishonorable in subjecting them to continued treatment of a most unmanly and insulting character, and dishonest in concealing material facts which placed the parties accused in a, reversed position. The improper treatment’ of these teachers culminated on the 10th and 11th of February, when two of the Misses McGowan; were assailed in a most reprehensible manner. A letter from each of these, detailing the circumstances, was sent to the chairman after a copy of Mr. Everiss’s letter had been put into their hands. A perusal of these (enclosures 2 and 3) is requested. Miss Harriet McGowan, asking one of the boys a necessary question after Mr. Everiss had blown his whistle for silence, the boy was called out for punishment by Mr. Everiss, when the teacher very properly offered the explanation that he was only replying to her. Mr. Everiss then said to the boy, It is not your fault, it is your teacher’s and flourishing his cane in Miss McGowan’s face, said, ‘My whistle is for you, for you,’ and that he would not be under any subordinate, never, never, never. This teacher ventured to ask for an apology (which any gentleman would have voluntarily tendered), with the result, however, stated in his letter. “Mr. Everiss’s conduct to Miss Jessie McGowan on the following day was still more violent. Miss Jones stated that the description given in the letter to the chairman was far short of the

actual reality, and that ' Mr.' Everiss struck terror into herself.' Henry Jones, a boy who was ordered to take charge of the class, stated that, Mr. Everiss, ' was in a passion.' Miss Harriet McGowan ran into Mr. Lillington's room to claim his protection, fearing every moment that Mr. Everiss would strike her sister. Miss Jessie McGowan was' so paralysed with fear that she was unable to give any reply to the violent query, ' Are you going on with your work ?' while Miss Jones states that no time. was given; her to ,do so before Mr. Everiss ordered her to stand back, and then told her 'he had nothing for her to do that morning ; she might go Scenes like these can only and most speedily demoralise any school, and when it is added that on Mr. Everiss's own admission he had for some time before refused to punish any boy sent out of class by either of the Misses McGowan, the wonder is not that Mr. Everiss should complain of the defective authority and discipline exercised in these classes, but that there should be any at all.

"Mr. Everiss on one occasion, when proceeding to give a lesson to Miss Harriet McGowan's class, prefaced the exercise with the remark,: ' Boys, you have no fool 'of a teacher going to have you this morning.' He appears to .have, felt it incumbent, on him giving .instructions, to the female teachers to inform them that ; they were his servants. This treatment was complained of by Miss Coney, of Dunedin, who has not returned to her duties since the Christmas vacation. "With regard to the inefficiency ;of the teachers complained of, the committee need only remark that the Board is aware that when appointing the Misses McGowan to the boys' 'school, most satisfactory testimonials and certificates were- furnished respecting their qualifications, and that the committee when approving .the Board's recommendation expressed great satisfaction 'at the 'appointment of teachers possessing such high proof of efficiency. Mr. Everiss submitted to .the committee alleged -proofs of unsatisfactory character of their work, but in doing so conceded the facts that he made his tests in November last, when the new standards had been in the hands of the. teachers for only a few weeks, and that those tests will be employed in the examinations to be conducted next September." ' Comparative results between these teachers and another were given, but it was not stated by Mr.' Everiss that the teacher was his own niece, that she had the constant advantages of the sole use of the class room and the use of a black board, both of which were denied the Misses McGowan.

"The investigation has led the committee to the following conclusion, after carefully reviewing the facts : " That Mr. Everiss possesses to such a degree an infirmity of temper as to wholly unfit him for responsible position of controlling head in a school of such dimensions. That he totally lacks those qualities of either a courteous or conciliating nature so necessary , in directing subordinates of various temperaments, and whose opinions may sometimes legitimately differ from his own. That Mr. Everiss has shown on this occasion, as also when the Board's prizes were distributed by the Governor last year, that he possesses an unusually strong will which is uncontrollable by reason or prudence. His conduct before the committee was self-willed, impertinent, and sometimes defiant, and was deserving of the severest, censure. Yet he displayed the utmost complacency respecting his behavior and expressed his belief in its propriety. He stood convicted of self-contradiction, and if the evidence of the independent witnesses is credible, of falsehood. For these reasons the committee feel reluctantly compelled to strongly recommend the Board to remove Mr. Everiss at the earliest practicable moment. If any further proof is required to show the necessity and urgency of this course it is found in the fact that on the next school day after all the Misses McGowan's were.

removed to lower classes, Miss Jessie McGowan having given to her the lowest class in the school,* accompanied by directions that if she required any instructions she must apply to Master Dempsey, the lad previously in charge of the class. Thus a high class assistant as to the position of the lowest pupil teacher, while superior abilities possessed and paid for are wholly lost to the school. It may be added that the committee agrees unanimously to the report and its recommendations.—I have, &c., Chas. McIntyre, Chairman. It was decided to send a copy of the report to Mr. Everiss - that night, and that the Board hold a special meeting next day (Thursday) to consider the matter. -- Mr. Hutchison -remarked that the; Mount Cook Girls' School was also in a state of disorganisation. This matter will also be brought under notice at the special meeting. . ' The - remainder of the business was purely of a routine nature.

27th March 1879 MOUNT COOK boys' school. •:This large-school, consisting 'of; two, main rooms 62 feet by 22 each and six class rooms, was.-erected-a year, ago in the heart of this rapidly increasing part of the city, During the past year' the school has fairly filled, showing an average attendance of-440 ; but many of the new comers, although of ;good' school age, had received very little previous -instruction. The inevitable result is that the present actual standard of the school is low. It has been; a work of no inconsiderable labor to classify, organise, and drill into habits of discipline such large numbers, with a teaching staff for the most part untrained. : There has also been much experimental change in the methods adopted, in the time tables, and in the disposition of the teaching power. It can then hardly be wondered at that the head master at present is not-.so well acquainted with his classes as I could have wished; insomuch that in oases candidates for three different standards came up from: the same class. The head master has a Herculean task to perform. He is energetic and has shown himself a thoroughly efficient master of a moderately sized school. I have full confidence in his ability, if-he can succeed in carrying, with . him. the sympathy of his teachers. The reading at present shows little expression, but the writing, arithmetic;; and dictation are already generally good. The oral instruction, especially in geography and word knowledge,' was frequently deficient. This is the only school in which the system of teaching reading by monitors on the plan of the British and Foreign Society is adopted. The boys are well drilled to form line "and march, and elementary drawing and singing are taught.. Considering the fact that this school has increased from 262 to' 518, during the year; the condition !is satisfactory, and promises improved results; next .year, as the school has not been-classed too high. Two fifths ;of the: pupils. are below Standard 1., but over 400 have been in school less than one year. The examination; occupied eight days

28th March 1879 The following letter 'from Mr. Everiss was read:—, ; : ...

"March 27, 1879,

“ Sir,—In reply to the letter of the Mount Cook School Committee recently sent to your Board respecting certain' charges connected with the boys* school, Taranaki-street, I beg respectfully to make the following brief statement

“1. So far back as in November last, I had a long conversation with the late chairman of the Mount Cook School Committee, Mr. Jas. Smith, ‘ respecting a complaint the Misses McGowan had made privately to him against me. I pointed out to Mr. Smith in the plainest manner as I possibly could, how the Misses McGowan were either then incompetent or unwilling to do the school work. A few days afterwards the same complaint of the Misses McGowan was brought under my notice by Mr. Lee, when ! at once explained to him my

difficulty in getting the Misses McGowan to do their work. I mention this to show that the complaint I have made against the Misses McGowan is one of long standing.

2. On February following to Miss Harriett and Miss Jessie McGowan showing a determination not to submit to my authority as head-master of the school, I became more convinced than ever of the uselessness of looking to them for satisfactory work. I therefore did what I considered to be my duty under the circumstances—reported the matter to the school committee for investigation and consideration, "'

"On March 7 a committee meeting was held to investigate the case. , Before I had been speaking five minute's the committee unmistakeably proved that they were prejudiced against me, by refusing to allow me to make what explanations I thought were needed in order to substantiate the charges I had made. While giving a statement of the case as concisely as I possibly could and making what explanations I considered necessary to justify any action I have taken, I was frequently interrupted' by members of the committee and by a brother of the Misses McGowan; a clerk from the Government Buildings. Respecting the' statement 'that I occupied three hours of the investigation, I should think fully two hours of that time was wasted through interruptions. Most of the so-called evidence against me, accepted by the committee on this evening, was taken from the lips of the Government ' clerk" aforesaid. ' This same individual was even allowed' to gesticulate in a very violent manner, and to declare that I had on one occasion acted in a similar manner in my school On inviting the committee to examine the copy-books of the classes belonging to' the Misses McGowan to see for themselves that the writing was of a very disgraceful character, and to compare it with copy-book work done in other classes, the committee positively refused to look at the copy-books, though the books were at the same time lying on a shelf conveniently 'near.

4. As much of what is stated in the committees' letter is untrue, and as it will be necessary for me to mention a great deal that I have not already stated in writing, in order to help you to thoroughly investigate the matter, G E

P.S, I respectfully desire to give in person the full particulars of the case also be jf respectfully to suggest that you will have a full investigation into the whole matter.—G.B. _ , _ , , "To the Chairman of the Education Board. Mr. Pharazyn moved,—That the Board at its rising do adjourn till Monday, 31st instant, at 7.30 p.m., to consider the complaint of the [Te Aro sic] school committee against the head master, Mr. Everiss, at which all parties concerned be requested to attend. This was seconded by Mr. Beetham and agreed to. building committee. The report of this committee was ordered to stand over till next meeting,

1st April 1879 A special meeting of the Education Board was held last evening in the Education Board rooms to hear evidence in the charges and counter-charges of Mr. Everiss, the head teacher of the Mount Cook school, and the Misses McGowan (3), There were present— The Hon. J. C. Pharazyn, the Ven. Archdeacon Stock, Rev. Mr. Paterson, and Mr. Toomath. There were also present • Mr. McIndoe (chairman of the Mount Cook school), Messrs. James Smith, Holmes, Miller, Low, and Costall (members of the Mount Cook school committee), Mr. Everiss (the head teacher of the school), the three Misses McGowan, Mr. McGowan, and Miss Jones.

The report of the Mount Cook school committee in full, as published in, our columns, was then read. Mr. Everiss' statement in reply was also read.

The meeting here adjourned to the City Council Chamber.

Mr. Everiss and the Misses McGowan being asked if they would abide by the decision of the Board whatever it was, Mr. Everiss replied; Certainly.

Mr. Miller protested that this was not the course to pursue. The committee had determined upon a certain course, and had asked the Board to give their decision, and the committee had not come there to be dictated to.

Mr. Costell regretted Mr. Miller's remarks. He thought that the Board should, after deliberation, communicate its decision to the committee. He thought the committee would receive in the most candid manner the decision of the Board whatever it was. The Misses McGowan then also agreed to abide by the decision of the Board.

Mr. Toomath said if the Board had no power, as had been suggested by Mr. Miller, to deal with this question as a governing Board, with full power to act, it was not worthwhile wasting their time over this investigation.

Mr. Miller, in reply, said the committee had taken five and a half hours over this affair, and were in a better position to judge what course should be pursued than any other. If the committee were to be overridden in this manner he would no longer sit on a school committee. The Board were bound to abide by the report of the committee, and to act in one way or another upon that report. That was the Board's business.

The Chairman of the Board suggested that Mr. Everiss was actually on his trial, and should be heard as against the committee.

Mr. Miller protested that Mr. Everiss had been on his trial before them, and they had heard all pertinent statements and charges. So far from the committee being prejudiced against Mr. Everiss, it was quite the other way, and when he said otherwise he told an untruth.

The Rev. Mr. Paterson had great reluctance in entering on this case, but he did not take the same view of the Act as Mr. Miller. He thoroughly believed the committee had given great care in its inquiry into and consideration of this case; but it was clear to his mind that the dismissal and appointment of teachers must be made through the Board, and he also believed that the committees must be consulted, and that no action without that would be valid, but ultimate action must always rest, he contended, with the Board. The Board was practically a court of appeal.

Mr. Costell said the committee was also on its trial, and he hoped all the evidence possible would be taken. He thought the committee would be able to prove that many of the statements made by Mr. Everiss in his letter in reply were, if not absolutely false, at least misstatements.

Mr. Everiss then proceeded to make a statement and prefaced his remarks by stating that the committee's statements were grossly misrepresented.

Mr. Miller said he would not sit and hear Mr. Everiss make any such statements as that the committee were blackguards, &c. (Mr. Miller was here called to order)

Mr. Everiss then proceeded, and in effect repeated his previous statements with regard to the "reluctance of the committee to hold an inquiry." This, he said, showed the committee were prejudiced against him, and were in favor of the Misses McGowan. He complained also that three of the committee had entered his schoolroom in an unbecoming manner and had interfered with the conduct of his school in a most objectionable way, a course of proceeding they had no authority to pursue, and for which they were liable to a fine of 40s. He complained that a "Government clerk" was allowed to act on behalf of his sisters in the face of his protest, and that Mr. McGowan made many untruthful statements. With regard to the committee's

statement that his charges were “frivolous and unnecessary,” he would leave that to the Board to determine. He denied that he had in “a highly unbecoming manner” removed a blackboard used by Miss McGowan. The Misses McGowan had no ground for complaining that there was no clock to guide them in hearing the exercises, because a bell, which could be heard all over the school, was rung to regulate the lessons. It was also untrue that other teachers had different time-tables. He denied having used the words, as applied, to the Misses McGowan, that their conduct showed “gross and rank insubordination.” The conduct of the ladies was frequently negligent and insubordinate, and as such he certainly deemed “negligent conduct,” “gross : and rank insubordination.” With regard to the statement that he had complained that the Misses McGowan did not take part in the school drill in the open space at the front of the building, he would answer that by saying that he never intended their classes should be drilled. With regard to other charges, he replied that if female teachers were sent to him to do certain work they could not complain if he asked him to do it. With regard to the statement that he had said “he would be candid and state the plain English was that he wanted to push the Misses McGowan out and have pupil teachers in,” he denied having made that statement. He confessed he had said that it would be of advantage to the school if the Misses McGowan did leave the school. He was satisfied that Miss Shrimp and Master Dempsey, pupil teachers in his school, would do more work, and by far better, than the three Misses McGowan, and he would suggest that this should be put to the test. The charge that he had adopted methods alike dishonest and dishonourable towards the Misses McGowan was misrepresentation of the grossest kind possible. Here a “scene” occurred between the Rev. Archdeacon Stock and Mr. Miller, the Archdeacon protesting against Mr. Miller’s frequent interruption.

Mr. Miller said he would not be put down by Mr. Stock, and he was not going to be sat upon. Mr. Everiss mentioned the charge that “his improper treatment of these classes culminated in the assailing of the two Misses McGowan in a most reprehensible manner.” This he denied. He also denied that he flourished a cane in the face of Miss McGowan. Miss McGowan was insubordinate on the occasion he blew the whistle, and he did blow the whistle for her. The following day Miss McGowan sent him a note in the school by one of the boys, demanding an apology, which he tore up. She was subsequently impertinent when he asked her if she was going on with her work. She would not yield, and he therefore placed a monitor in charge of the class, and Miss McGowan left the school. He charged the Misses McGowan with being responsible for much of the bad conduct of the children, and with allowing them to do anything they pleased. He had never used the term “servant” in an offensive manner. ; Mr. Everiss here propounded a series of questions to be put to Mr. James Smith, as to whether he (Mr Smith) had not an interest in the Misses McGowan, and did not employ some of their relations. He admitted he had a temper, but he denied that his will was not under control. He also denied that before the committee he was Impertinent and defiant, though it was rather strange that the committee said he displayed complacency, after a five hours’ inquiry in a small room and with 12 gentlemen dead against him. This did not prove the statement that he was bad tempered. He further declared that the removal of the Misses McGowan to lower classes was carried out in a most gentlemanly manner, and solely for the benefit of the school. His charges against the Misses McGowan he said were (1), insubordination against Miss Harriet McGowan. and Miss Jessie McGowan;

(2), incompetency as assistant teachers against Miss Harriet McGowan, Miss Jessie McGowan, and Miss Elizabeth McGowan. This concluded Mr. Everiss' statement. The committee here said they had no questions to ask at this stage of the inquiry. A discussion then ensued as to whether the Misses McGowan should ask any questions or whether Mr. Everiss should be examined. The Misses McGowan intimated that they had nothing more to say or any more questions to ask than had already been done.

Mr. Toomath said it was quite evident that Mr. Everiss and the young ladies could no longer work together—the question now was, who in righteousness ought to go ?

The Misses McGowan's letters to the committee were then read, and Mr. Everiss was questioned on the statements made therein, to which his replies were in effect the same as his statement to the meeting. A searching inquiry was then made into the particular charge of insubordination alleged by Mr. Everiss to lay against Miss Harriett, in that she refused to listen to his whistle when he blew it for "silence," and that she encouraged disorder. Miss McGowan admitted having spoken to one of the boys after the whistle was blown, but complained that Mr. Everiss thereupon placed his fist in her face, threatened, and spoke most angrily to her. Mr. Everiss denied this, saying that he had spoken most calmly. In support of his statement and his position Mr. Everiss read the following "certificate" : " Wellington, March 28.

" I hereby certify that before Mr. Everiss placed a monitor in charge of Miss Jessie McGowan's class on February 11 Mr. Everiss put the question, ' Are you going on with your work?' to Miss Jessie McGowan several times, and also told her it she would not go on with the work he would get someone else who would. "(Signed) Sophia Jones," Miss JONES, being present, was questioned whether she wrote that " certificate" produced. In reply she said she only signed the " certificate," but that Mr. Everiss wrote it. Miss Harriot McGowan was questioned and cross questioned, but she strictly adhered to her previous statements in regard to this matter. Mr. Everiss admitted that he told the children of Miss Harriet McGowan's class that they were not to take any instructions from Miss McGowan.

Mr. Toomath was proceeding to cross-question the Misses McGowan's very severely when Mr. McIndoe interposed and protested against Mr. Toornath's procedure. The Rev. Mr. Paterson protested that so far Mr. Everiss had not substantiated either his charge of incapacity or insubordination.

Mr. Miller wanted to know if Mr. Everiss had done " spouting." He protested against Mr. Everiss jumping up and down like a parched pea in a frying pan.

Mr. Costell denied Mr. Everiss' statement that the committee went into his schoolroom in an unbecoming manner. He charged Mr. Everiss with imputing motives of which he was not in a position to be the judge, and characterised many of his assertions as "• misstatements."

Mr. Smith here denied the statement made in one of Mr. Everiss' published letters, as follows :—" So far back as in November last, I had a long conversation with the late chairman 'of the Mount Cook school committee, Mr. James Smith, respecting a complaint the Misses McGowan had made privately to him against me. I pointed out to Mr. Smith in the plainest manner I possibly could how the Misses McGowan were either then incompetent or unwilling to do the school work."

Mr. Smith in explanation said that on one afternoon six of the lady teachers of Mr. Everiss' school waited on him in a body to complain of Mr. Everiss' conduct towards them. Mr. Smith promised the ladies that he would speak to Mr. Everiss privately on the matter, and he did so;

but it was not true that he had ever even hinted at the Misses McGowan's incompetency as alleged. Neither had the Misses McGowan specially complained of Mr. Everiss; they in fact said scarcely a word.' Miss Coney, who had gone away to Dunedin without explanation, and who had not returned, was the chief complainant. He (Mr. Smith) did call on Mr. Everiss and reasoned with him about the ladies' complaints; but the only reply he received was to the effect that they were his servants subject to his bidding.

Mr. Miller asked, if this had been the conduct of their teacher, what were they to expect from their children?

Mr. Costall denied the statement that the committee were prejudiced against Mr. Everiss. So far from that, three of the committeemen were when the inquiry commenced confessedly in favor of Mr. Everiss. Mr. Everiss had been allowed every latitude at the committee's inquiry and had behaved himself in a most unseemly manner.

Mr. McIndoe inquired of Mr. Everiss whether as a fact he had not purposely degraded one of his teacher's by chiding her before the scholars.

Mr. Everiss did not give a straightforward answer, but partially admitted that he had chided one of the teachers before the school. The Rev. Mr. Paterson then asked Mr. Everiss if he thought it right to degrade one of his teachers by finding fault with her or him before the school. Mr. Everiss again replied in an equivocal manner, saying that he thought wrong should be condemned because it was wrong.

The Rev. Mr. Paterson thought that the man who held such an opinion was not fit to be a teacher.

Mr. Miller complained that no notes had been taken on behalf of the Board, and wanted to know how they were going to arrive at a decision without notes of the evidence.

Hear a little " scene " occurred between Mr. Toomath and Mr. Miller, in which Mr. Miller was accused by Mr. Toomath of " ungentlemanly conduct " and with " forgetting himself," and Mr. Toomath thereupon left the chamber.

The meeting then broke up, Mr. Pharazyn intimating that the Board would consider its decision upon the evidence adduced. The committee and the ladies then withdrew.

2nd April 1879 DECISION OF THE BOARD. At the meeting of the Education Board yesterday the following resolution was moved by Archdeacon Stock, seconded by Mr. Pharazyn, and carried : — "That a letter be written from the Board to the head-master of the Mount Cook School strongly reprimanding him for his conduct in the school, especially for finding fault with the teachers in presence of the scholars, and generally for a defect in necessary courtesy of manner towards the subordinate teachers in the school. They resolve, further, that two of the Misses McGowan should be removed to another school. They would not, in this removal, be deemed in any way as censuring the Misses McGowan. They hope that in the future the evils at present complained of may not exist."

3rd April 1879 Last evening a meeting of the Mount Cook School Committee was held to consider the decision of the Education Board with reference to the dispute between Mr. Everiss and his assistant-teachers, the Misses McGowan. The Committee resolved to resign en masse, and to lay the whole of the facts before the Minister of Education, with a complaint that four members out of the nine of whom the Board is composed should be allowed to reverse the decision unanimously arrived at by the School Committee, who, as they allege, were in

possession of the whole of the facts, and were in a better position to judge than the Education Board.

30th April 1879 Wellington Education Board: A letter was read from the Mount Cook School Committee with reference to the recent decision of the Board re the difference between Mr. Everiss and his teachers, in which they tendered their resignation en masse.

Mr. Patterson expressed his regret that the Committee had taken such a step. The conduct of Mr. Everiss had been strongly censured by the Board, and it was impossible for the latter to do more, except dismiss him, which the Committee did not ask for. It was impracticable to remove him to another school, as suggested by the Committee. Mr. Paterson also pointed out that the Committee had ample opportunity to reply to Mr. Everiss's statement. A letter was then read from Mr. Everiss, tendering his resignation as master of the school, and giving his reasons in 34 pages of close writing. Mr. Lee said that Mr. Everiss appeared to him to be amply wrong-headed, and it was impossible to work with him.

On the motion of Mr. Gisborne it was resolved that the resignation of Mr. Everiss be accepted ; also that a letter be written to the School Committee informing them of Mr. Everiss's resignation, slating that the Board had no power to accept their resignation, and expressing a hope that the committee would reconsider their determination.

1st May 1879 A " Free Bible School" is to be opened in July in Te Aro or Mount Cook district, by Mr. Everiss, late head master of the Mount Cook school.' ' The school is to be open to all children over five years of age, and no fees are to be changed, but the undertaking is to be supported entirely by voluntary contributions, while alt school 'materials will be provided. Further particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

1st May 1879 A letter was road from Mr. Watson, Secretary of the Teachers* Association, stating that the Association entirely approved the resolution of the Education Board in reference to the dismissal of teachers from the Mount Cook Boys' School.

1st May 1879 THE BOARD invite Applications from Teachers, whether in the service of this Board or not, for the Head Mastership of the Mount Cook Boys' School, the average attendance of which for the past three months was 421. Applications to be sent la on or before the 27th instant. | ROBERT LEE, Secretary. Wellington, 1st May, 1879.

7th May 1879 he prizes for running offered by the Mount Cook School Committee, and competed for in February, were presented this morning to the winners by Mr Everiss. , The prizes were :— • 1st prize, silver cup, value 50s, D trips 2nd Prize Silver cup value 25 shillings 2nd prize, silver cup, value 25s, G. Crawfordline ; 3rd prize, 7s 6d Webbe

29th May 1879 Letters were read from Miss Shrimpff and Miss Meek, resigning their situations as teachers in the Mount Cook School. In reply to a question, the Secretary said that Miss Shrimpff was leaving in consequence of the resignation of her uncle, Mr. Everiss. Miss Baston was appointed an assistant teacher at the Mount Cook School. The School Committee wrote stating that the head-teacher having left, they would withdraw their resignations. They asked that a portion of the playground might be asphalted. The Board appointed Archdeacon Stock and the Rev. J. Paterson a committee to confer with the local committee on the subject, and with power to act, providing the expense does not exceed £200

30th May 1879 Wellington Education Board: The following applications were received for the headmastership of the Mount Cook school : — C J. Hardy, B.A , late Mathematical Master of the Wellington College ; D. O'Donoghue, Grahamstown; W Price, Wellington; W

Donnelly, Newtown; W. Waite, BA., Palmerton North; J. Lillington, Assistant Master, Mount Cook ; J. Gillett, Marton; J. Gurr, Featherston A- B. Thompson, Napier. The Rev. Mr- Paterson spoke strongly in favour of Mr. Hardy who was an estimable gentleman and excellent instructor, and who had left the College through no fault of his own. Archdeacon Stock urged the justice of promoting de

serving- members of their own to any good appointments that might become vacant, and for that reason supported Mr. Girr's application. After a passage at arms between Messrs. Hutchison and Toomath, the Board went into committee and discussed the question at great length, the -result being that Mr. Hardy was appointed, and the Board then adjourned to the 11th of June.

12th June 1879 Wellington Education Board: MOUNT COOK SCHOOL. The committee of the school begged to concur in the appointment of Mr. Hardy to the school. If they had been able, they would have recommended Mr. Lillington.

4th August 1879 Mr. O'Flaherty, a member of the Mount Cook School Committee, has presented a handsome silver medal to be competed for by the School Cadets, the medal to be given to the highest aggregate scorer in three contests at 100 and 200 yds.

1st October 1879 The examination of candidates for Board of Education scholarships is to take place on the 12th and 13th instant. The Inspectors (Messrs. Lee and Fleming) will supervise the city and suburban candidates at the Board's offices, and will also examine the whole of the candidates. Mr. Fowler will supervise the Wairarapa candidates, who will sit in the Masterton School. There are about 160 candidates. Of these 19 are from Newtown School, 11 from Te Aro, 10 from the Terrace, 11 from Mount Cook Boys', 18 from Thorndon, 7 from Mount Cook Girls', 10 from Clyde-quay, and 11 from Petone.

27th October 1879 Wellington Education Board The Chairman was asked to report as to the need for painting the roofs and fences at the Mount Cook schools.

30th November 1897 A pupil of the Mount Cook School evidently wishing to enlarge his experiences of the world, boarded the Mawhera last week while the men were at dinner and hid himself in the hold of the vessel. He was found in his hiding-place after the steamer had sailed for Picton. The youngster was landed in Picton and ultimately brought back to Wellington and delivered to his parents.

8th December 1897 r MOUNT COOK SCHOOLS' ENTERTAINMENT. ST. JOHN'S SCHOOLROOM, DIXON-STREET (Kindly lent by. St. John's Managers). THURSDAY .AND FRIDAY, 9th and 10th December. PROGRAMME

:— Part I. 1. Magpie Chorus — Mount Cook Girls

2. Song — Miss Gallagher

3. Five and Twenty Bunnies— Mount Cook - " Infants

4. Part Songs— (1) " See Our Oars " ; (2) * " Sail to the Chief "—Mount Cook Boys

5. Recitation— Miss Hall (Thursday)

6. Fair Little Maids from 'School-^Mount', Cook Girls

7. Weaving Drill— Mount Cook Infants

Part II

1.- Tableau—" Flower Girls at the Shrine of ' ' , ' Diana "— Mount Cook Infant Teachers 2. Instrumental Solos - Master E. Baumgart (Thursday) , Master J. Amadio (Friday)

3 Dumb-bell Exercises— Mount Cook Boys (pupils of Mr. Tankard)

4 Song (illustrated)— " Darby and Joan

5.' Recitation in Character — Mt. Cook Girls

6. Nursery Rhymes (Maughan Barnett)— (a) "Queen of Hearts"; (b) "Jack and Jill"; (c) "Old Mother Hubbard"; (d) " Old King Cole"—Mount Cook Boys

9th December 1897 Wellington Education Board Inspector's report Mount Cook Boys'. Presented, 607 ; present, 565 ; passed, 545, The school is strong in all classes. Arithmetic, geography and science are good features. Reading is fairly good. The science syllabus is much approved, and the school improves in tone and emulation. Twenty seven passed Standard VII.

10th December 1897 There was a very large attendance at the entertainment given in connection with the Mount Cook Schools at St. John's Schoolroom last evening. The programme was a very interesting one, reflecting credit alike on the children and their instructors. The children of the Infant School gave an amusing sketch in character, entitled " Five and Twenty Bunnies," and also exhibited their weaving drill, using coloured sashes. The contingent from the Girls' School contributed in character a magpie chorus, a song entitled " Fair Little Maids from School," and a concerted recitation. The part songs " See Our Oars " and " Hail to the Chief," and nursery rhymes, were given by the Boys' School, and were heartily applauded. A feature of the entertainment -was 'the dumbbell exercises by the Mount Cook boys, who are pupils of Mr. Tankard. A pretty tableau, "Flower Girls at the Shrine of Diana," by the Infant School teachers, had to be shown again. An instrumental solo was contributed by Master E. Baumgart, a song by Miss Gallagher, and a recitation by Miss Hall. The entertainment will be repeated again this evening with alterations in the programme, and no doubt there will be another large audience.

14th December 1879 On Saturday the Mount Cook School cadets completed their firing for a medal presented by Mr. J. O'Flaherty. The conditions were three handicap competitions at 100 and 200 yards, five shots at each range, the highest aggregate to win. The medal was won by Private Bolland with 88 points, Private Priddey taking the second place with 87. The firing was under the superintendence of Lieut. Hempleman.

16th December 1897 The Newtown and Mount Cook Boys Schools broke up yesterday for the holiday; At the former schools the scholars were marched into the playground and, after singing some songs and receiving a short speech by the head master (Mr. Hulke they were dismissed. At the Mount Cook Boys' Schools Mr. Hardy, the head master delivered a short and appropriate address and the scholars dispersed.

1879 Girls'

1879		Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	K H		Head Mistress	247.10
1879		Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	E		Assistant Female	112.10
1879		Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	H		Assistant Female	110.00
1879		Mt Cook Girls'	Bastin	Kathleen		Assistant Female	£80.00
1879		Mt Cook Girls'	Wallis	S E		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1879		Mt Cook Girls'	Warren	A R		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1879		Mt Cook Girls'	Brown	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1879		Mt Cook Girls'	Cook	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00

Kathleen Bastin was an assistant female at Mount Cook Girls' 1879 to 1881. And from 1893 to 1886 was an assistant at Johnsonville and in 1887 taught at Te Aro

1888/1322	Kathleen Georgina	Bastin	Peter	McColl
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Emily Brown only taught 1897 at Mt Cook Girls'

Mary Cook was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Girls' in 1879 and possibly in 1882 and 1883

7th January 1879 Wellington Education Board: At a meeting of the Appointment of Teachers Committee of the Education Board, held yesterday, it was resolved to recommend Margaret Cook to the position of pupil teacher for Mount Cook Girls' School

7th January 1879 The building committee of the Board of Education has resolved to call for tenders for furniture for the new class rooms attached to the Mount Cook girls' school.

26th February 1879 Wellington Education Board Miss Craig to Mt Cook school as pupil teacher'

27th March 1879 Wellington Education Board Inspector's report MOUNT COOK GIRLS' SCHOOL.' : I am-pleased to report that this large girls' school as a separate institution is a success, and that the education imparted is quite satisfactory. The division of the school into upper and lower with a responsible teacher in each room has tended, to increased efficiency.* The teaching power is above the average of large schools. Although .in some repeats the management does not compare favorably with that of the best ordered mixed schools, the admirable tone which obtains throughout the whole is a good set off against any want of masculine organisation. During the seven days of the examination-'I was much impressed with the quiet manners, with; the gentle and respectful bearing of the elder girls, an* with the happy faces of the whole school ; Nothing -'in the management of- the; school appeared harsh or distasteful! to. the pupils.- The work was; sound and showed marked progress during the year. This was-especially noticeable in the lower school under Miss Devereaux, as that "portion of the school last year was the least satisfactory division of the school. The reading of this school deserves especial mention; .The excellent style and refined enunciation of the pupils in the highest class showed very 'careful' and: very- able : teaching on the; part of- Mrs. Tarn; The arithmetic of the lower school was particularly good and the work-generally throughout the : whole!; school was more than satisfactory, except that the oral teaching was to the word meaning and subject matter of the readers will require more attention next year,-' The school is now well '.'arranged in two; large rooms with two-class rooms; Parallel desks are used throughout the school. Needlework is taught throughout. There was room- for more accurate classification and 'the headmistress should be a -little- -better acquainted with all the classes. There is' an increase of 162 girls on the books during the year. There are nearly three times as many. girls classed in Standard work this year as last year

29th March 1879 Mount Cook girls' school. The unhappy spirit which appeared to subsist between Mrs. Tarn and Miss Devereux, of this school, formed the subject of some discussion, and Mr. Lee hardly knew how to advise the Board in the matter. He did not altogether agree with either lady. Both of them, so far .as he was aware, were doing earnest work, — they were admirable teachers. He regretted very much that the estrangement had sprung up. After a conversational discussion, the Inspector undertook to see Mrs. Tarn and inform her of the sense of the Board in the matter.

12th August 1897 Mrs Tarn, well known in Wellington as head mistress of the Mount Cook Girls School, is now in Singapore. Her many friends will be glad to hear she is enjoying the beet of health. Mrs Tarn has not decided whether she will remain in Singapore.

24th August 1897 Sie — I think whoever is responsible has acted very unfairly to the school-children iv withholding the Jubilee medals as promised. t have two children attending the Mount Cook Infants' School who went to the Basin Reserve and sang, and were promised medals. They have been to school regularly since, and now" the teachers tell them, with the rest of their fellows, that they will not get any, and they are very disappointed at such a breach of faith in their superiors. If you can let me know where to get them I will buy them two rather than disappoint them. I am, etc. , Fair play. : Wellington,

9th December 1879 Wellington Education Board Examination results Mount Cook Girls'. Presented, 593; present, 550 ; passed, 509. The school is much improved throughout, especially in order and discipline. Good reading is a great feature of the work. Miss t Sara Rothenburg's work is highly commendable. Eighteen passed Standard VII.

16th December 1897 Wellington Education Board: And The resignations of Miss Harriett McGowan, assistant, Mount Cook Girls'; Miss Sara Rothenburg, pupil teacher, Mount Cook Girls'; and Miss Alice Rider, pupil teacher, Petone, have been accepted by the Education Board

1879 Infants'

1879		Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	C A		Head Female	£240.00
1879		Mt Cook Infants '	Wilkinson	J		Assistant Female	£150.00
1879		Mt Cook Infants '	Huntley	B		Assistant Female	£100.00
1879		Mt Cook Infants '	Meek	B		Assistant Female	£150.00
1879		Mt Cook Infants '	Craig	N		Female Pupil Teacher	£45.00
1879		Mt Cook Infants '	Sutherland	Grace		Female Pupil Teacher	£45.00
1879		Mt Cook Infants '	Galaway	Eleanor		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1879		Mt Cook Infants '	Archer	Emma		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1879		Mt Cook Infants '	Watkins	K		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1879		Mt Cook Infants '	Page			Female Pupil Teacher	£ 40.00

N Craig only taught for the Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher in 1879

Eleanor Galaway only taught for the Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher in 1879

Emma Archer was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Infants' 1879 to 1881 and after 2 years probably at training college was an assistant at Petone in 1884 and 1885.

Kate Watkins was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Girls' 1879 and 1880

Page Mary (aka Margaret H) had a long successful career with the Wellington Education Board: 1879 to 1883 Pupil Teacher at Mt Cook Infants 1884 and 1885 still a pupil teacher at Te Aro. From 1886 to 1900 was head female at Thorndon Infants'. 1901 to 1905 was an assistant at Thorndon. 1906 and 1907 was at Normal School And 1908 to 1912 was at Ngaio school. 1911 and 1912 she was Head Female at Ngaio

7th January 1879 At a meeting of the Appointment of Teachers Committee of the Education Board, held yesterday; Margaret Brown as pupil teacher for Mount Cook Infant School ;

6th February 1879 The Board of Education schools in town are thoroughly crowded, and the want of further accommodation is being severely felt. At the infant school, Mount Cook, fully

forty applications this week have been refused admission. It is proposed to commence the Te Aro infant school at once, so that that _ may relieve the pressure a little.

26th February 1879 Wellington Education Board Miss Archer to Mt Cook Infants School as Pupil Teacher

22nd March 1879 The Inspector of Schools yesterday examined the Mount Cook infant school, and twenty three pupils passed in the first standard. This examination iextraordinary, being held in order that proficient pupils may be drafted off to the older schools, in order to give additional room at the infant school.

27th March 1879 Inspector's report to Wellington Education Board re Infant School: MOUNT COOK INFANT SCHOOL " This school was opened in January, 1878, and at the date of my last report '-was for the first time being thoroughly organised, by Mrs. Francis who had then been but a very short time in charge. The building is large, lofty, and well suited for its purpose. It consists of a main room with galleries, parallel desks and large draft space, two class rooms with dual desks, and a babies' room, with galleries. I examined the school at the end of September, spending nearly a week in the work. The attendance during the summer months has since very largely increased, and the building is now fully occupied. The school is admirably managed and thoroughly well taught. As an institution in connection with-graded boys| and girls' schools, its value cannot be over-estimated. The pleasant awakening of the mental faculties by the Kindergarten system of teaching, the cheerfulness inculcated by 'the singing lessons and object lessons, the habits of discipline and order engendered by the marching and action songs, and the ordinary easy routine of the school work, cannot fail to mould better material for our graded schools, and save much of the wearisome drudgery of their A B C work. The children, who are nearly all under seven years of age, are taught to read from wooden blocks, reading sheets, and books—an upper class of about 50 being able to read monosyllabic narrative. The same class write easy dictation in very good form. Eleven children passed Standard 1 last September and twenty-three others very recently. Writing is taught on the Mulhauser system by analysis of letters. Multiplication tables are known to the end of five times, and; the oral instruction is systematic and ably imparted to large gallery-classes chiefly by the head-mistress. Perhaps the most striking feature in the school is the accurate singing from notes taught by the use of the modulator. The children can sing over thirty songs. Much credit is due to Mrs; Francis for the pains she takes to instruct her assistants, several of whom are fast becoming efficient infant teachers

14th August 1897 Wellington Education Board: The following pupil" teacher appointments have been made by the Education Board :— Misses Mabel Roberts, Violet Harton, anil Phoebe Prendeville, Mount Cook Infants' School

2nd September 1897 HE KINDERGARTEN SYSTEM.

The visit paid yesterday to the Mount Cook Infant School reminds us that we have in our midst some very successful adaptations of the German Kindergarten system. The general public have taken little, if any interest in this very important branch of educational work, but thanks in a large measure to the public-spirited care of Mr. Blair and his, colleagues on our Education Board, Wellington is in respect of it considerably ahead of the rest of the colony. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the scientific system of infant instruction formulated by Frobel : indeed, few who study the subject at all carefully can resist the conclusion that, so far at least as the very young are concerned," his principles are the only right ones. He aimed at a

harmonious and simultaneous development of the threefold nature of the child — the moral, the mental, and the physical. In this triple expansion alone, he felt, could, the true human nature be fully developed. One of the most marked characteristics of childhood is its love of activity and movement, and nothing was more irksome or cramping to the infant than the old rigid unscientific method of instruction.....

1880

1880 Boys'

1880		Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy B A	Charles J		Headmaster	£350.00
1880		Mt Cook Boys'	Brann	John H		Assistant Master	£ 200.00
1880		Mt Cook Boys'	Reeve	Thomas F		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1880		Mt Cook Boys'	Robertson	Annie E		Head Female	£ 112.00
1880		Mt Cook Boys'	McGowan	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£100.00
1880		Mt Cook Boys'	Gooder	Emma		Assistant Female	£100.00
1880		Mt Cook Boys'	Jones	N Sophie		Assistant Female	£80.00
1880		Mt Cook Boys'	Massey	Marian		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1880		Mt Cook Boys'	Robinson	George		Male Pupil Teacher	£45.00
1880		Mt Cook Boys'	Sinclair	Duncan		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00

John Henry Brann was at Mount Cook Boys' in 1880 and 1881. Was not teaching in 1882 and 1883 1888 was headmaster of Clareville and 1889 to 1893 was headmaster of Carterton. Retired from teaching in 1894 appears to have farmed in Wanganui area

Thomas F Reeve only taught for the Wellington Education Board 1880-1882 at Mt Cook Boys'

George Robinson taught for the Wellington Education Board at Mt Cook Boys' 1879 to 1881 and in 1884 was at Te Aro

Duncan Sinclair only taught for Wellington Education Board in 1880 as a pupil teacher

1st January 1880 Wellington Education Board: also the election for the Mount Cook District, Wellington, in the Mount Cook Boys' School ; and that the first meeting of the Committees then elected shall be held in the same place immediately afterwards..... Applications are invited from teachers, whether at present in the service of this Board or not, for the first Assistant-Mastership of the Mount Cook Boys' School, City of Wellington. Stipend, £200 per annum. Applications must be sent in on or before the 27th day of January next. ROBERT LEE, Secretary.

26th January 1880 The ratepayers of this city should bear in mind that the annual election of school committees takes place at 8 o'clock this evening, at the four principal schools in this city, viz. -. — Thorndon, Terrace, Te Aro, and Mount Cook. It is very desirable that there should be a full attendance, as under the present Act, the duties and powers of the committees are very important.

27th January 1880 Considerable interest was taken in the election of a school committee for the Mount Cook District, nearly 300 voters being present. Mr. Danks presided. Some dissatisfaction was expressed that no balance sheet had been prepared by the retiring

committee. It was stated, in explanation, that some difficulty had arisen owing to the change in the secretaries, and the fact that some vouchers, amounting to about £4c, could not be found, on which account the auditors refused to certify to the correctness of the balance sheet. No fewer than fourteen candidates were proposed for election. A question arose as to whether candidates should be heard as to their views regarding a license being given to the Cosmopolitan Club, adjoining the school, but the matter was not pressed. The result of the election is given in another column.

29th January 1880 Mount Cook Boys' School. — There are now 550 boys attending this school. At the last " break-up " there were 508 names on the roll, and therefore there is an increase of 42. No applications were refused, but if there are many more new applicants, the girls who now occupy one wing of Mr. Hardy's building will have to be removed to some other place.

30th January 1880 Mt Cook District Schools

BALANCE-SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1879.

1879	DR	£	S	D
Feb-05 By Capitation Grant		85	0	0
May-05 By Capitation Grant		95	0	0
Jul-02 By Demonstration Grant		10	0	0
Aug-04 By Capitation Grant		90	0	0
Oct-03 By Refund Mr Holmes		20	6	8
Nov-07 By Capitation Grant		100	0	0
Dec-29 By Refund Mrs Wilkinson		12	10	0
		£412	16	8
	Cr	£	S	D
Overdraft brought Forward		10	4	1
from previous year				
Disbursements as per receipts		400	8	4
		£410	12	5
Balance		£2	4	3

CHAS. SWINEY, Secretary. Wellington, N.Z., 28th January, 1880. Audited and found correct, H. D. YOUNG. 28th January, 1880. CHAS. M'INTYRE, Chairman, Mount Cook Schools.

[Note £100 in December 1879 = \$18 791.97 in December 2021]

30th January 1880 Mr. Haywood gave an exhibition of his New Zealand views at the Mount Cook Boys' School last night. The youngsters mustered in great force, and crowded the room. They were evidently well pleased with what they saw, and at the conclusion of the exhibition gave three hearty cheers for Mr. Haywood. The same entertainment will be repeated

this evening at the Mount Cook Girls' School. During Mr. Haywood's trips through the Middle Island he always gave exhibitions of his collection of New Zealand scenery at the schools where he visited. It is not a bad way of educating "young New Zealand" as to the land they live in, and we are pleased to learn that Mr. Haywood had no difficulty in obtaining the permission of the Mount Cook School Committee for his exhibition.

30th January 1880 MOUNT COOK SCHOOL DISTRICT. At the annual meeting of residents held on Monday night, there was a very large attendance, fully 300 persons being present. The following were elected on the committee ; Messrs. S. Danks, W. Tustin, senr., J. Smith, F. Sidey, A. Hopkirk, J. Godber, and C. De Castro At a meeting of the committee, held afterwards, Mr. Smith was elected chairman for the ensuing year.

31st January 1880 Wellington Education Board: Fifteen applications were received for the head assistant mastership at the Mount Cook school and after careful consideration Mr Grundy was appointed to the position. By December Mr Grundy was headmaster of Masterton School Miss Gooder appointed to Mount Cook Boys' School

10th April 1880 Inspector Lee's report on schools included: nine schools (including Mount Cook and Thorndon Schools) are instanced wherein, out of an aggregate of 871 pupils presented for examination in the higher standards, only 629 had attended school over 250 half days ; the remaining 242 children, in the very prime of school life, had made such poor attendances that no teacher could be expected to prepare them for the work of the year. The abolition of school fees has not tended to improve the attendance, and the Inspector holds opinion that when people paid for the education of their children, they valued it more.....

1st May 1880 An application from the Mount Cook School Committee for £80 for asphaltting footpath at the Taranaki-street school, and the construction of a drain for the removal of stagnant water, was referred to the architect to report upon.

1st May 1880 Yesterday afternoon the cadet corps of the Mount Cook Boys' School was inspected by Colonel Leckie. Upwards of 100 cadets were present, and were put through a variety of movements to the satisfaction of the inspecting officer.

17th May 1880 The Mount Cook School Cadets will shortly be enabled to appear in uniform, the grant for their purchase being, we understand, paid over. This should stimulate the youths to greater exertions to become proficient

29th May 1880 Wellington Education Board: The Mount Cook School Committee applied for a number of works in connection with their school.—It was resolved that the committee be informed that the Board has no funds available for any works required in connection with their schools ; and that the architect's report be forwarded to the committee, with the expression of a hope that the matters of most urgent character may be provided for out of the committee's funds.

Mount Cook Boys 366 tested and 241 passed.

16th June 1880 Mount Cook Boy's School, Wellington, 14th June. TENDERS are invited for the Making-up of Forty Uniforms (more or less) for the Mount Cook Rifle Cadets, and will be received up to Noon on Thursday. Particulars may be had by applying at above address between the hours of 9 and 12. C. J. HARDY, Captain Commanding, Mount Cook Cadets

7th August 1880 after a visit to the Girls' school . The Boys' School was next visited, and an address delivered by Mr. Hopkirk, which was listened to with marked attention. This was followed by the distribution of prizes to the successful candidates, who were, for the Sixth

Standard, Edgar Deveril and Henry Jones ; for the Fifth Standard, Herbert Phillips and Begrom Brown. To this succeeded an interesting address by Mr. Danks on “ School life in the mining districts of England forty years ago.” The Chairman, in bringing the meeting to a close, thought it right to state that a fair share of the success achieved was due to Mr. Lillington, their schoolmaster during last year, but who was now in charge of the Newtown school. Hearty cheers given by the pupils for Mr. Hardy, the head-master, and the members of committee, brought this interesting meeting to a close.

12th August 1880 The first squad of the Mount Cook School Cadets have been provided with uniforms—blue serge with white facings and braid, and the lads in No. 2 squad are in hopes that, from some source, either public or private, means will be found to garb them in similar uniform to that of their comrades.

20th August 1880 The Mount Cook School Club has taken it upon itself to challenge the combined Terrace, Thorndon, and Te Aro Schools, and will send the following to do battle for them :—H. Tripe (captain), D. Tripe, S. Nicholls, A. Rigg, P. Georgeson, G. Robinson, W. Tempsey, J. Ewing, J. McDougall, F. Wallis, J. Craig, J. Plimmer, A. Macdonald, and J. Coster.

18th September 1880 An accident happened in Taranaki-street yesterday about 4 p.m. The scholars from Mount Cook schools were just going home, and, as usual, there was a little rough play going on among them. One of the bigger lads pushed a little fellow down in the middle of the road, and he lay there crying just opposite the Royal Tiger Hotel. Unfortunately at the moment Dr. Harding’s buggy came along, the horse going at a smart trot, and before the youngster on the ground was noticed by the driver one of the wheels had passed over his leg injuring him severely. All possible attention was paid to the sufferer, who was conveyed home in the buggy. The occurrence was purely accidental.

5th October 1880 Henry Ham, Thomas Baker, and Wm. McCullum, three little urchins, appeared in answer to a charge of having, on the 21st ultimo, maliciously broken four panes of glass on the premises of the Mount Cook State School, by throwing stones at the windows, thus committing damage to the extent of 12s. Ham and Baker confessed their guilt, and Mr. FitzGerald appeared to defend the other defendant. Superintendent James desired their Worshipships to make an example of the offenders in consequence of the numerous complaints made recently of damage done to school property by boys in the habit of throwing stones. After hearing the evidence, the Bench expressed regret to see such respectable lads as the defendants brought into Court on a charge of this kind, and thought the case would be met by inflicting a fine of 1s on each of the boys and ordering them to pay costs.

15th November 1880 part of a long article: Information reached town on Saturday afternoon that a lad named John Archibald Craig, who resided with his mother and a married sister in Webb-street, had been killed at Karori by the accidental discharge of a gun. The particulars, as gleaned from the police report, are these : — Craig, who was 16 years of age and a lad named Herbert Phillips, son of Mr. Phillips, of Cuba-street, left town on Saturday morning for Karori on a shooting excursion, each taking a gun and ammunition.....Herbert Phillips, a schoolboy attending Mount Cook School, not 15 years of age, stated that deceased was a pupil teacher at the Mount Cook School, and was 15 years old last January. On Saturday morning last witness and deceased went to Makara for the purpose of shooting game.

15th December 1880 The distribution of prizes at the Mount Cook Schools takes place on Friday, at ten o’clock, commencing in the Boys’ School, Taranaki-street. Mr. Levin, M.H.R.,

will present the prizes, and the committee express a hope that the parents and friends of pupils will muster in numbers, and thus give additional eclat to the occasion.

16th December 1880 The Mount Cook School Committee have had some very neat certificates of merit printed in colors, containing the following words : — ' ' Mount Cook Schools — Certificate of merit for diligence, regularity, and good conduct." These cards are intended for distribution to those children whose general conduct has been good, in addition to proficiency in their studies. Books will be presented for the first and second prizes, and the Mayor will present special prizes to the boys' and girls' schools. There will be a tea party in connection with the infant school at 4 p.m. Mr. W. H. Levin, M H.R., will present the prizes to the boys at the Mount Cook School, Mr. J. G. Holdsworth those to be awarded in connection with the infant school, and Mr. Hutchison will conduct the presentation at the Newtown School. To prevent the infant school being during the proceedings overcrowded, tickets of admission have been issued, and no person will be admitted without one.

17th December 1880 MOUNT COOK BOYB* SCHOOL. There was a large assemblage of boys at the Mount Cook School this morning on the occasion of the distribution of prizes prior to Christmas vacation. The pupils were drawn up along the whole length of the large room in the left wing, and a fine healthy intelligent lot of little fellows they appeared. The Mount Cook Cadets were present in uniform and were drawn up in a line in front of a dais erected for Mr. W. H. Levin, who had been asked to distribute the prizes*

Mrs. Levin and a few of the parents and relatives of the lads were present to witness the ceremony. Mr. J. Smith, chairman of the committee, introduced Mr. Levin, who addressed the boys in a short, but simple and appropriate speech. He expressed pleasure at being present on such an occasion for he yielded to none in his desire for the welfare of the rising generation. He hoped those who obtained prizes would be encouraged to go on as they began, and those who had not succeeded should have patience, energy, and perseverance. He concluded by admonishing them to be honest and truthful in all their dealings, and during the vacation not to do anything to disgrace themselves, their teachers, or the School to which they belonged. He then distributed the prizes as per the subjoined list

PRIZE LIST. Division I. :— Class I.— 1st prize, D. Tripe ; 2nd prize, J. Tripe ; certificates of merit, D. Wilson, F. Dunn, A. Wilson, A. Myers, J. Hopkirk, P. Georgeson, J. Gooder. Division II. :— Class 1st prize, E. Liddle ; 2nd prize, W. Hyde ; certificates of merit, L. Myers, J. Donaldson. Class II.— 1st prize, C. E. Tustin; 2nd prize, J. Waters ; certificates of merit, W. Jewel , S. Roberts, P. do Castro, D. Brand. Class III.— 1st prize, G. Hill; 2nd prize, R. H. Hunter ; certificates of merit, E. Beaglehole , C Peterson, P. Meacham, C. Gaby, J. Griffiths. Class IV prize, M. McCarthy; 2nd prize, C. Pearcey ; certificates of merit, S. Watson. W. Waters, H. Pearcey, and N. McCarthy. Class V— 1st prize, H. Crocombe; 2nd prize, H. Mitchell ; certificates of merit, C. Ralph, W. Fitchett, T. Flynn, C. Balcombe, R. Burton, and H. Liddle. Class VI — 1st prize, A. France ; 2nd prize, W. Warren ; certificates of merit, H. Porter, W. Leggett, G. H. Backhouse, E. Balchin, and R. Peterson. Class VII — 1st prize, G. Hunter ; 2nd prize, H. Pilcher ; certificates of merit, H. Hutchings, E. Wright, A. Green, and T. Bridge. Class VIII. — 1st prize, T. Tripe ; 2nd prize, S Tripe ; certificates of merit, A. Rowden, W. Hopkirk, A. Chapman, D. Wilson. Class IX. — 1st prize, J. Lawrence ; 2nd prize, F. Young; certificates of merit, J. Batten, F. Bedmeade, W. Ranken, G. Deutch, J. McKirdy, R. Nixon. Class X. — 1st prize, F. McVicar ; 2nd prize, G. Smith; certificates of merit, J. Petherick, J.

Flynn, A. Churchill, R. Christie, W. Gilchrist, F. White. Class XI.— 1st prize. A. Baker ; 2nd prize, O. Buck; certificates of merit, F. Brown, H. Stockbridge, H. Roberts. Class XII 1st prize, G. Collins ; 2nd prize, A. Jeffs ; certificates of merit, W. Richard* son, G. Tonks, H. Tonks, P. Flygger. Extra prizes : — The Mayor's prize, for the best conducted boy in the first class who receives no other prize — Herbert Phillips. Mr. Smith's prize, for ditto in the second class— Frederick Rowden. Head-master's prize, for Algebra — G. D. Ross. Headmaster's prize, for Latin — Robert Port. Mr. Levin again urged the boys to go on as they had begun and be a credit to their school.

Mr. Hopkirk and Mr. -Danks members of the school committee, addressed the children after which cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Levin and the teachers. Mr. Levin said, if the committee would permit him, he would place in their hands a sufficient sum to give to each class in the school a prize for good conduct and discipline, irrespective altogether of book knowledge. He would like these prizes to be given next year in his name

21st December 1880 After the boys at the Mount Cook school had been addressed this morning during the prize distribution and been admonished to go on progressing in their studies, Mr Danks, one of the members of the school committee, made an extraordinary speech to the lads, also by way of "encouragement." In his speech he told the boys how a woman, whose son had been discharged from the Telegraph Office wanted her son to be employed by him, but as he had been brought up to so useless a business, he could not give him employment. He also said if he found a boy coming to him for "a job," and knew Latin and such things, he would be no use as a brass-founder. What was wanted was, for boys to study for trades, and never mind having dirty faces so long as they had money in their pockets. This was better than going to look for those " clean jobs," which are a " disgrace to our community." He would like to see a number of the larger lads "come down town and look for jobs," as they had bad enough schooling at the public expense. Generally, Mr Danks' remarks amounted to this: — "Keep your faces dirty my lads ; get a job' of some sort which is not ' genteel.' Don't get employment in the Telegraph Office, which is a useless sort of thing as far as you are concerned ; and don't break windows during the holidays." What effect this will have upon the lads remains to be seen.

22nd December 1880 Wellington Education Board: Mister Hyams, to whom a scholarship had been granted in connection with the Mount Cook School, and who was acting as a pupil teacher, desired to have the appointment confirmed instead of receiving the scholarship. Granted

1880 Girls'

1880		Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Katherine H		Head Mistress	£262.10
1880		Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£110.10
1880		Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriett		Assistant Female	£112.10
1880		Mt Cook Girls'	Maunder	Emma D		Assistant Female	£110.00
1880		Mt Cook Girls'	Bastin	Kathleen		Assistant Female	£80.00
1880		Mt Cook Girls'	Wallis	S E		Assistant Female	£80.00
1880		Mt Cook Girls'	Warren	Ada Ruth		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1880		Mt Cook Girls'	Browne	Emily M		Female Pupil Teacher	£45.00
1880		Mt Cook Girls'	Cook	Margaret I		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00

1880		Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1880		Mt Cook Girls'	Wallis	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00

Ellen Wallace was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Girls' from 1880 to 1883. Then a two year gap presumably at training college Then as an assistant Female at Mt Cook Girls' from 1886 to 1902, Followed by 1903 to at least 1921 at Mount Cook Infants'

Kate Wallis was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Girls' 1880 to 1884

29th January 1880 Mount Cook Girls' School.— There are no fewer than 380 girls over seven years of age attending this school, and the building is comfortably filled, but there is no room for any more.

30th January 1880 TO THE CHILDREN ATTENDING THE MOUNT COOK GIRLS' SCHOOL. MR. HAYWOOD will give an Exhibition of his New Zealand Views THIS EVENING, at eight o'clock, by the kind permission of the School Committee.

31st January 1880 Wellington Education Board: Miss Mander [Actually Maunder] appointed assistant

26th February 1880 Wellington Education Board: It was agreed also that an additional schoolroom should be rented in the Mount Cook district

10th April 1880 Inspector Robert Lee's report included Of the eight Wellington schools, Mount Cook Girls' School produced the best results at the late examination, 250 candidates passing out of 289 presented

8th July 1880 Wellington Education Board: Mr. Braun to receive the first assistant mastership of the Mount Cook boys' school, vacated by Mr. Grundy. All appointments to be subject to the approval of the school committees interested, and the salaries to be in accordance with classification

22nd July 1880 There has been a disturbance at Mount Cook School between some of the senior boys and one of the teachers, resulting in an exchange of fisticuffs and an attempt at barring out. An enquiry is to be made by the School Committee.

7th August 1880 The committee of the Mount Cook Schools met on 30th July, and presented the prizes awarded by the Board of Education to those who had gained the highest number of marks in the various standards. Seventeen prizes in all were given by the Board for the whole province, five of which were carried off by pupils from the Mount Cook Schools. At 2 o'clock the members of the committee met at the Girls' School, when several musical selections were sung with much taste and feeling, after which the chairman (Mr. James Smith) presented the prize to Violet Hazelden, the successful candidate for the Fourth Standard. Prizes were also given to Ellen Wallace and Annie Fitchett, who stood next on the list in the Fifth and Sixth Standards respectively. The scholars were then addressed by Messrs. Banks and Hopkirk, and after cheers had been given for Mrs. Tarn and the teachers, the proceedings were brought to a close by singing the National Anthem. The Boys' School was next visited,

17th December 1880 . MOUNT COOK GIRL'S SCHOOL. At half-past eleven Mr. Levin, accompanied by Mrs. Levin, Messrs. Jas. Smith, Hopkirk, Danks, and those ladies and gentlemen who attended the Boy's School, proceeded to the Girl's School in Buckle-Street where Mr. Levin presented their books and cards among the successful pupils. He addressed the girls in much the same way as the boys, admonishing them to persevere in their duties, and to live blameless lives. Mr. Smith, Mr. Hopkirk, and Mr. Danks also made a few remarks, the latter gentleman pointing out the value of a knowledge of household duties. The School was

tastefully decorated, and the children looked healthy and clean. The prize-list is as follows :—
Standard VI.— Book prizes— 1st, A. Hill ; 2nd, C. Hill. Certificate cards of merit— L. Treadwell, V. Haselden, A. Crabtree, C. Brown, G. Wallace.

Standard V. — Book prizes — 1st, E. Munro ; 2nd, E. Hutchens. Cards of merit— A. Reid, C. McGregor, A. Wingate, S. Fraser, E. Brace, F. Christie.

Standard IV.— Book prizes -1st, E. Hill ; 2nd, M. Hutchings ; 3rd, E. Smith ; 4th, E. Biggs. Cards of merit— E. Harris, A. Brown, A. Robinson, I. McIntyre, C. Lockie, E. Gooder, A. Seamer, J. Waters, If. Gilchrist, M. Christie, A. Hood, A. Hyde, B. Donelley, A. Sloan.

Standard III. — Book prizes — 1st, Julia Hutchens ; 2nd, F. Henderson ; 3rd, K. McGregor ; 4th, A. Hopkirk ; 5th, E. Garlick. Cards of merit— M. Topp. J. Williams, E. Fownes, M. Symonds, A. Topp , E. Meaoham, A. McGhee, C. Porter, A. Billman, E. Corbett, A. Corbett, A. Mason, E. Eagle, A. Fitzgerald. L. Goff, M. Scott.

Standard II. — Book prizes — 1st, E. Liddle ; 2nd, A. Leslie; 3rd, E. Hutchings: 4th. E. McCarthy ; 5th, C. Ranson. Cards of merit— T. Alexander, A. Maslin, H. Ranson, J. Morris, A. Watson, P. Hughes, M. Brown, A. Munro, M. Pearman, A. Emeny, A. Haff, A. Watson, F. Conner, E. Holmes.

Standard I.— Book prizes— 1st, G. Hyde ; 2nd, S. Pierotte. Cards of merit— J. Jeffs, M. Perrin, E. Smith, E. Sullivan, E. ; Smith Special Rewards. — 1st, His Worship the Mayor to E. Archibald, a book ; 2nd, Chairman of Committee to K. Tarn, a writing desk ; Chairman of Committee to E. Hyde, a writing desk Mrs. Tarn to C. McGregor, a book; Miss S. E. Wallis to F. Booth, a book ; Miss Maunder to A. Smith, a book.

1880 Infants'

1880		Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A		Head Female	£240.00
1880		Mt Cook Infants '	Wilkinson	Sarah		Assistant Female	£150.00
1880		Mt Cook Infants '	Archer	Emma		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1880		Mt Cook Infants '	Watkins	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1880		Mt Cook Infants '	Page	Margaret		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1880		Mt Cook Infants '	Lawson	Annie H		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00
1880		Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Clara A		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00
1880		Mt Cook Infants '	Port	Rachael J		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00
1880		Mt Cook Infants '	Liddle	Jessie B		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00
1880		Mt Cook Infants '	Lawson	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00

Annie H Lawson was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1880 and 1881 and assistant teacher at Newtown in 1887 ad 1888

Clara A Francis was always a pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board 1880 and 1882 and 1883 at Mount Cook Infants' and 1884 to 1886 at Clareville North of Carterton

Rachael J Port was only a Pupil Teacher in 1880 for the Wellington Education Board

Jessie B Liddell was only a Pupil Teacher in 1880 for the Wellington Education Board

Mary Kate Lawson was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook infants' 1880 and from 1885 to 1904 an assistant at Mount Cook Girls'

9th January 1880 Mount Cook Infants' School.— In this school there are 507 scholars, all of whom are under the age of seven years. About seventy new pupils joined on Monday. No applications for admission have yet been refused.

11th February 1880 There was a very good attendance at St. Mark's schoolroom last night to witness the performances of the Franciscan troupe/ This company consists of a number of boys and girls who have been got together by Mr.[Sic Mrs} Francis, of the Mount Cook Infants' School. They have certainly proved themselves very apt pupils, and their performances last night were very good. The entertainment was, in aid of St Mark's Organ Fund, and comprised vocal and instrumental selections, and the acting of a charade, the latter being performed with much Spirit. On the whole the entertainment was a success, and the organ fund will no doubt be considerably benefited thereby.

10th April 1880 Inspector Lees' report included Mount Cook Infants' School fully maintains its high and wide-spread reputation.

Passes Mount Cook Infants' 63 were tested and 58 passed

16th December 1880 WANTED KNOWN, Visitors to Mount Cook Infant School Tea Admitted by ticket only on Friday, 17th, at 4 p.m.

16th December 1880 The Mount Cook School Committee have had reward cards neatly designed and printed in gold, vermilion and violet colourings, surrounded with a gold border ; — Mount Cook Schools— Certificate of Merit for diligence, regularity, and good conduct," These are to be presented to the scholars who have obtained not only the highest number of marks, but whose conduct has been good. The distribution commences at ten o'clock to-morrow morning at the Mount Cook Boys' School, when they will be presented by Mr. Levin, M.H.R., and there is to be a grand tea-party at the Infant School, commencing at four o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. Francis, the teacher, has succeeded, with the assistance of friends, and her staff of teachers, in providing a splendid treat for her large family, numbering over 500. J. G. Holdsworth, Esq. will present the prizes, and the children will sing several melodies in presence of the adult friends who have been invited to attend. To prevent the crush and inconvenience of former year, the committee have decided that none will be admitted without a ticket, the space being limited.

18th December 1880 One of the most interesting spectacles in connection with the distribution of prizes at the Mount Cook Schools was witnessed in the infant division in Tory-street, under Mrs. Francis. Here some 500 children, little bigger than babies,' assembled, the boys being on one side of the school, and the girls on the other. They appeared a healthy, intelligent, and neatly-dressed lot of children, and Mrs. Francis might well feel proud of her charge. They sang a number of simple songs in a most creditable manner, and their general behaviour was excellent, Mrs. Francis having them thoroughly under control. Mr. J. Smith, as Chairman of the Committee, addressed the little ones, and introduced to them Mr. Holdsworth, who, after a few remarks, presented the prizes. The Hon. James Munro ex-Minister of Education in Victoria, and Vice-President of the Melbourne Exhibition, was present, and delivered a nice little address, suitable to the comprehension of the children. The little folk were then treated to tea and cake, and afterwards to a magic lantern exhibition in St. Mark's schoolroom. Mr. J. C. Cooper exhibited the views, and the children were highly delighted at them. The thanks of the committee are due to the Rev. R. Coffey and churchwardens for giving the use of the school for the entertainment.

21st December 1880 Below are published the names of the prize-takers in connection with the Christmas examinations at the Mount Cook Infant School. It was found to be impossible to distribute the prizes on "breaking-up day" — Friday last— but it is notified that the prize-cards may be obtained on applying to Mrs. Francis, the mistress of the school, at her residence, in Brougham-street, any morning between 10 and 12 o'clock.

First Class.— Boys : 1, W. Kerby ; 2, C. Furness ; 3, G. Odling ; 4, D. Whitehouse ; 5, J. E. Page ; 6, R. Gilchrist ; 7, H. Rowden ; 8, W. Howe ; 9, G. Harris ; 10, H. Jessup ; 11, J. Strike ; 12, W. Tiller ; 13, E. Young ; 14, H. Franklin ; 15, C. Stack ; 16, H. John ; 17, J. Kayall ; 18, J. McArrowister ; 19, J. Wilson. Girls: 1, J. McInnis ; 2, K. Warren ; 3, E. Moffit ; 4, F. Wallis ; 5, E. Beere ; 6, K. Legget ; 7, A. Batt ; 8, F. Hutchens ; 9, M. McVicar ; 10, A. Smith ; 11, A. Garratt ; 12, A. Merlet ; 13, S. Pike ; 14, E. Benbow ; 15, E. Baker ; 16, B. Wylie ; 17, M. Sellars ; 18, R. Mowatt ; 19, B. Hand.

Second Class.— Boys : 1, W. Stewart, 90 ; 2, W. Porter, 90 ; 3, W. Billman, 90 ; 4, F. Billows, 89 ; 5, J. Mowatt, 87 ; 6, W. McIntyre, 86 ; 7, H. Hancock, 84 ; 8, A. Wilson, 80 ; 9, J. Foster ; 10, N. Gandy. Girls: 1, M. Green, 90 ; 2, B. Benson, 89 ; 3, A. McIntyre, 89 ; 4, A. Evans, 86 ; 5, E. Durrant, 85 ; 6, J. Noble, 84 ; 7, A. Burrows, 83 ; 8, A. McKirdy, 79 ; 9, I. Thompson, 79 ; 10, M. Prince, 70.

Third Class. — Boys : A. Vaughan, A. Grey, W. Haslem, B. Morsehead, E. Brown, E. North, T. Lacey, C. Williamson. Girls : E. Kelly, L. Liddle, G. Dixon, A. Daniells, M. Port, J. Fraser, N. Morpeth, F. Cooper.

Fourth Class.—Boys : 1, H. Mulligan ; 2, T. Brown ; 3, G. Shearman ; 4, D. Sanderman ; 5, H. Graham ; 6, B. Austin ; 7, B. Galligan ; 8, A. De Castro ; 9, W. Fraser ; 10, W. Trisp ; 11, D. Noble ; 12, W. James ; 13, R. Wallis ; 14, D. Claridge ; 15, W. Fergusson ; 16, J. Greenfield. Girls : 1, A. Bly ; 2, L. Gregory ; 3, R. Chapman ; 4, A. Cross ; 5, E. Blakey ; 6, H. Rundlit ; 7, M. Campbell ; 8, A. Yaldon ; 9, M. Ellison ; 10, L. Harris ; 11, B. Rickman ; 12, C. Williams ; 13, B. Tolley ; 14, E. Picture ; 15, A. Page ; 16, J. Roberts ; 17, A. Simpson.

Fifth Class.— Boys: 1, J. Blom ; 2, C. Barry ; 3, S. Coulrick ; 4, W. Craig ; 5, E. Day ; 6, L. McVicar ; 7, M. Gandy ; 8, V. Seilar ; 9, W. Swain ; 10, A. Lawrence ; 11, L. Haynes ; 12, W. Emeny ; 13, W. Bell ; 14, G. Curtis ; 15, P. Smith ; 16, G. Hardham. Girls : 1, F. Daniels ; 2, R. Beere ; 3, C. Ivor ; 4, M. Pudney ; 5, H. Runkenberg ; 6, F. Watson ; 7, M. Deveril ; 8, F. Goff ; 9, E. Wilson ; 10, M. McAnno.

Sixth Class. — Boys: 1, B. Durrant ; 2, W. Fryer ; 3, C. Fielder ; 4, H. Harris ; 5, T. Jones ; 6, A. Pudney ; 7, J. Ritson ; 8, F. Stack ; 9, R. Birch ; 10, A. McCarthy ; 11, W. Green ; 12, W. Pratt ; 13, J. Lacy. Girls: 1, M. Barnett ; 2, M. Hancox ; 3, A. Goldfinch ; 4, M. Nixon ; 5, F. Hall ; 6, M. Runkenburg ; 7, M. Harris.

Seventh Class. — Boys : 1, J. McKarison ; 2, W. Martin ; 3, D. Simpson ; 4, J. Williams ; 5, E. Ashton ; 6, W. Manning ; 7, H. Swain ; 8, F. Garrett ; 9, W. Ferguson ; 10, A. Jackson ; 11, P. Claridge ; 12, H. Simpson ; 13, A. Russell ; 14, F. Williams ; 15, A. Boonstra ; 16, W. D. Greig ; 17, F. McDuff ; 18, C. Odlive ; 19, G. Smith ; 20, G. Barret ; 21, G. Greenfield ; 22, M. McDuff. Girls: 1, E. Baker ; 2, C. Davis ; 3, A. Farness ; 4, M. Blair ; 5, A. Percy ; 6, E. Saxby ; 7, R. Bora ; 8, M. Ashton ; 9, Volte? ; 10, K. Nattress ; 11, R. Yaldon ; 12, E. Fake ; 13, R. Hutchings ; 14, B. Traven ; 15, M. Austen ; 16, I. Merlet ; 17, A. McGregor ; 18, B. Stacy ; 19, L. Hicks ; 20, L. Bovis ; 21, L. Young ; 22, A. Rhodes ; 23, M. Greenfield ; 24, Flyger.

1881

1881 Boys'

1881	331	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy B A	Charles J		Headmaster	£360.00
1881	331	Mt Cook Boys'	Brann	John H		Assistant Master	£ 200.00
1881	331	Mt Cook Boys'	Reeve	-Thomas F		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1881	331	Mt Cook Boys'	Robertson	Annie E		Head Female	£ 112.10
1881	331	Mt Cook Boys'	McGowan	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£100.00
1881	331	Mt Cook Boys'	Gooder	Emma		Assistant Female	£100.00
1881	331	Mt Cook Boys'	Robinson	George		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1881	331	Mt Cook Boys'	Sinclair	Duncan		Assistant Male	£30.00
1881	331	Mt Cook Boys'	McIntyre	James		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00

James McIntyre was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Boys' 1881-1885, Presumably at Training College in 1886. He was an assistant at Petone 1887-1888 then at Newtown 1889-1891, From 1892 with an attendance of 57 until at least 1921 was Headmaster of Levin DHS with a roll of 579.

20th January 1881 Mr. W. H. Levin, M.H.R., has forwarded to Mr. Francis Sidey, Secretary to the Mount Cook Schools Committee, a letter, of which the following is a copy : — " Wellington, 6th January, 1881. — Dear Sir— Some few weeks ago I had the pleasure of presenting prizes to the scholars of the Mount Cook Schools, and at the time I asked permission to lodge with the committee a small sum of money, sufficient to provide a prize next Christmas for each division of the boy's school for discipline and good conduct,' and also for a prize for each division in the girls' school, the latter to be awarded in such a direction as the head mistress, after consultation with the committee, deems best. May I ask you to hand the enclosed cheque to the committee and request their acceptance of it for the purposes indicated. — I am, &c, W. H. Levin." The amount of the cheque is seven guineas. [A guinea was 21 shillings or £1 1s] Mr. Sidey has replied, conveying the thanks of the committee to Mr. Levin for his kind and most considerate gift, which they have no doubt will cause a desirable emulation in the different classes during the present year.

25th January 1881 About 150 persons, among whom were several ladies, assembled at the Mount Cook Schoolroom last evening for the purpose of electing a school committee. His Worship the Mayor was elected to the chair. The report of the retiring committee, read by Mr. F. Sidey, showed that the school finances were in a very satisfactory condition. The committee commenced operations twelve months ago with a debt of about .£20, left by the previous committee This had now been paid off, and the newly-elected committee would be able to begin their work with a balance of £7 9s 9d in the bank. The health of the scholars and teachers during the past year had been very good. The average attendance in the schools had been 1200 pupils. The committee meetings had been well attended, and the committee had worked in unison with the teachers. An application had been made to have the Mount Cook schools proclaimed District High Schools, the Committee believing that if this object were accomplished it would prove of considerable advantage to the scholars. The balance sheet exhibited the total receipts for the year at .£416 9s 3d, and disbursements £408 19s 6d, thus leaving the balance of £7 9s 9d previously mentioned. The reading of the report and balance-sheet was concluded amid warm applause. The Chairman remarked that, on the whole, the

report was a very gratifying one. (Applause.) The Mount Cook schools occupied the most important position of all in the city, being attended by the largest number of scholars, and he was glad to see that efforts were continuously being made for the improvement of these schools. There were one or two little hints he would like to throw out to the incoming Committee, whoever they might happen to be. He would like to suggest that a few trees should be planted in the playgrounds, which, he considered, required more attention. There ought to be some gymnastic appliances for the boys in connection with the schools. If the Committee and householders chose to exert themselves in this respect they might manage to obtain £ for £ from the Education Board for this object. Again, it would be a good thing to procure art engravings for hanging on the school walls, so that a taste for the beautiful might be cultivated among the scholars. The teachers might also accompany the pupils — say 20 or 30 at a time — to the Museum and explain the numerous interesting objects it contained. He was exceedingly glad to note that an effort was being made to have the schools proclaimed District High Schools, there being many boys — and girls, too — who had the ability and inclination to go beyond the sixth standard. Mr. Brown then moved, and Mr. Costell seconded, the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, and the motion was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks having been tendered to the retiring committee; the meeting proceeded to the annual election. The whole of the outgoing committee, with the exception of Mr. Sidey, who had removed out of the district, were eligible for re-election. There were a dozen nominations, viz., Messrs. S. Danks, James Smith, James Godber, Samuel Brown, Arthur Brown, John Watt, T. Gaby, T. Gale, Win Tustin, Alexander Hopkirk, De Castro, and Charles Jeffs. The ballot resulted in the election of Messrs. Danks, Tustin, Brown (A.), Smith, Godber, Hopkirk, and Gaby. The meeting then terminated. Mr. Smith was subsequently appointed chairman of the committee, and Mr. Godber, secretary.

27th January 1881 An application was received from the Mount Cook School Committee, that the school might be declared a High School. The Secretary said that a similar application on behalf of the Terrace School was declined by the Government. Mr. Hutchison moved that the application be forwarded to the Minister of Education, with a recommendation that it be acceded to. The resolution was not seconded, and therefore lapsed. It was then resolved on the motion of Mr. Hutchison, to write to the Minister of Education, expressing some surprise that the application of the Terrace.....Archdeacon Stock moved, and it was unanimously resolved, that the application of the Mount Cook School Committee, for the conversion of their boys and girls' schools into district high schools, be forwarded to the Minister of Education. On the proposition of Mr. Hutchison, the Board expressed some surprise that the application of the Terrace School Committee for the conversion of its schools into District High Schools, had been refused by the Minister of Education without any reason being assigned

3rd March 1881 MOUNT COOK BOARD SCHOOL. UNDER the auspices of the above School Committee, a FREE LECTURE on Technical Drawing will be delivered in the above School, on TUESDAY, the 8th inst., at 7.30 p.m., by E. Fraser Jones, C.E., late Technical Master Training School, Auckland. Dr. Newman in the chair, supported by the above Committee and several other prominent gentlemen. The Lecture will be illustrated by many specially prepared diagrams.

9th March 1881 On Tuesday evening a free lecture on technical drawing was delivered in the Mount Cook School by Mr. E. Fraser Jones, C.E, formerly master of the Auckland Training

school. There was a full attendance, including a great number of juveniles, and Dr. Newman occupied the chair, supported by a committee of the school and several prominent gentlemen. The lecturer, in a very able manner, explained all kinds of technical drawing, including geometrical, mechanical, architectural, and perspective, taking great pains in describing the various points connected with the art, and which he further illustrated by large diagrams hung around the room. The lecture lasted an hour and was listened to very attentively throughout.

14th April 1881 Wellington Education Board : Inspector's report included: In the Mount Cook Boys' School too much has been attempted, and the advanced classes the work in Standard IV. is again far from satisfactory, the reading being deficient. the writing careless, and the general work without evidence of painstaking, effective teaching.

28th May 1881 The Mount Cook School Cadets have been supplied with carbines, and yesterday afternoon were drilled for the first time in manipulation of their weapons. It has been decided to erect gun-racks at the school, where the carbines and accoutrements will be stored when not in use, instead of allowing the lads to take them home.

30th May 1881 The Mount Cook schools, girls' and boys', appear to have come out well at the late competition for Mr. Blair's prizes. Besides the Misses Brown and Haselden, who secured first and second prizes for composition and writing, and Walter Petherick, who, though at present at Te Aro School, practically received his training at Mount Cook, Miss Laura Treadwell, we are informed, received honorable mention for composition, and of the four who received the same distinction for writing, three, viz., Christopher Hume, Dudley Tripe, and George Hill, are pupils at the Mount Cook Boys' School

2nd June 1881 By the kindness of the Mount Cook School Committee, the girls attending the Buckle street School and the elder scholars of the Kindergarten Schools had the privilege yesterday afternoon of quietly inspecting the varied contents of the Local Industrial Exhibition. At 2 o'clock the children were assembled in the lower hall of the Athenaeum, when all the teachers in charge of classes were supplied with catalogues. To prevent overcrowding, the various classes visited each room in rotation, and thus greater facilities were given for properly inspecting the exhibits. When the tour of inspection had been completed, the children, to the number of over 600, were summoned to the lower hall, and under the leadership of Mrs. Francois sang with great spirit and precision " My own New Zealand Home," finishing up with the strains of the National Anthem. "Mrs. Tarn and-the staff of teachers deserve every credit for the excellent order maintained by the children throughout. The chairman and the secretary of the committee were both present and took an active interest in the proceedings. Judging by the happy faces and merry voices of the young people, they evidently greatly enjoyed their visit to the Exhibition.

3rd June 1881 TENDERS wanted for Asphalting at Mount Cook School. Specifications may be seen on application to the undersigned. Tenders close on Wednesday, 7th June, at noon. W. TUSTIN Willis-street. 3rd June.

27th July 1881 Pupil Teacher examination Results

Pupil Teacher	2nd Year over 14	Jessie Liddle	Mt Cook Boys'
Pupil Teacher	2nd Year over 14	James McIntyre	Mt Cook Boys'
Pupil Teacher	3rd Year over 15	George Robinson	Mt Cook Boys'

26th August 1881: Mount Cook School Cadets—1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 1 sub-lieutenant, 4 sergeants 85 rank and file

15th September 1881 Col. Pearce inspected the Mount Cook School Cadets yesterday afternoon and complimented the corps on their soldier-like bearing and address, and generally on the steadiness of their movements.

28th September 1881 The Mount Cook School Committee wrote, stating that the work performed by pupil teacher Hyams was of an unsatisfactory character, and requesting the Board to remove him. It was stated that there was nothing against his character; he was an inefficient teacher. It was agreed to replace him as soon as possible.

29th September 1881 The Mount Cook School Committee has resolved to bring into operation the compulsory clause of the Education Act

26th October 1881 Wellington Education Board: Miss Jones one of the teachers at the Mount Cook School sent in her resignation which was accepted

27th October 1881 The other deputation was from the Mount Cook School, and comprised Messrs. Godber, Banks, A. W. Brown, and Gaby. They waited on the Board in consequence of the report of the Building Committee having recommended that no more works be carried out at Mount Cook and having repudiated a liability of £30 incurred by the local committee. The deputation said the committee had undertaken work which really ought to have been done by the Board, the latter stating that it had no funds for the purpose. The whole of the committee's receipts were absorbed in cleaning and other expenses, and they were now quite without funds.

25th November 1881 Mr Chas. James Hardy has been appointed Captain of the Mount Cook School Rifle Cadet Volunteers, his commission dating from the 11th October last.

16th December 1881 MOUNT COOK BOYS SCHOOL.

The distribution of prizes among the pupils attending the Mount Cook Boys' school took place to-day. There were 380 children present, and they presented a fine healthy appearance. and were well clothed and shod. The members of the committee were there, and Messrs. Hopkirk, Godber, Brown, Danks, and Tustin addressed the children. Mr. Gaby distributed the prizes, the list of which will be found appended. Subsequently Mr. Hardy, the head master, expressed pleasure at the conduct and progress of the lads during the year. The boys gave him three hearty cheers, and, paid a like compliment to the other teachers and the committee — Class I.— 1st prize, J. Tripe ; 2nd, C. Tustin ; Levin prize, A. Howe. Certificates of Merit— A . Wilson, E. Liddle, J. Waters, R. Ross, S. Roberts, E. Beaglehole, C. Hume, J. Hopkirk, E. Redward , W. Jowell, F. Haselden, W. Regg, V. Anderson. Class II.— 1st prize, W. Waters ; 2nd, T. Archibald; Levin prize, de Castro. Certificates of Merit— C. Benbow, K. Road, E. Larsen, F. Tonka, C. Ralph, J. Grant, C. Kelly, J. Mitchell, A. Ash bolt, G. Warcup.

Class III.— 1st prize, A. France; 2nd, E. Petersen Levin prize, A. Bulliman. Certificates of Merit— W. Warren, E. Read, C. Balchin, J. L. Bacon, J. Howell.

Class IV.— 1st prize, Tripe; 2nd, H. Francis; Levin prize, J. Stewart. Certificates of Merit— G. Hunter, S Tripe, A. Rowden, J. McCallum, A. Fullford, A. Burgess.

Class V.— 1st prize, J. Batten; 2nd, J. Laughton ; Levin prize, W. Stack. Certificates of Merit— H. Hutchings, F. Bidmeade, J. .Lawrence, W. Bair.

Class VI —1st prize, F. Young; 2nd, J. Flynn: Levin prize, W. H. Maddock. Certificates of Merit—G. Millward. R. Binns, G. Gray. J. Odlin, C Archibald, E. Scott. Class VII —1st prize, B. Myers; -2nd, A. McGhee; Levin prize, H. Jessup. Certificates of Merit —W. Reeve, G. Lawrence, D. Parnell, F. Lawrence, A. Churchill, E. Young.

Class VIII.— 1st prize, A. Donnelly; 2nd, J. Burrows ; Lovin prize, W. Kerby. Certificates of Merit— W. Durrant , F. Jones, T. Gray, K. Glover.

Class IX.— 1st prize, W. Stewart; 2nd, C. Stewart; Levin prize, P. Flyger. Certificates of Merit— A. Baker, F. Marchant, A. Keith, J. A. Brown.

Class X.— 1st prize, O. Buck ; 2nd, G. Scott; Levin prize, C. Bould. Certificates of Merit — A. Turner, H. Knot.

1881 Girls'

1881	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Katherine H		Head Female	£262.10
1881	290	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriett		Assistant Female	£110.00
1881	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Maunder	Emma D		Assistant Female	£110.00
1881	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Bastin	Kathleen		Assistant Female	£80.00
1881	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Rutter	Ellen		Assistant Female	£80.00
1881	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Brown	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1881	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Cook	Margaret		Female Pupil Teacher	£45.00
1881	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1881	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Davis	Emma D		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00

Emma D Davis was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Girls' in 1881 and 1882

27th January 1881 Miss Helyer wrote resigning her situation as assistant at Mount Cook, owing to ill-health. The resignation was accepted with regret

24th February 1881 The tenders of Mr. J. Ransom for the additions to the Mount Cook Girls' School, were accepted.

4th March 1881 During alterations and repairs now being made to the Mount Cook Girls School, in Tory-street, the classes assemble at the Princess Theatre, and the Hon. J. Martin has kindly permitted the use of his paddock, on the opposite side of the street, as a recreation ground.

5th March 1881 The following tenders have been received by the Board of Education for work Mount Cook school districts: Additions and alterations to Mount Cook Girls' School — Accepted : J. Ransom, £857 ; J. Wilson, £888 ; Mitchell and Clegg, £997 ; Thompson and McLean, £1100 ; Edwards, £1050.

6th April 1881 The extensions and improvements to the Mount Cook Girls' School are progressing fairly, and when completed will give additional accommodation for 150 or 200 pupils. The appearance of the building will be much improved, and will bear some resemblance, though on a small scale, to the new school in Upper Willis-street.

14th April 1881 Wellington Education Board: Wanted an assistant mistress £80 stipend

14th April 1881 Wellington Education Board: Inspector's report include; The Mount Cook Girls' School continues to do steady, even, painstaking work, and the results compare very favorably with any in the city.

27th April 1881 Wellington Education Board: assistant. Mount Cook "Girls' School— Miss Bradford,

25th May 1881 Wellington Education Board: The committee of the Mount Cook school wrote stating that the alterations to the girls' school. Buckle-street, were finished, and they ask that the fence might be repainted and an iron shed erected at a cost of about .£55. The matter was allowed to stand over for the present.

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27th July 1881 Pupil Teacher examination Results

Pupil Teacher	3rd Year over 15	Kate Wallis	Mt Cook Girls'
Pupil Teacher	4th Year over 16	Margaret Cook	Mt Cook Girls'
Pupil Teacher	4th Year over 16	Ellen Wallace	Mt Cook Girls'
Pupil Teacher	5th Year over 17	Emily Brown	Mt Cook Girl's

28th September 1881 Miss Wallis, of Mount Cook Girls' School, sent in her resignation, being about to leave Wellington. Accepted

18th October 1881 Wellington Education Board: Assistant Teacher, Mount Cook Girls' School. Salary, £80.

28th October 1881 Wellington Education Board: Miss Rutter, at present in the Thorndon Infants' School, to be assistant at the Mount Cook Girls' School (promoted);

16th December 1881 MOUNT COOK GIRLS SCHOOL.

After the distribution of prizes among the boys attending the Mount Cook School, the Committee proceeded to witness a like ceremony among the girls, who, with Mrs. Tarn (the head-mistress) and her assistants, had assembled in the Infants' School. The girls, like the boys, were well-clad, and appeared a fine, intelligent lot of children. After singing "Row, Brothers, Row" very nicely, they were suitably addressed by the members of the Committee, and then the successful scholars received their prizes. It may be mentioned that five of the girls have passed standard VI, receiving the maximum number of marks. Following is the prize-list : — Two prizes were awarded to each class, one from Mr. W. H. Levin, M.H.R., and one from the Local Committee.

Books. — Standard VI — V. Haselden and A. Hill Standard V — L. Redstone and J. Luke. Standard IV — A. McGhie, E. Laird, J. Wilson, and N. Bacon. Standard III — G. Gooder, E. Hutchings, A. Hopkirk, and A. Hill. Standard II — V. Gray, C. Ward, M. Hanson, and E. Smith. Standard I — C. Meacham and L. Mainwaring.

Certificates of Merit. — Standard VI — C. McGregor, F. Christie, G. Wilkinson M. Cook, E. Munro, M. Redstone, K. Francis, M Wallis, M. McIntyre and E. Hand. Standard V — E. Tustin, J. Waters, J. Smith, L. Manthel, A. Hayes, P. Donaldson, and M. Carey. STANDARD IV — J. Hutchens, L. Mitchell. K. Bacon, H. Moulin, A. Bulliman, E. Dixon, M. Hopkirk, M. Hutchings. H. Smith, E. Corbett, S. Brann, J. North, A. Smith, and E. Sinclair. Standard III — E. Landers, F. Donnelley, M. Brown, E. Ewing, M. Maslin, M. Stevenson, A. Smith, A. Tustin, E. Liddle, K. Watson, E. Holmes, L. Miller, A. Watson, K. McGregor, K. Hayes, and M. Richards. Standard II — E. Brown, L. Tamplin, H. Burgess, J. Foreman, H. Ransom, C. Hanson, J. Wilkinson, M. McVicar, B. Williams, and M. Pearman. Standard I — M. Churchill, M. Reid, B. Williams, E. Thompson, L. Marchant, and K. Mainwaring .

Special Prizes.— From Miss McGowan to S. Fraser and E. Pilcher . From Miss Brown to M. Waters. From Miss Maunder to M. Gillbanks and F. Conner. From Mrs. Tarn to J. Luke and E. Hutchens From Miss Wallace to E. Green

1881 Infants'

1881	370	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A		Head Female	£240.00
1881	370	Mt Cook Infants '	Wilkinson	Sarah		Assistant Female	£150.00
1881	370	Mt Cook Infants'	Archer	Emma		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1881	370	Mt Cook Infants'	Lawson	Annie H		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1881	370	Mt Cook Infants'	Page	Margaret		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1881	370	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Charlotte		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1881	370	Mt Cook Infants '	Treadwell	Laura		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00
1881	370	Mt Cook Infants'	Balcombe	Grace		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00
1881	370	Mt Cook Infants '	Smith	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00
1881	370	Mt Cook Infants'	Watson	Phoebe		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00

Charlotte Francis only taught in 1881 for the Wellington Education Board

Laura Treadwell was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Infants' in 1881 and Mt Cook Boys' in 1882 In 1885 she was sole teacher at Wallace. Then in 1887 to 1892 was assistant at Upper Hutt and her last year of teaching for the Wellington Education Board was at Mt Cook Girls' in 1893, 6th November 1897 Haverson—Treadwell.—On the 15th September, at St, Mary Abbot's Church Kensington, London, William Walter Harverson, of Upper Clapton, London, to Laura Augusta Treadwell, of Wellington, New Zealand.

Grace Balcombe only taught in 1881 at Mt Cook Infants' for the Wellington Education Board

Elizabeth Smith only taught in 1881 at Mt Cook Infants' for the Wellington Education Board

Phoebe Watson started her career at Mt Cook Infants in 1881 as a pupil teacher. 1882 to 1886 Pupil Teacher at Terrace: 1889 to 1897 assistant at Te Aro Infants' 1898 to 1905 assistant at Mt Cook Infants' and 1906 to 1921 Head teacher of Mt Cook Infants'

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29th June 1881 Wellington Education Board: Miss Phoebe Watson appointed pupil teacher Mount Cook Infants'

27th July 1881 Pupil Teacher examination Results

Pupil Teacher	2nd Year over 14	Georgina Balcombe	Mt Cook Infants'
Pupil Teacher	2nd Year over 14	Clara Francis	Mt Cook Infants'
Pupil Teacher	2nd Year over 14	Elizabeth Smith	Mt Cook Infants'
Pupil Teacher	2nd Year over 14	Phoebe Watson	Mt Cook Infants'
Pupil Teacher	3rd Year over 15	Emma Archer	Mt Cook Infants'

1st September 1881 Wellington Education Board Miss Treadwell appointed as pupil teacher Mt Cook Infants'

28th October 1881 Wellington Education Board Miss Wallace was admitted to the Mount Cook Infants' School as a probationer,

16th December 1881 MOUNT COOK INFANT SCHOOL. This school has made good progress during the year, under the able guidance of Mrs. Francis, and the children all look contented, happy, and healthy. The establishment of the Te Aro Infant School and the Newtown School has had the effect of reducing the general attendance at the Mount Cook Infant School by about 100, but this is an advantage, because the school was overcrowded before. Even now it contains more than its complement, for the number on the books is 500, whereas the building was only erected to accommodate 480. The average attendance for the year has greatly increased, notwithstanding the reduction in the total number of children on the books. This is owing to the action of the committee in giving prizes, not for good conduct before—for Mrs. Francis says they are all well behaved—but for regular attendance, and it speaks well for the teachers and parents that no fewer than 250 children have been in almost full attendance throughout the year. The distribution of prizes takes place 'at 4 o'clock this afternoon.' These consist of cards, given only for regular attendance. Following are the names of the boys and girls entitled to them : —• Boys Class I.— A. Baker, F. Billows, Bilman F. Blair, M. Beck, E. Chote, T. Eyre, F. Fielder, J. Foster, N. Fraser, R. Gilchrist, H. Hancock, H. Haslem, N. Hill, N. Hutchings, H. Jeffries, N. Knapp, T. Lacey, J. Kershaw, L. Quinliven, W. Munro, J. McArrison, J. McIntyre, A. Plimmer, W. Porter, N. Stuart, Williamson, H. Wolters, J. Young. Class II.— E. Smith, C. Nelson, N. Gandy, J. Williams, C. Nixon, A. De Casiro, G. Hand, J. Urige, H. Watts, E. North, E. Kellow, T. Brown, F. Pearce, S. Williamson, H. Graham, C. Bilby, E. Wallace, G. Curtis, E. Day, D. Clarice, 3. Coulrick, W. Moore, G. Barnes, W. James, E. Brows.

Class III— W. Bell, J. Blom, G. Bidmeade, W. Craig, W. Emery, J. Greenfield, P. Godber, B. Galligan, M. Gandy, A. Lawrence, H. Mulligan, D. Noble, J. Smith, W. Wilson, E. Wan-on.

Class IV.— C. Barry, F. Coombes, J. Flynn, D. Grigg W. Hart, L. Haines, T. Jones, J. Leuzice, U. Miller, A. Mason, — McKenzie, W. Platt, R. Scholtz, F. Stack, W. Houchen, D. McLeod, W. Stevenson, E. Trevor, A. Johnson, F. Garrett, H. Brattle, J. Williams.

Class V.— W. Campbell, H. Cox, L. Campbell, C. Holder, W. Green, W. George, G. Hardham, F. Johnson, B. Liddle, W. Manning, L. Moorhead, E. McCall, C. O'Locklin, A. Pudney, K. Travers.

Class VI.— G. Daniels, J. Gregory, O. Ivor, W. Lyon, G. Morris, L. McVicar, H. Simpson, O. Scott, W. Smith, E. Williamson, F. Williams, W. Wright, J. McIrrison, J. Burton, B. Gray, W. /Hardham, O. Jacobson, F. O'Longlin.

Class VI.— E. Ashton, A. Burton, P. Claridge, W. Day, T. Dutch, H. Langton, C. Smith, J. Wilson.

Girls. Class I.— M. Donalson, B. Benson, A. Daniels, E. Bligh, G. Boon, A. Evens, L. Lyons, A. Burrows, L. Liddle, A. Greig, J. Frazer, E. Jacobson, E. Fern, J. Fitchett, E. Christie, L. Ashbolt, M. Smith, G. Dixon.

Class II.— E. Toop, M. Crawford, J. Leslie, B. Wylie, H. Warcup, J. Batten, M. Watson, J. McInnis, M. Burton, E. McDonald, — Tamplin, — Nelson.

Class III— H. Rundlett, S. Archer, C. Baker, N. Binns, F. Daniels, M. Ellison, E. George, M. Greenfield, A. Luke, G. Quee, J. Russell, M. Short, A. Bligh, M. Whimham, W. Gaby, B. Muslin, H. Perry, K. Ridding, F. Watson, - E. Wilson, A. Yelden. J. Millar.

Class IV.— A. Bennett, B. Beere, K. Beck, A. Dicker, M. Flyger, A. Goldfinch, M. Hancock, M. Haslem, M. Harris and E. ?, M. Nixon and N. Ransom, F. Tucker and C. Stuart, E. Weston,

L. Russell, B. Barnes, L. Hicks, L. Skimmer, M. Somerville L. Dicker, C. Ivor, M. Bunckenberg, E. Flyger.

Class V. — A. Green, K. Hutchens, A. Platt, A. Volter , E. Saxby, M. Miller.

Class VI.— M. Blair, L. Bovis, E. Baker, K. Bilman, K. Chote, K. Collins, A. McGregor, N. Wiltshire.

Class VII.— R. Yaldon, Alice Ransom.

1882

1882 Boys'

1882	312	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy B A	Charles J		Headmaster	£360.00
1882	312	Mt Cook Boys'	McMorran	George		Assistant Master	£ 200.00
1882	312	Mt Cook Boys'	Reeve	-Thomas F		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1882	312	Mt Cook Boys'	Robertson	Annie E		Head Female	£ 112.10
1882	312	Mt Cook Boys'	Craig	Maggie		Assistant Female	£80.00
1882	312	Mt Cook Boys'	McIntyre	James		Male Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1882	312	Mt Cook Boys'	Toomath	William		Male Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1882	312	Mt Cook Boys'	Treadwell	Laura		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1882	312	Mt Cook Boys'	Ryder	Maud		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00

George MacMorran first permanent position for the Wellington Education Board was at Mt Cook Boys' as first assistant. By 1884 until 1917 he was headmaster of the Terrace School

Maggie [Margaret] Craig started teaching as an assistant for the Wellington Education Board in 1882 at Mt Cook Boys' 1882 to 1884 and at Mt Cook Infants' 1886 to 1897. From 1898 to 1906 she was at Rintoul Street/ South Wellington and by 1907 was back at Mount Cook Infants' until 1910 as Head Female

William Toomath was a pupil teacher at Thorndon in 1881 and at Mount Cook Boys' in 1882 and 1883,

Maud H Ryder was at Mount Cook Boys' as a pupil teacher 1882 to 1888. Then from 1889 to 1892 she was sole teacher at Korokoro, Then from 1893 to 1913 was an assistant at Newtown School

9th January 1882 Wellington Education Board: School Committee elections to be held in Mt Cook Infant School at 8 p.m.

17th January 1882 MOUNT COOK BOARD SCHOOL. MECHANICAL DRAWING A EVENING CLASSES. PUPILS will re-assemble on Wednesday, 18th inst., at 7 p.m. E. FRASER JONES

25th January 1882 MOUNT COOK SCHOOL. A large number of householders met at the Buckle-street Infant School, about 300 being present, Mr J. Smith, Chairman of the Committee, being voted to the chair. The report presented by Mr J. Godber, Secretary, stated that the gross receipts for the year had been £324 3s 10d, and the expenditure £331 7s, leaving a deficiency of £7 3s 2d. It was, however, estimated that notwithstanding the reduction in the capitation allowance, the new Committee would be able to carry on for the year without getting further into debt. Efforts had been made to get a site for a new school near Mount Victoria, but up to the present only the one in Roxburgh street had been received.' The average attendance during

the year had been 1100, compared with 1200 the preceding year, The falling off was attributed to the opening of the Upper Willis-street School, which had attracted the children from Polhill's Gully and Mitchelltown, and also to the fact that many people had left the district. The receipt of a subscription of £7 7s towards the prize fund for the ensuing year from Mr W. H. Levin was acknowledged with thanks. The report was unanimously adopted. The election of a Committee for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the result being that the following gentlemen were returned in the order named. Messrs A. W. Brown, W. Warn, W. Tustin, W. Price, H. Gaby, J. Watt, and A. Hopkirk. Messrs W. Allen, S. J. Green, I. McDowell, A. Robertson, J. Swiney, and J. Godber were also candidates. A vote of thanks to the retiring Committee was earned unanimously.

The new Committee held a meeting at the conclusion of the public meeting. Messrs Brown and Gaby were proposed for the Position of Chairman, and only six members being present there was a difficulty as to who should be chosen, which was eventually ended by Mr Gaby retiring, Mr Brown being therefore elected. It was decided to hold the meetings of the Committee at 7.30 p.m. on the third Wednesday in every month.

4th February 1882 Holiday keeping is running mad. No sooner had we recovered from Christmas and New Year than Anniversary Day had to be met; then the English /cricketers, and next the races, which ended yesterday. Holidays on each occasion of course and admitting that commerce and trade were none the worse for them, yet what, in the name of common sense, had the public schools to do with them? Why should they be shut up on race days? The schools had only just resumed work; the races were nothing to the boys and girls; in fact, care should have been taken to have kept boys and girls from them, instead of which the youngsters were encouraged to go by receiving a holiday on Thursday. Is this the way to promote public instruction—to keep children in straight path and inculcate self-control? I

know that parents generally expressed the greatest dissatisfaction at Thursday's, holiday, as well they might. In the cases of the Mount Cook schools the holiday even included Friday as well.

22nd February 1882 Wellington Education Board: That Mr. McMorran be appointed to Mount Cook School as assistant. They endorsed Mr. Lee's recommendation that three teachers of Mount Cook School be admitted as students to the Normal School, and that the vacancies in the Mount Cook School be filled up as recommended by Mr. Lee

24th February 1882 The Mount Cook School Committee give formal notice that the compulsory clauses of the Education Act will be strictly enforced in the Mount Cook School District from the 1st March next.

24th February 1882 APPLICATIONS for the following appointment should be sent in on or before Monday, the 6th March next: — First Assistant Master Mount Cook Boys' School, stipend .£200 per annum.

1st March 1882 The compulsory clauses of the Education Act come into operation to-day in the Mount Cook and Newtown School districts.

4th March 1882 Part of a longer article Mr Brann's many friends in this city, while congratulating him on his promotion from the Second Mastership of Mount Cook to the position of Head Master of the Clareville School, will sincerely regret his removal from our midst

9th March 1882 Though a good number of the Mount Cook School Cadets attended, in uniform, the funeral of their deceased comrade Lewis Burgess on Tuesday, yet, as we are informed, the full force of the corps was not by any means represented, as many of the lads have not yet obtained uniforms. The efficiency of drill of the Mount Cook Cadets is highly spoken of by those who have an opportunity of judging, and we hope soon to hear that every one among them will soon be the proud possessor of uniform, accoutrements, and weapon. Several of the lads who have had opportunity of target practice bid fair to soon become proficient shots.

9th March 1882 Mr McMorran appointed First Assistant

31st March 1882 Wellington Education Board: George Robinson Pupil Teacher resignation accepted.

13th April 1882 Wellington Education Board: Inspector's report included: All of them appear to be under good management ; and, although there were decidedly weak classes in the Mount Cook Girls' School, and rather a large number of failures in the Mount Cook Boy's School, there was nothing which seriously reflected on the management ; for the former has previously ranked high among the City Schools, and in the latter the attendance is far from good.

16th April 1882 Uniforms are now being made for additional squads of the Mount Cook Cadets, and this promising corps will soon be able to publicly parade in', a creditable style. The lads have already attained a fair degree of proficiency in drill, and the , seniors have lately had some practice at the targets.

1st June 1882 Wellington Education Board: The Rev, J. Paterson reported that ha had, in company with the Chairman and the architect, examined the Mount Cook schools. They had come to the conclusion that it was absolutely necessary to erect sheds for the Infant School, which stood in a very exposed situation.. A number of repairs were also wanted, and they found that, among other things the drainage had been stopped. The whole of the surface drainage from the adjoining premises appeared to work into the ground. At the girls' school matters were almost worse, Mr Hutchison said he had no doubt something would have to be done to remedy such a state of things. The Chairman thought that, to some extent, the Committee was to blame. He had noticed, for instance, that a quantity of slops from washing in a neighbouring yard had been thrown into the ground, and, so far as he knew, nothing had been done to stop that sort of thing. It was agreed to invite tenders for the erection of sheds at the infant school, and for laying down an asphalt path in tbs grounds of the girls' school.

10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	2nd Year over 14	Maud Ryder	Mount Cook Boys'
10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	3rd Year over 15	James McIntyre	Mount Cook Boys'
10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	3rd Year over 15	William Toomath	Mount Cook Boys'
10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	3rd Year over 15	Laura Treadwell	Mount Cook Boys'

26th September 1882 For the past fortnight or so the attendance of pupils at the various city schools has been falling off considerably, more especially at the Mount Cook schools. the circumstance is attributable to the prevalence of measles among the scholars. No precise information is at present obtainable as to the number of pupils absent from the different schools on this account. Mr. Dorset, the Secretary of the Education Board, has written to the teachers for the desired information, but their replies have not yet been received. It is meanwhile estimated that at the Mount Cook Girls' School at least 100 scholars are detained at home in consequence of one or more members of (he family having been attacked with the complaint.

A report was current to-day that the Mount Cook Boys' School had been temporarily closed owing to the outbreak. On enquiry, however, it turns out that this report was founded on the fact that the boys were yesterday granted the usual holiday in connection with the annual inspection. The female pupils at this school will receive their holiday to-morrow. From what we have been able to gather the present outbreak of measles is of a very mild type, and there can be little doubt that the tears which has arisen over the matter is responsible for a large proportion of the number of absent scholars

14th October 1882 The spread of measles in the city has had , the effect of further diminishing the attendance at the public schools, and in three of them, viz., the Te Aro, Newtown, and Mount ' Cook the rolls show that only one-half the usual number of children now put in an appearance

26th October 1882 Wellington Education Board: Leave of absence Mr F. C. Reeves, of the Mount Cook Boys' School,

20th December 1882 The annual distribution of prizes at Mount Cook School will take place this morning at 10 o'clock, Mr Levin, M.H.R., having kindly consented to officiate on the occasion as donor on behalf of the committee. An interesting feature of the proceedings will be the parade and inspection of the school cadet corps in uniform and under arms. These young boy soldiers have attained a proficiency and smartness in their drill highly creditable to themselves and instructors. The school breaks up for the Christmas holidays on Friday. We hear that yesterday the lads comprising Mr McMorran's class made him an appropriate Christmas present, in the shape of a silver mounted inkstand. The little gift was not made as a mere formal compliment, out as a sincere token of the respect the lads have for their teacher, and of the perfectly good understanding existing between them. Mr McMorran is proving to be one of the most successful of our State school teachers.

23rd December 1882 An interesting little event occurred at the Mount Cook Boys' School Wednesday morning, just before the usual distribution of prizes. Mr T. F. Reeve, master of the second class, was presented by his pupils with a handsome photographic album, as a token of esteem, on the occasion of his leaving the school, with which he had been connected for the past five years.

23rd December 1882 MOUNT COOK SCHOOLS. Boys' School. The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Mount Cook Boys' School, Taranaki-street, took place at ten o'clock Wednesday morning in the large class room, Mr A. W. Brown, chairman of the School Committee, presiding, while Mr W. H. Levin, M.H.R., who has always taken a great interest in the school, attended for the purpose of distributing the prizes, many of which he contributed himself. Mr Levin was received by a guard of honor of the Mount Cook Cadets, who, in charge of the drill instructor, presented a very smart appearance. Among the other gentlemen present were Messrs Danks, Gaby, Warn, and Watt, members of the school committee. Before proceeding with the distribution of the prizes, Mr Levin addressed a few words to the boys, pointing out the educational advantages they enjoyed, and advising them to make the most of them. The Chairman afterwards addressed the pupils, dwelling at considerable length on the necessity for punctuality and regular attendance, and blaming parents for keeping their children away on the most trivial pretences. Mr Danks told the boys they ought to be thankful for the advantages they now enjoyed, as thirty or forty years ago in the "Black Country," where he came from, every one of them would have been hard at work earning his own living, instead

of receiving an education to fit him for the battle of life. On the motion of Mr Danks, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr Levin for his attendance.

The following is a list of the prize-winners :

Class I.—1st prize, E. W. Beaglehole ; 2nd, W. C. Marchant; 3rd, Thomas Tripe; Levin prize, J. McKirdy. Certificates of merit —F, Crowe, F. Rowden, E. Redward, J. Waters, H. Mitchell, A. Ashbolt, A De Castro, A. Howe.

Class II.—1st prize, W. Waters; 2nd, A. Burgess ; 3rd, C. Ralph ; Levin prize, Thomas Flynn. Certificates of merit—A, Blair, J. Blackmore, C. Beavis, J. Stewart, H. Francis, W. Bell, R. Petersen, J. Moffatt

Class III,—1st prize, W. Stack ; 2nd, F. Young ; 3rd, H. Marchant; Levin prize, H. Pilcher. Certificates of merit—C. Stack, A Rowden, T. Bridge, W. Reeves, J. Laughton, J. Flynn, G. Dutch, W, Warren.

Class IV.—1st prize, G. Maddock ; 2nd, J. Laurence ; 3rd, E. Grigg ; Levin .prize, A. Norris. Certificates of merit—W. Kerby, E. Glover, T. Gray, F. Jones, A. Smith.

Class V.—1st prize, W. Stuart; 2nd, F. Young ; 3rd, F. Marchant; Levin prize, Lawrence Perrin. Certificates of merit—A. Churchill J. Roberts, J. McCarrison, H, Hancock, J. Wilson, G. Rowell.

Class VI.—1st prize, F. Morris ; 2nd, T. Lacey ; 3rd, O. Buck ; Levin prize, W- Williams. Certificates of merit—S. Wright, E. Enser, J. Hardy, E. Reade, F. Billows, S. White, C. Bould.

I; Class VII.—1st prize, C. Stewart, 2nd, H. Tonks; 3rd, H. Bennett; Levin prize, W. Wilson. Certificates of merit—F. : Fielder, J. De Castro, T. Ferguson, A. Arnold, J. Moir. .

Class VIII. —1st prize, W. Fraser;; 2nd, Rock Chote ; 3rd, H. Churchill; Levin prize, Hamilton Graham. Certificates of merit—W. Ferguson, G. Tonks, W. Gawne, T. McMillan, A. Lett, A. Ffrost.

1882 Girls'

1882	302	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Katherine H		Head Female	£247.10
1882	302	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet		Assistant Female	£110.00
1882	302	Mt Cook Girls'	Maunder	Emma D		Assistant Female	£110.00
1882	302	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£112.10
1882	302	Mt Cook Girls'	Warren	Minnie		Assistant Female	£80.00
1882	302	Mt Cook Girls'	Brown	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1882	302	Mt Cook Girls'	Cook	Margaret		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1882	302	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1882	302	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallis	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00

Minnie Warren only taught at Mt Cook Girls' for the Wellington Education Board in 1882

Kate Wallis was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Girls' 1880 to 1884

27th January 1882 Miss Gooder was promoted from the Mount Cook Boys' School to Wadestown, for which the applicants numbered eight.

2nd February 1882 Wellington Education Board Pupil Teacher Mount Cook Girls' School

13th April 1882 Wellington Education Board: Inspector's report included: All of them appear to be under good management ; and, although there were decidedly weak classes in the Mount Cook Girls' School, and rather a large number of failures in the Mount Cook Boy's School,

there was nothing which seriously reflected on the management ; for the former has previously ranked high among the City Schools, and in the latter the attendance is far from good.

10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	3rd Year over 15	Kate Wallis	Mt Cook Girls'
10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	4th Year over 16	Margaret Cook	Mt Cook Girls'
10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	5th Year over 17	Ellen Wallace	Mt Cook Girls'
10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	end of 5th Year	Emily Brown	Mt Cook Girl's

25th September 1882 The inspection of the Mount Cook Girls' School has resulted in 38 passing standard 1, (3 standard 2, 42 standard 3, 43 standard 4. 17 standard 5, and 8 standard 6. The following are the names of those who successfully passed the 6th standard : — Fanny Garratt, Katie Tarn, Grace Wallace, Jane Luke, Emeline Hutchens, Kate Francis , Emily Munro, and Sarah. Fraser

23rd December 1882 Mount Cook Girls' School. At 2 p.m. the distribution of prizes to the girls of the Mount Cook School took place at the boys' schoolroom, as being the more convenient place for the occasion. Mr W. H. Levin, M.H.R., accompanied by Mrs Levin, was present, and handed the prizes to the respective winners. Mr A. W. Brown (chairman) and the several members of the committee were again present. The pupils mustered in full force, there being nearly 300 present, and there were also many visitors. Mr A. W. Brown introduced Mr Levin, who expressed his supreme satisfaction at being surrounded by so many happy faces. He did not, he said, intend to give the young ladies a lesson; they had, perhaps, enough of that during the twelve months now drawing to a close, but he hoped that they would bear in mind during the holidays the advantages they had enjoyed at school, and would, as they grew up, sedulously endeavor to prepare for their positions in life when school .days were past. It should be the aim of parents to encourage their children, and especially the girls, to obtain every possible advantage offered by the educational system of the colony, and permit pupils to remain at school as long as they could possibly spare them from entering on more active duties, so that they might on entering womanhood be prepared, in the highest sense of the word, to fulfil woman's mission in a proper manner. There were other things, however, besides mere book learning necessary to be taught in schools. The boards certainly were restricted in means and could not at all times do all that they desired, but he still thought more might be done towards the physical training of the young people of the colony. If there was an imperfection, or want, in the State System of education, it was that opportunities and facilities for physical exercise were not promoted. For the boys, of course football, cricket, and similar active games were always available ; but the girls also needed exercise that would spread out their shoulders, expand their lungs, and increase their bodily health and activity. There should be calisthenic appliances in every school, and such would be found of great advantage, not only to the girl: pupils, but to their teachers, as a means of relaxation after the strain of harassing mental labor. Mr Levin further expressed his pleasure at the opportunity afforded him, as a public man, of showing an interest in education, and also his gratification at having at all times the hearty co-operation of Mrs Levin in anything pertaining to the welfare of the schools of the city. (Applause.)

Mr Brown, the chairman, said he cordially agreed with Mr Levin's remarks as to improvements that might be made in the present educational system, and hoped that Mr Levin would, in his place in Parliament, give effect to his own excellent suggestions. He (Mr Brown) had in the morning referred to the circumstance that many parents chose to handicap their children by

keeping them away from school on the most trivial occasions, and thus breaking in upon the regularity of the school duties. This he found especially the case with reference to the girls' classes, and, indeed, there were many parents who persistently kept their girls away from school. It was fact that in the Mount Cook Girls' School there was present accommodation for many more pupils than attended. This was a serious matter from more than one point of view. For instance, good attendance meant good school revenues, and bad attendance a contrary result. A wrong was also inflicted on the teachers, who were often blamed for inefficiency or want of energy in bringing their classes forward, when the real fault lay in the irregular attendance of pupils. Mr Brown announced that the school would break up from that afternoon, instead of from Friday next, as first intended, and the holiday would last until the 29th January next. He concluded by wishing all present a "Merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

Mr Danks proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Levin, which proposition was received with applause. In a few cheery words Mr Danks said that he hoped the young girls present would remember there was just as much to learn at home as there was at school. They would find their mothers' teaching in domestic duties just as useful as book learning, and he hoped during the holidays they would not neglect such advantages. To be good scholars was all very well, but unless they could cook a good dinner they would fall short of the first duty of a woman. "Help your mothers," he said, "and your reward will come in after years, and you will feel glad."

The Rev. Mr Bavin seconded the vote of thanks, and said it was a great source of enjoyment to him to have the opportunity of wishing all present the compliments of the season.

Mr Levin briefly responded, and the proceedings concluded.

The following are the prize-takers :

Conduct Prizes.—G. Wallace, F. Marchant, C. Treadwell, E. Dixon, J. Sage, A. Leslie, L. Loveday, N. Smith, M. Loveday. These prizes were the special gift of Mr W. H. Levin.

Needlework Prizes —C. Smith, N. Hill, E. Bavin, M. Eyre, B. Kay 11, L. Goff, E. Green, F. Harris, and V. Alexander. The needlework prizes were presented by the members of the committee, those in standards 6 and 5 by Mr H. Gaby, standard 4 by Mr A. W. Brown, Standard 3 by Mr Bacon and Mr Warn, standard 2 by Mr Hopkirk and Mr Watt, and standard 1 by Mr Danks.

Prizes according to marks.—E. Hutchens (full marks), K. Tarn (do), L., Redstone (do), E. Tustin (do), L. Plimmer, M. Hutchings, L. Mitchell, H. Maslin, F. Donnelly, E. Ewing, A. Hopkirk, A. Hill, F. Gray, C. Ward, T. Alexander, M. Donaldson, L. Marchant, G. Quee.

Certificates of Merit. —Standard VI.—J. Luke, A. Cook, S. Fraser, K. Francis, C. Wilkinson, M. Wallis, E. Munro, M. Redstone, C. Smith, F. Garratt, E. Hand. Standard V.—J. Bacon, L. Manthel, P. Donaldson, J. McKirdy, F. Blythe, L. Wallace, M. Christie, N. Brown, J. McIntyre, L. Jones, P. Hudson.

Standard IV.—J. Wilson, N. Bacon, E. Dryden, E. Fuller, E. Red ward, A. Topp, E. Daniels, J. North, F. Bavin, E. Gooder, J. Quee, M. Hopkirk, A. Waters, J. Hutchens, M. Waters, I. Donnelly, E. Donnelly, A. Bulliman, A. Lee, S. Rothenburgh, A. Liddles, Standard 111. —E. Landers, M. Livingstons, G. Gooder, K. Warren, J. Bavin, A. Smith, A. Ahlgren, E. Moffatt, L. Bell, F. Lee, J. Tait. A. Fordham, M. J. Richards, M. Scott, M. Aston, A. Tustin, K. McGregor, C. Goff, A. Watson, K. Watson, A. Leslie, A. Mastin.

Standard II.—F. Hutchings, M. Orr, M. A. Gunnel, E. Wright, M. Jeffries, L. Tamplin, A. Grimstone, L. Topp, J. Gibbin, N. Smith, M. Gawne, L. Liddle, R. Beeves, L. Read, J. Wilkinson, F. Wilkinson, M. Pearman, E. Gibbin, F. Harris, L. Beere, B. Williams.

Standard I.—M.. Simpson, V. Alexander, J. Leslie, A. McKirdy, A. Cross, C. Blackmore, D. Deveril, S. Vincent, M. Churchill, M. George, E. Toop, E. Walters, J. Young. ,

Prizes for progress were given by the teachers of the various classes to the following pupils:— M. Gawne, C. Ransome, C. Treadwell, J. Quee, A. Liddles, E. Dixon, M. George, F. Donnelly, and G. Dixon.

A presentation of handsome and appropriate gifts was also made from the pupils to their teachers, the following being the recipients.;— Mrs Tarn, Misses Helyer, McGowan, Cook, E. Wallace, Maunders, Warren, K. Wallace, and Brown

1882 Infants'

1882	396	Mt Cook Infants ' '	Francis	Catherine A		Head Female	£240.00
1882	396	Mt Cook Infants ' '	Wilkinson	Sarah		Assistant Female	£150.00
1882	396	Mt Cook Infants'	McGowan	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£100.00
1882	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Francis	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1882	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Balcombe	Georgina		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1882	396	Mt Cook Infants ' '	Bacon	Mary A		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1882	396	Mt Cook Infants ' '	Smith	Ellen		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00
1882	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Redwood	Frances		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00
1882	396	Mt Cook Infants ' '	Wallace	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00
1882	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Booth	Fanny E		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00
1882	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Leighton	Lucy J		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00
1882	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Bannister	Matilda		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00

Georgina Balcombe was a pupil teacher in 1882 at Mt Cook Infants' and Courtenay Place in 1883. After 2 years at training college she taught at Newtown as an assistant 1887 to 1889

Mary A Bacon was Pupil Teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1882 and 1883 and the 1884 and 1885 at Mount Cook Girls'. After two years at Training College she taught in 1889 at Clareville North of Carterton

Frances Redwood was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Infants' 1882 to 1884

Jane A Wallace was always a pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board Mt Cook Infants' 1882 and 1883. Mt Cook Boys' 1884 and Te Aro 1886 and 1887

Fanny E Booth [Frances E] taught as a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1882 and 1883 and Mount Cook Girls' in 1884 and 1886. In 1889 was a pupil teacher at Clyde Quay and still there she was an assistant in 1890 and 1891

1892/395	Frances Eleanor	Booth	Bertram Bowen	Allen
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Lucy J Leighton. Was a Pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1882 and 1883 and Thorndon Infants' then as an assistant 1889 1884 to 1886. 1887 and 1888 was at training college 1889 was an assistant at Greytown and from 1890 to at least 1912 was at Te Aro

Matilda Bannister had a long career with the Wellington Education Board was a pupil teacher in 1882 at Mount Cook Infants' in 1882 and Thorndon 1883 to 1886 and 1887 at Greytown.

1888 to 1891 she was sole teacher at Bideford and then as a mistress at Otaki from 1892 to at least 1914

17th January 1882 Wellington Education Board: Wanted Two Pupil Teachers, Mount Cook Infant School

27th January 1882 Wellington Education Board: The appointment of two pupil teachers to the Mount Cook Infant School was deterred till the next meeting, with a view of ascertaining how the vacancies occurred.

24th July 1882 MOUNT COOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE. JUVENILE~ CONCERT, By Pupils of the Infant School, Tory-street, In Aid of Fund for Improving Play-ground, ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 26th August, at 3 p.m. Admission, One Shilling -by Ticket only. Tickets to be had from Mr. John Watt, Willis-street, or any member of the committee.

10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	1st Year over 13	Matilda Bannister	Mount Cook Infants'
10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	2nd Year over 14	Minnie Bacon	Mount Cook Infants'
10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	2nd Year over 14	Georgina Balcombe	Mount Cook Infants'
10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	2nd Year over 14	Fanny Booth	Mount Cook Infants'
10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	2nd Year over 14	Fanny Redwood	Mount Cook Infants'
10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	2nd Year over 14	Jane Wallace	Mount Cook Infants'
10th August 1882	Pupil Teacher	3rd Year over 15	Clara Francis	Mount Cook Infants'

21st September 1882 The third and last of the Mount Cook Infant School juvenile concerts is advertised to be given at 3 o'clock p.m. on Saturday next. The proceeds are to be devoted to improving the play-ground.

22nd September 1882 The friends of the Mount Cook Infant School who have hitherto been unable to gain admission at previous entertainments, will be pleased to hear that the third and last entertainment will be held at the school-room on Saturday next, at 3 p.m. The little ones certainly deserve all they can get for the improvement of their playground, which is at present the worst in the city.

23rd September 1882 The entertainment announced to be given at the Mount Cook Infant School this afternoon in aid of the fund for improving the play-ground has been postponed in consequence of the prevalence of measles.

27th September 1882 The Mount Cook School Committee drew attention to the urgent necessity for additional infant school accommodation in the district. The matter was ordered to stand over till a future meeting

3rd November 1882 The postponed juvenile concert will be given in Mount Cook Infant School tomorrow, for which day tickets dated 26th August will be available

3rd November 1882 In August last arrangements had been made for a juvenile concert by pupils of the Mount Cook Infant School, in aid of the fund for planting the playground, a work very urgently needed. But the measles broke out among the little ones, and necessarily the concert had to be postponed. As the trouble is now passed, it has been decided to give the concert tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, and we are requested to state that tickets already issued will be available.

6th November 1882 The concert given by the pupils of the Mount Cook Infant School, on Saturday afternoon, was a delightful little entertainment. The rain unfortunately somewhat lessened the attendance, but the youngsters mustered in full force ready and most willing to display their vocal abilities. Some 300; smart, lively, healthy-looking little lads and lasses,

were ranged in tiers, obeying, as with; one mind and impulse, the slightest word or gesture of their teacher. Mrs Francis' reputation for skill in infant school-training has become widespread, and Saturday's performance by her young charges gave pleasing proof how much she deserves the heartiest commendation. At the Mount Cook Infant School the Kindergarten system of education very nearly approaches perfection, especially in its musical phase. The children, on Saturday afternoon, sang a number of school songs and roundelays, accompanied with appropriate gesture, is admirable tune and with much melodious. expression. They ' sang heartily and with thorough enjoyment of the humour which pervades many of their evidently favorite songs. At intervals, the female pupil teachers—nine in number—sang some part-songs in excellent style. There was no musical accompaniment, and thus the freshness of their voices, distinct, modulation, and almost perfect musical accord, obtained due prominence. Mrs Francis has at her command material for many pleasing little entertainments. At the conclusion, a vote of thanks was proposed to the lady principal of the school and carried with very hearty acclamation. Mr S. Brown, who occupied the chair, took occasion to remark that the committee had already planted some trees round the playground, and hoped soon to be enabled to plant more. They also intend to remove the present play-sheds and put them in a better position, and in other respects to improve the surroundings of the school buildings. He also remarked that the committee hoped to be in a position to give school prizes at the coming Christmas, and that they would be glad to receive donations for that purpose from any kindly-disposed friends.

13th December 1882 Part of a long court case Resident Magistrates Court: —Yalmar Bansen, a boy about fourteen years of age, was charged with having, on or about the 30th November, stolen two books, valued at 9d, the property of Catharine Taro. Catharine Tarn, head teacher at the Mount Cook School, deposed that the prisoner sometimes assisted his mother to clean out the school. Various articles had been missed, such as books, penknives, pencils, scissors, balls trimmings, and buckles off the children's hats. She identified the book produced as her property. It had been removed from a desk, for which someone must have had a key. Elizabeth Hillyer, assistant teacher at the Mount Cook School, identified the book produced as one that had been removed from her desk. Detective Crystal deposed that he arrested the prisoner on the previous day, and found the books produced at his parents' house.

19th December 1882 The annual distribution of prizes at the Mount Cook schools will take place tomorrow. Mr. Levin, M.H.R has kindly consented to present the prizes.. The boys will assemble at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the girls at 2 in the afternoon, and the infants at 4 p.m.

23rd December 1882 Infant School. At 4 p.m. the annual school treat and distribution of certificates was made at the Infant School, Tory-street. Mrs Francis' young charges mustered in full force, their being at least 500 present, as also many visitors, attracted by this, the most interesting school event of the season. Mr A. W. Brown filled the chair and was supported by members of the committee. In the course of his introductory remarks, Mr Brown said that no less than 3903 scholars had passed through the Infant School during the five years since its first establishment. There were now 560 On the books, of which 450 had entered since Christmas last. The average attendance during the year now closing had been less than in previous years, on ' account of the measles epidemic, which for some time had considerably reduced the number of-scholars. The work of the year had, however, been good, as was shown by the circumstance that 73 children sent up for examination in the first standard had passed without a single failure. He paid a Well-deserved compliment to Mrs Francis for the results she so.

steadily achieved and said the fundamental principles of the Kindergarten system were fully exemplified in the obedience and regularity in the behaviour of the little folks now present. The good work now being done in this primary school would make its influence felt in the future history of Wellington. It was not only a training school for the infant of tender years, but a nursery, as it were, in which the young teachers of the State schools received a good training' in the important essentials of school management and discipline. His remarks were received with manifest approval.

The youngsters then sang a selection of school songs and rounds, in excellent time, and with intelligent expression, and much to the delight of the visitors. Mr Gaby then read the list of those to whom certificates of good attendance would be awarded, the chairman having previously explained that Mrs Francis deemed it preferable to give rewards for attendance rather than for good behaviour. Some children were naturally quiet, while others were the reverse, through no fault, and the one uniform test of good attendance, or otherwise, could give no cause for repining either among the pupils or their parents. In addition to the certificates of merit, a number of handsome Christmas cards, the gift of Mr Blair, were distributed among those who had passed the First Standard Examination a day or two previously. The distribution was then made as follows : '

Class I—Boys : W. Allen, A. Backhouse, A. Bennett, W. Bell. C. Bilby, W. Craig, G. Curtis, E. Day, A. Fatal], J. Flynn, M. Gandy, N. Gandy, G. Hand, E. Kellon, J. Lacey, A. Lawrence, R. McAlpine, H. Marshall, D. Noble, W. Robinson, F. Stack, J. Smith, J. Uridge, R. Wallace, F. Wilson, A. Rothenberg, A. Johnson, R. Warren, G. Leggett, L. Cohen, E. Brown, D. Claridge, A. De Castro. Girls : N. Binns, J. Batten, C. Baker, A. Bunkenberg, C. Bovis, M. Burton, R. Chapman, Fj. Davison, M. Flyger, H. Fraser, M. Grainey, W. Gaby, A. Goldfinch, M. Haslam, C. Ivor, J. Miller, S. Millward, R. Maslem, E. McDonald, A. Maddock, R. Naylor, A. Page, E. Saxby, M. Short, C. Stewart, A. Smith, H. Waters, F. Watson, A. Yaldon, M. Johnstone, H. Perry.

Class II.—Boys ; W. Fisher, F. Ashbolt, J. Blom, E. Trevor, F. Coombes, G. Cook, J. Erneny, F. Garratt, P. Godber, W. Hinton, W. Houchen, A. Miller, A. Mason, A. Marchant, D. McLeod, W. Stevenson, V. Sellars, A. Williamson, J. Pike, C. Goff, P. Smith, W. Grainey, H. Fraser, E. McCauld, A. Craig, W. Simpson, W. Manning, J. Kennedy, W. Hart, W. Brattle. Girls K. Hutchings, F. Tucker, L. Short, M. Greenfield, K. Bell, C. Campbell, M. Deveril, R. Black, T. Dicker, M. Ellison, M. Bunkenburg, M. Rickman, M. Davidson, M. Nixon, M. Blair, M. Miller, N. Ransom, E. Flyger, F. Hall, L. Hicks, A. Jenkins, A. Platt, A. Dicker, A. Tasker, T. Dentrice, E. Tasker, E. Volters, R. Harvey.

Class III. —Boys : F. Brown, J. Burton, John Burton, J. Burrows, W. Askwith, G. Campbell, L. Campbell, W. Campbell, G. Daniels, A. Edwards, J. Ferguson, C. Fielder, J. Gregory, M. Herbert, O. Jacobson, E. E. Liddle, L. Me Vicar, L. McKenzie, R. Perrin, H. Parker, C. Smith, J. Williams, J. Wellar, P. Phillips, H. Clarke, J. Searle, D. McInnis, R. Williamson, H. Cox, E. Fabeig, F. Johnson, K. Travers, G. Morris, W. Green, L. Haines, W. Hallery, Girls : Bertha Barnes, E. Blackmore, E. Billman. S. Danks E. Hardy, M. Johnson, M. King, M. Needham, H. Nelson, K. Quin. A. Roberts, M. Somerville, L.' Short, E. Weston, N. Wiltshire, A. Furness, A. White, A; Gibbs, A. Lee, L. Bovis, E, Smith, L. Moore..

Class IV.—Boys ; W. Day, C. Haslem, H. Grimstone, O. Scott, A. Purcell, J. Jones, D. Robertson, J. Keith, P. Brown, O. Ivor, W. Ridding, J. Anderson, F. Williams, E. Page, A.

Claridge, H. Christie, E. Harris, S. Jackson, E. Fuller. Y. Waters, C. Mason, G.' Hardham, W. Hardham, J, McIrrison, W. Lyon. Girls :A;; Green, E. Meacham, W. Gooder M. Fear ,L. Roberts, M. Lindsay, M. Ransom, E. Weston, E. Johnson, T. Batten, K. Colling E. Allen, E. Baker, A. Thompson, R. Scott, A. Pierce, L.. Colwell, J.. Ward, F. Ahradsen J, Young, H. Hollis, .M. Bowater, E. Green, N. . Hedgeland, E. Janes, E. McCarthy: C. McCarthy, R.. Yaldon, L. Short, T. Kennedy, C. Stewart.,.

Class V.—'Boys : R. Gilchrist, F. Bould, F. Turner, C. Greenfield, W, Reese, A. Cross, W. Mackie, J. Fellingham, W. Stansen, R. Wilson, Cl Brown, E. Nelson, J. Hancocks, G. Greenfield, C. Press, H. Langdon, W. Cook, B. Taylor. .Girls M Gallagher, R. Lyon, B. Fraser, A. Armit, M.. Russell,: M. O Locklin, C. Rowe, A McGilvry, T. Woods, E- Hamilton, G. George, F. Plimmer, E. Fraser, Q. Smith, L. , Wilson, ,F.. Pilmer,; C. Liez, S. Lindsay.,

Class ,VI —:Boys : John Ashton, Fred Connor, Herbert; Clark George, McIrrison, Lionel Perriam, Charles Ridding, Thomas Tolly, James McAlpine, Robert* Wylie, Hengist Greville. Girls : May Bennet Nellie Barnes, Susan Nelson Olive ; Prince, Louise' Smith, Winnie Woodfield; Millie Walker ; Annie King, Gertrude Locke,-Lizzie Simons, Annie. McGregor, . Lulu Press, Annie Stack, May Maslin, 'Lydia Young," Rosa Mason, Clara Smith, Lizzie Williams, Maud De Castro, Lizzie McIntyre, Annie Tyrol, Mary McKirdy, Essie Bowater.

Class VII. — Boys John Craig, Edward Perry, William Sturgiss ,George Hall,-William Bishop, Alfred Johnson, Frederick Morley, Ernest Nelson, John North. Girls: Minnie Tanner, Grice Tanner, Annie Archer, Martha Dobson. Mary Collin, Eva Travers,, Annie Read, Helen Searles, Hannah Hancocks

After the distribution had been made the pupils filed off and .there partook of tea and cake in abundance, while a party of invited guests. also refreshed at tables set apart for them. The proceedings terminated with some' more singing by the little ones

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1883 Boys'

1883	290	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy B A	Charles J		Headmaster	£360.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Boys'	MacMorran	George		Assistant Master	£ 280.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Boys'	Beck	Edward		Assistant Master	£ 140.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Boys'	Evans	George S		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Boys'	Craig	Maggie		Assistant Female	£100.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Boys'	McIntyre	James		Male Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Boys'	Toomath	William		Male Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Boys'	Pownall	William H		Male Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Boys'	Mason	Francis		Male Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Boys'	Ryder	Maude		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00

Edward B Beck only taught at Mount Cook Boy's for thee Wellington Education Board from 1883 to 1885

George Samuel Evans was sole teacher at Kaiwara 1879 to 1881 and in 1882 as assistant master at Hutt followed by 1883 at Mt Cook Boys'

William H Pownall only taught in 1883 as a pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board in 1883

Francis Mason [There was also a Francis S Mason teaching for Wellington Education Board around the same period] started as a male pupil teacher at Mt Cook Boys' in 1883 and 1884, 1885 and 1886 he was at training college. 1888 to 1897 he was an assistant at Terrace. 1898 to 1908 he was teacher at Taueru just East of Masterton and didn't teach for them again.

3rd August 1909 At Dalefield School residence, on Tuesday, August 3rd, 1909, Francis Mason, formerly teacher at Taueru School; aged 48 years. Interment at Wellington.

9th January 1883 A notice appears in another column inviting all accounts against the Mount Cook School Committee, to be sent in, in consequence of the close of the year.

18th January 1883 Wellington Education Board: Vacancies Assistant Mount Cook Boys': Pupil Teacher Mount Cook Girls'. Pupil Teacher Mt Cook Boys'

24th January 1883 About 250 householders attended at the Mount Cook school. Mr A. W. Brown occupied the chair during the early part of the meeting, but resigned it in favor of Mr James Smith, when the poll for the election of a committee was taken. The report submitted by the retiring committee set forth that the year had been commenced with a deficiency of £6 16s 9d. The receipts from all sources amounted to £286 9s 6d, and the expenditure to £274 ss, leaving a balance to credit of £12 4s 5d. The number of children on the rolls of the three schools was 1350. There had been no increase, owing to prevalence of measles during a considerable portion of the year. Efforts had been made to enforce the compulsory clauses of the Education Act, but only with partial success, as the epidemic broke out just as a number of parents had been called upon to answer for their non-compliance with the Act. A hope was expressed that an infant school would be erected in the neighborhood of Mount Victoria at an early date. The committee thanked Mrs Francis, mistress of the Infant School for the efforts made by her in the way of obtaining funds for erecting wet weather sheds, and for planting the ground. In conclusion, it was pointed out that the schools - were but poorly supported with regard to the prize fund, which was dependent on voluntary contributions. The election of a committee for the ensuing year resulted as follows : —A. W. Brown, 248 ; N. E. Marchant, 118 ; W. Allen, 116 ; G. McDougal, 90 ; Wilson, 87 ; S. Banks, 82 ; and W. Tustin, junr., 76. Messrs J. E. George, J. L. Bacon, Reeve, J. Norbury, W. Greeve, S. Green, and J. Watt had also been nominated.

At a meeting of the new committee Mr A. W. Brown was re-elected chairman, Mr W. Tustin, junr., being appointed secretary

30th January 1883 We hear that at the Mount Cook boys' school there has been a large number of new entrants, many pupils having been drafted in from the infant schools.

31st January 1883 Wellington Education Board Mount Cook playground £80: Painting Mount Cook and Te Aro Schools £240.....Appointments Mr Beck Mount Cook and Miss Massey Mt Cook "That a new School district be formed out of the Mount Cook district, to be called the Oriental Bay district, and that, pending the erection of a schoolhouse in the proposed new district, a committee be appointed to define the boundary of the new district, and meantime to rent a building in which the younger children may be taught."

2nd February 1883 The name of the winner of the £20 scholarship, in connection with the Education Board, was E. G. Redward, of the Mount Cook School, not Redwood, as previously given.

14th February 1883 We understand that the compulsory clauses of the Education Act are being put into operation by the Mount Cook School Committee, who, it appears, are able to find accommodation for 150 boys and the same number of girls in addition to those at present attending the schools in that district. The matter is now in the hands of the police authorities, and it is probable that within a few days a batch of parents will be proceeded against at the Resident Magistrate's Court for neglecting to send their children between the ages of 7 and 13 to school.

1st March 1883 The chairman of the Mount Cook School Committee wrote, stating that the committee had brought the compulsory clauses of the Education Act into operation. They had, however, learnt that it was the intention of one of the parents to test the legality of the proceedings in a Court of law, and they desired the services of the board's solicitors to lead their case. The request was granted.

2nd March 1883 The Mount Cook School Committee have already obtained a return of 48 children in that district between the ages of 7 and 13 years, who do not attend any school. Among the "causes of non-attendance" alleged by their parents or guardians are the following: — "No boots" (in several cases); "refused at infant school"; "wanted to work"; "'beyond control (aged 10)"; "father away"; "father just dead, and mother in poor circumstances"; "want better clothes"; "no clothes" (the officer reports that they are "well dressed but dirty"); "guardian refuses to pay for boots"; "been very ill"; "wanted a home to help in housework"; "had sunstroke"; "cannot afford clothes"; "objects to master of Mount Cook school: will consider about sending child to Willis street school"; "has to mind baby: mother gone out washing." It is believed there are fully 100 non-attending children of school age, and as there is school room for fully 280 children more than at present attend, the committee intend to take immediate legal proceedings to compel attendance and have placed the matter in their solicitor's hands.

20th March 1883 The Mount Cook School Committee have decided to take steps in the Resident Magistrate's Court, under the compulsory clauses of the Education Act, against those parents who have neglected to send their children to the schools under their control, and Mr. Edward Shaw has been instructed to prosecute. We understand that the cases will come on for hearing on Saturday.

26th March 1883 The first batch of cases brought by the Mount Cook School Committee, under the compulsory clauses of the Education Act, came on for hearing in the Resident Magistrate's Court on Saturday. All but 1 one were, however, adjourned, the remaining one being that in which Mr John Love was charged with having failed to send his son, Alfred Love, aged 11 years, to school. The case presented no features of special interest. It was clearly shown by the prosecution that the lad did not attend any school, while for the defence a feeble attempt was made to prove that he had been ordered to attend and had not done so. The Bench failed to recognise that lack of parental authority and vigilance was an exculpation, and the defendant was ordered to comply with the decision of the School Committee. The result of the action should induce parents in the district who have neglected to send their children to school to put themselves outside the pale of the law, for unless they do that they will certainly have orders

made against them, while they will also be compelled to defray the expenses incurred in the action.

30th March 1888 . John Chaney failed to appear to answer a charge of neglecting to send his four children to the public school in the Mount Cook District. Mr. E. Shaw appeared for the prosecutors (the Mount Cook School Committee) and explained that the information was laid under the compulsory clauses of the Education Act. Charles Hardy, headmaster of the Mount Cook School, Catherine Tarn, headmistress of the school, Charles Tustin, secretary to the committee, and Constable Romer were examined, and the Court made an order requiring the defendant to send his children to the school in question. Timothy Egan was charged similarly in regard to a stop daughter under the age of 14 years. Evidence was taken, and the defendant was ordered to send the child to school forthwith.

5th April 1883 The recent prosecutions in the Mount Cook School District, under the compulsory clauses of the Education Act, appear to have had a salutary effect. We learn that the attendance has already increased by over forty, and that, in addition to this, a number of parents have asked for a few days' time in order that they might send their children respectably dressed. In other districts, too, there has been an increase, notably Newtown, where nearly forty new names have been placed upon (he register, presumably in anticipation of the compulsory clauses being adopted by the local committee. The result must be considered highly satisfactory.

14th April 1883 We understand that a movement is being set on foot by the Mount Cook School Committee to induce the board to hand over the salaries of teachers to the committees, and thus make those bodies the teachers' paymasters. A similar attempt was made a year or two ago by the same committee. The movement, at that time, ended in smoke, and we have little doubt that the present one will end in the same. way.....

17th April 1883 In a long Inspector's report were these pieces: but 94 boys and 87 girls in the Mount Cook schools, and 147 children in the To Aro school, were unrepresentable, wholly on account of bad attendance.....The examination results, as determined by standard passes, were good in the Thorndon, To Aro, Newtown, and Terrace schools, moderately good in the Mount Cook Girls' School, and, on the whole, weak in the Mount Cook Boys' School. The percentage of passes varied from 90 in the Thorndon to 67 in the Mount Cook Boys' School.....The examination results, as determined by standard passes, were good in the Thorndon, To Aro, Newtown, and Terrace schools, moderately good in the Mount Cook Girls' School, and, on the whole, weak in the Mount Cook Boys' School. The percentage of passes varied from 90 in the Thorndon to 67 in the Mount Cook Boys' School.The surrounding circumstances, which may be taken into account in an estimate of expected results in the city schools, tell most in favour of the Terrace School, and least in favour of the Mount Cook Boys'.

25th April 1883. Wellington Education Board: Alice Bright appointed Pupil Teacher Mount Cook Boys'

2nd May 1883 TENDERS wanted for gravel delivered at Mount Cook Schools. For particulars, apply to A. W. BROWN, Tory-street

3rd May 1883 Although the recent prosecutions instituted by the Mount Cook School Committee under the compulsory classes of the Education Act have had the effect of largely augmenting the attendance at the schools, there are still a large number of children of " school age " within the district who do not attend. It is now intended very shortly to have another batch

of. delinquents before the Court, be parents would be wise to take the hint, especially as wo understand that the cost of the summons will be asked for in all future cases.

5th May 1883 The services of a competent elementary science master are required by the Mount Cook School Committee for the evening school about to be started under their auspices.

7th May 1883 Wellington Education Board: Assistant Master, Mount Cook Boys' School. Salary, £100 to £140, according to classification

10th May 1883 Wellington Education Board:. THOS. TURNBULL, Architect. Wellington, 7th May, 1883. TO CONTRACTORS. TENDERS for earth and concrete work at the Mount Cook Boys' School, Taranaki-street, will be received at the Education Board Office up to noon of Friday, the 18th inst. Plans and specifications to be seen at my office. THOS. TURNBULL, Architect. Wellington, 10th May, 1883.

28th May 1883 EVENING CLASSES. MOUNT COOK BOYS' SCHOOL, Taranaki-street Classes will be formed as follows For ARITHMETIC, ENGLISH, Ac, on MONDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS, at 7.30, commencing on Monday, 4th June. For DRAWING (Plan and Elementary Solid Geometry), on TUESDAY EVENING, at 7.30, commencing on 5th June. Head Teacher : MR. GEORGE MACMORRAN (Mount Cook Boys' School).

A Class for Experimental Instruction in Elementary Mechanics and Physics will be held every FRIDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock, by Dr. HUTCHINSON, commencing on 8th June. Additional Classes for instruction in Bookkeeping or other useful subjects may be formed if sufficient pupils present themselves. It is anticipated that other suitably instructive lectures will be delivered by several gentlemen who have kindly offered to assist. Fee for whole course, 2s 6d por month (payable in advance). The general public will be admitted to Dr. Hutchinson's Friday evening Science Lecture on payment of ono shilling each evening. A. W. BROWN, Chairman.

30th May 1883 Wellington Education Board: - Mr. Hutchison brought under the notice of the Board the fact that evening onuses had been established at Mount Cook Sohool and suggested that a portion of the building should be lined, painted,' and lighted with gas. The Chairman was instructed to see that the work was carried out provided the cost does not exceed £50.....The Board decided to return the tenders for the alteration to the playground of the Mount Cook school, sufficient funds not being in hand.

31st May 1883

	100 yards	200	300	Total
N Bell	15	5	12	32
J McBean	18	11	7	36
C Fordham	17	15	0	32
C Benbow	18	15	5	38
T Archibald	13	10	8	31
W Marchant	14	9	8	31
				200
Willis Street				192

A carbine match between teams from the cadet companies attached to the Mount Cook and Willis-street Schools came off at the Polhill Gully Range yesterday and resulted in the defeat

of the latter by eight points. The boys from Willis-street were in charge of Mr. Cole, while those belonging to Mount Cook were under Mr. Hardy. The above are the scores : —

1st June 1883 The action of the Mount Cook School Committee in establishing night schools is highly commendable, and the good example thus set might advantageously be followed by the other School Committees of this city. The benefits derivable from night schools are very palpable. It is too common to find children taken away from the day schools just as they are getting on well, because either their services are required at home or the assistance of their earnings is needed to aid the limited domestic income. For these, and others who may be or have been unable to take full advantage of the facilities afforded by the State day-schools, these opportunities of gaining instruction at night will be a most welcome boon. The step taken by the Mount Cook Committee is a very considerate and judicious one, and we shall be much pleased to hear of the other town committees following suit.

4th June 1883 We have been requested to draw special attention to the opening of the evening school by the Mount Cook School Committee to-night, at the Boys' School, Taranaki Street. Mr. McMorran, the head teacher, and the members of the committee will be in attendance at 7 o'clock for the purpose of enrolling candidates for admission. A special effort has been put forth to ensure the success of the movement, and it is confidently anticipated that a large number of the youths of our city will take advantage of the opportunity now offered of acquiring a sound education.

21st June 1883 And an Assistant Master for the Mount Cook Boys' School ; salary, .£140 if certificated.

18th July 1883 Assistant Master, Mount Cook Boys' School. Salary, £100 to £140, according to classification

20th July 1883 Board require three pupil teachers for the Mount Cook Schools. Applications, stating age and qualifications, will be received up to noon of Tuesday next 24th instant ARTHUR DORSET, Secretary.

25th July 1883 Wellington Education Board: The Mount Cook committee wrote stating that the difficulties in regard to the teaching staff at Mount Cook Boys' School had been settled.;; Appointment Mount Cook Boys' G S Evans and Miss Pinny

26th July 1883 We have been requested to call attention to an advertisement in another column announcing that the Mount Cook School Committee intend inaugurating an additional class in connection with their evening school for teaching Latin, mathematics and algebra, to begin on Wednesday evening next. Names of persona wishing to attend are to be given to Mr. A. W. Brown before Monday. The class will be under the care of Mr. Hardy, B.A., whose name will be a sufficient guarantee as to the soundness of the instruction.

1st September 1883 The Mount Cook Evening School begins its fourth month on Monday. Since its opening it has been well attended, and the promoters are well satisfied with its success. It is proposed to continue it as long as the attendance will warrant doing so. There are still a large number of youths who might take advantage of the opportunity but do not, and we commend the movement to the consideration of all such. An advertisement on the subject appears in another column.

7th September 1883 We are requested to draw attention to the entertainment to be held under the auspices of the Mount Cook School Committee, at the boys' school, Taranaki-street, this

evening. It will principally consist of a display of elocutionary talent by Mr. Rees-Mogg, who will give selections from various authors.

26th September 1883 Wellington Education Board: A very strong letter was received from Mr. A. W. Brown, chairman of the Mount Cook School Committee, denouncing the Secretary for giving Miss Warren, one of the teachers, a day a leave of absence, in defiance of the wishes of the committee. The reading of the letter caused some amusement, on account of its vigorous language. The Chairman said that he was responsible for the leave being given but was not aware that any inconvenience would be caused by Miss Warren getting away for one day, as she was about to take charge of another school. The absence was for the purpose of removing the Board's appliances to the new school. He had given the committee the services of the teacher for one month. After a long discussion as to the relative powers of school committees and the Board, it was resolved that an explanatory letter be sent to the committee

27th September 1883 Wellington Education Board Pupil Teacher appointed Mr L E Deakin. [No Mr Deakin is recorded as working for the Wellington Education Board in any school over this research period]

Pupil Teachers examination results

2nd October 1883	3rd Year over 17	Jas. McIntyre	Mount Cook Boys'
2nd October 1883	3rd Year over 17	William Toomath	Mount Cook Boys'
2nd October 1883	3rd Year over 17	Kate Wallis	Mount Cook Boys'

17th October 1883 At a meeting of the Mount Cook School Committee, held last evening, the Chairman (Mr. A. W. Brown) suggested that the various committees should unite to get up a picnic for all the school children of the city, to be held on some convenient day next month, either at the Newtown Park or on the Basin Reserve. He pointed out that Mr. Gray's band had offered to play free of charge and thought it could be made a very enjoyable day for the children. It was resolved to write inviting the cooperation of the other committees in the matter, asking them (if favourable to the project) to appoint two of their number to act with a similar number from other committees, the Chairman and Mr. McDougall being elected to represent the Mount Cook Committee. We understand that if the other city committees decline to join, the Mount Cook Committee will carry it out alone for the children attending the schools under their jurisdiction.

6th November 1883 Councillor Maginnity is much exercised over the fact that while the children at Mount Cook school had used only about 7000 gallons of water during the past three months, the children at the Thorndon school had used 93,000 gallons during the same period, a circumstance which not unnaturally led the Thorndon representative to conclude that "something was wrong with the meter." He expressed his opinion at last night's meeting of the Public Works Committee that the matter should be enquired into. The City Engineer pointed out that any consumer could have his meter tested at any time by paying the cost — about 15s or 16s. Councillor Wilson was of opinion that the expense of testing the meters should be defrayed by the Corporation, adding that the Gas Company paid for testing the gas meters.....

22nd November 1883 A meeting of persons favourable to the project for giving the city schoolchildren a Christmas "treat" was held to-day. The movement was not taken up warmly enough by some of those present, and the Mount Cook School Committee, who originated the

idea, have decided to carry it out themselves. The treat will be held either at Newtown Park or the Hutt, and we hope it will be successful in every respect.

26th November 1883 Mr. E. Lee, Inspector of Schools, is at present engaged in the inspection of the city schools. He has completed his labours at the Newtown and Mount Cook Girls' Schools, and is now at the Mount Cook Boys' School, which he will finish by Wednesday, taking the Terrace School on Thursday

28th November 1883 Mr Lee, the Inspector of Schools, finished the yearly examination of the Mount Cook Schools yesterday. The examination of the Boys' School more especially, so far as regards the sixth standard, cannot but have proved highly satisfactory to all concerned. That this is so may be gathered from the fact that the whole of the class passed the standard with the exception of two pupils

15th December 1883 The Mount Cook schools break up for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday next, the boys' school at 10 a.m., the girls' school at 2 p.m., and the infants' school at 4 p.m.

19th December 1883 Wellington Education Board It was agreed to supply new desks to the Mount Cook School.

19th December 1883 With regard to the winner of the first prize in the Mount Cook Boys' School, it should be explained that, according to the number of marks, the prize should have fallen to E. Beaglehole, but as this scholar passed the sixth standard in 1882 the committee thought it would be unfair that he should receive the prize, which was given to the second boy. Beaglehole, however, was not altogether overlooked, and was presented with a special prize.

21st December 1883 MOUNT COOK BOYS' SCHOOL. The annual breaking up of the Mount Cook Boys' School, Taranaki-street, took place Wednesday morning, when the usual prizes were distributed. The schoolroom had been tastefully decorated with flowers, and in addition to the scholars a number of adults, principally parents of the children, were present. The following members of the local School Committee were also present : —Messrs A. W. Brown (chairman), Wilson, McDougal, Allan and Eyre. Mr Levin, M.H.R., who distributed the prizes, said that it had been his pleasing duty to hand the prizes to the respective winners of the Mount Cook Boys' School for several years, and he was fully sensible of the high compliment paid him. He was pleased to see that the school was in so eminently satisfactory a position. He learned with pleasure that no less than 81 per cent, of the boys had passed successfully, as compared with 67 of last year, which showed an increase of 14 per cent. Out of the five scholarships offered by the Education Board for competition, two had fallen to pupils attending the Mount Cook Boys' School. Furthermore, he had learned at the recent distribution of prizes at the Wellington College, eight of the prize takers were boys that had had their ground work taught them at the present school. This fact, he was sure, spoke volumes for the education given them, and must be very encouraging to Mr Hardy, the head master ; also his assistant and the energetic committee that controlled the affairs of the school. At the present moment he believed there were seven or eight boys competing at the College for scholarships offered by the Board of College Governors, and he would be very greatly disappointed indeed if one or two did not fall to boys attending the Mount Cook school. There was no place in the world he considered there young people had such facilities for being educated as in New Zealand, and he hoped the children- of New Zealand would take up such a position in life as would be a credit to them and the colony. After a few words of encouragement to the unsuccessful prize takers, Mr Levin

resumed his seat, and was loudly applauded by the youngsters. Mr A. W. Brown explained that the basis on which the prizes were awarded was not to those boys who did the best work, but according to the number of marks obtained. The committee had tried this year to get up a treat for the boys, to be held outside somewhere, but the effort had failed ; he hoped, however, that before long something of the sort would take place. It would be seen that the playground round the school was being levelled, and he hoped the boys would follow the example of the girls attending the other school, and endeavor to lay the ground out in flowers and shrubs, &c. Mr Brown said there was one fact he wished to bring under the notice of the parents, and that was that unless the children attended 250 times during the year, two half-days counting as two attendances, they were not eligible to be examined. The committee trusted that the parents would do their best to send their children to school as regularly as possible. He was fully aware that there were occasions when the parents required them at home, but it was astonishing in many instances what, trivial excuses were made, such as running errands, minding the baby, &c. He wished some enterprising person would invent a sort of anatomical machine for nursing babies or minding them, and thereby confer a blessing on mankind generally. The committee, Mr Brown, said, were prepared to receive books of a suitable kind for competition in any special subject, and care would be taken that the competition would be conducted fairly. Mr Levin then distributed the prizes as follows :

Class I.—1st prize, H. Mitchell ; 2nd do, C. Benbow Levin do, T. Tripe. Certificates of merit—E. Beaglehole, W. Marchant, C. Fordham, C. Bacon-, A. H. Ashbolt, J. McLean, C. Kelly, P. Mason.

Class II.—1st prize, A. Burgess ; 2nd do, C. Ralph ; Levin do, John Stewart. Certificates of merit—E. Beavis, G. Hunter, J. Moffatt, W. Waters, E. Baker.

Class III.—1st prize, W. Stack ; 2nd do, H. Marchant ; Levin do, H. Hutchings'. Certificates of merit—Geo. Lawrence, C. Stack, G. Pudney, W. Warren, W. Wilson, M. Kershaw.

Class IV.—1st prize, W. H. Maddock ; 2nd do, E. H. Levy ; Levin do, W. Howe. Certificates of merit—A. Bell, E. Grigg, J. Lawrence, F. Jones, R. Binns, A. Donnelly. Class V.—1st prize, T. Young, 2nd do, W. McMillan; Levin do, Alfred Churchill. Certificates of merit—James Young, F. Marchant, T. North, G. Smith, W. Stewart, G. Rowell.

Class VI.—1st prize, Sydney Wright ; 2nd do, William Moore; Levin do, William Young. Certificates—L. White, Oliver Buck, E. B. Reade, E. Ensor, F. Morris, G. Hand, J. S. Beaglehole.

Class VII.—1st prize, Jonathan Haslam ; 2nd do, William Wilson ; Levin do, Harry Tonks. Certificates—C. Stewart, C. Mowbray, A. Grigg, John Kershaw, F. Wolters. Class VIII.—1st prize, -Andrew Craig ; 2nd do, H. Graham ; Levin do, H. Milligan. Certificates Roch Chote, T. McMillan, E. Green, G. Tonks, J. Williamson.

Class IX.—1st prize, F. Jones ; 2nd do, K. Travers ; Levin do, R. Craig. Certificates —T. Heath, J. Gregory, Fortunatus Wright.

Extra Prizes.—For proficiency in Dr. Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book, presented by Mr A. W. Brown—1st prize, W. H. Mitchell; 2nd, N. Bell. For best map-drawing in school, presented by Mr Ashbolt—A. H. Ashbolt. Presented by the committee in recognition of an Education Board scholarship won—E. Beaglehole and F. B. Meacham.

Mr Hardy, B.A., having wished the boys a happy New Year and pleasant holidays, the proceedings terminated with three cheers for Mr Levin and the committee.

1883 Girls'

1883	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Katherine H		Head Female	£247.10
1883	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£112.10
1883	290	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet		Assistant Female	£110.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Maunder	Emma D		Assistant Female	£110.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Warren	Minnie		Assistant Female	£110.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Pinny	Louisa		Assistant Female	£110.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Cook	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1883	290	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallis	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00

Louisa Pinny only taught 1883 and 1884 at Mount Cook Girls' for the Wellington Education Board Resigned from teaching for the Wellington Education Board March 1885

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8th February 1883 MOUNT COOK GIRLS' SCHOOL. NEW SCHOLARS are admitted on Monday Mornings only. Scholars absent on Monday will be crossed off the weekly roll.

17th April 1883 Inspector's report The Mount Cook Girls' School is by no means so well managed as it was two or three years ago, its organisation being defective, and the teaching power distributed with poor judgment..... Sewing is taught in all the schools in the city, where girls attend; but the instruction given in the Thorndon School by the Normal mistress and in the Mount Cook Girls' School, is superior to that given in the others

25th July 1883 Wellington Education Board Miss Craig appointed Mount Cook Girl's

Result of Pupil Teacher's examination

2nd October 1883 End of Apprenticeship Isabella M Cook Mount Cook Girls'

2nd October 1883 End of Apprenticeship Ellen Wallace Mount Cook Girls'

21st December 1883 MOUNT COOK GIRLS' SCHOOL. At two o'clock the girls attending the Mount Cook School assembled in the boys' school, their own being too small. After a little singing, which by the way was most creditable, Mr. Blair, the Chairman of the Education Board, before delivering the prizes, said that the percentage of passes for this year in the Mount Cook Girls' School was 84, and was the highest obtained in any of the city schools. It was generally supposed that boys were more intellectual than girls, but from the passes it would be seen that the girls took first position, which was very creditable to the teachers and pleasing to the Committee. Referring to what was known as "cram," he did not think such a thing existed in any of the city schools; it was impossible to cram a child between the ages of 7 and 15 years. In regard to "failures," he expressed a belief that the public view of the matter was very much exaggerated. Those pupils who had failed had no doubt made considerable strides in education, but the view the public had of the matter was just the contrary. In regard to the girls' school room not being large enough, he thought it was a public wrong. He said the schools of Christchurch were equipped in the very best possible way, but how it was done he did not know.

Mr Allan, a member of the local school committee, hoped that a large room would be procured before next year. In referring to "cram" he expressed a hope that none of the prize-takers owed

their success to it. In conclusion he impressed the children with the necessity of being punctual in their attendance.

Mr Blair then distributed the prizes as follows :

Standard I.—1st prize, A. Roberts ; 2nd, M. Egan ; conduct, E. Walters ; needlework, A Prince
Division II. —1st prize, C. Rowell; 2nd, E. Ramson ; conduct, M. Reeves ; needlework, L. Luke.

Standard II.—1st prize, J. Wilson ; 2nd, J. Young ; conduct, A. Trevor; needlework, A. McKirdy. Division II. —1st prize, F. Dixon ; 2nd, A. Maddock ; conduct, R. Bell ; needlework, A. Daniels.

Standard III.—1st prize, L. Liddle ; 2nd, T. Alexander; conduct, G. Forster ; needlework, T. Alexander. Division II.—1st prize, A. Maslem ; 2nd, A. Hills ; conduct, G. Gray ; needlework, A. Grimstone.

Standard IV.—1st prize, M. Asten ; 2nd, E. Moffit ; conduct, L. Goff; needlework, A. Bulliman.

Standard V.—1st prize, N. Hill ; 2nd, J. Wilson ; conduct, J. Quee ; needlework, J. Hutchens.

Standard VI.—1st prize, L. Manthel ; 2nd, P. Hudson ; conduct, F. Marchant ; needlework, J. Bacon.

Special Prizes for Industry.—Standard VI. —M. Cook, L. Batt, E. Tustin. Standard V.—L. Mitchell. Standard III.—A. Tustin. Standard II.—E. McDonald, E. Saxeby. Cards of Merit.—Standard I.—A. Pearce, M. Hudson, E. Tasker, M. Wakelin, C. Ivor, E. Ensor, K. Beck, J. Miller, A. Yalden, M. Flyger, J. Luke, A. Bennett, A. Williams, M. Beavis.

Standard II.— L. Marchant, M. Crawford, V. Alexander, E. Blythe, E. Christie, E. -Jacobson, J. Leslie. Division II. —E. McDonald, W. Gaby, I. Button, L. Baker, C. Steward, H. Fraser, A. Bunckenburg.

Standard III., Division I.—E. Holmes, F. Wilkinson, C. Stevenson, M. Dutch, J. Wilkinson, N. Smith. Division II.—M. Jeffries, E. Wright, A. Holmes, D. Dagg, A. Liddle, M. Haselden, L. Miller.

Standard IV.—E. Liddle, A. Smith, K. Goff, A. Hopkirk, E. Mowbray, J. Bavin, A. Fordham. Standard V.—L. Mitchell, E. Donnelly, E. Dixon, E. Gibb, E. Deverell, A. Topp, A. Mowbray. Standard VI:—F. Blythe, M. Redstone, M. Christie, L. Jones, A. Seamer, N. Brown, L. Redstone.

Special prizes for industry, &c., were awarded as follows ;—M. Cook, presented by Mrs Tarn ; L. Batt, presented by Mrs Tarn ; E. Tustin, presented by Miss Helyer. Fifth Standard.—L. Mitchell, presented by Miss McGowan. Fourth Standard.—E. Mowbray, presented by Mrs Kayll Third Standard.—A. Tustin, presented by Miss Pinney, Second Standard.—E. McDonald, presented by Miss Maunder ; E. Saxeby, also presented by Miss Maunder.' A special prize (given by Mr Ashbolt) for reading, was awarded, after competition, to L. M. Ashbolt.

Mrs Tarn and her assistants were recipients of some very pretty articles which were presented to them by the scholars. After three cheers had been given for Mr Blair, the teachers, and the School Committee, the children dispersed.

1883 Infants'

1883	396	Mt Cook Infants ' '	Francis	Catherine A		Head Female	£240.00
1883	396	Mt Cook Infants ' '	Wilkinson	Sarah		Assistant Female	£150.00
1883	396	Mt Cook Infants'	McGowan	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£100.00
1883	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Francis	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1883	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Balcombe	Georgina		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1883	396	Mt Cook Infants ' '	Bacon	Mary A		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1883	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Redwood	Frances		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1883	396	Mt Cook Infants ' '	Wallace	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1883	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Booth	Fanny E		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1883	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Leighton	Lucy J		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1883	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Garratt	Fanny		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1883	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Page	Mary E		Female Pupil Teacher	£12.00
1883	396	Mt Cook Infants'	Francis	Catherine		Female Pupil Teacher	£12.00

Frances Redwood was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1882 to 1884 [A Fanny Redwood taught at Mount Cook Girls' in 1886]

Fanny[aka Fannie and Francis] Garratt was at Mt Cook Infants' in 1883 and 1884 and Newtown 1885 to 1887 and finally Te Aro Infants' in 1888 all as a pupil teacher.

1889/1434	Frances Mary Garratt	Alfred Ernest Eames
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Mary Page only taught at Mt Cook infants' in 1883. Another Mary Page had a long career with the Wellington Education Board

25th April 1883 Wellington Education Board: A transfer of teachers from Mount Cook to Thorndon and vice versa was authorised.....The Mount Cook School Committee wrote stating that in the Infant School there were at present 221 children over seven years of age, and the school was consequently overcrowded. The Committee asked why should not these children be drafted into the other schools where there were plenty of spare room, and thus make room for others who were anxious to obtain admission. Mr. Buchanan gave notice to move that the rule which enabled children to remain in "the Infants' School till eight years of age be altered to seven years of age, to meet cases of this kind. A letter was received from the Mount Cook Committee, who could not concur in the appointment of Miss Whitehouse as teacher of the new Infant School in Courtenay Place, on the ground that she had had no experience whatever in infant school teaching. The Committee recommended Mrs. Lock in her place. The Chairman and Dr. Newman were appointed a committee to meet the School Committee with a view of arranging matters.

25th April 1883 The Mount Cook Committee does not, however, appear to approve of the appointment, and has notified to the Board that it has selected another candidate ; under what authority the latter has been done does not appear. The Board is, as a matter of course, bound to discuss the position, and find some way out of the difficulty, though its members must be painfully aware that they do not occupy a dignified position. It is a matter for surprise that Parliament has not thought it necessary to remedy the defect in the Education Act, so as to avoid deadlocks of this nature. In the present case we are informed that the action of the Committee is not due to any desire to meddle with the affairs of the new Committee, but that the motive is a selfish one, it being desired to keep a good teacher within the Mount Cook District.

25th July 1883 Wellington Education Board: The Finance Committee were instructed to appoint pupil teachers wherever necessary, and to source the services of some probationers at the Mount Cook Infants' School.

2nd October 1883	2nd Year over 16	Mary A Bacon	Mt Cook Infants'
2nd October 1883	2nd Year over 16	Fanny Booth	Mt Cook Infants'
2nd October 1883	2nd Year over 16	Clara Augustus Francis	Mt Cook Infants'
2nd October 1883	2nd Year over 16	Lucy Leighton	Mt Cook Infants'
2nd October 1883	2nd Year over 16	Maud Ryder	Mt Cook Infants'
2nd October 1883	2nd Year over 16	Jane A Wallace	Mt Cook Infants'
2nd October 1883	1st Year over 15	Fanny Garratt	Mt Cook Infants'

18th December 1883 Prizes will be distributed at the Mount Cook Schools to-morrow as follows:— Boys', Taranaki-street, at 10 o'clock, by Mr. W. H. Levin, M.H.R. ; Girls (at Boys' School), at 2 o'clock, by Mr. J. R. Blair, Chairman of the Board of education ; Infants, Tory street, at 3.30 o'clock; Infants, Courtenay Place, at 4 o'clock. "

20th December 1883 It is always pleasing to observe the cordial relations existing between school teachers and their pupils. Several instances of this friendly feeling were afforded at the distribution of prizes at the Mount Cook Girls' School yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Tarn, the head mistress, was the recipient of a number of useful and handsome presents from the scholars, each gift being accompanied by a note in which the donors wished her the compliments of the season. In the same way, the Misses Helyer. McGowan, Wallis, and Cook, assistant teachers, were presented with suitable gifts by the members of their respective classes.

One, at least, of the boys who received " Certificates of merit " at the Mount Cook School yesterday morning did not attach much value to the distinction, for no sooner had he reached the open air after the proceedings in school than he wantonly tore the card into a hundred pieces. The occurrence was referred to by Mr. A. W. Brown, Chairman of the School Committee, at the distribution of prizes to the members of the Girls' School later in the day. Mr. Brown expressed his regret at what had been done, and pointed out that, if funds would only permit it, the committee would be more glad to give books instead of cards of merit than the scholars would be to receive them.

21st December 1883 INFANT SCHOOL. The little ones attending the Mount Cost Infant School assembled in their school, Tory street, at 3 o'clock, and were presented with their prizes by Mr A. W. Brown, Chairman of the local School Committee. Previous to the prizes being distributed, Mrs Francis exercised the children in a number of simple melodies, the time kept by the little ones being very good indeed, and the harmony all through would have done credit to children of advanced years. Every child came provided with a cup, and after the prizes were delivered they all set to with a will at the buns, cakes and tea, after which they were sent to their respective homes. The following is the prize list :

Standard, Boys—W. Avery, A. Alpe, F. Brown, H. Brattle, J. Burton, A. Craig, G. Daniels, J. Ferguson, E. Fiebig, H. Fraser, J. Fairchild, W. George, F. Garratt, H. Grimstone, W. Green, E. Harris, C. Haslem, O. Ivor, J. Keith, J. Kennedy, A. Lawrence, W. Manning, D. McInnis, L. McKenzie, H. Parker, G. Prideau, F. Plimmer, J. Pyke, D. Robertson, H. Southern, H. Simpson, R. Williamson. V. Waters.

Girls—F. Ahradsen, E. Billman, M. Bowater, M. Blair, E. Burgess, K. Carter, K. Chote, K. Collins, S. Danks, F. Daniels, N. Deveril, L. Dorizac, A. Furness, L. Gaudin, A. Green, E.

Hardy, M. Hollis, K. Hutchings, R. Hutchings, M. Johnson, E. Janes, A. Lee, L. Moore, G. Mowbray, C. McCarty, R. Ross, C. Richards, A. Reilley, M. Read, L.- Short, M. Somerville, K. Wilson, N. Wiltshire, A. White, J. Ward, N. Yore, A. Cuthbertson, B. Jenson.

First Class, Girls.—N. Bishop, B. Batten, C. Foster, R. Harvey, A. McGilvery, R. Yaldon, E. Johnson, A. Thompson, M. Needham, A. Proctor, A. Tasker, M. De Castro, E. Edward, A. Ransom, L. Short, M. McKirdy, A. Sommerville, J. Walls, L. Roberts, E. Hollis, C. Rowe, A. Myers, M. Gallagher.

Boys. —A. Brown, A. Claridge, H. Christie, W. Day, E. Feltham, G. Greenfield, H. Tonks, M. Herbert, O. Jacobson, A. Kellow, H. Kitching, H. Lyon, R. Lett, H. Langton, E. Liddle, G. Morris, P. Phillips, T. Ryan, C. Smith, G. Salvigny, J. Stevenson, P. Skelly, J. Smith, O. Scott, F. Taylor, R. Wilson, F. Williams, R. Wylie, W. Gaudin, C. Wellar, A. Miller, W. Wilson, J. Nelson,

Second class, boys—H. Garbes, W. Harrison, S. Luke, W. Ridding, F. Caulton, F. Turner, G. Hancocks, L. Perrin, A. Campbell, M. Robb, C. Odlin, P. Tyrell, W. Lyon, G. Hart, W. Cook, J. Rickman, H. Mason, J. Johnson, W. Reece, J. North, G. Saxeby, A. McDonald, A. Barry, H. Greville, J. Craig, J. Palethorpe, A. Cross, J. Aston.

Second class, girls—B. Fraser, S. Goff, M. Ross, A. King, R. Lyon, A. Hill, H. Heldon, M. Johnson, J. Young, G. Burns, A. Coombs, E. Gallagher, M. Dixon, M. Sexton, M. Campbell, A. Read, S. Nelson, J. Young, L. Smith, B. Smith, L. McDoughal, L. McIntyre .

Third class, girls—M. Dyke, M. Fletcher, L. Williams, A. Stack, E. Simmons, W. Woodfield, L. Young, G. Williams E. Hancox, M. Howe, M. Blair, E. Bowater, L. Davies, A. Scorms, J. McLaughlin, F. Plimmer, E. Neillson, A. Russell, M. Porter, E. Travers, E. Green, E. Daniells, L. Bell.

Boys—A. Dawson, G. Baker, T. Collins, F. Connor, J. Bell, W. Copper, H. Palethorpe, H. Clarke, C. Fraser, B. Robinson, J. Webb, J. Sexton, A. Seamer, C. Smith, C. Redward, F. Renner, J. Mackie, J. McAlpine, J. Gidall, H. Garbey, G. Gandin, B. Estall.

Fourth class, boys—C. Bensen, R. Garratt, A. Burton, T. Davidson, J. Robertson, A. Goldfinch, W. Sturgess, C. Ridding, W. Taylor, J. Claridge, E. Nelson, J. Furgeson, D. Youre, W. Wallace, W. Harvey

Girl—M. Avery, M. Turner, B. Thacker, I. Hoffminster, F. Meacham, A. Johnston, L. Johnson, E. Lawson, M. Hamilton, D. Stuart. M. Wakelin, A. Hill, L. Gordon, M. Bennett.

Fifth class, boys.—H. Pearce, A. Morris, E. Spencer, W. Miller, J. Janes, R. Uridge, F. Phillips, A. Dixon, W. Short, A. Curtice, T. Davis, W. Williams, G. Lenzine, D. Bell, W. Topp, G. McHarrison, T. Tolley, L. Blood, J. Arnold. Girls—F. Thacker, A. Archer, E. Blom, M. Abradson, J. Smith, A. Tastie, A. Rhodes, A. Tyrell, M. Smith, M. McInnis, L. Dutch, M. Egan, A. Bishop, G. George.

Sixth class, boys.—A. Fordham H. Roberts, A. Ivor, F. Sparks, H. Williamson, M. Pike, A. Brown, C. McCarthy, A. Waters. Girls— K. Simpson, C. Lewis, M. Bennett, J. Luchisi, E. Lett, M. Bender, A. Deveril.

1884

1884 Boys'

1884	349	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy B A	Charles J		Headmaster	£360.00
1884	349	Mt Cook Boys'	Jackson	William H		Assistant Master	£ 280.00
1884	349	Mt Cook Boys'	Beck	Edward D		Assistant Master	£ 140.00
1884	349	Mt Cook Boys'	Cox	T A		Assistant Master	£ 120.00
1884	349	Mt Cook Boys'	Craig	Maggie		Assistant Female	£100.00
1884	349	Mt Cook Boys'	de Wrey	M J		Assistant Master	£52.00
1884	349	Mt Cook Boys'	McIntyre	James		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1884	349	Mt Cook Boys'	Mason	Francis		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1884	349	Mt Cook Boys'	Chatwin	George W		Male Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1884	349	Mt Cook Boys'	Dakin	Lewis W		Male Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1884	349	Mt Cook Boys'	Ryder	Maude		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1884	349	Mt Cook Boys'	Wallace	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00

William H Jackson started his career as an assistant master at Mount Cook Boys' 1884 and 1885 and the Headmaster in 1887 and 1888. Then from 1889 to at least 1921 was Headmaster of Masterton School

Theophilus A Cox only taught for Wellington Education Board at Mount Cook Boys' in 1884 and 1885.

M J de Wrey only taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1884

George W Chatwin was a male pupil teacher at Mount Cook Boys' 1884 to 1886, He was probably at training college 1887 to 1889. From 1890 to 1892 he was an assistant at Hutt. 1893 to 1897 he was headmaster of Taueru east of Masterton. From 1898 to around 1915 he was Head of Mangatainoka and from 1917 to at least 1923 he was headmaster of Pahiatua

Lewis W Dakin was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Boys' 1883 to 1887

Jane A Wallace was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook infants' 1882 and 1883. At the Boys' in 1884 and at Te Aro 1885 to 1887

4th January 1884 MOUNT COOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE. IT is requested that all accounts against the above Committee be rendered forthwith to the Secretary, Mr. J. L. Bacon. A. W. BROWN R, Chairman.

10th January 1884 Wellington Education Board: Assistant Master, Mount Cook Boys' School -Salary, £120.

26th January 1884 MOUNT COOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE. ANNUAL ELECTION. HOUSEHOLDERS residing in this district are reminded that the Annual Meeting, to elect a new Committee for the ensuing year, will be held at the Boys' School, Taranaki-street, on MONDAY EVENING NEXT, at 8 o'clock. Any householder in the district is entitled to attend. ARTHUR W. BROWN, Chairman.

26th January 1884 MOUNT COOK BOYS' SCHOOL, Taranaki-street. • POSTPONEMENT OF BE OPENING. NOTICE is hereby given that the Mount Cook Boys' School will NOT REOPEN until MONDAY, the 4th day of February next. -ARTHUR DORSET, Secretary Education Board, Education Office, ; Wellington, January 25, 1884.

29th January 1884 MOUNT COOK. The annual meeting of the householders of the Mount Cook School District was held at the Boys' School, Taranaki-street, last night. Mr. A. W.

Brown was voted to the chair. There was an unusually large attendance and the Chairman complimented the householders on the interest which they took in educational matters. The annual report stated that the business of the year had proceeded in all respects smoothly and satisfactorily. The expenditure had been £433 5s 4d. and the receipts £433 5s 4d, leaving a credit balance of £1 0s 4d. In May last Mr. W. G. Tustin resigned, and in October Mr. Marchant followed suit, the vacancies being filled by the election of Messrs. Bacon and Eyre. The average attendance of scholars had been 1137, being an increase of 132 over last year, or, omitting the new school in Courtenay Place, an increase of 32. The total number on the books was 1511. During the past twelve months two out of the five scholarships given by the Board of Education had been won by Mount Cook School boys, while several of the College lads who had laid the foundation of their education in the Mount Cook School had last Christmas occupied a prominent place as prize takers. The proceedings instituted by the committee under the compulsory clauses of the Act had had the effect of increasing the number of children at the school, but there were still a large number of boys and girls whose education was being neglected, and it was to be hoped the new committee would see they were looked after. The infant school opened in July last was proving a great success. The evening classes started some little time ago had undoubtedly been the crowning work of the committee. As many as 190 boys paid for admission the first month, and when the school closed for the summer the attendance was very satisfactory. The school would re-open during the winter, and there was no doubt that it would be well patronised. It had been intended to hold a school treat at Christmas but owing to the want of co-operation on the part of the other committees the proposal had not been adopted. The usual distribution of prizes had, however, taken place, and thanks were due to Mr. W. H. Levin, among others, for his assistance in that direction, he having given £7 7s per annum for three years past for the purchase of gift books. The committee concluded by stating that the schools were even more efficient this year than when they assumed office. The balance-sheet was also read. In the course of his address, the Chairman alluded to various matters referred to in the report, and amongst other things he expressed gratification at the public spirit displayed by Mr. J. B. Blair, Dr. Newman, and Mr. N. Merchant, in promising to contribute £25 each towards any loss that might be incurred in starting the night school. On the motion of Mr. Chatwin, seconded by Mr. Joseph Hicks, the report and balance-sheet were adopted, and a vote of thanks tendered to the outgoing committee. The election of a new committee was then proceeded with, Mr. Gaby taking the chair from Mr. Brown, who was one of the candidates. Messrs. Tustin, Kershaw, Aitken, and Stewart were appointed scrutineers. Twelve gentlemen were nominated, and the following were elected :— Messrs. A W. Brown, 431. W Haybittle, 332; D. McDougall, 183; G. Norbury, 168 ; J. L. Bacon, 117 ; W. Allan, 101 ; and J. Danks, 97- Mr. Brown was reelected chairman, and Mr. Haybittle was appointed secretary. No applications were received from gentlemen desirous of sitting on the Education Board. The committee requested Mr. A. W. Brown to allow himself to be nominated, but the honour was declined, and the committee decided not to send in any nomination.

30th January 1884 Wellington Education Board: Appoints Mr Jackson as assistant

28th February 1884 Wellington Education Board: Inspector's report included: The Mount Cook schools, whose percentages were low last year, show much higher results this

year.....The Mount Cook school showed improved work in many classes, and the Inspector also speaks most favourably of the infant schools.

28th February 1884 Wellington Education Board: The Mount Cook Committee recommended that certain pupils be appointed probationers in the school; and applied for repairs to fence. It was decided to inform the committee that any vacancies arising would be advertised in the usual manner, and that the application for repairs be referred to the committee.

29th February 1884 Inspector's report included: The percentage of passes in the Wellington City schools was as follows : Thorndon, 71; Te Aro, 71 ; Terrace, 69 ; Mount Cook (boys), 81 ; Mount Cook (girls), 84 ; Newtown, 82; Thorndon (infant), 88; Te Aro (infant), 84 ; Mount Cook (infant), 91; Courtenay-place (infant), 100.

7th March 1884 New Zealand Mail included: The teachers are more even. Many are good and fair; the weak are a trifling percentage. As the schools have been now in working order for several years, the machinery works more smoothly. The teachers, too, have settled down to steady, resolute work, and there is greater uniformity of teaching in the schools. We are glad to find that the large Mount Cook Boys' School has this year done good sound work and is now quite as good as the other big schools. Apparently, however, the best school in the district is that at Masterton, which still keeps up its reputation.

19th March 1884 TO BUILDERS. THE Board of Education invite tenders, until Tuesday, the 25th inst., for the erection of Fencing at Mount Cook School. Specifications at my office. THOS. TURNBULL, Architect.

16th April 1884 Ten young ladies have sent in their names as competitors for the Masonic scholarship for girls. The examination takes place on Saturday next, and will be conducted by Bro. Charles Hardy, B.A., the Headmaster of the Mount Cook School.

18th April 1884 It will be seen that the Mount Cook School Committee propose re-opening their evening classes shortly and are desirous of obtaining the services of competent teachers. The classes were a great success last year, as many as 270 boys having passed through them. We are glad to see them revived, and hope that the efforts of the committee will be attended with yet more gratifying success in the future than they have in the past.

23rd April 1884 Tenders for fencing in the Kilbirnie and Mount Cook Schoolhouses have been received as follows by the Board of Education : — Mount Cook— Andrew Compton, £53 (accepted) ; Tait and Arcus, £55 15s ; James Russell, £59 17s ; Jesse Milner, .£62 ; Thos. Orr, £75 10s.

26th April 1884 TENDERS wanted for the supply of about 100 yards of Gravel for Mount Cook Boys' School, up to 30th inst. For particulars apply to Mr. Geo. Norbury, Taranaki-street. A. W. BROWN, Chairman.

30th April 1884 Wellington Education Board: Terrace School, Mr. George McMorran (21 candidates); assistant, Mount Cook, Mr. W. H. Jackson (promoted) ;

30th April 1884 MOUNT COOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE. EVENING CLASSES. The Evening Classes held so successfully last winter, under the auspices of the above Committee, will be resumed on MONDAY EVENING next, 5th May, at the Boys' School, Taranaki-street, commencing at 7.30 o'clock punctually. The course will comprise — Reading, Writing Arithmetic Monday and Thursday Technical Drawing — Tuesday ;. all under competent masters. Fee for admission to Monday and Thursday Evening Classes, 2s 6d per month ; to

Drawing Class, 2s 6d. Pupils desirous of attending both classes will be charged at the reduced rate of 3s 6d per month. A. W. BROWN, Chairman

2nd May 1884 Mount Cook School Committee. The committee have decided to reconstruct their winter evening classes, and as their course of instruction is practical, they will doubtless meet with the reward which their endeavors so fairly entitle them to. The curriculum is easy of accomplishment, while the fees are very low. Young men who are compelled to work during the day should avail themselves of the opportunity. While alluding to this subject, it is only just to refer to the interest which is taken in this good work by Mr A. W. Brown, the chairman of the school committee.

3rd May 1884 Mr. W. H. Jackson, who has just been appointed to the senior assistant mastership at the Mount Cook School, was for two years a student at Saltley College, Birmingham. He possesses a first-class English certificate, as well as certificates for science, sanitary science, drawing, and tonic sol-fa. Mr. Jackson was for five years in charge of St. Mark's Lower School, Birmingham, the last report of which was excellent, the school obtaining the special merit grant.

19th May 1884 Wellington Education Board: Assistant Master, Mount Cook Boys' School; salary, .£120

23rd May 1884 The Mount Cook School Committee are about to issue a large number of summonses against, persons who have been guilty of neglecting to conform to the compulsory clauses of the Education Act. We should advise those who have children of the statutory age to send them to school at once to avoid incurring the pains and penalties prescribed in the Act.

28th May 1884 Wellington Education Board: Master appointed Mr T A Cox

5th June 1884 The attendance at the evening classes held in the Mount Cook Boys' School is steadily increasing, and bids fair to become as large as ever it was last year. The School has only been reopened a month, and already there are over 70 pupils present each evening. The subjects are the same as those of last winter. The classes are under the supervision of Mr. Rees-Mogg, who is assisted three qualified masters, and are proving of great service to many lads who are unable to reap the advantages of the instruction given at the various day schools in the city.

9th June 1884 Inspector's report included: The Mount Cook schools, whose percentages were low last year, show much higher results this year

2nd July 1884 In another column the Mount Cook School Committee announce the third month of their evening classes for this winter. These classes are taught by efficient masters in the different branches and have become very popular in the district. The terms appear very reasonable; indeed, the charges are fixed so low as to necessitate the committee drawing upon their 'own funds for its support, but the object is to place an opportunity of acquiring a good, sound education within the reach of all. We are happy to know that the efforts of the committee are successful, and trust many more of the youths of our city will seize the chance now offered.

5th August 1884 The following are the results of the competitive examinations in free hand drawing recently conducted at several of the schools under the control of the Board of Education : Included Mount Cook Boys' — Alfred Ashbolt, John McBain, Ernest Balchin, H. G. Francis, E. Jones, Richard Petersen, Robert Reid, W. Keir Scott, and H. Hutchings.

7th August 1884 With reference to the Mount Cook night school, we are informed that the teaching staff has been materially strengthened this month by the engagement of Mr. Barry, of

the Newtown day school. He will take charge of the third class, thus leaving Mr. Rees Mogg free to devote his whole attention to the senior boys. No further change will take place in the conduct of the school. This is an excellent opportunity afforded by the Mount Cook School Committee to lads whose early education has been neglected, and they will be wise who make the most use of it

Results of Pupil Teacher examination

8th August 1884	4th Year Over 19	Francis Mason	Mt Cook Boys'
8th August 1884	4th Year Over 19	James McIntyre	Mt Cook Boys'
8th August 1884	4th Year Over 19	George Robinson	Mt Cook Boys'
8th August 1884	4th Year Over 19	William Toomath	Mt Cook Boys'
8th August 1884	3rd Year Over 17	George Chatwin	Mt Cook Boys'
8th August 1884	3rd Year Over 17	Maud Ryder	Mt Cook Boys'
8th August 1884	2nd Year Over 16	Lewis Dankin	Mt Cook Boys'

17th December 1884 The annual prizes will be distributed in the Mount Cook Schools tomorrow as follows : — To the boys' school at 11 a.m., to the girls' school at 2 p.m. (in the boys' schoolroom). and to the infant schools, Tory street and Courtenay Place, at 4 p.m.

18th December 1884 The tickets seat out for Friday's concert at Mount Cook Infant School will be available this day, the date facing altered.

18th December 1884 MOUNT COOK INFANT SCHOOL. MATINEE, in aid of Annual Tea, THURSDAY, 3 p.m., 18th Instant. Admission Is

26th December 1884 MOUNT COOK BOYS' SCHOOL. The annual distribution of prizes at this School took place yesterday week. The school was crowded, although the number of parents present was not large. Mr A. W. Brown, as chairman of the local School Committee, occupied the chair, several other committee men also being present. Mr Brown, in addressing the boys, congratulated them on the fact that the percentage of passes for the school was 89 per cent. He explained that Mr Blair (chairman of the Education Board) had kindly agreed to distribute the prizes, and then introduced that gentleman, who was received by the boys with great applause. Mr Blair spoke for a few minutes, offering advice to the boys, and congratulating them upon the result of the examination. Mr Allen, a member of the committee, also made a few observations. The prizes were then distributed by Mr Blair, the following being a list of the winners:—

Class I. —A. Burgess, 1 ; A. H. Ashbolt, 2 ; R. Read, 3. Levin prize for good conduct - J. B. Stewart. Hon. mention—C. Ralph, C. Benbow, J. Moffatt, E. Baker, G. Hunter, W. Somerville, J. Peterson, F. Bennett.

Class II.—A. Blair, 1; A. Phelps, 2; J. Levy, 3. Levin prize for good conduct —W. Pearson. Hon. mention —M. Kershaw, H. Flyger, W. Warren, G. Dutch, H. Marchant, F. Young, W. Willson, S. Tripe.

Class III.—H. Hutchings, 1; W. Stack, 2 ; P. Flyger, 3. Levin prize for good conduct... J. McKirdy. Hon. mention W. Stewart, T. Young, J. Smith, D. Parnell, J. Young, W. McMillan, R. Scott, C. Stack, J. Fleming,

Class IV.—R. Archibald 1; W. Maddock, 2; I. Laurence, 3. Levin prize for good conduct—J. Avery. Hon mention—A. Bell, O. Somerville, F. Jones, O. Keith, F. Moore, H. Feltham.

Class V.—P. Petherick, 1; F. Laurence, 2 ; G. Odlin, 3. Levin prize for good conduct— J Flynn. Hon. mention —S. Chisholm, I. Beaglehole, T. Allen, E. Reade, A. Donnelly.

Class VI.—J. Haslam, 1; O. Goff, 2; W. Wilson, 3. Levin prize for good conduct— W Bell. Hon. mention—D. Noble T Eyre, W. Hill, I. Souper, G. Scott, J. Worth, R. McAlpine

VII.—E. Fiebig, 1; F. Brown, 2 ; R. Chote, 3. Levin prize for good conduct—J. Kennedy. Hon. mention—A. Williamson, K. Warren, H. Grahame, A. Laurence, F. Coombes, E. Green.

Class VIII.—C. Haslam, 1; T. McMillan, 2; J. Burton, 3. Levin prize for good conduct —C. Williamson. Hon. mention —H, Young, J. Keith, E. Sheehan, W. Avery,

Class IX.—B. Rash, 1 ; H. Grimstone, 2 ; G. Butts, 3. Levin prize for good conduct J. Stevenson. Hon. mention —R. Williamson, T. Dutch, A. Pudney

Class X.—H. Clark, I; J. McCarrison, 2 ; W. Lyon, 3. Levin prize for good conduct— L. Perrin. Hon. mention —W. Hulbert, J, Aston.

Special prizes.—Writing prize for Class III., given by Mrs Stack, Samuel Mowatt ; spelling prize for Class VII., . given. by Mrs Stack, Alfred Percy ; recitation prize for Class 1., given by Mr David Clark, F. Bennett; special prize given by Mr Blair for dux of the school, A. Burgess,

Subsequently hearty rounds of cheers were given by the boys for Mr Hardy, M.A. (head master of the school), Mr Blair, and the committee. Mention should be made of an admirable recitation by the winner of the recitation prize, Master F. Bennett, who displayed great elocutionary abilities, and an intelligent acquaintance with bis subject. This concluded the proceedings.

1884 Girls'

1884	395	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Katherine H		Head Female	£255.00
1884	395	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£112.10
1884	395	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet		Assistant Female	£110.00
1884	395	Mt Cook Girls'	Maunder	Emma D		Assistant Female	£110.00
1884	395	Mt Cook Girls'	Warren	Minnie		Assistant Female	£110.00
1884	395	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallis	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1884	395	Mt Cook Girls'	Bacon	Mary A		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1884	395	Mt Cook Girls'	Booth	Fanny E		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1884	395	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00

Kate [Ada]Wallis was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Girls' 1880- 1884

Mary A Bacon was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Infants' in 1882 and 1883 and at Mount Cook Girls' in 1884 and 1886. Then in 1889 was at Clareville as an assistant female.

28th May 1884 Wellington Education Board: Kate Madden appointed assistant

5th August 1884 The following are the results of the competitive examinations in free hand drawing recently conducted at several of the schools under the control of the Board of Education : Included Mount Cook Girls' — Alice King, Alice Lee, Emily Randell, Annie Mowbray, and Gertie McVicar.

24th September 1884 Miss Jane Wallace, Mount Cook Boys' School (transferred from Girls' School), vice Mr. Toomath, resigned

Result of Pupil Teacher Examination

8th August 1884 2nd Year Over 16 Annie Rothenberg Mt Cook Girls'

10th October 1884 Miss Jane Wallace, to be transferred from Mount Cook Girls' School to the boys school, vice Miss Toomath resigned

26th November 1884 A month's leave of absence was granted to Miss L. Penney, of the Mount Cook Girls' School, on account of ill-health.

26TH Dec 1884 MOUNT COOK GIRLS' SCHOOL, At 2 o'clock the Boys' Schoolroom was again crowded in every parr, when the prizes were distributed to the attendants of the Girls' School. Mr A. W. Brown, who presided, explained that the Mayor, who was to have distributed the prizes, was absent through indisposition. Mr Fisher, however, was present. Having made a few introductory remarks, Mr Brown, assisted by Mr Allen, proceeded to distribute the prizes, the following being the list of winners Standard VI.—1, N. Hill and J. Quee (equal) ;2, J. Hutchings; 3, J. Wilson ; sewing prize, E. Randall.

Standard V.—Conduct prize, L. Goff ; 1 M. Hutchings ;2, M. Aston ;3, E. Scott; sewing prize, L. Goff; hon. mention, E. Ewing, E. Moffat, E. Dixon, K. Goff, N. Bacon, E. Hutchings, M. Scott, J. McKirdy, A. Welters. Sewing prize, K. Goff (special, Miss McGowan); diligence, J. Stewart (special, Miss McGown).

Standard IV. —Conduct prize, A. Leslie 1, A. Leslie ;2, F. Gray; 3 A. Hill; sewing prize, F. Harris ; special prize by Miss Maunder, A. Leslie ; special prize by Mrs Tarn (conduct). A. Wright; hon. mention, A. Lerwell, B. Emery, E. Bird, G. Forster, L. Miller, C. Ward, A. Grimstone, E. Benbow, A. Tustin.

Standard III.—Conduct prize, A. McKirdy ; 1, J. Young; 2, G. Dixon; 3, J. Leslie; sewing prize, R. Reeve; hon. mention, E. Christie, A. McLeod, A. Trevor, E. Muir, P. Luke, F. Hutchings, R. Foster, E. Blyth. Second Division—Conduct prize, R. Bell; 1 R. Bell; 2, A. Emeny; 3, A. Maddock : sewing prize, A. Daniel ; hon. mention, A. Daniel, E. Saxeby, M. Dixon, E. Waters ; E. Pierlaoni, L. Baker, M. Green, G. Hyde, L. Topp.

Standard II. —Conduct prize, A. Roberts ; 1, E. Walters; 2, A. Bennett ; 3, S. Danks ; sewing prize, A. Prince; hon. mention, _ A. Williams, M. Daniel, M. Flyger, A. Reilly, K. Chote, M. Beavis, S. Hedgeland, F. Zohrab, M. Eagan. Second Division.—Conduct prize, M. Holm ; 1, E. James ; 2, E. Flyger; 3, L. Oliver; sewing prize, E. Hibberd ; hon. mention, F. Hall, N. Wiltshire, E. Young, A. Lee, L. Gaudin.

Standard I. —Conduct prize, E. Wakelin ; 1, E. Johnson-; 2, K. Quin; 3, K. Beck ; sewing prize, L. Luke; hon. mention, A. Butler, B. Day, C. Bowell, E. Billman, _B. Chisholm. Second Division. —Conduct prize, M. Edwards ; 1, M. Smith ; 2, M. McKirdy; 3, E. Mellows ; sewing prize, E. McDougall; hon. mention, E. Hamilton, O. Prince, M. Tees, J. E. Young.

Subsequently the teachers—Miss McGowan, Miss Maunder, Miss Wallace, and Miss Helyer were each presented by their pupils with appropriate tokens of esteem. Mrs Tarn, the mistress of the school, received a handsome present from the teachers. Temperance lesson prizes (special) : Hester Rawnsley, 1 ; Jane Quee, 2 ; N. Hill, 3.

1884 Infants'

1884	330	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine O	Head Female	£240.00
1884	330	Mt Cook Infants '	Wilkinson	Sarah	Assistant Female	£150.00
1884	330	Mt Cook Infants'	Garratt	Fanny	Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1884	330	Mt Cook Infants'	Redwood	Frances	Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1884	330	Mt Cook Infants'	Page	Mary E	Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1884	330	Mt Cook Infants '	Hall	Louisa	Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1884	330	Mt Cook Infants'	Watson	Caroline	Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

1884	330	Mt Cook Infants '	Reeves	Sophia L		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1884	330	Mt Cook Infants'	Stevenson	Mary A		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1884	330	Mt Cook Infants'	Fraser	Sarah		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1884	330	Mt Cook Infants'	Spence	Catherine		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1884	330	Mt Cook Infants'	McKeegan	Lizzie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1884	330	Mt Cook Infants'	Madden	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1884	330	Mt Cook Infants'	Seamer	Mary A		Female Pupil Teacher	£12.00
1884	330	Mt Cook Infants'	Booth	Sarah B		Female Pupil Teacher	£12.00

Louisa Hall taught at Mount Cook Infants' in 1884 and Mount Cook Boys' in 1885 to 1887 as a Pupil Teacher for the Wellington Education Board:

Caroline C Watson was a Pupil Teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1884 to 1885: Courtenay Place in 1886 . Mount Cook Girls' 1887 to 1889 and Terrace 1890 to 1892. From 1893 to 1899 she was an assistant at the Terrace School

1900/5376	Caroline Cudmore Watson	Harry Forsyth
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Sophia Reeves was always a pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board. Mount Cook Infants 1884 and 1885. Te Aro 1886 to 1889. Mount Cook Girls' 1890 and Kilbirnie 1891 to 1893

Mary A Stevenson taught as a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1884 and 1885

Sarah Fraser was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 884 and 1885. And at the Terrace School 1886 to 1890. He then was an assistant teacher at the Terrace School from 1891 to at least 1921

Catherine Spence was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Infants' in 1884 and at Thorndon Infants' in 1885 and 1886

Lizzie [Elizabeth] McKeegan was always a Pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board 1884 and 1885 at Mount Cook Infants' and 1886 to 1891 at Thorndon Infants'

1895/1481	Elizabeth Mary McKeegan	Samuel George Ross
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28th January 1884 PRIVATE KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL. A LADY intends opening the above Sohool. on Wellington Terrace, if sufficient inducement offers. Apply Mrs. Francis, Mount Cook Infant Sohool, Tory-Street.

5th February 1884 A private Kindergarten School is to be opened in St. Andrew's Schoolroom on the 11th inst. by Miss Jupp, sister to Mrs Francis, of the Mount Cook Infant School, As only a limited number of pupils can be accommodated, early application should be made.

8th May 1884 A little boy named Madigan , whose parents reside at the corner of Abel Smith and Cuba-streets, was knocked down by a dray, which passed the Mount Cook School about 3 o'clock. The incident was unobserved by the driver, a man named George Carson, before the child, whose age is said to be only two years, could be picked up by those who witnessed the mishap, one of the wheels passed over the left wrist and broke it. The little fellow was immediately conveyed to the home of his parents, by whom he was conveyed to Dr. Cole's residence. On that gentleman's recommendation, the patient was taken to the Hospital, where his injury was dressed by Dr. Keyworth.

28th May 1884 Wellington Education Board: M A Stevenson and Lizzie Batt appointed to Mount Cook Infants'

11th June 1884 A little boy about six years of age , attending one of the Mount Cook schools, managed yesterday, before he left home, to possess himself of a sovereign which he found within his reach. He called at a grocer's shop on his way and changed the piece of gold for silver. Arrived at the Sohool playground the little fellow (whose impulses were generous if his perceptions of the laws of property were undeveloped) called his favourite playmates round him and proceeded to divide the money. On some of them asking where he got such unbounded wealth he replied, rather Jesuitically, that he had picked it up. In the afternoon the boy's father discovered his loss and spent the evening going round to the houses of the boys' friends, anxious to ascertain if they had seen anything of his twenty shillings. He succeeded in recovering about half of the amount, the rest had gone in lollies and other favourite investments of children

10th July 1884 The private Kindergarten and preparatory school, hitherto conducted by Miss Jupp, will for the future be carried on by the Misses Francis from the Mount Cook Infant Sohool.

24th September 1884 The following probationary teachers were appointed at the meeting of the Board of Education to-day: [Included] Miss Mary Ann Seamer, Mount Cook Infants' School. The appointments will be confirmed if the reports of the head teachers and the Inspector are favourable at the end of three months. ,

Result of Pupil Teacher Examination:

8th August 1884	3rd Year Over 17	Frances E Booth	Mt Cook Infants'
8th August 1884	3rd Year Over 17	Mary A Bacon	Mt Cook Infants'
8th August 1884	3rd Year Over 17	Jane Wallace	Mt Cook Infants'
8th August 1884	2nd Year Over 16	Frances M Garratt	Mt Cook Infants'
8th August 1884	1st Year Over 15	Elizabeth H Batt	Mt Cook Infants'
8th August 1884	1st Year Over 15	Sara Fraser	Mt Cook Infants'
8th August 1884	1st Year Over 15	Louisa Hall	Mt Cook Infants'
8th August 1884	1st Year Over 15	Kate Madden	Mt Cook Infants'
8th August 1884	1st Year Over 15	Mary Page	Mt Cook Infants'
8th August 1884	1st Year Over 15	Fanny Redward	Mt Cook Infants'
8th August 1884	1st Year Over 15	Sophia Reeves	Mt Cook Infants'
8th August 1884	1st Year Over 15	Mary A Stevenson	Mt Cook Infants'
8th August 1884	1st Year Over 15	Catherine Spence	Mt Cook Infants'
8th August 1884	1st Year Over 15	Caroline Watson	Mt Cook Infants'

26th December 1884 MOUNT COOK INFANTS' SCHOOL. The Infants' School in Tory-street was next visited by the Mount Cook Committee. Here the attendance was again a very large one, and it is worthy of notice that among the infants there was more observance of good behaviour than in either of the other schools. Before the illuminated cards were distributed by Mr Brown and Mr Allen the children, under the superintendence of Mrs Francis, gave quite a concert, a number of choruses being admirably rendered. Following is a list of the winners :

1st Class (girls).—Allen, Blair, Barlow, Baker, Chinchin, Daniels, Holmes, Hoffmeister, Hutchings, C. Johnson, Lawson, McLaughlin, McInnis, Meacham, Plimmer, Rielly, Simons, A. Stewart, D. Stewart, Turner, Woodfield, Wilkinson, Russell, Harden, Lett, A. Butler, B. Johnson.

1st Class (boys).—Bell, Bilby, Cooke, Dawson, Estall, Furness, Garratt, Jenkins, Palethorpe, Pearce, Robinson, Smith, Taylor, Tonks, Uridge, Wallace, Warren, Boyd, Barrow, Davidson, Ivor, Miller, Sorenson, Souper, Young.

2nd Class (girls).—Avery, Ahradson, Archer, Bennet, Burton, Butler, Fear, Gordon, Hamilton, Johnson, Lawrence, Mitchell, Orr, Player, Rhodes, Shuttler, Tyrell, Tustin, Turner, Ward, Young, Tasker.

2nd Class, Boys.—Burton, Crombie, Foster, Ferguson, Johnston, Libline, Pickering, Ridding, Roberts, Sturgess, Johnston, Smith, Seamer, Wyndham, Windsor, Webb, Verity, Ryan, Quec, Morris, Craig, Topp, Godber.

3rd Class, Girls.—J. Smith, Neilson, Thacker, Luke, Langden, McAnerion, G. Smith, McDonald, Turner, G. Stewart, Bond, A. Stewart, Norbury, Stevens, Nelson, Craig, Bishop, E. Egan, Somerville, Anderson, George

3rd Class, Boys.—Clark, Dixon, Billows, Curtis, Callem, Calamai, Devenport, Kelly, Charles Luke, Moxam, Randell, Tolly, Wiltshire, Hicks, Carver, Windeley, Pike, Athol Waters, Isherwood, Churchill.

4th Class, Girls.—Ackroyd, Baker, Davison, Daniels. Day, Flyger, Gawne, Guidhall Hepburn, Jansen, Lewis, McLean, McKirdy, Smith, Simpson, Stewart, Tiller, Webb, Archer, McMillan, James, Embury, Renner, Tolly, Dawson, Pettit, Hill, Lockie.

4th Class, Boys. Anderson, Fordham, Frazer, Hancock, Hutson, Lewis, McCarthy, Mann, Mason, Roberts, Wilson, Williams, Wiffen, Williamson, Bowater, Langdon, Levy, Price, Reed, Peck.

5th Class, Girls. —L. Baker, George, Leslie, Widden, McGinnity, Russell, Billows, Peck, Perrin, Short, Davis, Brown, Minola, Milner.

5th Class, Boys.—Barry, Brown, F. Cook O. Cook, Gawne, Minola, Verity, J. Williams Watson, Yeoman, Carr, Kable, Grey, Jacob son, Silver, J. Brown.

6th Class, Girls.—Alice Dyk

1885

Boys' 1885

1885	361	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy B A	Charles J		Headmaster	£360.00
1885	361	Mt Cook Boys'	Jackson	William H		Assistant Master	£ 230.00
1885	361	Mt Cook Boys'	Beck	Edward D		Assistant Master	£ 140.00
1885	361	Mt Cook Boys'	Cox	Theophilus A		Assistant Master	£ 120.00
1885	361	Mt Cook Boys'	Craig	Maggie		Assistant Female	£100.00
1885	361	Mt Cook Boys'	McIntyre	John		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1885	361	Mt Cook Boys'	Chatwin	George W		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1885	361	Mt Cook Boys'	Dakin	Lewis W		Male Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1885	361	Mt Cook Boys'	Ryder	Maude		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1885	361	Mt Cook Boys'	Dyer	Hardwick B		Male Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1885	361	Mt Cook Boys'	Hall	Louise		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1885	361	Mt Cook Boys'	Pringle	Graham		Male Pupil Teacher	£30.00

Hardwick B Dyer only taught for the Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher in 1885 for the EB

Louise [Louisa] Hall was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1884 and Mount Cook Boys' 1885 - 1887

Graham [George S] Pringle was a pupil teacher 1885 to 1888 at Mt Cook Boys'. From 1889 to 1904 he was at Petone School as an assistant and didn't teach for the Wellington Education Board again

Mr Graham Speedy Pringle, who died in Wellington recently, was born in Lower Hutt 71 years ago, being a son of the late Mr and Mrs Alexander Pringle who resided many years at Blackbridge, Lower Hutt, they being very early settlers of the Valley. His father arrived in Wellington by the ship "London" on December 12th' 1840. Mr Pringle was educated at the Hutt School and Wellington College taking up teaching as his profession and for many years was assistant master at the Petone Central School. On account of deafness he retired 34 years ago. He was interested in all sport, especially cricket and in later years a keen golfer. Mr Pringle was unmarried and is survived by one brother, Mr W. P. Pringle of Levin and several nieces and nephews

27th January 1885 The meeting of the householders in the Mount Cook district was hold in tin Boys' School, Taranaki-street. There was a very large attendance). Mr. A. W. Brown, Chairman of the Committee, was voted to the chair. The report, which was read by Mr. F. W. Haybittle, the Secretary, showed that the average attendance during the past year was 1375, being an increase of 233 on Previous year. The total number on the books of the four schools is now 1038.[Includes Courteney Place which I will add on later in this report] The evening classes were carried out as hitherto last winter. The annual examination by the Inspector of Schools was very satisfactory, 89 per cent, of the boys and 83 per cent. of the girls passing. The committee, in their report, recorded with pleasure the vast improvement in conduct and discipline effected of late in the boys' school. Thanks were expressed to Mr. W. H. Levin for his annual donation of £7 7s for the purchase of prizes, and also to others who contributed to the same fund. The balance sheet showed a deficiency of ££2 17s 8d. The Chairman, in reviewing the report and balance-sheet, explained that the number of children attending the Mount Cook schools was now about equal to that on the rolls before the Willis stroot Sohool was opened. He referred with pleasure to the successful result of the Inspector's examination in the Boys' Sohool and explained that in a few days about £80 would be placed to the credit of the schools, so that the now committee would be able to start with a respectable amount in hand. Mr. Brown announced that in consequence of other engagements he did not intend to offer himself for re-election this year. On the motion of Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the report and balance-sheet were adopted. The election of a new committee was then proceeded with. Messrs. Hudson, Hicks, Sweeney, and J. Danks were appointed scrutineers. The ballot resulted in the return of the following gentlemen t -Messrs. W. Alten, G. Norbury, J. Wilson, J. L. Bacon, F. W. Cato, T. Collins, and A. McLeod. On the motion of Mr. Warn, a vote of thanks was passed to the retiring committee, and on the motion of Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Norbury, a Similar compliment was passed to Mr. Brown, who has been chairman of the committee for three years. At a meeting of the new committee, Mr. Allen was elected chairman and Mr. Collins secretary, and Mr. A. W. Brown was nominated as a candidate for a seat on the Board of Education

25th February 1885 Wellington Education Board: H Dyer appointed to Mount Cook Boys'

23rd April 1885 George Stotter, a boy, was brought up, on remand, on a charge of having stolen three suits of clothes from the Te Aro House fire. Mrs. Stotter said that her son saw other boys pick up clothes and thought there was no harm in doing the same thing. Mr. Win. Allen, Chairman of the Mount Cook School Committee, gave the boy a good character. His Worship said he was not disposed to take the boy from the custody of his parents. The youngster was accordingly discharged.

4th May 1885 will be of interest to many of our readers to be reminded that drawing classes have been established in connection with the Mount Cook night school, and pupils may attend these on payment of an almost nominal fee. Remembering the agitation for technical education which is assuming such large proportions throughout the world at the present time, we think that Wellington is to be congratulated upon having, within easy reach, a means by which all her young artisans, of whatever craft, may acquire proficiency in designing and planning out the work to be executed.....

6th June 1885 We are pleased to learn that the re-opening of the Mount Cook evening classes this season has been a great success. There has been an average attendance of 50 during the past month, besides 36 who attend the drawing classes. The teaching staff is highly efficient, being under the able charge of Mr. W. H. Jackson, first assistant-master at the Mount Cook boys' school. In the drawing classes technical drawing in all its branches is taught, and in this department Mr. Jackson is ably assisted by Mr. Thomas Grant, of the Survey Department, who takes great interest in the work, and gives his services free. The fees, which are advertised in another column, appear very reasonable, and we commend this admirable institution to the youth of our city.

6th June 1885 TENDERS wanted for Graveling Playground at Mount Cook Public Schools. For particulars, apply to WM. ALLAN, Tory-street, Chairman of Committee.

29th June 1885 A VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT WILL BE GIVEN IN ST. JOHN'S NEW SCHOOLROOM, DIXON-STREET, ON THURSDAY, 2nd JULY, By the Scholars of the Mount Cook Boys' School, assisted by pupils of Mr. Hautrie West. The proceeds will be in aid of the Prize and Games Fund. Doors open at 7.30, commence at 8 o'clock Admission, 1s ; Children, 6d.

3rd July 1885 The concert given by a number of the boys attending the Mount Cook Boys' School, who were assisted by several of Mr. Hautrie West's pupils, was well attended last evening, St. John's Schoolroom being comfortably filled. The several items on the programme were gone through with spirit, to the thorough amusement of those present. Mr. Jackson, who had the entire training of the boys in their vocal pieces, deserves the highest credit. The discipline and good conduct of the boys on the platform was the subject of general remark. We understand that nearly £20 was received by the sale of tickets and at the door, which sum goes to the prize and game fund of the Mount Cook Boys' School.

21st July 1885 We have received from Mr Fraser, of Manners-street, a copy of Dr Richardson's "Temperance Lesson Book" A decision in its favor may be unhesitatingly pronounced. The book bristles with facts that challenge controversion and are of the utmost value physiologically. We have no hesitation in pronouncing in favor of the teaching of Dr Richardson's book in the public schools of the Colony. It will prove a most valuable adjunct to the ordinary curriculum. It has, we hear, been already introduced to the schools of the Mount

Cook Educational District, and it is to be hoped that the School Committees of other districts will follow the example of Mount Cook.

29th July 1885 Wellington Education Board: Leave of absence, on account of illness, was granted to Mr. Henry [Hardwicke] Dyer, Mount Cook Boys School.....he Chairman, the Architect (Mr, Turnbull), and Mr. A. W. Brown, were appointed a committee to attend to the fixing of grates and heightening of chimneys at Mount Cook School.

Pupil Teacher Examination Passes

29th July 1885	End of 4th Year over 19	Francis Mason	Mount Cook Boys'
29th July 1885	End of 4th Year over 19	James McIntyre	Mount Cook Boys'
29th July 1885	End of 4th Year over 19	George Robinson	Mount Cook Boys'
29th July 1885	4th Year over 18	Geo Chatwin	Mount Cook Boys'
29th July 1885	3rd Year over 17	Lewis Dakin	Mount Cook Boys'
29th July 1885	3rd Year over 17	Maud Ryder	Mount Cook Boys'

14th August 1885 A very interesting and instructive lecture on the coming eclipse was delivered on Tuesday afternoon by the Ven Archdeacon Stock to the senior pupils attending the Mount Cook Boys' School. After commenting on the causes and nature of eclipses generally, the Archdeacon gave the boys some valuable hints as to the best method of observing the eclipse of next month, provided the weather be propitious, pointing out the probable attendant phenomena, and objects of interest observable on its approach.

15th August 1885 The Mount Cook School Committee have been fortunate in securing the services of an able and experienced instructor in this useful art, and a class will be formed at once. The energy and zeal put forth by this committee have already accomplished more than is generally understood by the public of Wellington. is given to over 60 students, a large proportion of whom attend the technical drawing class.

27th August 1885 Wellington Education Board: Leave of absence was Mr H. Dyer (Mount Cook Boys' School).

28th August 1885 Applications were read at the Education Board meeting Wednesday from the Thorndon and Newtown Schools for gymnastic appliances, to cost £4 10s. The Chairman said that if the Committees did not provide the appliances, the sooner the Board discontinued the teacher the better. Mr Young pointed out that the Te Aro School Committee had provided a complete set of appliances, and Mr Beetham said the Mount Cook School Committee had done the same. The applications were not entertained.

28th October 1885 Wellington Education Board: . A letter was read from Mr. C. J. Hardy, of the Mount Cook Boys' School, applying for six month's leave of absence on half pay. Some discussion took place on the subject. The Chairman said that Mr. Hardy proposed to visit Great Britain, and if he went to the Old Country he would inspect the schools there and lay a report before the Board. The application for leave was granted.

28th November 1885 The examination of the children attending the Mount Cook Boys' and Girls' Schools was concluded this week by Mr. R. Lee, Inspector of the Education Board, the result being highly satisfactory. The average of pupils passed for the Boys School was 85 per cent , while that for the Girls' School was 88 per cent. The following are the returns for the various standards:— Boys' School — 1st standard, expected passes, 83— actual passes, 81; 2nd standard, expected passes, 98— actual passes, 83; 3rd standard, expected passes, 79 — actual passes, 53; 4th standard, expected passes, 53— actual passes, 52 ; 5th standard, expected passes 41— actual passes, 31 ; 6th standard, expected passes, 14— actual

passes, 13. Total expected passes, 368 ; actual passes, 314. Girls' School— 1st standard, expected passes, 101 — actual passes, 100 ; 2nd standard, expected passes, 111 — actual passes, 106; 3rd standard, expected passes, 66— actual passes, 53; 4th standard, expected passes, 47 — actual passes, 25 ; 5th standard, expected passes, 31— actual passes, 26 ; 6th standard, expected passes, 21— actual passes, 19. Total expected passes, 380 — actual passes, 334

8th December 1885 The Mount Cook schools, we are informed, will break up for the Christmas holidays on Thursday, the 17th inst. and all the other Board schools in the city on the following day. The prize delivery takes place on the breaking-up day.

11th December 1885 The Rev. John Still, incumbent of St. Paul's, was announced to deliver a lecture on " Melanesia " in St. John's Schoolroom, Willis-street, last evening, in aid of the prize fund of the Mount Cook Schools. Contrary to his expectation the majority of the audience consisted of children, and as he felt that the lecture which he had prepared would not prove to be interesting to them as a collection of stories, he diverged from the path which he had intended to pursue and spent about an hour in relating a number of tales about the inhabitants of Melanesia. The stories were told in a very happy manner, and the attention of the juveniles was completely riveted. Before the rev. gentleman had risen to speak, and after he had resumed his seat, some of the pupils of the Mount Cook Girls' School contributed part songs very successfully. Mr. Wm. Allen, Chairman of the Mount Cook School Committee, presided. A vote of thanks having been accorded to the Rev. J. Still, the New Zealand National Anthem was sung, and the assemblage dispersed

25th December 1885 [Correct Date] Mr Allen, Chairman of the Mount Cook School Committee, informs us that the Committee have carefully investigated the awarding of the prizes, and they are of opinion that the rules laid down by Mr Lee, Inspector of Schools, have been adhered to in every instance.

31st December 1885 The prizes were distributed yesterday week by Mr J. R. Blair, Chairman of the Education Board. The schoolroom was nicely decorated with flowers and evergreens, the word " Welcome" being neatly worked in. Several ladies and gentlemen were present, including the following members of the School Committee :—Messrs W. Allen (Chairman), J. Wilson, and G. Norburyd Mr Allen referred to the satisfactory position of the school, the average number of passes having been 85 per cent. Although not so high as last year, when the average was 89 per cent still it must be considered very good. The result showed that honest work had been performed by the pupils and their teachers. Out of the sixteen candidates who had passed the Civil Service examination , during the past three years, no less than seven had received their education at the Mount Cook Boys' School. (Applause.) Mr Blair said he felt great pleasure in presenting the prizes for the third time—all the more so as his own sons had been educated at the school. (Applause.) He congratulated them on the progress they had made during the past year, but regretted Mr Hardy's absence, although he was enjoying a well-deserved holiday. He regretted to learn that some of the boys were in the habit of smoking cigarettes, and hoped they would abandon such an unhealthy practice, which could not possibly do them any good. The result of the examination of the papers in connection with temperance showed a considerable amount of literary ability. Mr Blair then distributed the prizes as follows;

Class L—1, A. Phelps; 2, A. Blair; 3, W. Pearson. Levin prize, C. Ralph. Hon mention, G. Dutch, H. Marchant, Odlin, J. McCallum.

Class II.—1, W. Stack; 2. T. Young; 3, C. Dempsey, Devin prize, J. Avery. Hon mention, C. Stack, J. Young, G. Lawrence, W. Bell, W. Stewart, J. Fleming.

Class III.—I, O. Goff; 2, G. Smith; 3, W. Wilson. Levin prize, J. Haslam. Hon mention, J. Souper, W. Hill, E. Reade, J. Booth, W. James.

Class IV.—1, J. Beaglehole; 2, S. Bath; 3, A. Donnelly. Levin prize, F. Lawrence. Hon mention, W. Beauchamp, D. McLeod, E. Young, H. Hancock, P. Hamilton.

Class V.—1, W. Graincy ; 2, C. Haslam : 3, W. Aston. Levin prize. A. Purcell. Hon mention, E. Kellow, A. Turner, J. Keith, R. Perrin,' — Carson.

Class VI.—1, T. Eyre; 2. E. Fiebig ;3, F. Blair, Levin prize, E. Pluraley, Hon mention, W. Billman, F. Brown, T. Brown, W. Fryer, M. Beck, A. Craig,

Class VII.—I, A. Hutson; 2. G. Butts ; 3, A. Miller. Levin prize, J. Fleming. Hon mention, W. Hansen, H. Grimstone, G. Hardham, O. Ivar, A. Brown.

Class VIII.—I, E. Tonks; 2, B. Rash; 3, H. Lawrence. Levin prize, T. Ryan. Hon mention, H. Clarke, W. Reade, A. Alpe, R. Wilson, S. Woods, D. McInnesa, J. Aston. Class IX.—1, F. Ryder; 2, O. Benson; 3, E. Beauchamp. Levin prize, H. Souper. Hon mention, G. Watts, W. Higginbottom, C. Webb, S. Luke, J. Andrews, H. Jenkins. Class X.—1, A. Robinson; 2, J. Kellow. Levin prize, C. Thompson. Hon mention, W. Tonks, J. James, W. Quee, G. McGhie.

Special Prizes—For temperance examination —1, W. Pearson; 2, O. Ralph; 3, M. Manthel. Botany prizes (Mr Furdie's)—1, G. O. Gill; 2, J. McCallum. Mr Blair thanked those who were present. It showed that they took an interest in what was erroneously called our system of free education. Three cheers were given for Mr Blair, Mr Alien, Mr Hardy, and Mr Jackson. Several glee, were sung, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem

1885 Girls'

1885	353	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Katherine H		Head Female	£255.00
1885	353	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£112.10
1885	353	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet		Assistant Female	£110.00
1885	353	Mt Cook Girls'	Maunder	Emma D		Assistant Female	£110.00
1885	353	Mt Cook Girls'	Cook	Jane M		Assistant Female	£80.00
1885	353	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Kate		Assistant Female	£80.00
1885	353	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£80.00
1885	353	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1885	353	Mt Cook Girls'	Bacon	Mary A		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1885	353	Mt Cook Girls'	Booth	Fannie E		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1885	353	Mt Cook Girls'	Redward	Fannie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Jane M Cook only worked for the Wellington Education Board in 1885

Elizabeth Wallace only worked for the Wellington Education Board in 1885 as an assistant teacher

2nd January 1895 It is but a short time ago that two College masters received presentations from their pupils. Yesterday, week the teacher* of the Mount Cook Girls' School had a similar compliment paid them

13th February 1885 At St. Peter's Church yesterday week a marriage took place between Mr H. de V. Gilbert, of Messrs Wilson and Richardson, and Miss Ada C. Walks, fourth daughter of Mr W. Wallis, builder, of Nairn-street. The bride having been, until recently, engaged as a pupil teacher at the Mount Cook School, about 200 or 300 children assembled in the church to witness the ceremony, which was thus rendered very attractive ; and a band serenaded the newly-married couple during the evening

25th February 1885 Wellington Education Board: Jessie Hutchens appointed to Mount Cook Girls'

30th April 1885 Wellington Education Board: Mount Cook. —Miss Booth, of the Mount Cook Girls' School, was granted leave of absence on account of ill-health. £6 was allowed for removing a slip of earth.

19th June 1885 A letter was read from the Inspector of Nuisances, at the meeting of the City Council last night, enclosing a communication which he had forwarded to Mr William Allen, chairman of the Mount Cook School Committee, In reference to the Buckle-street Girls' School. Five of the water-closets were In an indescribable state of filth. The drains and sinks around the school were choked up, and the water was flowing under the school One of the teachers was laid up with sore throat, and also one of the pupils. The Lady Principal stated that she received letters every week from parents of pupils attending the school, complaining of illness. Councillor Danks suggested that the Board of Health should employ men to clean the drains out and charge it to the School Committee. He hoped the Press would give publicity to the letter. Councillor Petherick moved, "That the Inspector of Nuisances take steps in the matter, and that every school in the city should be inspected." Councillor A. W. Brown deprecated creating a scare, stating that he had no doubt the School Committee would act as soon as the letter reached them. Councillor Newman, who seconded the motion, praised the Inspector of Nuisances for drawing attention to the matter ; he had merely done his duty. It was advisable that the papers should publish it, as steps would then be taken to abate the nuisance. Councillor McKenzie said that one of the most important duties a School Committee could perform was to attend to the sanitary condition of the school. The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

20th June 1885 An inspection of the Buckle-street School was made this morning by Mr. J. E. Blair (Chairman of the Board of Education), Mr. J Young (a member of that body), and Messrs. Turnbull and Dorset (architect and secretary to the Board respectively) for the purpose of satisfying themselves as to the correctness of the report presented to the City Council by Mr. A. G. Johnson, Inspector of Nuisances. The gentlemen mentioned were shown over the buildings and grounds by Mr. William Allen, Chairman of the Mount Cook School Committee, and after finishing the inspection they expressed the opinion that the inspector had been rather hasty in reporting as he did. It was ascertained that when Mr. Johnson visited the school the water-closets, which are used by 370 children, were rather full, but would in any case have been cleaned out on the following morning. The deputation considered that the ventilation of the premises was satisfactory. With regard to the drains, the deputation were informed that when they were inspected by Mr. Johnson they were choked by the gravel swept into them by the rain of the previous day. Before they were working perfectly. Mr. Blair and the other gentleman also visited the Infant School and the Boys' School and found everything in a satisfactory state. -

24th June 1885 Wellington Education Board: Miss Ellen Wallace was appointed an extra pupil teacher at the Mount Cook Girls' School. The Mount Cook Committee presented a report on the condition of the Buckle-street School. The Committee denied that the sanitary condition of the school was in any way unsatisfactory. They suggested that some surface drains should be laid down. The Chairman said he had visited the school and considered Mr. Johnson's report was overdrawn.

Pupil Teacher Examination Passes

29th July 1885 4th Year over 18 Francis Booth Mount Cook Girls'

29th July 1885 3rd Year over 17 Annie Rothenberg Mount Cook Girls'

28th November 1885 MR Lee's examination result for Mount Cook Girls'— 1st standard, expected passes, 101 — actual passes, 100 ; 2nd standard, expected passes, 111 — actual passes, 106; 3rd standard, expected passes, 66— actual passes, 58; 4th standard, expected passes, 47 — actual passes, 25 ; 5th standard, expected passes, 31— actual passes, 26 ; 6th standard, expected passes, 21— actual passes, 19. Total expected passes, 380 — actual passes, 334.

30th November 1885 (ST. ANDREW'S DAY). THE Mount Cook Schools are CLOSED TODAY, by order of their Committee.

31st December 1885 MOUNT COOK GIRLS' SCHOOL. The prizes were distributed Thursday week in the Boys' School by the Mayor (Mr A. W. Brown), who spoke of his recent connection with the Committee, and the interest he still felt in the progress of the school. He congratulated the pupils in having made an increase in the number of passes, which averaged 88 per cent. He thought a larger room was necessary, and he would endeavor to procure it for them. (Applause). Mr Allen (Chairman of the School Committee) referred to the irregular attendance and urged the parents not to keep their children away for any trivial causes. There had been an increase of 75 pupils in the school during the year, which was very satisfactory. Referring to the examination on temperance subjects, he congratulated the Sixth Standard on the neatness of their papers and the excellence of their answers ; but in the Fifth Standard the papers showed a want of knowledge of Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book, which the teacher had attributed to the fact that they had only been studying it a year. The attendance at the school had increased so much that the Committee were going to apply to the Board for an extra room, and they would take a mental promise from Mr Brown that he would support it. (Applause.) The Mayor distributed the prizes as follows ;

Standard 1., teacher Miss F. Redward.—1, M. Turner; 2, E. Turner ; needlework—K. Barry ; conduct—G. Howell; cards of merit, sewing—B. Thacker, E. Lett, A. Shortt, L. Wilton, L. Gordon ; for attendance—M. Bennett, M. Turner, E. Turner, I. Atkinson, M. Egan, A. Findlay, E. Williams, M. Harvey ; M. Maslin ; special prize for writing (Mrs Tarn) —E. Edwards.

Standard 1., teacher Miss F. Booth—1, M. Benbow ; 2, M. Smith ; needlework —R. Mason ; conduct—M. Hanway ; cards of merit, sewing—L. McDougall, K. Dempsey, F. Ahradsen, E. Beauchamp, A. Godber; for regular attendance—K. Dempsey, A. Billman, A. Read, C. Forster, M. Fletcher, M. Johnson, S. Findlay, M. Luman, L. McDougall, J. Young.

Standard II., teacher Miss Rothenburg—1, S. Goff; 2, M. McLealand ; needlework—E. Wiltshire; conduct—E. Bishop; cards of merit, needlework—K. Hutchings, C. Liez, J. Ward, E. Coom, M. Somerville ; for attendance—C. Liez, A. Myers, M. Somerville, E. Wiltshire, E.

Johnson, R. Scott, S. Goff; special prize for writing (Mrs Tarn) — U. Liez; honorable mention, K. Stewart, L. Hicks, C. Richards.

Standard II., teacher Miss Lawson.—1, K. Beck; 2, M. Wakelin; needlework—E. Johnson ; conduct—M. Fleming; cards of merit, needlework—R. Naylor, C. Short, F. Tiller, L. Colwell; for attendance— K. -Quin, K. Chote, E. Johnson, E. Gurney, F. Bird, O. Ivor, L. Colwell; special prize for conduct by J. Lachman, Esq.—M. Howe; do by Miss Lawson—F. Bird, hon mention, C. Jacomb, J. Luke, C. Short.

Standard 11., teacher Miss Bacon—1, L. Wakelin; 2, L. McIntosh ; needlework—O. Prince ; conduct —M. Edwards; cards of merit for needlework —M. Edwards, E. Hamilton, E. Weston, L. Wakelin, B. Puller; cards of merit for attendance —L. Dorizac, M. Wilson, A. Butler, M. McKirdy, A. Thompson, M. Edwards, R. Gardner, N. Vincent, K. Frost, M. Plumley; special prize by Miss Bacon for neat work— A. Butler; hon mention, B. Chisholm.

Standard III., teacher Miss E. Wallace.— I, M. Miller; 2, M. Holm ; needlework—M. Pearman; conduct—C. Stewart; cards of merit for attendance—R. Maslin, A. Percy, F. Ahradsen, B. Fleming, A. Cuthbertson, M. Simpson, A. Leo, R. Bell, E. Perham; cards for sewing—S. Romerd, E. Jenkins; hon mention—E. Pickles.

Standard 111., Miss Cook —1, E. Waters; 2, A. Roberts; needlework—A. Prince ; conduct— R. Forster; cards of merit for needlework —A. Rudman, E. Baker, M. Brown, A. Reilly, M. Beavis ; cards of merit for attendance—C. Young, A. Bennett, A. Goldfinch, M. Beavis, G. Wright, A. Reilly, C. Campbell, A. McLeod, A. Wolters, M. McIntosh ; special prize for conduct, by J. Lachman, Esq.—B. Williams.

Standard IV., teacher Miss Maunder.—1, J. Young; 2, M. Dixon; needlework—L. Topp; conduct—F. Wilkinson; cards of merit for needlework —E. Liez, L. Baker, E. Mather, A. Haddock, E. Holmes; cards of merit for attendance—A. Haddock, F. Dixon, C. Bovis, E. Holmes, M. Orr, A. McKirdy, H. Fraser, F. Hutchings, E. Mather, M. Dutch ; special prize for good homework, by Miss Maunder— E. Holmes.

Standard V., teacher Miss McGowan.—1, F. Gray; 2, M. Scott; needlework—F. Harris; conduct —G. Forster; cards of merit for needlework—E. Benbow, M. Budd, F. Gray, A. Grimstone, E. Ashbolt ; cards of merit for attendance—A. Hill, E. Ewing, A. Maslin, E. Hedgeland, R. Laurence, A. Tustin, L. Miller, E. Ashbolt, F. Wallis, B. Benbow, A. Grimstone ; special prize for conduct by J. Lachman, Esq—A. Hill. Standard VI.—Teacher, Miss Helyer—E. Scott and L. Moffat , equal; needlework—F. Gill; conduct —S. Rothenberg ; cards for needlework —B. Scott, A. Fordham, E. Landers, L. Fuller, E. Redward, A. King; cards for attendance—D. Holm, N. Bacon, E. Landers, E. Dixon, L. Fuller, E. Redward, H. Rawnsley, M. Wright, E. Mowbray, A. Fordham.

Special prizes.—For home work, by Miss Helyer—F. Gill. By J. Lachman, Esq. (spelling)— S. Rothenberg. By Miss Helyer (diligence)—L. Moffat, For politeness, by Mrs A. Brown—A. Tustin, L. Ashbolt, M. Sexton. For temperance —1, J. Wilson ; 2, F. Gill. For botany—1 (from Education Board), F. Gill; 2 (from M. Purdie), F. Gill. Hon mention and card of merit to those who having passed Standard VI. have remained another year at school —J. Wilson, E. Gibb, J. Hutchens, N. Hill.

Mr James Wilson and Mr G. Norbury (members of the Committee), and several ladies and gentlemen were present during the proceedings*

1885 Infants'

1885	437	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	K A		Head Female	£255.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants '	Evans	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants'	Cook	Annie A		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants'	Watson	Caroline		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants'	Reeves	Sophia A		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants '	Stevenson	Mary A		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants'	Madden	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants '	Fraser	Sarah		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants'	McKeegan	Lizzie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants'	Seamer	Mary A		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants'	Booth	Sarah B		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants'	Lockie	Lizzie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants'	Hutchens	Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants'	Thorburn	Catherine		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants'	Hutchens	Emma		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1885	437	Mt Cook Infants'	Treadwell	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Mary Evans only taught for Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Girls' in 1885 and 1886

Annie A Cook only taught for Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Girls' in 1885

Lizzie Lockie was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1885 and 1886 and Mount Cook Girls' in 1887

24th January 1885 Mrs. Wilkinson was a teacher in one of the public schools (the Mount Cook Infants') and was in receipt of a salary of £3 per week. The other night the son fell down in a fit outside his mother's house. Witness went in to the mother's house and told the daughter that her brother was lying in a fit outside the door. The daughter said her mother was sick in bed, and she then closed the door. Witness had been told that the son had been turned away from home. The son had become a member of the Salvation Army ; his mental condition had not been improved by the connection with that body. Witness was cognizant of the fact that the young man had been for some time a patient in the Lunatic Asylum. Witness was satisfied the son could not support himself. Alfred G. Johnson, Secretary to the Benevolent Institution, gave evidence that he had known the young man for several years. He did not consider he was able to support himself, and if it had not been for assistance rendered by several friends he would several times have been in a pitiable condition. A brother-in-law of young Wilkinson had told witness that the mother appeared to be quite callous as to her son's welfare. [Part of a very long report]..... Mrs. Wilkinson stated that she was separated from her husband, the first protection order issued in Wellington having been issued to her. She and her daughter were employed in the State schools, their joint income being £175 per annum. Her son was not safe by himself in a house. The young man's father was now in Auckland. His Worship made an order for the payment of 14s per week towards the support of the young man

26th February 1885 At the Education Board meeting yesterday Dr Newman said he had been requested by a single lady in the city, who proposed to enter upon teaching as a profession, to ask permission for her to spend a couple of months in the Mount Cook Infant School. It having

been intimated that the mistress of the school had no objection, and that the lady did not expect any remuneration, it was decided to grant the request.

27th May 1885 Wellington Education Board: Pupil Teacher appointed Mount Cook Infant School Walter Britland [By December 1885 Walter Britland was at Newtown School]

Pupil Teacher examination passes

29th July 1885	4th Year over 18	Mary Bacon	Mt Cook Infants'
29th July 1885	3rd Year over 17	Frances Garratt	Mt Cook Infants'
29th July 1885	2nd Year over 16	Sarah Fraser	Mt Cook Infants'
29th July 1885	2nd Year over 16	Louisa Hall	Mt Cook Infants'
29th July 1885	2nd Year over 16	Walter Britland	Mt Cook Infants'
29th July 1885	2nd Year over 16	Kate Madden	Mt Cook Infants'
29th July 1885	2nd Year over 16	Mary Page	Mt Cook Infants'
29th July 1885	2nd Year over 16	Sophia Reeves	Mt Cook Infants'
29th July 1885	1st Year over 15	Walter Britland	Mt Cook Infants'
29th July 1885	1st Year over 15	Caroline Watson	Mt Cook Infants'

15th August 1885 Start of a long article: A display of Kindergarten models for infant lessons by Mrs. C. A. Francis, of the Mount Cook Infant School, is specially deserving of mention. The selection is known as the Blue Box Series. Mrs. Francis, who occupies the position of mistress of the Mount Cook Infant School, Tory -street, thus explains the object and uses of her exhibit, which, to the casual observer, appears merely a collection of children's toys, though it is in reality a series of practical lessons for the infant school. The series is an adaptation of the Kindergarten system, to suit the conditions and requirements of that class of school in this colony; that is to say, instead of a set of appliances being supplied to each child, one set is sufficient for the whole school, and any one of the series is ample for the instruction in its special lessons of any number of children simultaneously. In this way, where, in the Kindergarten system proper, only some 200 children could be conveniently taught, by Mrs. Francis' adaptation, as proved in the Mount Cook School, upwards of 600 can without difficulty, or any sacrifice of educational discipline, successfully receive an excellent foundation of knowledge before grappling with the sterner realities of the three R's. In brief. Mrs. Francis has secured all the practical results of the Kindergarten system combined with the utmost possible economy of outlay and available space.....

28th August 1885. Wellington Education Board: Leave granted to Miss M A Seamer Mount Cook Infants'

2nd September 1885 We regret to record the death of Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson, teacher in the Mount Cook Infant School, Tory-street. The deceased lady had been in the service of the Wellington Education Board for the last 14 years and has been ailing for some time past. She leaves a grown-up family. Mrs. Wilkinson was the mother of the unfortunate lad Alfred Wilkinson, who left for England by the Ruapehu last Sunday.

19th September 1885 With reference to the statement that the conduct of some school teachers in not keeping their children in proper order on the occasion of a recent visit to the Exhibition, is to be brought under the notice of the Education Board, we are requested to mention that the visit of the Mount Cook and Newtown Schools yesterday was as well conducted and orderly as could be desired. The alleged disorder took place on Tuesday, when the children, at the

conclusion of the entertainment in the concert hall, were allowed to rush the passage between the Drillshed and the Exhibition

1st October 1885 Wellington Education Board: Appointed Mr Graham Pringle, pupil teacher in the Mount Cook Infant School. The meeting gave the Chairman the right to make some alterations in the staff (of the Mount Cook Infant School).

7th December 1885 The Mount Cook Infant school out a new line in the matter of school entertainments. "Red Riding Hood," a sparkling cantata by J. Astor Broad, is to be performed in character and with full scenery at the Lyceum Hall on Saturday afternoon next. We expect to see the youngsters of WELLINGTON generally and their parents muster in full form

14th December 1885 Broad's school cantata "Red Riding Hood" was performed at the Lyceum on Saturday afternoon by the children attending the Mount Cook Infant School.-and was in every respect a great success. The cantata is admirably adapted to youthful voices, but the manner in which the little ones acquitted themselves reflects the greatest amount of credit on Mrs. Francis, the mistress of the school, who arranged the affair, and who drilled the little people in their respective parts. There were upwards of 60 children in the performance, and the different pictures and groupings and also the picturesque dresses called forth the highest encomiums from those present. The principal performers were Miss McKeegan, who impersonated the Housewife; Miss Treadwell, who was Red Riding Hood; Miss Cook, who took the part of the Rose; Master F. Young, who played the Wolf; and Master Thorburn who enacted the Woodman. The teachers and the children all sang very sweetly and were heartily applauded. No small amount of the success was due to the admirable manner in which the accompaniments were played by Miss S. Booth,

31st December 1885 The prizes were distributed by Mr Allen chairman of the School Committee Thursday week Mr G. Norbury and Mr James Wilson (members of the Committee), Mr A. W. Brown (Mayor) and a large number of ladies were present Mr Allen said that there were 523 on the school register, but 100 were absent through the whooping cough and the mumps, Fifty three had passed in the First Standard, and five in the Second Standard. No less than 444 children were admitted during the year, so that Mrs Francis was constantly passing them on to the other schools. The following certificates were then presented to those who passed the standards

; Girls. Maude Avery, Mena Ahrens, Maude Swain, Daisy Stuart, A. Stewart, M. Porter, M. Wakelin, C. Jansen, J. Hoffmeister, A. Godber. A. Beavis, Amy Butler, Barbara Johnson. Ellen Gallagher, Mary McLeod, Florie Plimmer, Annie Orr, Agnes Wilkinson, Louise Bunkenburg, Annie Luke, Alice Hutchings, Maggie McInnis, Alice Lawrence, Carrie Bond, Lily Somerville, Edith Hawthorn, M. McDonald, Ethel Turner, Maggie Sloan, Emma Craig, Kate Stephens. Boys.—W. Taylor, W. Miller, J. Ferguson, W. Bilby, J. Sexton, W. Tonks, E. Page H. 'Mason, A. Goldfinch, F. Phillips, B. Hedgeland, A. Davidson, J. Mackie, R. Uridge, J. Robertson, A. Jenkins, A. Campbell. A. Kellow, H. Garbes, Edward Johnson, J. Furness, Alfred Burton, Francis Hicks, Arthur Devonport, James Allen, John Boyd, Alfred Ivor, William Ward, Arthur Hollis, John Bell, William Hawthorn, Lawrence O'Brien, Mark Pike, John Ryan, Henry Roberts, Alfred Seamer, Frederick Randell, Edmund Spencer, Albert Somerville, George Simpson, George Wiltshire, Henry Coombes, Harry Pierce.

First Class —Boys.—J. Barrett, S. Billows, B. Bowater, F. Christie, A. Callem, G. Gandy, F. Glover, F. Holmes, H. King, C. Luke, C. McCarthy, W. Mason, W. Price, G. Peck, A. Prictor, G. Roberts, O. Tonks, E. Wylie, A. Waters, H. Williams, W. Windeliv.

Girls — M. Day, A. Jansen, K. McLean, J. Neilson, R. Nelson, J. Norbury, O. Osborne, M. Purcell, M. Richards, E. Swain, J. Smith, G. Smith, A. Stuart, A. J. Young.

Second Class—Girls. —M. George, E. Giddal, G. Halley, E. McAnerin, T. McKirdy, L. McGuinness, L. Richardson, F. Thatcher, J. Smith, E. Ackroyd, A. Dawson, A. Davis.

Boys—W. Priest, W. Jacobson, J. Levy, W. Langdon, J. McGilvery, H. Moore, A. Churchill, G. Carver, F. Hancox, W. Watson, S. Smith.

Third Class—Girls—A. Richardson, L. Hutchings, M. Tolly, J. Foster, M. Wilton.

Boys—W. Twentyman, W. Young, B. Mason, L. Smith, J. Young, F. Silver, W. Roberts, F. Ritson, O. Miller, W. Gandy, A. Giesen, A. Ferguson, B. Daniels, B. Coulton, F. Cheesman, E. Baker, L. Van, G. Waters.

Fourth Class—Girls—Isabel Osborne, Annie Rose, Ada Clarke, Edith Payne, May Nicols, Lillie Simpson.

Boys Albert Jenkins, Robert Churnside, William Symons, Thomas Johnson, Claude Smith, Edward Barry.

Fifth Class—Girls —Annie Dwyer, Ethel Spencer, Olive Goldfinch, Ethel Craig, Annie Langdon, Annie Williamson, Isabel Berg.

Boys—James Bond, John Brown, William Dobson, James Perim, Thomas McLaughlin, John Andrews, Smedley Hedgeland, Sidney Dempsey.

Sixth Class—Girls—S. Gardiner, J. Roberts. Boys—E. Gardiner, F. Windeliv, J. Woodward, The Chairman announced that there would be another performance of “ Red Riding Hood ” after the holidays, to pay for tea to which they were about to be entertained. Three cheers were given for Mr Allen and for Mrs Francis and the other teachers. The children sang “ Home Sweet Home,” “I love my own New Zealand Home” (composed by Mr Grigg, a teacher at the Thames), “God Save the Queen,” and some other airs very nicely.

1886

1886 Boys'

1886	424	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy B A	Charles J		Headmaster	£370.00
1886	424	Mt Cook Boys'	Jackson	William H		Assistant Master	£ 230.00
1886	424	Mt Cook Boys'	Beck	Edward D		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1886	424	Mt Cook Boys'	Dodwell	James C		Assistant Master	£ 120.00
1886	424	Mt Cook Boys'	Cherrett	Jessie		Assistant Female	£90.00
1886	424	Mt Cook Boys'	Chatwin	George W		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1886	424	Mt Cook Boys'	Dakin	Lewis W		Male Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1886	424	Mt Cook Boys'	Ryder	Maude		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1886	424	Mt Cook Boys'	Drummond	Robert		Male Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1886	424	Mt Cook Boys'	Pringle	George S		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1886	424	Mt Cook Boys'	Hall	Louisa		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1886	424	Mt Cook Boys'	Hopkirk	John B		Male Pupil Teacher	£40.00

James C Dodwell only 1886 and 1887 for the Wellington Education Board at Mount Cook Boys'

Jessie Cherrett was an assistant teacher at Newtown 1883 to 1885 and at Mount Cook Boys' 1886 to 1889.

Miss Jessie Cherrett, of Mount Cook Boys' School, applied for leave of absence for three months from the 1st of February. It was decided to request her to apply again at the January meeting. Resigned 18th December 1889 from Wellington Education Board – In 1914 was teaching at Wanganui Collegiate School for Girls

Robert Drummond from 1886 to 1889 was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Boys'. 1890 to 1892 was an assistant at Mount Cook Boys'. 1893 and 1894 he was Headmaster at Te Horo. 1895 to 1898 Head at Parkvale [East of Carterton] and 1900 to 1908 Head of Clareville. In 1908 he opened Lansdowne School in Masterton until 1921 and from around 1923 was Headmaster of Masterton Central School

John B Hopkirk was a Pupil Teacher at Mount Cook Boys' 1886 to 1888. An assistant at Featherston 1889 to 1890/1891 and 1892 was at Pirinoa 1893 to 1898 was head of Hamua [Between Pahiatua and Eketahuna]. In 1899 appointed Head of Brooklyn and was there to at least 1923 when my records end.

22nd January 1886 Wellington Education Board: Applicants for Headmaster of Kilbirnie School included T A Cox two years under Wellington Education Board third assistant Mount Cook Boys' school. D certificate

22nd January 1886 In consequence of Mr Bennett's appointment to the Newtown School, it was decided, on the motion of the Rev Mr Paterson, seconded by Mr Young, to offer the appointment of head master of the Johnsonville School to Mr Ward, now first assistant at the Carterton School. Dr Newman dissented, stating that he thought Mr Cox should be appointed, but it was not deemed advisable to interfere with the present arrangements of the Mount Cook Boys' School, as the head master was away on leave of absence. It was understood that on a future occasion Mr Cox's claims should be favorably considered.

27th January 1886 Wellington Education Board: Mr T A Cox assistant master at Mt Cook Boys' applied for an increase in salary

13th February 1886 Wellington Education Board: Assistant Master Mt Cook Boys' salary £120

17th February 1886 The Mount Cook School Committee held its usual monthly meeting last evening, when the Chairman reported that the growing demands of Te Aro District made the girls' school in Buckle - street inadequate. The urgency of the matter would require the attention of the Education Board. The Chairman also reported that a little unpleasantness had been caused to some scholars and parents in the sale of School requisites at the school ; the committee therefore unanimously agreed that the practice be discontinued and scholars purchase where they pleased. Mr.[Mrs] Francis applied for an assistant teacher to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Wilkinson. It was decided that the committee would support the two local candidates who seek re-election upon the Educational Board, viz., Messrs. Newman and Blair.

25th February 1886 Wellington Education Board: Rev J. C. Dodwell third assistant at Mount Cook Boy's School (salary £120).

28th April 1886 Wellington Education Board: Mr. H. B. Dyer, Mount Cook Boys' School resignation accepted. Mr T Brown appointed to Mount Cook Boys'

28th April 1886 Complaints were made at the meeting of householders in the Mount Cook district, held last evening, that their children had been compelled to purchase books from the teachers, at higher prices than were asked by stationers. Mr. Allan, as chairman of the outgoing committee, said that a resolution had been passed forbidding the practice of soiling books at the school, but as some of the teachers had stocks in hand, they were allowed to dispose of them. The committee had, however, determined that, if re-elected, they would fix a date on which the sale must absolutely be stopped. An objection was raised by a householder to the effect that there was no guarantee that new stocks would not be obtained surreptitiously, and the practice be continued. Mr. Allan suggested that the meeting should pass a resolution calling upon the Committee to pledge themselves not to permit the sale of school-books, which would strengthen the hands of the Committee.

28th April 1886 In a long report this was the opening Mr. C. J. Hardy, headmaster of the Mount Cook Boys' School, has sent us from England the following interesting extract from his log of the voyage Home: — "At Port Said I visited the native schools, each comprising about 60 children. The first one I saw was held in a square verandah at the corner of the fruit market.....

29th April 1886 Wellington Education Board: Appointment Mr T Brown assistant at Mount Cook £120

30th April 1886 MOUNT COOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE. There was a attendance at the Mount Cook Boys' School. The chair was occupied by his Worship the Mayor. The Chairman of the Committee (Mr W. Allen) read the annual report, as follows :—"Your Committee have to report that during our term of office we received from the Board and other sources, as mentioned in the balance-sheet, the sum of £536 10s 4d, all of which has been spent for school purposes. We began the year with a debit balance of £22 17s 83, and we now finish our term almost free of debt, a state of affairs which ought to be considered highly satisfactory, when we take into consideration the fact that during the year we carried out several extensive and costly repairs ; and the schools are now in a better state of repair than they have been for several years. The boys school, Taranaki-street, will always be a cause of unnecessary expense to the Committee, owing to the ground at the rear of the school not being properly fenced. A portion of the fencing has already been done by the Defence Department, and we should be glad to see the work completed, as in its present unprotected state the school will always suffer from the depredations of the destructive larrikin. The girls' school, Buckle-street, has been very much crowded for some time past, and the Board, at the request of the Committee, are now having extensive additions made to the building, when there will be ample accommodation for all who may apply for admittance to that institution. The teaching staff in the several schools is complete and efficient, and, judging from the result of the recent examinations, the householders of the district. have reason to congratulate themselves. It is also worthy of mention that during the year there has not been a single complaint of any importance from either parents or teachers, a circumstance which speaks well for the discipline in our schools, and the harmony which exists between teachers and scholars. The attendance has also kept up well throughout the year. The number on roll at the end of last quarter was 1700, and the average attendance 1350. The average we consider exceptionally good when we remember that over 700 of these are under eight years of age. For four months during the winter a night school for lads and young men was successfully carried on ; the classes were well attended, and a deal of good work was done, many of the pupils showing very marked progress toward the close of

the term. We hope to see the work carried on another year, as there are a large number of those who attended last year who are desirous of continuing their studies. We would suggest to the new Committee the desirableness of trying to secure some guarantee toward the expenses of the night school, as the fear of getting into debt in a great measure ties the hands of the Committee and prevents them making the classes so successful as they might otherwise become. During the year we had two entertainments, the proceeds of which did much to supplement our funds, and the exercises in singing were a decided benefit to the boys and girls. Great credit is due Misses McGowan and Maunder and Mr W. H. Jackson for the amount of trouble they took in preparing the pupils for the laudable object, the work being entirely a voluntary one, and one which added very considerably to their very full time-table. We now return to you the trust reposed in us, feeling that we have done our duty, and hope that it may appear so to you.” .

The summary of receipts and expenditure for the 15 months ending 27th April showed that the grants received for ordinary purposes amounted to £418 2s 6d ; special grant for repairs, £27 11s. For the prize and recreation fund, concerts &c., had realised £42 8s 7d, and Mr W. H. Levin had given a subscription of £5 5s. The fees received from pupils attending the night school amounted to £33 3s 3d, and a special grant of £10 had been received toward it from the Education Board. The expenditure showed that £171 17s 11d had been expended for cleaning the schools, £176 for repairs to buildings, fences, &c., £27 19s 10d for books, maps, and furniture, £14 5s for fuel, £46 10s for printing and advertising, £32 2s for salaries, £14 12s 10d for lighting, and £36 18s for water. The total receipts amounted to £536 10s 4d and the expenditure to £520 Mr Allan, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, explained that the Committee had been in office 15 months, and that they had reduced the overdraft from £22 17s 8d to £6 13s 11d. ,

Mr Ayres seconded the motion, but wished for an explanation as to the attendance of members of the Committee. Mr Allan said that the question had been discussed, and it had been decided not to publish the information, as many of the meetings had been irregularly called, Mr Hudson thought the electors were entitled to the information. He was afraid some of the Committee would show up very badly. Mr D. Robertson thought it showed how the Committee had done their duty, when they were told there had not been a single complaint. (Applause.) The Chairman said some of those who might show up at the bottom of the list were often the most assiduous workers in the daytime. Mr Parker thought they should pass the report and balance-sheet, seeing how well the Committee had done their work. Mr Ayres agreed with every item in the report but moved that the list of attendances should be furnished. Seconded by Mr Hudson. The amendment was lost by a large majority, and the motion for the report and balance-sheet was then put and carried unanimously.

Mr Stuart asked if the Committee had power to prevent the teachers selling books, as they could be purchased cheaper from stationers. Mr Allan said the Committee had decided three months ago to prevent the sale of books by teachers, but they were given permission to sell the books they had in hand. Mr Hicks said that one of his younger children had taken books to school which were used by some of his children who had passed. His child was compelled to purchase new books, and on comparing them he found that there was no difference whatever in the books which had been objected to. Two or three other householders also objected to the practice, and

the Chairman said that some time ago a resolution had been placed on the minute-book preventing the sale of books by teachers. The matter then dropped.

The following gentlemen were proposed as members of the Committee :—W. Allan, 100 ; D McDougall, 83 ; F. W. Cato, 73 ; C. Norbury, 61 ; J. Kershaw, 61 ; J. L. Bacon, 60 ; J. Wilson, 46 ; J. Hicks, 15 ; T. Collins, 13 ; J H Hindon, 5. The seven highest were declared duly elected. The Mayor was proposed, but begged to be excused, stating that he had served on the Committee, for four years

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Mayor. T

The newly-elected Committee met immediately afterward. Mr Allan was reelected chairman, and Mr McDougall was elected secretary.

5th May 1886 At a meeting of Mount Cook School Committee the appointment of Mr. Brown to Mount Cook Boys' School was confirmed. It was arranged to open the night school, as in former years, on Tuesday, 11th inst. The question of the sale of books again cropped up, and it was decided to give the teachers notice that the practice was to be entirely discontinued forthwith.

8th May 1886 The young men of the city have again the opportunity offered them of securing good, useful instruction at the Mount Cook School evening classes. This is now the fourth year since the inauguration of these classes, and the services of first-class teachers having been secured, we hope to see the undertaking more successful than ever.

26th May 1886 Mr. E. Beck, the present assistant of the Mount Cook Boys' School, applied for a bonus, owing to increased duties in consequence of the absence, on leave, of Mr. Hardy, the head master. The Chairman said he had been informed that before Mr. Hardy left for England he told Mr. Beck that the Board of Education would increase his salary during the time he (Mr. Beck) occupied the position of first assistant. It was decided to defer the consideration of the matter until Mr. Hardy's return.

16th July 1886 Mr. C. Hardy, headmaster of the Mount Cook Boys' School, who has been on a six months' holiday trip to the Old Country, returned via Melbourne by the Waihora, which arrived this morning.

28th July 1886 Wellington Education Board: Mount Cook, Miss J. Cheritt (£90);

-28th July 1886 Wellington Education Board: The resignation of Master H. C. Brittain, a pupil teacher in the Mount Cook School, was accepted

5th August 1886 Wellington Education Board: First Grade Drawing

Examination winners The first-grade certificates for freehand and geometrical drawing, won by pupils of the city and suburban schools, were presented to the successful candidates in St. John's Schoolroom, Dixon-street, yesterday afternoon by Mr. J. R. Blair, Chairman of the Board of Education. The Roy. J. Patterson. and Messrs. A. W. Brown and J. Young (Members of the Board of Education), Messrs. Koch, Allan, and C. T. Richardson (members of School Committees)), Mr. A. D. Riley, Art Instructor to the Board of Education, and the headmasters and mistresses of the various schools, were also present.....Mount Cook. — J. D, Avery, H. J, Thomas, W. Stack, J. Souper, J. W. Batten, W. Roberts, D. Parnell, J, Young, T. Young, G. Lawrence, J. S. Fleming, C. W. Jordan, M. J. Carrison, P. O. Stack, J. B. Stewart, H. Ross, A. Bell, A. Baker, A. Wolters, G. Prioton, H. E. Prince, E. Roade, W. Beauchamp, J. E. Booth, S. G. Chisholm, G. Finlay, G. Morris, P. G. Petherick, D. Noble, F. Lawrence, R. M. M' Alpine, W. J. Durrant, F. Pearce, W. J. S. Strangemure, H. Milligan, W. J. Billman, E. Harris, A. Buck,

A. Baker, O. Somerville, W. R. Archibald, H. Hutchings, W. G. Stewart, J. Laughton, F. Jones, J. McKirdy, C. McIntyre, W. S. Laughton, R. W. Binns, W. E. 1 Howe, H. Hawthorn, R. Gilchrist, A. Howell, W. Hill, E. Gibson, J. T. Uridge, P. Hamilton, W. Wilson, J. W. Kershaw, F. Morris, A. Dempsey, D. McLeod, W. L. Levy, J. G. Hand, A. J. Shearer, G. W. e, W. Knapp, G. Scott, J. H. Haslam, O. Goff, J. Souper, A. W. Donnelly, W. D. James, H. Muir., M. Scott, E. Moore, F. Harris, F. Pilljet, G. Forster, E. M. Jones, B. Hand. The Rev. J. Paterson in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Blair for presiding, alluded to the great interest which that gentleman had taken in the drawing department of education, and said it was due to his efforts that such a branch had been introduced into the educational system.

15th December 1886 A very successful concert was given in St John's Schoolroom last night in aid of the Mount Cook School prize fund. There was a very good attendance, the room being well filled. Several of Mr Hautrie West's pupils took part in the concert, and acquitted themselves very creditably. An attractive programme of vocal and instrumental items was performed, and gave great satisfaction, almost every item being encored, Mr J. E. Read contributed two recitations during the evening, and was loudly applauded for both efforts. The programme presented was as follows;—Overture, "Marionettes," Band; song, "True till death," Mr Ingram; piano duet, "Quivive," Miss Myers and Mr West; recitation, "Eugene Aram," Mr J. E. Read; song, "Auntie," Miss Cherrett; cornet solo, "Tout ala joi," Master P. Denton; vocal duet, "Row well my boatie," Miss Steele and Mr Wilson; piano solo, "Voices of the past," Miss Dugdale; selection, "March aux Flambeaux," Band; song, "The love tide," Miss Warren; piano solo, "The woodlands," Miss Booth; recitation, "The fireman's love," Mr J. E. Read; violin solo, "Hope told a flattering tale," Miss Dugdale; song, "Song of a neat," Miss Cherrett; piano solo, "The light of other days," Miss Myers; song, "Jessie's dream," Mr Wilson; song, "Message from the King," Mr Ingram. Mr Hautrie West officiated as conductor. It is expected that the proceeds will considerably augment the prize fund

17th December 1886 MOUNT COOK SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the above school took place yesterday morning, the presentation to the boys taking place in the morning and the girls in the afternoon. Mr Allen, Chairman of the School Committee, occupied the chair. Before the presentation the boys sang several glees, under the conductorship of Mr W. H. Jackson, after which Mr A. W. Brown addressed them. He congratulated the children on the proficiency they had gained during the past year, the percentage of marks being exceedingly good. He referred to the success which an old Mount Cook boy had gained at the College during the past year, and he expressed a wish that they would endeavor to follow his example. Mr Allen complimented the boys and teachers on the marked improvement in the attendance during the past term and congratulated them on their good conduct of the school, not a single complaint having been made to the Committee during the whole of the past year. He hoped they would continue to conduct themselves in such a well-behaved manner. The principal (Mr Hardy) also addressed the boys. Mr A. W. Brown then presented the prizes as follows:

First Class—1, W. Stack; 2, C. Stack; 3, J. Batkin; Levin prize, J. Avery; Headmaster's prize for best pass, J. Smith; honorable mention, F. Jones, J. Smith, J. McKirdy, W. Stewart, G. Lawrence, O. Somerville, B. Archibald, J. Fleming. Second Class—1, H. Prince; 2, J. Haslam; 3, J. Beaglehole; Levin prize, H. Hawthorn; Headmaster's prize for best pass, W. Houchen; honorable mention, W. Wilson, T. Lawrence, W. L. Levy, P. Hamilton, A. Donnelly. Third

Class —1, E. S. Harris; 2, J. Flynn; 3, F. Blair; Levin prize, Andrew Craig; Headmaster's prize for best pass, F. Shennan; honorable mention, W. Billman, E. Plumley, E. Kellow, H. Jenkins, J. Shennan, T. Eyre, C. Haslam. Fourth Class— 1, A. Burnett; 2, W. Stewart; 3, H. Churchill; Levin prize,

D. McInnes; honorable mention, J. Powell, 1 W. Powell, R. Perrin, J. Plimmer, H. Young, R. Warren, W. Robinson.

Fifth Class—1, J. Fleming; 2, G. Durrant ; 3, A Millar ; Levin ' prize, W. Hansen ; honorable mention, H.-Langdon, T. Dutch, W. Hardham, A. Hutson, A. Brown, G. Hardham.

Sixth Class—1, -Edward Tonks ;2, B. . Rash 3, W. Read ; Levin. prize, H. Wycherley ; honorable mention, K. Priest, P. : Waters, T. Ryan, P. Tyrrell. Seventh Class I. H. Jenkins ; 2, W. Tonks ; 3, H. Furniss ; Levin prize, C. Redward ; honorable mention,*' A, Campbell, B. Hedgeland, H. McClelland, C. Webb, J. Kelly, A. Kellow.

Eighth Class —1, Charles Benson ; 2, Charles Midlane ; 3, J. Aston ; Levin prize, J., Rose'; honorable: mention, P. Brown, E. Beauchamp, J. Craig, W. Higginbotham, W. Perham, W. Mackie.

Ninth Class—1, J. Stewart; 2, H. Roberts ; 3, W. Miller ; Levin' prize, G. McGhie ; honorable mention—A. . Robinson, A. . Wiltshire, J. Barker, B. Henry, E. Nicholls. Tenth Class—1, J. Warren; 2, J. Minifie; 3, A. Proctor ; Levin's prize, S. Smith ; Hon mention, J. Arnold, H. Ensor,' A. Morris, A, Bannister, A. Callan, W, Green

Eleventh Class—1, H. Perrin ; 2, C. Cross ; 3, H. Larsen ; Levin's prize, Stanley Harris ; honorable mention, C. : Lewis, A. Hutchings, G.-Roberts.

Temperance prizes—1, W. Stack; 2, Arthur Mowatt.

After the distribution, 'cheers were given for Mr Levin, Mr Brown, and the; masters. The proceedings were brought to a close by the children singing the "National Anthem."

22nd December 1886 Wellington Education Board: Mr. G. Chatwin, who has partly served his time as a pupil teacher, asked that he should be allowed to remain as assistant in the Mount Cook Boys' School, instead of being obliged to enter the Training College. The Board decided not to accede to the request.Mr. George Pringle, of the Mount Cook Boys School, asked the Board to pay his train fare to and from the Hutt, when he attends the art classes. It was stated that no preferred to come into town rather than take a position in the Hutt School. The Board resolved not accede to the request

1886 Girls'

1886	426	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Katherine H	Head Female	£262.10
1886	426	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth	Assistant Female	£112.10
1886	426	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet	Assistant Female	£110.00
1886	426	Mt Cook Girls'	Maunder	Emma D	Assistant Female	£110.00
1886	426	Mt Cook Girls'	Cook	Isabella M	Assistant Female	£90.00
1886	426	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Kate	Assistant Female	£90.00
1886	426	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Annie	Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1886	426	Mt Cook Girls'	Bacon	Mary A	Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1886	426	Mt Cook Girls'	Booth	Fannie E	Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1886	426	Mt Cook Girls'	Redward	Fanny	Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

1886	426	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen		Assistant Female	£80.00
1886	426	Mt Cook Girls'	Stevenson	Martha		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1886	426	Mt Cook Girls'	Thorburn	Christina		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Ellen Wallace See 1880

Martha Stevenson was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Girls' in 1886 and Newtown in 1887 to 1890

Christina Thorburn was at Mount Girls' as a pupil teacher from 1886 to 1891

28th Jan 1886 Wellington Education Board: Works to stand over Mount Cook Additions to Girls' School-

24th February 1886 It was decided that tenders should be called for additions to the Mount Cook Girls' School,

16th March 1886 Mr T. Turnbull invites tenders for additions to the Mount Cook Girls' School, and for school furniture

1st April 1886 Wellington Education Board: Miss B. Helyer and Miss H. McGowan, first and second assistants at the Mount Cook Girls' School, Miss A. Dowdeswell and Miss E. Brown, of the Te Aro School, applied for an increase of salary. The Board agreed to increase the salaries of all certificated female assistants from £80 to £90 per annum, but those assistants who do not hold certificates are to be reduced to £80,

19th April 1886 Wellington Education Board: Mount Cook ; salary, male £120, female .£90.

2nd July 1886 The additions to the Mount Cook Girls' School, rendered necessary by the large increase in population in the district during the past eighteen months, have just been completed by the contractor, Mr D. A. Douglas, and will afford accommodation for about 150 more students. For some time past children preparing for the First Standard have been accommodated at the United Methodist Free Church schoolroom. Courtenay-place, but much inconvenience has been experienced both by the children, who have in many instances had to walk long distances, and the head mistress, Mrs Tarn, whose attention has been divided between the two schools. There are 492 names on the roll at present, and this number will be largely added to after the midwinter holidays next month, when the new rooms will be available. The Mount Cook Girls' School is badly in need of a coat of paint, which it is hoped the Education Board will see its way clear to order shortly.

25th August 1886 Wellington Education Board: n application by Miss Mary Evans for a month's leave of absence from the Mount Cook Girls' School was granted.

1st October 1886 t is pleasing to report that substantial aid as well as sympathy, has been forthcoming to alleviate the distress of the family of the unfortunate man Ward, whose sad death was recorded last week. As soon as the condition of the family was ascertained the Benevolent Society and Ladies' Association at once afforded relief in food and clothing and are continuing it. We understand that about £30 has also been privately subscribed for the family, which consists of eight children, ranging from five months to ten years. Collections have been made during the last few days at the Mount Cook schools, at which some of the family attended until want of clothing compelled them to absent themselves. The amount collected has not yet been made up, but whether great or email, the fact that an effort has been made by the school children is a pleasing incident in a very sad story. And 14th October article included: The other addition is a sum of £10 5s, contributed by the girls of the Mount Cook School, which has been forwarded by Mrs. Tarn. The amount was originally £10 8s, but

with the subscribers' consent the sum of throe shillings was expended in purchasing some little things that were urgently required for Mrs. Ward's baby

25th November 1886 Inspectors' report included: Mount Cook Girls' School Standard 1 very good; standard 2 good standard 3, fair ; standard 4 two classes one, consisting of last year's failures, pass strong, the other class being weak in arithmetic the other work was fairly satisfactory; standard 5 passed fairly satisfactory standard 6. very fair-on the whole.

7th December 1886 A large number of the children attending the Mount Cook Girls' School were treated to a picnic by the teachers yesterday. The party proceeded to Crofton by train and spent a most enjoyable outing. Mrs. Tarn and her assistants did everything in their power to contribute to the enjoyment of the children, and the success of the affair was due in a great measure to the exertions of those ladies.

24th December 1886 MOUNT COOK GIRLS' SCHOOL. The prizes won by the girls attending the Mount Cook Girls' Schools were presented yesterday week in the Presbyterian Church, Pirie-street. His Worship the Mayor presided, and several members of the Committee occupied seats on the platform. There was a very large attendance of parents and friends of the children. The girls, under the leadership of Miss McGowan, sang several glees in a very creditable manner during the afternoon. His Worship delivered a short address, in which he complimented the girls on the excellence of some of their needlework and promised to present a prize for the best sewer in the school next year. The presentation of prizes then took place, the list being as follows ;

Standard 1—T. Benda, 1 ; M. Harvey, 2. Sewing—J. Norbury, 1 ; L. Wilson, 2. Card of merit (sewing)—N. Atkinson. Conduct—F. Bennett Standard I. (continued), 2nd division — E. Burton, 1; L. Somerville, 2. Sewing —M. McInnis, 1 ; A. Lockie, 2. Conduct—R. Hurlstone. Cards—B. Valentine, H. Podmore. Standard I. (continued) — M. McLeod, 1; A. Wilkinson, 2. Sewing— A. Luke, 1; G. Robinson, 2. Conduct—J. Ewing. Cards—B. Johnston, E. Reed. Standard I. (continued) —L. Dutch, 1 ; A. Orr, 2. Sewing—N. Brooker, 1; A. Wood, 2. Conduct —K. Barry. Cards (sewing)— A. Hislop, L. Youmans, N. Seager. Cards for attendance—A. Player, 1 ; S. Langdon, 2; L. Lett, 3 ; G. McMillan, 4; G. Reilly, 5.

Standard II.—C. Jansen, 1 ; E. Neilson, 2. Sewing—M. Reeves, 1; I. Watkins, 2. Conduct— L. Hammond. Card for sewing—A. Coombe. Card of Merit—M. Smith, 1 A. 1 Read, 2; I. Hoffmeister, 3. Standard 11. (continued) —M. Johnson, 1; J. Young, 2 Conduct—M. Benbow. Sewing—G. Woodmas, 1 ; M. Shutler, 2. Special for writing (by Miss Bacon) —L. Davis. Special for geography (by Miss Bacon) —M. Juhl. Cards for sewing—M. Campbell. 1 ; K. Dempsey, 2. Cards of merit—F. Ahradsen, J. Callaghan. M. Hill, K. Dempsey, M. Shutler.

Standard III.—Ethevyn Jenkins, 1 ; Bessie McGregor, 2. Conduct—Lizzie Wakelin. Sewing—Edith Standen, 1 ; Olive Prince, 2. Special for spelling (by Miss Wallace) —Jane McInnis. Special for conduct (by Miss Wallace) Nellie Pendray. Standard 111. (continued) — Sophia Goff. 1; Ruth Hutchings, 2. Conduct—Mary Fleming. Sewing—Nellie Wiltshire,, 1 ; Sophia Hawthorn, 2. Special for geography (by Miss Lawson) —Florence Bird. Special for writing (by Miss Lawson) —Lucy Colwell. Special for conduct (by Miss Lawson) Nellie Bishop.

Standard IV.—Minnie Orr, 1; Jane Steen, 2. Conduct—Florence Dixon. Sewing—Annie Maddock, 1; Dora Purvis, 2. Standard IV. (continued) —Annie Roberts, 1; Emelia Walters, 2.

_ Conduct —Beatrice Williams. Sewing— Alice Prince, 1 ; Honor Moore, 2. Special for general progress (by Miss Cook) —Mary Pearman.

Standard V.—Eunice Hedgeland, 1; Ada Hill, 2. Conduct—Janet Young. Sewing—Grace Quee, 1; Lizzie Mather, 2. Special for cleanest needlework (by Mrs Tarn)—Elizabeth Pike. Special for mapping (by Miss McGowan) —Flora Wilkinson. Special for writing and general neatness (by Miss McGowan) —Grace Dixon. Special for diligence —Amelia Trevor.

Standard VI. Martha Scott, 1; Flora Grey and Rosetta Lawrence (equal marks), 2. Conduct— Alice Leslie. Sewing —Florence Harris, 1; Lizzie Benbow, 2. Botany (by Mr Purdie) —Martha Scott. Special for spelling (by Miss Helyer)— Ravenna Zohrab. Special for highest pass in examination (by Miss Helyer)—Grace Forster.

After the distribution of prizes to the children was over, the teachers of the school were each the recipient of a handsome gift from the pupils. Mr Norbury, a member of the Committee, remarked that it was very pleasing to observe the good feeling existing between the children and their teachers. The National Anthem having been sung by the children, the proceedings terminated.

1886 Infants'

1886	358	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A		Head Female	£240.00
1886	358	Mt -Cook Infants '	Craig	Margaret H		Assistant Female	£120.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants '	Evans	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants'	Cook	Amelia A		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants'	Lockie	Lizzie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants'	King	Edith M		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants '	Robinson	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants'	Rennie	Isabella A		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants '	Brann	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants'	Brown	Ellen		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants'	Evans	Mabel		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants'	Hutchens	Jessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants'	Meek	Edith		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants'	Scott	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants'	Stewart	John B		Male Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1886	358	Mt Cook Infants'	Letham	Sara		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Edith M King was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Infants' in 1886: Newtown 1887 to 1889. Featherston in 1890/and or Kaitara. 1891 at Featherston. From 1892 to 1895 she was assistant at Featherston. Sole teacher at Kaipororo 1896 and 1897

Annie Robinson only taught 1886 for the Wellington Education Board at Mount Cook Girls'

Isabella A Rennie was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants; in 1886 and 1887 and Te Aro 1888 to 1895 In 1896 she was on leave from Levin and 1897 was an assistant at Levin

1898/2358	Isabella Anne	Rennie	Samuel Henderson	Wilkinson
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Kate Brann was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Girls' in 1886 and was at Clareville 1887 to 1890 as a pupil teacher and 1893 to 1894 as an assistant

Ellen Brown was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook 1886 and Kilbirnie 1887 1890

Mabel Evans was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1886 and 1887 and Upper Hutt in 1888 and then Porirua in 1889 to 1891

Edith Meek was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Infants' in 1886

Elizabeth Scott was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Infants' in 1886. Thorndon 1887 and 1888. Clyde Quay 1889 to 1896, She then was an assistant at Clyde Quay until 1902

John B Stewart was only a pupil teacher at Mount Cook infants in 1886 and Boys' in 1887

Sara Letham was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1886 and 1887 to 1895 at Kaiwara. From 1896 to at least 1915 she was sole teacher at Wainuiomata. By 1917 to at least 1919 was sole teacher at Tawa Flat

2nd February 1886 RED RIDING HOOD (Cantata, in Character and full Scenery). Under the Patronage of Committee. By Pupils and Teachers of MOUNT COOK INFANT SCHOOL. Lyceum Hall. Tory street THURSDAY EVENING, 4th INSTANT. Doors open at 7 30 p m. Admission— One Shilling.

5th February 1886 The cantata known as "Bed Biding Hood," which was performed in Wellington for the first time a few days before the Christmas holidays by the children attending the Mount Cook Infant School, was repeated in the Lyceum Hall last evening. The entertainment, which was in aid of the Christmas treat fund, was largely attended, and proved very successful

22nd February 1886 Assistant, Mount Cook Infant School; salary, .£80 per annum.

24th February 1886 It was decided to readvertise for applications for the vacancy in the Mount Cook Infant School, the Board feeling that a person of maturity and experience, if possible, should be secured at a salary of .£120 per annum to assist Mrs. Francis.

25th February 1886 With reference to the appointment of a teacher at the Mount Cook Infant School, at £80 per year, it was resolved that fresh applications should be invited for the position at £120, as the Board considered that a person who would be competent to take charge of the school in the absence of the head mistress could not be obtained under that sum.

18th March 1886 Assistant Mistress, Mount Cook Infant School ; salary, .£120

31st March 1886 Wellington Education Board: Miss Craig appointed

24th November 1886 Mrs. Tarn, head mistress of the Mount Cook Girls' School, applied for a £50 increase of salary. The application was not granted.

27th November 1886 Lady Jervois and Miss Jervois visited Mount Cook infant School yesterday and expressed themselves as very much pleased with the organisation, discipline, and kindergarten lessons, and especially with the part singing, a lesson on Cut wen's tonic sol-fa system being given during the visit. Lady Jervois asked for a half-holiday for the children next week to visit the doll show.

25th December 1886 MOUNT COOK INFANT SCHOOL. The distribution of prizes to the children attending the above school was made yesterday week, by his Worship the Mayor, in the presence of a large number of the friends and parents of the children. His Worship and several members of the Committee having addressed the school, the presentation of prizes took place. The following is the list of prizes

First class—Boys : W. Gandy, L. Smith. G. Coates, E. Hocking. W. Roberts, A. Kean, G. Plimmer, W. Young, A. Ahradson, E. Balter; B. Coulton, A. Fraser, W. Thacker, J. Smith, F. Lawton, H. Peters, L. Van, O. Lucas, S. Coley. Girls: I. Palmer, L. Hutching, M. Isaacs, A.

Gooder, K. Perrin, M. Harvey, G. Lawrence, E. Tyrrell, O. Lee, M. Binns, D. James, A. Clarke, K. Munt, E. Taylor.

Second class— Boys : W. Stevens, D. Murray, W. Midlane, I. Gordon, S. Hedgeland, H. Le Grove, W. Barber, G. Claire, J. Wilson, J. Williamson. C. Wicherley, O. Miller, H. Wiltshire, S. Dempsey, J. Danks, J. Kelly, W. Symons. Girls : E. Ackroyd, L. McInnis, A. Walters, O. Goldfinch, R. White, M. Renner, M. Picard, M. Flint, L. Anderson, M. Hicks, A. Richardson. Third class—Boys : T. Turner, J. Murphy, W. Jackson, W. Daniels, A. Carver, D. Braid, W. Dutton, M. McIntyre, G. Robb, H. Hill, P. Jones, A. Finley, E. Armstrong, B. Cooper. R. Stuart, J. Brown, B. Wilton, H. Chinchin. Girls : C. Heiden, N. Sparks, E. Baker, E. Wakelin, E. Payne, E. Spencer, N. Smith, A. Williams, S. Gregory, N. McGregor, L. Knuckey, C. Lawrence, L. Yelden, M. Cook, A. Williamson, L. Marriot, W. King.

Fourth Class. —Boys ; R. Churnside, W. Pilmer, A. Peck, G. Reid, W. Renner, W. Miller, J. Chapman, B. Pudney, F. Jansen, H. Plumley, R. Wilson. A. Wilson, W. Saxby, W. Read. W. Dobson, J. Williamson, C. Bermquist. J. Andrews. Girls : E. Oliver, M. Luke, B. Ackroyd, A. Harvey, E. Booth, A. Woods, 11. Sample, A. Smith, L. Gardiner, L. Hancox, J. Barnet, M. Riggs.

Fifth Class. —Boys : F. Batten, G. Spencer, G. Charlton, W. Davis, A. Tattle. H. McDonald, C. Dimes, S. Edwards, A. Peters, E. Harvey, J. Haslem, E. Gardiner, R. Pursell, W. Murray, A. Ven, H. Cobham, H. Munt, W. Tasker, A. Cook, A. Pierce, J. Moore, F. Moore, W. Pepper, A. Travers, P. Craig, J. Woodward, J. Spencer, H. Askwith. Girls—E. Nicholls. N. Langdon, M. Ivor, W. Lawrence, A. Belman, M. Smith, A. Langdon, A. Ericson, M. Harding, M. Holmes, R. Isaacs, A. Dreyer.

Sixth Class— Boys ; B. Fraser, F. Blair, E. Thompson, F. Price, W. Andrews, W. Baker, H. Langdon, M. Rowell, J. Barnett, B. Avery, A. Kitto, T. Brown. Girls : M. Fuller, S. O'Brien, L. Read, N. Mahoney, L. Barnes, E. Cross, M. McDonald, E. Hawthorn, C. Thornton, L. Nelson, G. Lezine, L. Joyce, M. Day, J. Ensor, Ida McCanty, W. Millar, M. Pepper.

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1887 Boys'

1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	Jackson	William H		Headmaster	£360.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	Baxter	Charles F		Assistant Master	£ 230.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	Dempsey	Walter N		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	Dodwell	James C		Assistant Master	£ 120.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	Cherrett	Jessie		Assistant Female	£90.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	Dakin	Lewis W		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	Pringle	George		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	Hopkirk	John		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	Ryder	Maude		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	King	Mary E		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	Hall	Louisa		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	Stewart	John B		Male Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	Drummond	Robert		Male Pupil Teacher	£40.00

1887	477	Mt Cook Boys'	Flannagan	Eleanor		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
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William H Jackson started his career for the Wellington Education Board at Mt Cook Boys' as assistant master in 1884 to 1886 and headmaster 1887 to 1888. From 1889 to at least 1921 he was Headmaster of Masterton

Charles F Baxter only taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1887 as an assistant

Walter N Dempsey was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Boys' 1878 and 1879. Did not teach for the Wellington Education Board again until 1883 as an assistant in Carterton 1883 to 1886 and back at Mount Cook Boys' 1887 to 1893 as an assistant master. From 1894 to 1900 was head of the Hastwell School and from 1901 to at least 1917 was headmaster of Eketahuna School

Mary E King taught as a Pupil Teacher at Courtenay Place School 1886 and Mount Cook Boys' 1887 and 1888. From 1889 to 1895 she was an assistant mistress at Hutt

1896/2849	Mary Ellen King	Charles Frederic Robert	Harrison
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John B Stewart was at Mount Cook Infants' in 1886 and Mt Cook Boys' in 1887

11th January 1887 Wellington Education Board: Mount Cook Boys' School; salary, £80 to £120, according to certificate.

20th January 1887 An examination of candidates for pupil teacherships in the city and suburban schools will be held at the Board of Education offices to-morrow, commencing at 10 o'clock. The examining committee consists of Messrs. J. Young and A. W. Brown, the Inspector of Schools, and the head teachers of the Newtown, Mount Cook Boys', Willis-street, Terrace, Thorndon, and Lower Hutt Schools. There are 26 candidates.

21st January 1887 Wellington Education Board: Second Assistant Master Mount Cook Boys' School ; salary, .£150

26th January 1887 Wellington Education Board: The resignation of Mr Edward Beck was accepted

28th January 1887 Wellington Education Board: Appointment: Mount Cook, (assistant), Mr W. N. Dempsey,

31st March 1887 Wellington Education Board: Annual Report of Inspector Lee included The increase in the attendance is nearly wholly found in the larger schools, and more particularly in those at Mount Cook and Te Aro, which are becoming overcrowded."The summary of results shows that the percentage of passes at the different schools was as follows i — Thorndon, 76 ; Te Aro, 69 Terrace, 60 ; Mount Cook (boys), 72 Mount Cook (girls), 68 ; Newtown, 42; Masterton, 56.

25th April 1887 MOUNT COOK SCHOOL DISTRICT. NOTICE. A MEETING of the Householders will be held in the Boys' School, Taranaki street, on MONDAY, the 25th instant, at 8 o'clock, for the election of School Committee. W. ALLAN, Chairman.

26th April 1887 The annual report which was presented at the Mount Cook School Committee last night slated that a night school had been established during the winter months, but that during the latter half the attendance had been anything but satisfactory. This fact, the report went on to say, reflects very much on the youth of the community, as one could almost any evening see twice the number of those who attended the school lounging about street corners, evidently with no other object in view than to annoy those who had to be abroad after nightfall.

26th April 1887 The annual meeting of householders in the Mount Cook School District was held in the Boys' School, Taranaki-street, last evening, the business being the election of a

School Committee for the coming, year. There was a good attendance, about 120 householders being present. Mr C. H. Chatwin was voted to the chair. The annual report and balance sheet were presented. The report stated that the affairs of the Sohool during the past year had been in a most prosperous condition; During the year 14 Committee meetings had been held. The number of children on the roll at the end of the quarter was 2003, with an average attendance of 1545; and at the end of the previous year the number on the roll was 1600, and the average attendance 1300, showing an increase of 403 for the year. The report stated that the' school accommodation is insufficient and suggested that the incoming Committee should place before the Education Board the necessity of proceeding at once with the new school in the Oriental Bay district. The receipts for the financial term of fifteen months was £498 12s 1d. and the expenditure £493 11s 11d, leaving a balance of £5 0s 2d. Included in the expenditure was the keeping of the school in good repair, and also the planting with trees of the grounds in front of the school. The staff of teachers had given satisfaction to the Committee. A reform had been effected in the school during the year in the matter of selling books, stationery, &c., in the school. This had been done away with, and the teachers could now give their undivided attention to the teaching of the children. The night school had been satisfactorily carried on during the winter months, but the attendance during the last half of the period had not been as good as might be expected. The adoption of the report was moved by Mr Joseph Hicks, seconded by Mr John Holmes, and carried without dissent. The business of electing a new Committee was next proceeded with. Messrs J. L. Bacon, G. Norbury, J. Wilson, P. W. Cato, and W. Allen, members of the previous Committee, offered themselves for re-election. The following new members were nominated :—Messrs J. Luke, J. Hicks, A. Wallace, C. H. Chatwin, John Trevor, J. Young, and T. Collins. The following was the result of the election:—W. Allen, 140; A. Wallace, 136; J. L. Bacon, 85; G. Norbury, 71; James Wilson, 70; J. Luke, 53 ;J. Trevor, 43; J. Young. 34; C. H. Chatwin. 29; P. W. Cato, 24 ; J. Hicks, 15; T. Collins, 3. The Chairman declared the first seven duly elected. Messrs W. E. Redstone, J. Kershaw, and W. Holmes acted as scrutineers. This concluded the business, and the meeting adjourned. A meeting of the new Committee was held subsequently, and Mr W. Allen was elected Chairman and Mr J. Luke Secretary' It was decided that the meetings be held on the third Monday in each month, at 8 o'clock.

27th April 1887 Wellington Education Board: Leave of absence for a month was granted to Miss E. Wallace, of the Mount Cook Girls' Sohool, on account of ill health.....The Board decided to transfer Mr. Dempsey from Carterton to Mount Cook without further delay

5th May 1887 the following teachers, appointed at last meeting of the Board, have entered upon their duties :— Mr. McIntyre, Petone ; Mr. Dempsey, Mount Cook Boys ;

25th May 1887 Children were being turned away from the Mount Cook Schools, and the Te Aro and Terrace Schools were full. Thorndon was the only one in which there was vacant space, and of course that did not serve the requirements of the district extending from Oriental Bay and along Mount Cook towards Newtown, He thought the Board should proceed to erect a new school at once.....It was reported to the Education Board to-day, by the Chairman of the Training College Committee, that satisfactory arrangements had been made for carrying on the work of the Normal School for the present. Mr. C. Hardy, of Mount Cook Boys' School, will take temporary charge of the institution. In the meantime Mr. Jackson, the present assistant

teacher at Mount Cook, will take full charge of the school, and his place as assistant will be filled by Mr. Baxter. These arrangements met the approval of the Board.

25th May 1887 The Mount Cook Committee applied for a grant of £200 for painting the schools, erection of shelter sheds at the Buckle-street School, and construction of a back entrance at the Infant School. The Chairman said that the Board had no authority to spend money in painting old buildings. The request was refused.

30th July 1887 MOUNT COOK SCHOOL. WORKING MEN'S EVENING CLASSES. Mr. W. Anderson will be in attendance on MONDAY, 1st August, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of enrolling members. The subjects to be taught will be : — Monday and Wednesday — Arithmetic, 2i Grade Model and Freehand Drawing Tuesday and Thursday— Plane, Practical and Solid Geometry, Elementary Machine Drawing Fee for the course, 3s per month

12th August 1887 THE First Assistant of Mount Cook Boys' School (M.A., Cantab., in classical honours), will be glad to read with pupils in Classics and French. Address Sandhurst, Brook-street, Murphy-street.

31st August 1887 Wellington Education Board: A report was read from the Board's architects to the effect that the tower on the Boys' School, Mount Cook, was in a rotten and dangerous condition, and should be removed. It was left to the Chairman to decide whether the tower should be taken down or repaired

10th September 1887 . TENDERS are invited for Alterations at Mount Cook Boys' School, Taranaki street. Plans and specifications to be seen at the offices of the undersigned, with whom tenders will be lodged up till noon of 17th September. TURNBULL & LAWSON, Architects; 29th October 1887 MOUNT COOK BOYS' SCHOOL CONCERT. MONDAY, 31st OCTOBER, 1887. Commence at 7.45. Programme of Words, 1s. Admission, 1s.

1st November 1887 . A very successful concert was held at St. John's School last night, in aid of the Mount Cook Boys' School prize fund. The room was crowded with a most appreciative audience. A special feature of the concert was that every item was given either by the boys or teachers belonging to the school. The time and general effect of the choruses reflects great credit upon Mr. Jackson, the headmaster, who was ably assisted by Mr. Baxter, who presided at the piano, and Mr. Do May, who conducted the boys in a number of evolutions in Swedish drill. Miss Cherritt sung two songs very sweetly. The acting of Messrs Bennett, Marchant, Fisher, Hand, and Shannon was really good and much appreciated by the audience. They were twice recalled, as was also Master Haslim for his violin solo. Altogether the concert was one of the best ever given by the school- and is to be repeated next Monday night.

30th November Wellington Education Board: leave of absence until 24th January was granted to the Rev. A. Dodwell (Mount Cook Boys), who is going to Sydney to visit his mother who is ill

14th December 1887 In consequence of several other distributions on Friday, the Mount Cook School Committee have decided that the prizes at their schools shall be presented to-morrow as follows j—Boys' School, by Mr. J. R. Blair, Chairman of the Board of Education, at 2 o'clock ; Girls' School, by the Mayor, at 10 o'clock ; Courtenay-Place Infants' School, by the Mayor, at 12.30 o'clock (Tory-street Infants' School, by the Mayor, at 3 30 o'clock,

16th December 1887 The prizes in connection with this school were distributed yesterday afternoon by Mr. Blair, Chairman of the Board of Education, in the presence of a number of

parents and friends. The children having given a song, Mr. Blair delivered an interesting address. He referred to the gratifying fact that the percentage of passes at the recent examination 'was 86 per cent but admitted that he did not place so much reliance upon the results of an examination conducted by teachers at upon the results of an examination conducted by the Inspector. The discipline of the school during the year had been excellent. Mr. Blair next alluded- to the subject of drill and urged the boys to show the good effects outside the playground. Referring to the modification of the education system, Mr. Blair expressed regret that in consequence of the retrenchment policy the Board would not be able to promote Mr. Hardy, the headmaster, to the principal ship of the Training College, and Mr. Jackson, the first assistant, to the position now held by Mr. Hardy. The speaker expressed the opinion that drawing was better taught in the Mount Cook Boys' School than in any other school under the Board. Writing was a very necessary branch of education, and he would like to see an improvement effected. Mr. Blair dwelt on the importance of technical education and concluded his remarks by expressing a hope that the boys would spend a merry. Christmas and a happy new year. Mr. J. L. Bacon, a member of the Committee, having addressed -a few- appropriate remarks to the boys, Mr. -Blair distributed the prizes, a list of which appeared in the Evening Post yesterday. Mr, Hardy alluded to the pleasure he felt at resuming his position as head' master, after which Mr. W. Allan, Chairman of Committee, delivered a short address to the boys. Votes of thanks to Mr. Blair, the visitors, the committee, and the teachers having been carried by acclamation, the boys sung the National Anthem, and the proceedings terminated. During the intervals the children sang several songs in good style, Mr. Jackson acting as conductor.

15th December 1887 The prizes in connection with this school wore distributed this afternoon by Mr. Blair, Chairman of the Board of Education. The following is the prize list :—

Class I.— Henry Prince, 1 ; Joseph Smith, 2 ; Jonathan Haslam 3. Good Conduct — Albert Donnelly, 1 ; Stanley Chisholm, 2. Elocution— George Hand, 1 ; Horace Fisher, 2. Hon. mention— J. McCarrison, W. Wilson, F. Hamilton, G. Houchen, E. Reade, D. McLeod, H. Fisher.

Class II. — Owen Goff, 1 ; Joseph Beaglehole, 2 ; William Beauchamp, 3. Good conduct— Edward Plumley. Hon. mention— C. Haslam, H. Jenkins, A. Walters, J. A. Shonnan, F. Blair, E. Harris.

Class III.— Edward A Neilson 1 ; Henry S. Wycherley, 2; Edward Tonks, 3. Good conduct — Frank Ashbolt. Hon. mention— H. Purcell, W. J. Rees, W. Thawley, Charles Odlin, O. Ivar, R. Priest.

Class IV.— Albert Burnett, 1; Gossett Butts, 2 ; John Powell, 3. Good conduct— William Powell. Hon. mention— H. Warcup , W. Stewart, H. Young, F. Plimmer, E. Ryan, G. Greenfield.

Class V.— Fred. Baldwin, 1 : Harold Jenkins, 2 ; John Bell, 3. Good Conduct William King. Hon. mention— B. Hedgeland, A. Campbell, A. Kellow, F. Gyde, J. Jones, J. McLelland.

Class VI.— Stanley Rash, 1 ; George Hawthorne, 2 ; Fred. Renner, 3. Good Conduct —Fred. Bowring. Hon. mention— F. Ryder, W. Tonka, C. Webb, G Simpson, H. Soupor, W. Duff.

Class VII. —Edward Connor, 1 ; Fred. Foster, 2 ; Chas. Midlane, 3. Good conduct —John Rose. Hon. mention— E. Beadnall, J. McCarrison, P. Dawson, J. Craig, W. Doile, W. Higginbottom.

Class VIII.— R. Henry, 1 ; A. Ivar, 2 ; C. Howard, 3. Good conduct— J. Arcus. Hon. mention— F. Beadnall, J. Walters, T. Purdey, G. McCarrison, C. Luke, H. Darrall.

Class IX.— J. Stewart. 1; A. Callam. 2; W. Miller, 3. Good conduct— G. Nicholls. Hon. mention— A. Jevons, M. Bannister, G. Wiltshire, L. O'Brien, A. Robinson, H. Roberts.

Class X.—S. Smith, 1; A. Somerville, 2; John Ryan, 3. Good conduct— Stanley Harris. Hon. mention— A. Hutchings, W. Price , J. Tonks, H. Pearce, J. Warren, D. McIntyre.

Class XI.— C. Collins, 1 ; F. Burton, 2 ; J. Smith, 3. Good conduct— W. Ward. Hon. mention— Herbert Le Grove, A. Fordham. C. Clayton, H. Van, E. Wilson.

Class XII. -W. Barber, 1 ; G. Isaacs, 2 ; H. Peters, 3. Good conduct— B. Gondie Hon. mention— W. Stephens, P. Edwards F. Stott, O. Lucas, H. Tonks.

Class XIII.— J. Wilson, 1; H. Fisher, 2 ; J. Brown, 3. Good conduct— T. Coe. Hon mention— G. Spencer, B. Brodie, E. Mitchell D. Braid, W. Naismith.

1887 Girls'

1887	479	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Catherine H		Head Female	£262.10
1887	479	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£112.10
1887	479	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet		Assistant Female	£110.00
1887	479	Mt Cook Girls'	Maunder	Emma D		Assistant Female	£110.00
1887	479	Mt Cook Girls'	Cook	Isabella M		Assistant Female	£90.00
1887	479	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Mary Kate		Assistant Female	£90.00
1887	479	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen		Assistant Female	£90.00
1887	479	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenberg	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1887	479	Mt Cook Girls'	Watson	Caroline C		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1887	479	Mt Cook Girls'	Wilkinson	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1887	479	Mt Cook Girls'	Thorburn	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1887	479	Mt Cook Girls'	Lockie	Lizzie		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1887	479	Mt Cook Girls'	Tait	Catherine		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00

Clara Wilkinson was a pupil teacher at the Courtenay Place school in 1884 to 1886 and Mount Cook Girls' 1887 and 1888. She the as sole teacher at Hastwell 1890 to 1893 as sole teacher

1894/2407	Clara Stuart	Wilkinson	Hans	Larsen
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Catherine A Tait was always a pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board at Newtown 1881 to 1886 and Mount Cook Girls' in 1887

26th July 1887 As the children of Mount Cook Girls' School were playing this morning in their playground, by accident one of them, in swinging an Indian club, struck one of her companions, a little girl named Alice Stidolph, right on the forehead, exposing the skull. The little sufferer was taken to Mr. Chisholm's, who strapped the wound.

14th November 1887 A concert in aid of the prize fund of Mount Cook Girls' School is announced to be given in St. John's Schoolroom to-morrow night.

21st November 1887 MOUNT COOK GIRLS SCHOOL CONCERT. A CONCERT in aid of the Prize Fund will be given at the Princess Theatre, Tory -street, on TUESDAY EVENING, Commencing at 8 p.m. Tickets, 6d.

23rd November 1887 The concert given in the Princess Theatre last evening in aid of the prize fund of the Mount Cook Girls' School was numerously attended. The programme presented at

the concert given in St. John's Schoolroom was repeated very successfully. In our advertising columns the Mount Cook School Committee return thanks to the teachers and others who assisted in the entertainments.

30th November 1887 The resignations of Miss Maunder (Mount Cook Girls') was accepted and leave of absence until 24th January was granted to the Rev. A. Dodwell (Mount Cook Boys
15th December 1887 :— he yearly distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Mount Cook Girls' School took place at the school yesterday morning. The large schoolroom presented quite an attractive appearance, having been tastefully decorated for the occasion with evergreens, flowers, mottos, etc. On the platform were his Worship the Mayor (who presented the prizes), Mr W. Allen, the secretary, and several members of the Committee. Previous to the distribution Mr Alien congratulated the school on its increase, both in numbers and efficiency. He stated that the number on the rolls was 581, and the average attendance 470, which he thought was very creditable to the school and its teachers. They had also done exceedingly well at the examination, the percentage of passes having been 89, which was an increase on past years. His Worship then briefly addressed the children, after which the presentation took place. The prize-list is as follows :

Standard" VII. (Miss Helyer) — Marks, Edith Bird. Standard VI. — Eunice Hedgeland, 1 ; Ada Hill, 2. Conduct— Eva Ramsay. Sewing — Lizzie Benbow, 1 ; Florence Harris, 2. Spelling (special prize by teacher) — Edith Bird. Neatness— Flora Wilkinson. Diligence— Florence Harris.

Standard V. (Miss McGowan) — Florence Dixon, 1 ; Minnie Fordham, 2. Conduct Bessie Fleming. Sewing— Alice Prince, 1 ; Honor Moore, 2. Highest pass at examination — Teresa Wycherley. Attendance (special prize by teacher)— Annie Roberts. Diligence — Annie McKirdy. Conduct Fanny Ahradsen.

Standard IV. (Miss Cook)— Jessie Leslie, 1 ; Annie Gibbs, 2. Conduct— May McLeod. Sewing — Maud Clayton ; special by teacher, Emily Jansen.

Standard IV. (Miss Maunder) — Lizzie Wakelin, 1 ; Ethelwyn Jenkins, 2. Conduct — Emma Ensor. Sewing— Lilian Moore. Special Diligence— Kate Stewart. Conduct — Lilian Moore. Standard III. (Miss Wallace) — Maude Hill, 1 ; Mary Campbell, 2. Conduct— Edith Edwards. Sewing — Gertrude Woodmas hon. mention, Mary Benbow. Special by teacher (conduct)— Florence Blarney.

Standard III. (Miss Lawson)— Sophia Goff, 1 ; May Wakelin, 2. Conduct — Kate Hutchings. Sewing — Kate Hutchings. Special by teacher (conduct) — Christina Janson. Highest Pass at Examination — Bertha Powell. Grammar— Rose Harvey . Writing May Somerville. General Diligence -Kate Wright, Lizzie Ballingall. Sewing— Jane Ward, Nellie Youmans.

Standard 11. (Miss Rothenburg).— Nellie Parrant, 1 ; Jane Ewing, 2. Conduct— Annie Bishop ; hon. mention, Minnie Port, Nelly Kershaw, Ethel Watkins. Sewing— Mabel Isaac; hon. mention, Nelly McLeod, Alice Jansen, Florence Strong, Mary McLeod. Special by teacher (sewing)— Elsie Gurr, Bessie Halliwell.

Standard 11. (Miss Watson).— Clara Roberts, 1 ; Mary Jenkins, 2. Conduct — Clara Roberts. Sewing— Ada Woods ; hon. mention, Nellie Harris, Lydia Condliffe, Ellie Clayton. Special by teacher (sewing)— Nellie Harris.

Standard 11. (Miss Lockie), — Lily Dutch, 1; Annie Orr, 2. Conduct — Maud Burgo. Sewing — Louisa Youmans. Special by teacher (neatness)— Maud Bnrge. Standard I. (Miss Tait). —

Bella McHarrison, 1 ; Gertrude Laurence, 2. Conduct— Annie Tustin. Sewing— Jessie Lauchlin. Special by teacher (conduct)— Grace Halliwell, Leila Howe.

Standard I. (Miss Wilkinson) — Grace Halley, 1 ; Matilda Renner, 2. Conduct — Grace Halley. Sewing — Annie Roberts. Special by teacher (conduct)— Jane Prince, Susy Edwards, Isabella McKirdy.

Temperance. — Florence Harris, 1 ; Rosetta Laurence, 2.

The Mayor complimented the school upon its progress during the year and expressed regret that more girls had not competed for the prize which he had offered for the best stocking-darner. His Worship stated that he would give a similar prize next year, in the hope that it would bring forward a large number of competitors. Miss Maunder, who is leaving the school, was the recipient of a workbox from her fellow-teachers, and the following teachers were presented by the pupils with useful and ornamental articles as a mark of esteem and affection : — Misses Helyer, Cook, McGowan, Wallace, and Thorburn. On the motion of Mr. Bacon, a vote of thanks was passed to the Mayor and on the motion of his Worship a similar compliment was paid to the Committee and teachers. This terminated the proceedings.

22nd December 1887 Wellington Education Board: The resignation of Miss Catherine Tait, Mount Cook Girls' School, was accepted

1887 Infants'

1887	477	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A		Head Female	£240.00
1887	477	Mt -Cook Infants '	Craig	Margaret H		Assistant Female	£120.00
1887	477	Mt -Cook Infants '	Rennie	Isabella A		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants '	Evans	Mable		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants'	Hutchens	Julia		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants'	Lockie	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants'	Dransfield	Elvina		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants '	George	May		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants'	Lawson	Minnie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants '	Gurr	Lenora		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants'	Gurr	Ethel M		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants'	Firth	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants'	Richardson	Florence		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants'	Stewart	Agnes		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants'	Tabor	Florence		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants'	Ramsay	Isabellla C		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants'	Monaghan	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants'	Tait	Jessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1887	477	Mt Cook Infants'	Houghton	Jessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Elvina Dransfield was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1887 and Te Aro in 1888 and 1889, Then was an assistant at Wadestown 1890 to 1891. Vogeltown in 1892 and Vogeltown in 1893.

1893/669	Dransfield	Elvina	25 Years old
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We regret to hear of the death of Miss Elvina Dransfield, second daughter of Mr J. Dransfield, About a week ago she was attacked by erysipelas, the disease having a fatal effect on Tuesday afternoon

May George in 1887 pupil teacher at Mount Cook Girls'

Minnie Lawson Pupil Teacher at Mt Cook infants' in 1887 and Te Aro 1888 and Vogeltown 1889

Lenora Gurr Pupil Teacher 1887 at Mount Cook Infants'

Ethel M Gurr Pupil Teacher 1887 at Mount Cook Infants' and 1888 at Vogeltown

Clara N Firth Pupil Teacher Mt Cook Infants' 1887 and Te Aro 1888 to 1894' Assistant at Te Aro 1895 to 1902 and Mistress at Wadestown 1903 and 1904

1904/6927	Clara Norella	Firth	John Dalziel	Hay
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Jessie Houghton was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1887 and Te Aro Infants' 1888 and sole teacher at Pencarrow Lighthouse in 1893 and 1894

Florence Richardson was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1887 and 1888 and at the Boys' in 1889

Agnes Stewart was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1887 and 1888

Florence Tabor was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1887 and 1888 and Newtown 1889 to 1895 and as an assistant at Johnsonville in 1896 was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1887

Isabella C Ramsay was a pupil teacher in 1887 and 1888 at Mount Cook Infants' and Newtown in 1889.

Alice Monaghan was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1887 and Courtenay Place in 1888

Jessie Tait was a pupil teacher in 1887 and 1888 at Mount Cook Infants'

25th May 1887 Wellington Education Board: Mrs. Francis, head teacher of the Mount Cook Infant School, applied for an increase of salary from .£240 to .£300, on the ground that when she was appointed it was understood that she was to have an efficient staff of assistants, which stipulation had not been carried out, and also that her services had been utilised largely for training pupil teachers. Mr. Young thought that as the applicant had trained many efficient teachers she was entitled to consideration. On the motion of Mr. Bunny, seconded by Mr. Brown, the application was refused.

19th July 1887 At the meeting of the Hospital Committee yesterday Mr. Gaby read a letter from Mrs. Francis, of the Mount Cook Infant School, to the effect that she intended to try and support a cot in the children's ward out of the Hospital in connection with her school, provided the school was allowed the use of the cot whenever required by any of the school children. Mrs. Francis, who asked as to terms, stated that she hoped to support the cot out of the weekly pennies of the children. Mr. Gaby was requested to state that the terms would be .£25 a-year.

29th July 1887 With regard to the appointment of a head mistress for the Thorndon infant school vice Miss Devereaux resigned, the facts of the case are stated to be as follow:—Miss Page, who has been selected by the Board to fill the vacancy, has been entirely educated under the Board, has greatly distinguished herself in her examinations, and has qualified as D3. She has been for 8 years a teacher under the Board, during several of which she was assistant under Mrs Francis at the Mount Cook Infant School. She has since had charge of the Infant School at

Newtown and has always shown herself a capable and able teacher, being especially skilful in the management of infants. Miss Searle, who is the candidate chosen by the Thorndon School Committee, is also a clever, painstaking teacher, and has been in the service for four years. She, too, has passed her examination very creditably, and has qualified as D4. Her experience in the management of children is, however, said to be considerably less than that of Miss Page, the other candidate. The Board have decided in favor of the more experienced teacher, and we understand they intend to hold to their decision.

7th October 1887 TONIC SOL FA.

TO THE EDITOR. Sib— The above notation has been most successfully taught in Mount Cook Infant School, Wellington, for the last nine years, and for some years in Mount Cook Boys' School, and private Kindergarten, on the Terrace. Will you kindly give above room, as it seems to be thought that the system is something new in Wellington. I trust it will now receive more attention from both Education Board and teachers. I am, &c, Sol Fa.

16th December 1887 MOUNT COOK. INFANT SCHOOL. Yesterday afternoon at 3.30 his Worship the Mayor presented the prizes to the children under Mrs Francis' care at the Mount Cook Infant School. Before the distribution the children sang a pretty little cantata entitled "The Picnic," the connective reading of which was given by Mrs Francis. The little ones went through the songs in it in capital style, always suiting the action to the word, and the performance was exceedingly interesting.

The list of prize-winners is as follows

First standard—Boys: Albert Ahradson, Ernest Armstrong, Ernest Baker, James Bond, Charles Bjermqvist, Samuel Coley, Harold Chinchin, Bernard Daniels, John Banks, Stanley Edwards, Wilfred Gandy, Smedley Hedgeland, Gladstone Jevons, John Kelly, David Murray, Harry Murrell, Malcolm McIntyre, Willie Midlane, John Murphy, George Plimmer, Henry Plumley, Bertie Preston, Octavius Perrin, Bertie Pudney, Walter Roberts, William Read, William Anderson Reid, George Reed, George Robb, William Thacker, Sydney Underwood, Walter Young, Clement Wycherley, Harry Wiltshire, James Wills, Robert Stewart, Frank Jansen. Second class— Boys : William Barnett, Walter Baker, George Robinson, Donald Fraser, George Hoy, Frederick Price, Henry Robinson, George Fear, Joseph Moor, Herbert Avery, Frank Watkins, Albert Travers, Edmund Curtis, George Williamson, John Andrews, John Haslem, Robert Percell, Arthur Van, James Tasker, Arthur France, Holman Bates, Thomas Brown, Ernest Bidding, Frederick Vaughan, Henry Asquith, Walter Murray.

Third Class —Boys : Frank Blair, Bernard Brown, James Findley, Hugh Hutchingson, John Johnson, Henry James, Harry Langdon, James Muir, George Maslin, Frank O'Brien, John Spencer, Ernest Stevens, Hercules Wright, Duncan Russel, Edward Ritson, William Davis, Alfred Williams, George Fraser, Charles Brodie, Percy Goldfinch, Alexander. Bell, Richard Bender, Edward Johns, Thomas Quinlivan,

Fourth Class— Boys : Henry Cate. First Class—Boys ; Andrew Bennie, Horace Munt, Peter Craig, Arthur Spencer, James Fishenden, William Saxby, Albert Peters, Edward Gardiner, William Pepper, Alfred Odlin, James Williamson, William Dutton, William Renner, Morris Carter, Andrew Wilson, John Woodward, Bertie Cooper, James Smith, William Tustin, William Yelden, George Carver.

Standard—Girls : Irene Palmer, Amy Gooder, Minnie Binns, Daisy James, Eva Rash, Ada Clark, Jane Foster, Ada Webb, Mabel Hicks, Ethel Manning, Jane Luke, Emily Tyrell, May

Isaacs, Agnes Walters, Olive Goldfinch, Nellie Mason, Maud Penlington, Annie Ridding, Jane Benson, Carrie Laurence, Rose White, Ethel Ackroyd, Annie Russel, Emily Oliver, Amy Richardson, Mary Luke, Jane Arcus, Mary Cook, Edith Wakelin, Kate McLean, Minnie Inkersell, Carrie Hayden, Margaret Riggs.

Third class. —Girls ; Mabel Bay, Louie Langdon, Elsie Cross, Edith Harbottle, Susan Benson, Kate Sinclair, Maggie Scott, Maud Cate, Rachel McGilvery, Ida McAnerin, Eva Higginbotham, Edith Haber, Daisy Perry, Emily Wixstead, May Kelly, Rose Sowerby, Nora-Hutchings Netta Griffin.

Fourth class—Girls: Kate Nicholls , Alice Bean, Lizzie Gartmer, Esther Barnett, Lenora Key, Mary Shannon.

Fifth class—Girls: Mary Renner, Jessie Hill, Rose Wiltshire, Jane Lacy, Ellen Bjermqvist, Eileen Wixstead, Mabel Parker, Maude Ericson.

1888

1888 Boys'

1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy	Charles A		Headmaster	£355.00
1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	Jackson	William H		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	Dempsey	Walter N		Assistant Master	£ 220.00
1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	Cherrett	Jessie		Assistant Female	£90.00
1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	Pringle	Graham		Male Pupil Teacher	£55.00
1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	Hopkirk	John		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	Ryder	Maude		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	King	Mary E		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	Hall	Anna Louisa		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	Drummond	Robert		Male Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	Flannagan	Eleanor		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	Edmonds	Herbert		Male Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	Ferguson	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1888	548	Mt Cook Boys'	Lockie	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Herbert Edmonds was a pupil teacher at Newtown 1885 to 1887 and Mount Cook Boys' 1888 to 1892. 1893 he was sole teacher at Pirinoa and didn't teach again for the Wellington Education Board

Elizabeth Ferguson was a pupil teacher as Lizzie at Kilbirnie 1884 to 1887 and then at Mount Cook Boys' in 1888 and at Clyde Quay 1889-1890

Clara Lockie was at Mount Cook Infants' in 1887 and at Mount Cook Boys' in 1888

16th February 1888 All the accommodation at the Mount Cook Schools being now occupied, the Chairman of the School Committee has issued a circular to parents, notifying that scholars who do not attend regularly will be erased off the books, to make room for new applicants.

17th February 1888 A boy named Jacobson, about eleven years of age, fell from the horizontal bar at the Mount Cook Boys' School at about noon yesterday, breaking an arm between the shoulder and the elbow. The little sufferer is under Dr. Cole's treatment. This is the second

accident of the kind which has occurred at the school within the last fortnight a younger boy having broken his arm by a fall from the same bar. We would suggest to the school authorities that small boys should not be allowed to exercise on the high bar, unless under supervision, without some protection in the shape of a mat or mattress.

29th February 1888 Wellington Education Board: Mr Lee School Inspector, asked for an extension of time for reporting upon the question of the instruction of pupil teachers. He recommended, however, that until the end of June the instruction of the teachers should be placed in the hands of the headmasters of the schools, viz. :—Included; Mount Cook Boys and Girls', Mr. Hardy ; ' Mount Cook Infants' and Courtenay place Infants', Mr Jackson

2nd March 1888 Wellington College: As the" services of a junior master were urgently needed, he' had recommended the appointment temporarily of Mr Baxter, late of the Mount Cook School,- and that gentleman had since filled up the' vacancy.

12th March 1888 The following are the returns of the late examination of Sixth Standard scholars of the city and suburban schools Mr. Lee, School Inspector: Included Terrace, 20 presented, 19 passed; Mount Cook Boys', 17 presented, 6 passed ; Mount Cook Girls', 21 presented, 11 passed ; Two scholars from the Mount Cook Girls' School were presented for the Seventh Standard, both of whom passed.

18th April 1888 Typhoid fever has secured another victim in the person of Mr. Lewis Dakin, who died in the Hospital at 10 o'clock on Monday night, after an illness of about six weeks. Deceased had fast completed his term of service as a pupil teacher in Mount Cook Boys' School. He was a very promising young man and a great favourite with his acquaintances, who will regret his loss very sincerely.

24th April 1888 MOUNT COOK. The meeting of the householders of Mount Cook district was held in the Boys' School, Taranaki-street. On the motion of Mr. J. Trevor, seconded by Mr. J. L. Bacon, Mr. W. Allan, Chairman of the retiring committee, was voted to the chair. There was a large attendance. The annual report of the retiring committee was read by the Chairman. It stated that during the financial year £377 4s 6d had been received from the Education Board and other sources; that the whole of the amount had been spent; but by careful management the committee were able to leave office free of debt; that since the end of the financial year £52 had been received as capitation ; that owing to the reduction of the capitation the committee had been prevented from carrying out some necessary repairs, but it was hoped the Board would find the necessary funds; that, considering the great number of children at the schools and the large staff of teachers employed, training matters had worked most harmoniously during the year; that the schools were crowded to excess, and the committee had daily to refuse admission ; that the actual state of the school accommodation was as follows :— Total number on books, 2014, average attendance 1840,. seating accommodation, 1655; that 185 children were attending regularly, for whom there was no seating accommodation. The report concluded—" We understand the Board are making arrangements for a new school, and we hope that the pressing need that is so apparent will help to urge them on to mature their plans, as there are children in this district sufficient to fill another large school." The Chairman explained that the number of Children for whom there was sitting accommodation was really 356 but he was glad to say that the Board were about to get over this difficulty by erecting a school in the Oriental Bay district. The balance-sheet, which was read by the Chairman, showed a debit balance of £2 63 7d The Chairman observed that the reduction in the capitation was so

great that he really did not know how the new Committee were going to carry on. On the motion of Mr. Job. Perry, Seconded by Mr. Jas. Robertson, the report and balance -sheet were adopted. Replying to a question, the Chairman explained that the capitation which was now being paid was little more than half what the committee had previously received. In August, for instance, £96, the largest sum that could be granted under the old system, was received, but in November only £52, which was the largest amount that could be granted under the present system, was paid. On the motion of Mr. C. Swiney, seconded by Mr. John Furness, a vote of thanks was passed to the retiring committee. Mr. Allan then vacated the chair, and Mr. A. W. Brown was voted to the position. Mr. James Robertson asked whether the committee could not make any alteration in the direction of getting suitable books for the instruction of the children in the history and geography of the colony. He said that at present the children knew much more about the history and geography of England and other countries than they did about this country. Mr. Allan said that special attention was given in the schools to instruction in the geography of New Zealand, and it was an examination subject. Mr. Jackson, the second master of the Boys' School, had informed him that Bowden's Geography of New Zealand was used. Mr. Robertson observed that the book was not used in all the standards. Mr. John Furness thought that parents were not treated with sufficient courtesy in the matter of books. His opinion was that due notice should be given to the parents that new books were required, and he trusted that the new committee would consider this matter. Mr. Bacon, a member of the retiring committee, said he had no doubt that if the matter were represented to the new committee in writing proper attention would be given to it. Replying to some remarks by Mr. James Mitchell, the Chairman stated that the school proposed to be erected in Clyde-quay would be a very handsome building, the cost of which would be between £1500 and £2000. Wellington was the only place in the colony where school sites had to be leased, and this was a disgrace to what was called the free system of education. The election of a new committee was then proceeded with, Messrs. E. Hammond and A. Guise acting as scrutineers. The election resulted as follows :— J. L. Bacon, 108; W. Allan, 91; Jas. Hutchens, 71; C. Roadley, 67; A. Wallace, 61 ; John Furness, 54 ; Jos. Wilson, 52 ; James Robertson, 82 ; C. Swiney, 9 ; J. Mitchell, 2. Messrs. Bacon, Allan, Hutchens, Roadley, Wallace, Furness, and Wilson were declared elected. A vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Secretaries concluded the proceedings. A meeting of the new committee was held subsequently, when Mr. Bacon was elected Chairman. Mr. Allan, who has been Chairman for three years, declined to stand again for the position, and was elected Secretary and Treasurer,

14th April 1888 Mr A. W. Brown made some very unmistakable remarks at the Mount Cook School Committee election last night in connection with school accommodation in this city. This, he said, was the only district in the Colony where they had to lease sites for schools. They had been forced to lease land in Clyde-quay for 42 years at a rental of £100 a year, and that was the only lease in which the Education Board had been able to get a purchasing clause. He pointed out that there was a mortgage over the Willis-street School, and that they had had to undertake to put up an expensive building in Ghuznee street in order to get a lease for a school badly wanted there. But in the South they found wooden buildings, with which Wellington would be very well content, being taken down in order that they might be replaced by handsome stone edifices. He expressed an opinion, finally, that these leasehold sites were a

disgrace to the free State system of education, and he commended the question to the thoughts of gentlemen who wished to exercise influence in elections.

25th April 1888 Wellington Education Board: . The Mount Cook Committee applied for £100, wherewith to paint their schools, and £17 as refund on expenditure upon the Girls' School. The latter item was granted and the other refused.

6th June 1888 The intentions of the Government with regard to the education question were explained by the Minister for Education last evening to the deputation of members of the Mount Cook School Committee which' waited upon him. It is not proposed to interfere with the existing system during the present session, unless the House should affirm the desirableness of abolishing the Education Boards,.....

12th June 1888 The Mount Cook School Committee held a meeting last evening in the premises of Messrs. Veitch and Allan, Tory-street, Mr. J. L. Bacon being in the chair. The other members of the Committee present were — Messrs. J. H. Hutchens, W. Allan, A. Wallace, C. Roadley, and J. Furness. The meeting was a special one, convened for the purpose of considering a slanderous statement contained in the columns of a local newspaper published on Saturday night last. The following resolution was agreed to unanimously, and the Secretary was instructed to forward the same to each of the Wellington papers, with_ the request that the conductors would give prominence to the same. The following is the resolution :— "This Committee desires to place on record its reprobation of the false statements contained in a Wellington newspaper, namely, that the Mount Cook School Committee was prompted by the Minister for Education in its action in waiting on him to make representations concerning the state of the Mount Cook Schools. The Committee considers that such a false statement could only have emanated from some one more desirous of gratifying his personal spite than placing a truthful record of events before the public"

24th August 1888 TENDERS FOR CLEANING MOUNT COOK SCHOOLS. SEALED TENDERS are required for the Cleaning of the above Schools. Specifications can be seen at the Excelsior Dairy, Taranaki-street. Tenders must be sent in not later than 6 p.m. on Monday, the 27th inst. WM. ALLAN, Secretary.

29th August 1888 Mr James C Dodwell assistant in Mount Cook Boys' School resignation accepted.

31st October 1888 Wellington Education Board: The resignations of Mr. John B. Stewart, pupil teacher at Mount Cook, and Mr. Wm. Murcell, teacher at Dreyerton, were accepted

20th November 1888 The examination of Mount Cook Boys' School, which was commenced by Mr R. Lee on Monday last, was concluded yesterday. The following are the results : — Standard VIII—Presented, 3 ; passed, 3. Standard VI—Presented, 22 ; absent, 1; excepted, 1 ; failed, 1; passed, 19. Standard V—Presented, 53; excepted, 1; failed, 10; passed, 44. Standard IV—Presented, 96 ; excepted, 1; failed, 23 ; passed, 72. Standard III — Presented, 134; absent, 1 ; excepted, 2 ; failed, 23 ; passed, 109. Standard II Presented, 124; absent, 2 ; excepted, 3 ; failed, 5; passed, 114. Standard I—Presented, 199 ; passed, 199. Preparatory Class—17 presented ; total presented, 650 ; absent, 4; excepted, 8 ; failed, 62 ; passed, 560.

28th November 1888 The results of the Mount Cook Boys, have already been published by us, but the following remarks upon eaob made by the Inspector have not been made public Mount Cook Boys'.—" A very good school. A large number from the Infants' School, under Mrs. Francis, passed Standard I. Except in one division of Standard IV class, taught, for the most

part, by Mr. Dodwell, the work of the classes is very good. The lower classes, Standard I. and II., read with good expression. The higher standard arithmetic is very well done. There is much improvement in the neatness of the written work throughout the school. I am well satisfied with the quality of the work and the general condition of the school. Singing (under Mr. Jackson) and drawing are good features."

4th December 1888 Thursday 6th December at 7.30 p.m. GIFT SALE ! GIFT SALE!! i

AT MOUNT COOK SCHOOLROOM, Taranaki-street. . Horse, Saddle, Bridle, Poultry, Sheep, Soap, Sugar, Flour, Candles, Oatmeal, Vases, Mats, Toys, Glassware, and 1000 other articles, Too numerous to particularise. The above-mentioned articles are subscribed by the parents and friends of the children to enable them to obtain, sufficient funds for the purchase of Prizes for the Scholars. The sale will be conducted by Mr. Townsend of the firm of Townsend & Paul, , Auctioneers.

4th December 1888 Parents and friends of the children attending any of the schools are reminded of the gift sale that takes place on Thursday night next at Mount Cook School. It will be seen by the advertisement in another column that articles of every description have been 'spontaneously' subscribed, from a horse to a pound of candles. The horse will be on view in the school ground on Thursday afternoon and evening.

7th December 1888 The gift auction at the Mount Cook School last evening was a great success, and a substantial amount was realised towards the prize fund. The auction will be continued to-night when there will be a special attraction for the juveniles in the shape of a bran-tub. The horse sold yesterday was returned by the purchaser as a present to the committee and will be again offered this evening. An advertisement on the subject appears elsewhere

8th December 1888 THE Mount Cook School Committee beg to tender their sincere thanks to Mr. Townsend for his kindness in acting as Auctioneer at the Gift Auction. W. ALLAN, Secretary.

10th December 1888 Masterton School Committee: At a special meeting of the School Committee this afternoon the appointment of Mr H. W. Jackson, at present assistant at the Mount Cook School, to the mastership of the Masterton School, was confirmed.

11th December 1888 The Mount Cook School Committee have approved the action of the Board of Education in promoting Mr Jackson, first assistant in the boys' school, to the headmastership of the Masterton School, but decline to ratify the appointment of Mr. Thomas, at present in Te Aro School, as his successor, until further information is before them.

18th December 1888 Appointment of Mr. Thomas, at present first assistant at Te Aro, to a similar position in the Mount Cook Boys School, has been confirmed by the local committee, and he will enter upon his new duties after the Christmas vacation

20th December 1886 Mr. W. H. Jackson, who has for the last five years occupied the position of assistant master at the Mount Cook Boys' School, bade his late scholars farewell to-day, and will after the holidays take up his new appointment as headmaster of the Masterton School. Two presentations were made to Mr. Jackson on his promotion— one of a gold locket, made by Mr. Hardy, headmaster, in the name of the teachers, and the other of a silver inkstand, presented on behalf of the sixth standard boys by one of their number. Mr. Jackson acknowledged both gifts with some emotion.

20th December 1888 The prizes won by the scholars of the Mount Cook Boys' School were distributed at 10 o'clock this morning by Mr. J. B. Blair, Chairman of the Education Board,

The proceedings were opened by Mr. J. I. Bacon, Chairman of the School Committee, who complimented the head-master (Mr. C. Hardy) and his staff upon the excellent results attained by their industry during the year, as attested by the commendatory report of the Inspector and the high proportion of passes obtained— 86 per cent. Mr. Bacon, concluded by a feeling allusion to the marble tablet erected in the school by the teachers and scholars to the memory of Mr. Lewis W. Dakin, formerly a teacher in the school who died in April last. Mr. Blair, in the course of a brief address, complimented the children upon the improvement in the tone of the school, and commented upon the high standard of merit shown by scholars from the primary schools on their transfer to Wellington College, where holders of scholarships occupy good positions, and the foremost boy in the highest form at the present time is one who came from the Mount Cook School. He was glad to note the stigma which it was sought to attach to the primary schools of the colony last year had now been removed, and the only thing that in his opinion called for the slightest reproof was the behaviour of the children after leaving school, which was at times somewhat wild. Mr. Blair then distributed the prizes as follows : —

Class I.— 1, J. Beaglehole ; 2, J. Haslam ; 3, G. Houchen. Prize for best examination—O. Goff. Special prize for good conduct—E. Plumley. Special prize for attendance— W. Wilson. Hon. mention — H. Jenkins, W. Lee, W. Billman, S. Chisholm, F. Kirk, J. Shennan, E. Kellow, A. Tasker.

Class II.—1, S. Rait; 2, A. Burnett ;3, J. Rait. Prize for best examination — H.F. Wilson. Prize for good conduct — H. Warcup . Prize_ for attendance — V. Waters. Hon. mention— H. Wycherley, P. Tyrrell, E. Tonks. W. Reade, W. Robinson, T. Ryan.

Class III.— I, J. Bell; 2, H. Jenkins ; 3, S. Wood. Best examination — F. Baldwin. Good conduct — F. Bowring. Hon. mention— A. Lawrence, G. Hawthorne, C. Bedward, G. Philips, E. Brennan, J. Jones.

Class IV.—1, W. Stewart; 2, F. Foster; 3, C. Midlane; best examination, J. Taylor; good conduct, J. Bose; attendance, J. Elliott ; hon. mention — E. Ryan, H. Churchill, W. Tonks, P. Dawson, A. Hutson. Class V.— 1, E. Spencer ; 2, S. Smith ; 3, A. Somerville; best examination, C. Robertson; good conduct, A. Campbell ; attendance, J. Ryan ; hon mention— A. Proctor, W. Price, H. Perrin, S. Chisholm, J. Williamson, F. Pudney.

Class VI.— 1, R. Henry; 2, J. Arcus : 3, J. Roadley; best examination, B. Atkinson; good conduct, C. Bender; attendance, A. Ivar; hon. mention —E. Johnson, W. Cross, C. Luke, and A. Day.

Class VII. — 1, A. Jeavons; 2, F. Pope; 3, B. Parker; best examination, H. Coombe; good conduct, G. Saxby; attendance, A. Callum; hon. mention, A. McDonald, L. O'Brien, A. Patten, H. Patten.

Class VIII. —1, J. Smith ; 2, B. Wilson ; 3, G. Spencer ; best examination, J. Matthews; good conduct, Y. Bird; attendance, B. Carr; hon. mention, N. Kirkcaldie, A. Bose, A. Wright, C. Collins, F. Burton.

Class IX.— 1, H. Peters ; 2, B. Hanson ; 3. W. Barber ; best examination, E. Jackson ; good conduct, P. Edwards ; attendance, B. Goudie ; hon. mention, C. Hancox, W. Churchill, W. Priest,

Class X.-1, W. Roberts ; 2, C. Wycherley ; 3, W. Bead ; best examination, E. Potter ; good conduct, W. Midlane ; hon. mention, H. Murrell, P. Thomson, W. Rothenberg, W. Young, W. Quinn, A. Risdon .

Class XL-1, G. Plimmer; 2, H. Benton; 3, G. Coates; best examination, E. Baker; good conduct, T. Coe ; hon. mention, M. Green, G. Hoy, W. Jones, D. Braid, A. Black, B. Fairchild.

Class XII.— 1 G. Jeavons; 2, F. Marchant; 3, A. Mason; best examination, L. Ward; Good conduct, J. Ward; hon. mention, F. Lawton, A. Tattle, A. Warne, J. Walden, H. Plumley.

Class XIII.— I, W. Quinlan ; 2, J. Smith ; beet examination, W. Townsend ; good conduct, W. Hepburn; hon. mention, It. Chirnside , F. O'Brien , G. Meenan, W. Moran.

Extra prizes. — For best writing from dictation (prize presented by Messrs. Sargood and Ewan), William Wilson; for best mental arithmetic (prize presented by Messrs. Sargood and Ewan), Ivie Gibson. Messrs. Blair and Hardy having spoken, votes of thanks were passed to the former gentleman for presiding, to the School Committee, and the teachers. The children then dispersed for the holidays

22nd December 1888. . Four prizes wore lately offered by the Mount Cook Sohool Committee to the scholars of their two principal schools for proficiency in knowledge of the contents of Dr. Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book. The awards have been made by Mr. J. H. Fraser, and are to hand to-day. Of the prizes allotted to the boys' school, the first has been won by W. A. Lee, with E. Kellow second. The competitors at the girls' school did not furnish their names to the examiner, but the first prize has been allotted to the girl distinguished by the number 8, and the second to No. 3.

1888 Girls'

1888	531	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Catherine H		Head Female	£251.05
1888	531	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£110.00
1888	531	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet		Assistant Female	£105.00
1888	531	Mt Cook Girls'	Cook	Isabella M		Assistant Female	£90.00
1888	531	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Mary Kate		Assistant Female	£85.00
1888	531	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen		Assistant Female	£85.00
1888	531	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenberg	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1888	531	Mt Cook Girls'	Watson	Caroline C		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1888	531	Mt Cook Girls'	Wilkinson	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1888	531	Mt Cook Girls'	Thorburn	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1888	531	Mt Cook Girls'	Hutchens	Emily R		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1888	531	Mt Cook Girls'	Hudson	Priscilla		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00

Emily R Hutchens [aka Emily R, Emmeline, EER,] was at Mount Cook Infants' 1885 and 1886, Courtenay Place 1887 and Mount Cook Girls' 1888 to 1892 and Clyde Quay 1893 to 1896 as a pupil teacher. She then was at Dreyer's Rock [North East of Mauriceville] as sole charge. Then from 1900 to 1915 she was sole teacher and Head female of Nireaha School between Pahiatua and Eketahuna.

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Priscilla Hudson was always a pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board 1884-1885 Courtenay Place. 1886-1887 Te Aro Infants' 1888-1889 Mount Cook Girls' 1890-1892 Clyde Quay

14th May 1888 The Mount Cook School Committee have recently held an inquiry into the truth of certain statements made with reference to two girls attending the school. We are glad to learn that the Committee, after inquiring exhaustively into the matter, came to the conclusion that there was no foundation of truth in the reflections made upon the children

30th May 1888 Wellington Education Board: Leave of absence was granted to Misa Fanny Garrett (Mount Cook Girls).

29th August 1888 A difference of opinion between Mrs. Tarn; headmistress of the Mount Cook Girls, School, and Miss Frances Garratt, a. member of her staff, formed the subject of discussion in committee by the Board of Education this morning. A letter was read from Mrs. Tarn stating that since Miss Garratt had obtained leave of absence on the score of ill health she had ascertained that the illness had been due to rinking and dancing) and not td over work, as alleged. Miss Garratt also addressed the Board oil the subject, her letter being to the effect that her illness had been solely due to overwork ; that she considered she had a perfect right to amuse herself as she liked in her own time; and that she was anxious to be transferred to another school. The Board decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Chairman and the Inspector

13th November 1888 The examination of the Mount Cook Girls' School by Mr. Lee, School Inspector, was finished yesterday. There were 708 children presented in all, and of these 31 were in the preparatory class, 519 passed, 99 failed, and the remainder were either absent or excepted. The results in eaob grade were as follows :— Standard VII., 7 presented, 5 passed; Standard VI., 41 presented, 23 passed, 18 failed ; Standard V., 77 presented, 58 passed, 15 failed ; Standard IV., 88 presented, 68 passed, 14 failed ; Standard III., 147 presented, 124 passed, 12 failed ; Standard II., 127 presented, 72 passed. 40 failed; Standard I., 171 presented, 169 passed, 0 failed.

28th November 1888 'I he results of the Mount Cook Girls' Schools have already been published by us, but the following remarks upon each made by the Inspector have not been made public : Mount Cook Girls'.— "Reading, writing, and composition ore generally well taught. The arithmetic of the upper classes should be stronger. Very good needlework throughout. The head teacher should take a portion of the upper class work, and periodically examine the upper classes as well as the lower, especially in arithmetic. Fifty nine candidates passed Standard I. from Mount Cook and Courtenay-place Infant Schools, 49 from the former and 10 from the latter. These are included in this return. Good work in Standards I and III. The Standard II. classes had been taught by several teachers. General results satisfactory."

20th December 1888 The final scene for the year in connection with this school was enacted in the Princess Theatre, Tory-street, where all the scholars assembled at 11 o'clock. Mr. J. L. Bacon, Chairman of the School Committee, presided, and Mr. S. Brown, ex-Mayor, presented the prizes -as follows: —

Standard VTL— E. Hedgeland, 1. Needlework—L. Benbow, 1 ; R. Lawrence, 2. Conduct— G. Dixon. Darning — L. Benbow.

Standard VI.— B. Fleming, 1 ; A. McKirdy, 2. Needlework— E. Cooper, 1 ; S. Shutlift, 2. Darning— F. Watson. Botany— E. Ramsay. Conduct— F. Dixon.

Standard V.— G. Wycherley, t; F. Hutchings, 2. Needlework— B. Lawson, 1; E. Frost. 2. Darning— A. Mead. Conduct— E. Jenkins.

Standard V. (Second Division).— S. Hawthorne, 1 ; F. Bird, 2. Needlework— M. Clayton, 1; C. Young, 2. Darning— M. Johnstone. Conduct —D. Stevens.

Standard IV.— E. Gowland. 1 ; M. Wilson, 2. Needlework— M. Benbow, 1; E. Edwards, 2. Conduct— M. Hill.

Standard IV. (Second Division). — K. Hutchings, 1 ; L. Thomson, 2. Needlework— H. Hancox, 1 ; L. Thomson, 2. Darning— H. Hancox. Conduct—M. Smith.

Standard III.— G. Legg, 1 ;C. Roberts, 2. Needlework— G. Legg, 1 ; M. Isaacs, 2. Conduct— A. Orr.

Standard 111. (Second Division).— M. Leslie 1 ; L. Smith 2. Needlework —E. Seagar, 1 M. Johnstone, 2. Conduct —V. Faucett.

Standard III (Third Division).— L. Hutchings, 1 ; M. Hawthorn, 2. Needlework—M. Hawthorn, 1 ; E. Bead, 2. Conduct—E. Hurlestone .

Standard II. —B. Legg, 1 ; I. McCarrison, 2. Needlework Si. Sanders, 1 ; B. Legg, 2. Conduct— G. Halliwell.

Standard II.— (Second Division). —J. Hutcheson, 1 ; A. Wolters, 2. Needlework—L. Brown, 1 ; H. Cato, 2. Conduct— T. Maguire. Standard I.— A. Richardson, I ; E. McLeland, 2. Needlework-A. Johnstone, 1 ; M. Biggs, 2. Conduct —H. Sample.

Standard I.— (Second Division). — A. Russell .l; L. Cobham, 2 Needlework— E. Legg, 1; E. Henderson. W Conduct— J. Souper

Special prizes.— By Miss Helyer— Mapping, G. Quee ; spelling, C. Weston ; diligence, E. Bird, B. Tattle. H. Frater; neatness, F. Watson. By Miss McGowan— Mapping, A. Pearcey. By Miss Cook- Diligence and good conduct, E. Lee. By Miss Lawson— Good conduct, &C., S. Goff ; neatness, N. Youmans ; reading, C. Jansen ; industry and good conduct, L. Ballingall; neatness and good work, M. Somerville. By Miss Rothenberg— General good behaviour, M. Port. By Miss Watson— Neatest exercise book, G. Smith; progress, J., Donald. B5 Miss Thorburn— General neatness, A. Wilkinson; conduct, I. Atkinson. By Miss Meek— Writing, M. Sanders. By Miss Hudson— Attention and progress, B. Wills. By Miss Wilkinson— Good conduct, M. Fawcett ; neatness, J. Bellows ; progress, E. Spencer. By Mrs. Tarn— Good conduct, G. Wycherley. By Miss Hutchings— General progress, A Webb ; writing, A. Bidding. By Miss Wallace— Neat work, G. Woodmass .

The children were not behindhand in expressions of regard for their teachers,, and various mementos were presented by their respective scholars to Misses Thorburn, Helyer, Cook, Watson (two tokens), Wallace, Lawson, and Rothenberg. Addresses were given by Messrs. Brown and Fraser, after which votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Brown, the School Committee, and the workers and donors in connection with the late gift auction. The children were then dismissed.

1888 Infants'

1888	448	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A		Head Female	£280.00
1888	448	Mt -Cook Infants '	Craig	Maggie H		Assistant Female	£115.00
1888	448	Mt -Cook Infants '	Richardson	Florence		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1888	448	Mt Cook Infants '	Stewart	Agnes		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1888	448	Mt Cook Infants'	Tabor	Florence		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1888	448	Mt Cook Infants'	Meek	Emma		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1888	448	Mt Cook Infants'	Ramsay	Isabella C		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1888	448	Mt Cook Infants '	Tait	Jessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1888	448	Mt Cook Infants'	Cook	Eleanor N		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1888	448	Mt Cook Infants '	Holm	Daisy		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1888	448	Mt Cook Infants'	Phelps	May		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1888	448	Mt Cook Infants'	Laird	Harriet		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1888	448	Mt Cook Infants'	George	Millicent		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1888	448	Mt Cook Infants'	Thorburn	Isabella		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Emma Meek was at Vogeltown in in 1887 and Mount Cook Infants' in 1888: Terrace in 1889 and Mount Cook Girls' in 1890 all as a pupil teacher

Daisy Holm only taught in 1888 at Mount Cook Infants' as a pupil teacher

May Phelps only taught in 1888 at Mount Cook Infants' as a pupil teacher

Harriet Laird only taught in 1888 at Mount Cook Infants' as a pupil teacher

Isabella Thorburn taught at Mount Cook Infants' 1888 and 1889 and at Mount Cook Boys' in 1890 and 1891 as a pupil teacher

Thorburn. —On March 13th, Isabella Mary, second daughter of John and (Frances Thorburn, aged 20 years.

26th January 1888 Wellington Education Board: Miss Lockie Pupil Teacher Mount Cook Infants' resignation accepted

31st March 1888 Donations for Children's Ward Wellington Hospital included Mrs. Francis— Mount Cook Infant School, £5 ; teachers, £1.

7th May 1888 Letter to the Evening Post: I read a short time ago of a Mr. Lee, a schoolmaster, raising a fund from amongst the children attending his school (a public one) for providing the poor children of London with penny dinners. No objection was taken to it by hie committee. Latterly another school contributed to supply some school material to another school which had been burnt. Children may bring money to give their teachers presents. Mount Cook Infant School children have been subscribing for a children's cot in connection with their school , which they have been taught (by their teachers) is a practical manner of showing their sympathies for the sick children. The committee have issued a notice to the mistress that it is to be discontinued, no reason being given. They have already presented a cot and furnishings to the children's ward but are not allowed to take their pence to the school to support it. Is all manner of moral as well as religious teaching to be done away with in Wellington. This is a bad sign. Why should not the children of Wellington be taught to be self- denying and give of their abundance? Instead of forbidding, every school district should support its own cot at the Children's Ward. Mount Cook District has over 200 children on -its roll. Why should they not

subscribe .£25 a year, and try what right the committee has to stop such a good I object? I am, &c, A Parent.

8th May 1888 WELLINGTON Hospital: Amongst the correspondence read at the meeting of the Hospital Trustees this after--noon--was" a letter* from Mrs. Francis, headmistress of the Mount Cook Girls' [Actually Infant]Sohool, stating that as the committee had prohibited the collection of pence from the children, the latter were unable to continue their contributions to a cot in the Children's Ward. She suggested that the money collected should be handed to the Furnishing Fund. Mr. Danks protested against the action of the Committee and said that they would never have been elected if it was thought they would prohibit the children from contributing. The Trustees took no action in the matter.

26th June 1888 On Friday last and yesterday relays of the children attending the Mount Cook Infant School were taken by their teachers through the Children's Ward at the Hospital to see "their Cot." They were delighted with what they saw, especially with the toys, which caused one little boy to tell his teacher he meant to break his leg so as to go into the school' cot." Unfortunately, through the school committee forbidding the collection of pence in school for the maintenance of the cot the school had provided, the Trustees of the Hospital have sent notice to the school that the handsomely designed and framed name "Mount Cook Infant School Cot" cannot be hung in the ward. This is a great disappointment to the children.

27th June 1888 Miss E. M. Gurr tendered her resignation as a pupil teacher in Mount Cook Infants' Sohool. The resignation was accepted.

6th July 1888 I am going to take up the cudgels on behalf of my friend Mrs Francis of the Mount Cook Infant school, one of the best conducted schools in the city. Why did the School Committee come between her and the extremely laudable object of the endowment of a cot in the children's ward of the Hospital by the pupils of Mrs Francis' school ? The children were subscribing their pennies readily, entered with zest into the spirit of the thing, when lo I came the inexorable mandate to stop. Children's pennies were not to be diverted to any such purpose. Much better the children spent 'em on sweeties. And I did hear that somebody wanted to know whether the mistress was to be trusted with such a heap of pennies. If so that person, whoever he was, values a child as less than a penny. The mistress may be entrusted with so many children of the State, but not with so many copper coins of the realm Hooray, this is jolly; we are progressing, no doubt of it

25th July 1888 Three months' leave of absence without pay was granted to Miss Alice Lockie, Mount Cook Girls' School

3rd August 1888 There were a number of articles in the papers about a report in the New Zealand times that I have not published because they were not important; This piece tells the story: At a meeting of the Mount Cook Sohool Committee, held last evening to consider the statements published in the New Zealand Times as to the alleged immorality in our public schools, the following resolution was carried unanimously :—" : — " That this committee hopes the Education Board will take the necessary steps to have proper enquiry made into the allegations re the alleged immorality in our public schools."

26th September 1888 Inspector Lee's report included: Mr. Lee further reported that there were four pupil teachers in Mount Cook Infants' School, the names of whom he mentioned, who were in excess of the staff required, and who were no' considered efficient, and that the work of certain other teachers whom he named was not satisfactory. The Board decided to give the

four pupil teachers in question notice that their services would be terminated at once, and it was also resolved to caution those teachers whose work was reported as unsatisfactory.

28th September 1888 The Mount Cook Infant School children are busy practising for one of their interesting entertainments in aid of procuring new kindergarten lessons. It will be held in Adelaide road Hall, on Friday week, for parents and elder children, and for younger children at St. Mark's Schoolroom, on Saturday week, at 3.30.

5th October 1888 MOUNT COOK INFANT SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT. Adelaide-road Hall, October 5, at 8 p.m., and St Mark's Schoolroom, October 6, 3.30 p.m.

20th October 1888 Mount Cook Infant School has sent Home [England] for £10 worth of Kindergarten lessons, from funds raised by the late entertainment.

3rd November 1888 A correspondent writes in strong terms condemning the authorities of the Mount Cook Infant School for allowing the visits of a well-known character, who dresses himself up in outlandish and ridiculous attire. Our correspondent asserts that the children and pupil teachers are much frightened of this person, and he instances the case of his own little girl, who was set crying by fright, and was at risk to return to school yesterday. Our correspondent, who signs himself significantly "Whip-plier," more than hints at the probability of personal chastisement if visits of the kind are repeated.

15th December 1888 An unpleasant incident occurred at the Princess Theatre last evening, during the performance of the cantata "Santa Claus." Miss Rennie, a pupil teacher in the Mount Cook School, who undertook the title role, approached rather too close to the footlights, which were without guards, and her dress, which was trimmed with swan's down, caught fire, and in an instant was in a blaze. The accident, fortunately, was observed by Mrs. Francis, under whose management the cantata was being produced, and that lady, with remarkable presence of mind, seized a table covering which was lying handy on a chair and wrapped it round the girl, who followed the best possible course under the circumstances by remaining perfectly quiet. Although considerably alarmed, the children on the stage remained in their places, and thus averted a stampede, which in all probability would have resulted in some serious accident. Not so with the people in the body of the hall, the majority of whom instantly left their seats, and for some minutes a scene of almost indescribable confusion was witnessed. It soon became evident, however, that the mishap was not so serious as was at first anticipated, as Miss Rennie again made her appearance on the stage. She received a great fright, but luckily escaped with but few scars. This is to be wondered at, as the long white beard she was wearing to sustain the character she impersonated was burnt to a cinder.

20th December Wellington Education Board: Resignation accepted: May Phelps Mount Cook Infants'

20th December 1888 The children attending Mount Cook Infant School were dismissed for the holidays yesterday afternoon. Mr. J. L. Bacon presided over the final gathering as Chairman of the Mount Cook School Committee, and prizes were distributed as follows

Boys.— First class — B. Avery W. Murray, E. Harvey, W. Sawly, W. Pepper, A. Odlin, W. Tustin, A. France, A. Van, W. Miller, H-. Robinson, A. Williams, S. Hedgland, R. Purcell, J. Haslam, T. Baker, B. Dawson, G. France, T. Cunliffe, H. Jones, J. Singleton.

Second class— W. Barnet, F. Murrell, D. Russell, G. Fear, J. Finlay, E. Ritson, G. Williamson, L. Larke, C. Welsh G. Blandford, S. Wilson, F. Blair, J. Milner, F. Jacobsen.

Third class J. Stevens, R. Bender, F. Tolly, W. Manning, G. Maslin. H. Furness W. Martin, , A. Murray .E. Stevens, H. Young, H. Cate, D. Davis, P. Palmer, C. Weston, J. Harris, F. Williams, F. Marriott, J. Robinson. C. Penlington.

Fifth class— J. Conliffe, W. Furness, J. Lawrence, S. O'Brien, J. Read, B. Murray, B. Redding, H. Coombs, F. Baker, J. Edwards, W. Houghton.

Sixth class— A. Hawthorn, C. Elliott, C. Smith, J. Johnson, A. Puddy, M. Swede, W. Lopper, H. Self, F. Greenfield.

Girls— First class: A. Ericson, E. Neale, L. Hancox, M. Ivar, E. Patterson, M. Holmes, A. Lawton, A. Marriott , E. Robinson, 8. O'Brien, L. Reid, N. Griffin, M. Smith, B. Thompson, M. Tait, M. Scott.

Second class— E. Rakor, M. Chirk, A. Gregory W. Hutchings E. Wickstead, D. Gaudin, M. Smith, F. Park, E. James, A. St. George, R. Sowerby, K. Macklin.

Third class— L. Langston, M. Shannon, S. Smith, E. Cross, I. Errickson, M. Ronnie, M. Stewart, C. Midlane, H. Hicks, M. Waltors, M. Inkersill M. Luke, M. Bishop, J. Solomon.

Fourth 'class S. Watson, A. McAnerie, R. Carter, E. Cooper, E. Gray, O. Fox, A. Harbottle, H. Florence, 3. McLean, M. Buchanan, M. Gableghan, E Tiller, M. Ryan, L. Sonper.

Fifth Class— H. Knight, A. Tustin, D. Sommerville , M. Johnson, M. Baxby, J. Gardiner, L. Hicks, C. Park.

Sixth Class— L. Ward, O Cooper, E. Blair, F. Woodwork, M. Craig. E. Evans.

Mrs. Francis, head-mistress, having thanked her assistants for their co-operation during the year, cheers were given by the children for the Committee and their teachers, refreshments were provided, and the scholars were then set free.

27th December 1888 A Christmas cantata, entitled “ Santa Clause at the School,” was performed at the Princess Theatre, Tory-street, on Friday by the teachers and pupils of the Mount Cook Infant School, under the management of Mrs Francis, mistress of the school. There was a large audience present, composed mostly of children. The stage was very prettily arranged to represent a fairy bower, in which the. school children were assembled, and a charming effect was produced. The chief characters in the cantata were—School Mistress, Mrs Francis; Queen Winter, Miss Garratt; Storm King, Miss McKeegan ; Autumn, Miss Thorburn ; Jack Frost, Miss Watson ; Hail, Miss Ramsay ; Ice, Miss Tabor; Snow, Miss Richardson; Aurora Borealis, Miss Cook ; North, South, East, and West Winds, Misses B. Thorburn, Laird, Holm, and Tait respectively ; Santa Clans, Miss. Rennie ; Long Ago, Miss Firth ; Shepherdesses, Misses Meek, Stewart, Monaghan, and Phillips, The connective readings were given by Mrs Francis with good effect, and the solos and choruses by the principals and children were done justice to. Miss Foster presided at the piano. During the evening a distribution of gifts to the children present took place. The performance was repeated on Saturday afternoon, when more choice gifts were given away.

1889

1889 Boys'

1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy	Charles J		Headmaster	£355.00
1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Thomas	Joseph		Assistant Master	£ 220.00
1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Dempsey	Walter N		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Cherrett	Jessie		Assistant Female	£90.00
1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Hall	Alice Louise		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Flannagan	Eleanor		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Drummond	Robert		Male Pupil Teacher	£55.00
1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Wilkinson	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Beaglehole	E W		Male Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Stuart	Lavina		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Tait	Robert		Male Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Richardson	Florence		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Cook	Eleanor N		Female Pupil Teacher	£2500
1889	528	Mt Cook Boys'	Edmonds	Herbert		Male Pupil Teacher	£40.00

Joseph Thomas was an assistant Master Mount Cook Boys' 1889-1893 and Headmaster of Pahiatua from 1894 to 1915/ And from around 1917 to at least 1923 he was headmaster of South Wellington

E (Edward)W Beaglehole was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Boys' 1889 to 1891. Then assistant at Clyde Quay 1892 to 1898. 1899-1901 he was sole teacher at Dreyerton [Just South of Martinborough] In 1902 and 1903 he was assistant at Thorndon then only taught again for the Wellington Education Board at Petone DHS as a substitute

28th November 1908 Mr E. W. Beaglehole, of Wellington, who is studying at Jena University for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, returned to Germany this week from London, where he has spent the greater part of his vacation in research work in connection with a thesis he is preparing. Mr Beaglehole hopes to revisit London in about a year's time.

Lavina Stuart was a Pupil teacher at Pahautanui 1884 to 1888 and at Mount Cook Boys' in 1889 and 1890. Then from 1891 to 1893 still a pupil teacher was back at Pahautanui

1894/560	Lavinia Stuart	Alexander	Morgan
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Robert Tait only taught at Mount Cook Boys' in 889 as a pupil teacher

Eleanor N Cook was at Mount Cook Infants' in 1885 and Mount Cook Infants' in 1888. Otherwise from 1889 to at least 1923 she was at Mount Cook Boys'

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Herbert Edmonds was a Pupil teacher at Newtown 1885 to 1887 and Mt Cook Boys 1888 to 1892. In 1893 was sole teacher at Pirinoa.

29th January 1889 The applications of children for admission to the new school at Clyde-quay numbered quite 700 before the closing hour yesterday; afternoon. So far as has yet been reported to the office of the Education Board the drain upon other city schools has not been

serious. Indeed, in one case, that of the Mount Cook School, though 72 children whose names appeared on last year's roll are unaccounted for, their disappearance is counterbalanced by 76 new admissions.

15th February 1889

Classification of Pupil Teachers for 1889

Fourth Year	Herbert Edmonds	Mount Cook Boys'	Passed
Fifth Year	Louisa Hall	Mount Cook Boys'	Passed
Fifth Year	Robert Drummond	Mount Cook Boys'	Passed
End of Fifth Year	John Hopkirk	Mount Cook Boys'	

27th February 1889 Wellington Education Board: Miss Lockie Mount Cook resignation accepted.

8th March 1889 Mr. J. R. Blair, Chairman of the Board of Education, waited upon the Minister of Justice this afternoon, and asked that Government should bear the cost of erecting a high fence at the back of the Mount Cook Boys' School, so as to prevent children from getting on to the prison reserve and firing catapults at the windows. Mr. Blair stated that after one recent holiday nearly 100 panes were found to have been broken. The Hon. Mr. Fergus promised to instruct the Inspector of Prisons to make enquiries as to the utility and cost of a fence.

27th March 1889 The Education Board propose to spend the following amounts in buildings during the year ending 31st December next : — Works now under contract—[Included] Mount Cook Boys', £69 ; Mount Cook Girls', £92 11s ; Mount Cook Infants, £57 ;

27th March 1889 Wellington Education Board: Leave of absence for 14 days was granted to Miss Maud Ryder, Mount Cook Boys' School..... It was proposed to transfer Miss Mary E. King, who lives at the Taita, from Mount Cook Boy's School, but Mr. Young urged that Miss Payne, who resides at the Hutt, should be appointed. The Board resolved to make the appointment at next meeting, and in the meantime to institute enquiries from the committee on the subject.

24th April 1889 . MOUNT COOK. This meeting was held in the Boys' Schoolroom, Taranaki - street. About 60 householders were present, and Mr. W. Murrell was voted to the chair. Having introduced the business, the Chairman called upon Mr. J. L. Bacon, the Chairman of the late Committee, to read the report for the past year. This commenced with an allusion to the difficulty which had been experienced with regard to ways and means. When the Committee took office the schools all required painting and shelter sheds and new fences at the Girls' School were wanted. As they began with an overdraft of £2 6s 7d an application was made to the Board of Education for the necessary funds, but it was met with a response that in the state of the law none of the Board's money was available for painting or repairing purposes. The Hon. George Fisher, on being applied to, very courteously went into the matter, and promptly gave the Board power to put the schools in a decent state of repair. A fence was still badly wanted at the rear of the Boys' School. At present the back was quite unprotected, and lads got in after hours and broke the locks, misused the closets, and wrote obscene words on the walls. This had been brought under the notice of the Minister for Defence, but although he had promised to keep the matter steadily in view, nothing had yet been done. The new Committee would, no doubt, attend to this matter. With the exception of a few minor matters, the management and teaching in the schools had been very satisfactory, more particularly in

the Infants' School. The diminution of the capitation grant had greatly hampered the Committee, and extreme economy had been necessary. The receipts from this source for the year ending 31st December, 1887, were .£335 2s 6d, whereas for the year ending December, 1888, they were only £206 6s 8d. The report then expressed the thanks of the committee to those who had contributed articles to, or had otherwise assisted towards the success of, the gift auction in aid of the prize fund. This had resulted in a profit of £65 3s 7d, of which £42 3s 11d had been spent in prizes, leaving .£22 19s 8d for future use. As showing the increase of population in the Mount Cook district it might be interesting for the householders to know that the average attendance at the schools for the quarter ending 31st March, 1888, including Clyde quay, was 1718, whereas for the same quarter in 1889, it was 1876, the increase being 153. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Gill, the report was adopted. The election of a new committee was then proceeded with, Messrs. J. T. Bovis and W. G. Tustin being appointed scrutineers. Eight gentlemen were nominated, viz., Messrs. James Wilson, J. L. Bacon, C. P. Worth, D. Macdougall, J. Danks, W. Allan, A. Wallace, and W. Murrell. On the votes being counted the first seven were declared duly elected. Votes of thanks to the outgoing committee and the Chairman concluded the meeting. At a subsequent meeting of the new committee, the late Chairman (Mr. J. L. Bacon) was reelected to that position.

28th August 1889 Wellington Education Board Mount Cook School Committee made application for improved closet [toilet] arrangements. The matter was left in the hands of the Chairman to report to the next meeting.

27th November 1889 Wellington Education Board: Miss Jessie Cherrett, of Mount Cook Boys' School, applied for leave of absence for three months from the 1st of February. It was decided to request her to apply again at the January meeting.

30th November 1889 Another satisfactory result is reported by Inspector Lee from his examination of the Mount Cook Boys' School, which was completed yesterday afternoon. Out of the 610 scholars on the roll, there were 10 absent, 12 were excepted from examination, and 27 were in the preparatory class. Of the 561 who were thus left liable to the test, there were only 58 failures, and the remaining 503 passed. The class details are as follows .— Standard VII., 5 presented, all passed ; Standard VI., 25 presented, 24 passed; Standard V.. 53 presented, 40 passed ; Standard IV., 96 presented, 3 absent, 1 excepted, 76 passed ; Standard III., 124 presented, 3 excepted, 116 passed ; Standard II., 166 presented, 4 absent, 8 excepted, 131 passed; Standard I., 114 presented, 3 absent, 111 passed. The school is under the management of Mr. C. Hardy, who must have every reason to be satisfied with the years' work.

14th December 1889 As a means of providing prizes for the pupils attending the Mount Cook Schools, numerous articles have been collected from friends and parents during the past few weeks, varying from a sewing machine to a hen and her chickens. These will be auctioned by Mr. A. W. Brown in the Boys' Schoolroom on Monday evening, commencing at 7 o'clock, and the proceeds will be devoted to the prize fund

17th December 1889 The Gift Auction, held for the purpose of raising funds to purchase prizes for the Mount Cook school children, passed off very briskly yesterday at the boys' school, Mr. A. W. Brown kindly giving his services as auctioneer. The returns for sale of tickets are not all in yet, but it is expected that about .£35 will be realized. The prizes will be delivered at the boys' school to-morrow (Wednesday), at 12.30, and at the girls school at two in the afternoon.

18th December 1889 The resignations of Miss Jessie Cherrett and Miss Mary A. Bacon, pupil teachers at Mount Cook Boys' School and Clareville respectively, were accepted.

18th December 1889 MOUNT COOK BOYS.

The annual prize distribution took place at 12 30 p.m. to-day. The attendance of parents was only moderately large. Mr. Hardy. B.A., the headmaster, received Mr. J. B. Blair on his entrance, and conducted that gentleman to the chair. The members of the committee present were Messrs J. L. Bacon (Chairman), Alex. Wallace, J. Wilson, C. Roadley, and W. Allan.. Mr. Bacon, before the proceedings proper commenced, asked those of the boys who intended to be present at the Jubilee demonstration on Anniversary Day to hold up their right hand, the result being the display of a perfect forest of digits. He explained that the Jubilee Committee were desirous of ascertaining how many school children intended attending, as they desired to arrange for the proper carrying out of the commissariat department. The Chairman said it was again with great pleasure he had to address the school on the great annual occasion of distributing prizes. Referring to the work of the year the Chairman said the attendance had been satisfactory, the average being 520, while the percentage at the examination was 90 or 91 ., He could not refrain from remarking that it appeared to be the popular idea— not only here, but also in other districts— that the school inspector was the enemy of both pupils and teachers. This was a fallacy which should be got over as soon aa possible. as from his certain knowledge, Mr Lee in his examinations was actuated purely by the desire of doing his duty, and that Mr. Lee did this he (the Chairman) felt convinced. There was just one other matter he should like to refer to, and it was this— complaints had been made that the attendance at Mount Cook Boys' School just prior to examinations fell off, but the crucial test being over, the leverage rose. This was not fair to the teachers, for both parents and pupils should recollect that the teachers were paid by results, and if the attendance declined the teachers suffered thereby. The morale of the school, he was glad to observe, still maintained its position, and this notwithstanding that the children attending the school were not picked from the various districts but resided in the immediate vicinity of the school.

The ceremony of distributing the prizes was then proceeded with.

Class Ia.— J. Beaglehole, 1 ; C Haslam, 2; G. Houchen, 3; good conduct, 0. Goff attendance, C. Haslam.

Class Ib.— A. Katerfoldt, 1 ; B. Rash, 2 ; S. Rait, 3 ; good conduct, H. Warcup ; best examination, - Ivar; attendance, S. Rait, J. Rait, V Waters; general progress, A. Wolters hon. mention, W. Farythe, F. Plimmer

Class II J. Bell 1; G. Hawthorn, 2; F Baldwin, 3 ; good conduct, J. Rose ; best examination, F. Manttan ; attendance J Bull, G. Hawthorn, J. Baldwin. mention J. Stevenson, W. Clayton, F. Renner H. Manttan, J. Jones.

Class III.— C Bender, 1 ; A. Callam, 2 ; J. Aston 3 ; good conduct, C. Luke ; best examination, R. Burns ; attendances, J. Arcus A. Ivar; hon. mention, M. Bannister A. Robinson, A. Burton, R. Parker,

Class IV.— S. Smith, 1; A. Somerville, 2; C, Robertson, 3; good conduct, E. Spencer; bent examination, J. Minifie; attendance, J. Ryan, A. Prictor; hon. mention, W. Bishop, A. Patten, J. Tregurtha.

Class V.— H. Peters, 1; W. Roberts, 2; G. Isaac, 3; good conduct, W. Turner; best examination, J. Olson ; attendance, B. Gowdie , A. Waters; hon. mention, P. Thompson, G. Hancox, E. Gardner, H. Murrell, G. Roberts.

Class VI.- A. Prince, 1; C. Wycherley, 2; R. Wilson, 3 ; good conduct, G. Eddie; best Examination C. Collins ; attendance. B. Le Grove, F. Burton C. Clayton, T. Burns, H. Forbes; hon. mention, J. Smith, A. Ho-jo, G. Brooker.

Class VII.— G. Plimmer, 1 ; A. Carrick, 2 ; W. Jones, ; good conduct, R. Carter ; best examination, D. Bell ; attendance, E. Baker, J. Hutson ; hon. mention, J. Knight, S. Hoy, J. McIntyre .

Class VIII.— S. Edwards, 1 ; G. Jeavons , 2; A. Peters 3 ; good conduct, E Elliott ; best examination, A. Odlin ; honourable mention, G. Phelps, F. Lawton, W. Jaffray, H Travers J. Henshilwood, L. Ward.

Class IX.— J. Haslam, 1; E. Quinlan, 2; R. Stewart, 3 ; good conduct, H. Jones ; best pass, J. Johnston; honourable mention, B. Dawson, G. Moohan, W. Naismith, R. Gordon.

Class X —A. France, 1 ; H. Grainey, 2 ;R. Purcell, 3 ; Good conduct, H. Robinson ; bent pass, T. McGill ; honourable mention, C. Callaghan, T. Brown, W. Manall, W. Miller, F. Rance .

Class XI— F. Blair, 1 ; A. Simm, 2 ; G. Atkinson, 3, good conduct, F. Vaughan ; best past, W. Campbell; attendance Q. Atkinson ; honourable mention, C. Smith, H. Hill, H. Plimmer, G. Ferris, W. Harry.

Class XII.— A. Cook, 1 W. Andrews, 2; A. Hanson, 3; Good conduct , C. Ward; best pass, S. Fletcher; Honorable mention, W. Davis, L. Shearer, W. Solomons, M. Rowell, H. Frandi.

Special prizes.— Presented by Messrs . Sargood, Son and Ewen, for mental arithmetic. Standard V. and VI. : A. Katterfeldt, 1 : Paul Peters, 2 ; presented by Captain Rose, for drawing, Standard V. : C. Midlane.

1889 Girls'

1889	432	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Catherine H		Head Female	£251.05
1889	432	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£110.00
1889	432	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet		Assistant Female	£105.00
1889	432	Mt Cook Girls'	Cook	Isabella M		Assistant Female	£90.00
1889	432	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Mary Kate		Assistant Female	£85.00
1889	432	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen		Assistant Female	£85.00
1889	432	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1889	432	Mt Cook Girls'	Hudson	Priscilla		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1889	432	Mt Cook Girls'	Watson	Caroline C		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1889	432	Mt Cook Girls'	Thorburn	Christina		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1889	432	Mt Cook Girls'	Hutchens	Emmeline		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1889	432	Mt Cook Girls'	Tait	Jessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£52.00

Priscilla Hudson was a pupil teacher at Courtenay Place 1884 and 1885: Te Aro Infants' 1886 and 1887: Mt Cook Girls' 1888 and 1889 and Clyde Quay 1890 to 1892

1893/3971	Priscilla Hudson	John	McFerran
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Christina Thorburn was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Infants 1885: Mt Cook Girls' 1886 and 1889: Mt Cook Boys' 1890 and 1891

1893/2811	Christina Frances Thorburn	Claudius Walter Cato
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Jessie Tait was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1887 and 1888 and Mount Cook Girls' in 1889

30th January 1889 Wellington Education Board: . It was resolved that the services of Miss Monaghan, pupil teacher in Mount Cook Girls' School, should not be retained.

15th February 1889

Classification of Pupil Teachers for 1889

Fourth Year	Clara Wilkinson	Mount Cook Girls'	Passed
Fourth Year	Clara Thorburn	Mount Cook Girls'	Passed
Fifth Year	Caroline Watson	Mount Cook Girls'	Passed
End of Fifth Year	Priscilla Hudson	Mount Cook Girls'	

27th June 1889 The resignation of Miss Marion George, pupil-teacher. Mount Cook Girls' School was received and accepted.

31st July 1889 A letter was read from Mrs. Tarn, of Mount Cook Girls' School, stating that one of her pupil teachers was unsuitable for her work. The Inspector endorsed the allegation, and it was decided to give the young lady three months' notice.

23rd November 1889 The standard examination of the Mount Cook Girls' School was completed by Mr. Lee, School Inspector, yesterday. Out of 572 scholars on the roll, there were 469 passes, 22 failures, 21 exceptions, 24 absentees, and 36 in the preparatory class, The details in each grade are as follows: —Standard VII., 4 presented, 1 excepted, 3 passed ; Standard VI., 36 presented, 1 absent, 2 excepted, 28 passed ; Standard V 43 presented 2 absent, 30 passed ; Standard IV., 93 presented. 3 absent, 6 excepted, 77 passed ; Standard III., 79 presented, 2 absent, 3 excepted, 73 passed; Standard II., 170 presented, 8 excepted, 6 failed, 151 passed; Standard I., 111 presented, 8 absent, 3 excepted, 98 passed. Mr. Lee will begin to examine the Mount Cook Boys' School on Monday.

9th December 1889 Inspectors report to Wellington Education Board included: Mount Cook Girls.— The results are highly satisfactory and the best which this School has ever made. Most of the work is good. The staff is a good one if I except the teacher of Standard I., who does not— and I think with reason— altogether satisfy the headmistress. The reading throughout (except Standard I) is an excellent feature of the school, and so is the class singing. There is great improvement in the neat character of the work — in the writing and in the arithmetic

18th December 1889 MOUNT COOK GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The distribution took place shortly after 2 p.m., the ceremony being performed by Mr. J. R. Blair. The picture presented by the little ones by reason of their light and variegated costumes was a highly pretty one — in fact the assemblage could only be likened to a lovely parterre of summer blossoms. Prior to the distribution the children sweetly sang a Christmas carol under the direction of Miss Harriett McGowan. The Committee mustered in full force and the school was addressed, first of all by Mr. Bacon (Chairman of the Committee), who complimented Mrs. Tarn (headmistress) and the pupils generally upon the proficiency displayed by the children of the school in sewing during the past year. He regretted, however, that the lady examiners had brought under his notice that the very important department of " darning " had not been attended to so closely as they thought it might have been. The Chairman, in a brief

but extremely humorous speech, complimented the girls upon the comely appearance they presented. This occasion was the only opportunity at which it had been his privilege to address a school comprised exclusively of girls — with the exception of the pupils of the Girls' High - school— and he certainly considered that the girls he saw before him would favourably compare with the students of the secondary school he had referred to. (Laughter.) The Chairman concluded his remarks by urging the girls of the school to still greater exertion in the year which was yet unborn. The following is the prize list : —

Standard VII.-Highest marks-F. Watson. Needlework— B. Zohrab, 1 ; M. Haselden, 2. Darning (by Mrs. Bacon) —F. Abradson .

Standard VI.— Marks— E. Lee, 1 R Hutchings, 2. Conduct— F. Bird. Needlework — li. Lawson, 1 ; J. McKenzie, 2 ; M 1 . Hudson, 3. Special (by teacher)— D. Stevens. Standard V.— Marks— S. Goff, 1 ; G. Wycherley 2. Conduct— C. Janson. Sewing — M. Benbow .; E. Edwards, 2; M. Wilson, 3; M. Hill ,4; Darning— L. Hicks. Special (by teacher) Sewing— H. Goff. Conduct marks -M. Watson.

Standard IV. (teacher, Miss Cook).— Marks- L Tyrrel 1 ; M. Le Grove, 2. Conduct — E. Reade. Sewing— J. Ward 1 ; E. Spencer, 2; M. Hogg, 3; M. Holmes, 4. General progress— A. Ward. Special, conduct (by teacher)-C. Zohra .

Standard IV. — Marks— A. Orr, 1 ; M. Johnstone , 2. Conduct —M. Hawthorne. Sewing— G. Legg, 1 ; E. Marriott, 2 ; E. Larson, 3; N. Kershaw, 4. Special, darning (by Mrs. Bacon) — E. Milson.

Standard III. (Miss Lawson).— Marks— M. Purcell .; I' J. Tyrell, 2. Conduct- G. Halley. Sewing— J. Norbury, 1 ; K. Sharpe, 2 ; J. Lepper, 3; A. Gooder ,4. Special (by teacher) general progress— E. Rash. Best pass at examination—A. Odlin. Reading — A. Walters.

Standard III. (Miss Rothenburg) — Marks, B. Halliwell, 1 ; G. Halliwell. 2. Conduct— M. Haselden. Sewing, G. Halliwell, 1 ; D. Rowden, 2; A. Napier, 3; K. Munt, 4. Special by teacher, M. Hitchcock.

Standard II. (Miss Watson).— Marks, N. Griffin, 1 ; M. Hawthorn, 2. Conduct — M. Chance. Sewing— E. Hawthorn. 1 ; S. Edwards, 2; P. Sowerby 3; M. Gate, 4. Special by teacher, for diligence — C. Briggs.

Standard II. (Miss Thorburn). — Marks, M. Renner, 1; A. Johnstone, 2. Conduct— N. Chance. Sewing— B. Legg, 1; L. Rose, 2; B. McArrison, 3; H. Sample, 4. Special by teacher, for neatness — E. Ackroyd.

Standard II. (Miss Hutchings). — Marks —M. Gowdie, 1 ; A. Ridding, 2. Conduct —L. Cobham. Sewing —E. Legg, 1; D. Tonks, 2; J. Souper, 3 B Thompson, 4.

Standard I. (Miss Tait). — Marks-S. Hall, 1 ; M. Roadley, 2 Conduct— J. Arcus. Sewing — A. Hansen M. Wycherley, 2 ; E. Luke, .3 B. Jobson, 4. Special by teacher for conduct — S. Hill.

Standard I. (Miss Hudson). — Marks— F. Jacob, 1 ; I_ . Clark, 2. Conduct — A. Edwards. Sawing— L. Barnes, 1 ; S. Watson, 2; A. Webb, 3 ; G. Nicholson, 4. Special prize by Mr, Bacon, flawing machine— W. Moore

21st December 1889 Mesdames Bacon and Webb, who examined the needlework of the scholars at Mount Cook Girls' School, have forwarded a report on the subject to the Education Board. They state that there is a marked improvement in the hitherto good work produced at

the school, which gives evidence of painstaking teaching on the part of the staff, the excellent work of Standards 111 , IV., V and VII. being especially worthy of mention.

1889 Infants'

1889	394	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A		Head Female	£280.00
1889	394	Mt -Cook Infants '	Craig	Maggie H		Assistant Female	£115.00
1889	394	Mt -Cook Infants '	Thorburn	Isabella		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1889	394	Mt Cook Infants'	Townsend	Francis		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1889	394	Mt Cook Infants'	Fairchild	Edith		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1889	394	Mt Cook Infants'	Manthel	Nina		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1889	394	Mt Cook Infants '	Rothenburg	Sara		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1889	394	Mt Cook Infants'	Nimmo	Maggie		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1889	394	Mt Cook Infants '	Forster	Grace		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1889	394	Mt Cook Infants'	Jordan	Edith M		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1889	394	Mt Cook Infants'	Hopwood	May		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00

Francis Townsend only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Mount Cook Infants' in 1889

Edith Fairchild only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Mount Cook Infants' in 1889

Nina Manthel taught at Mount Cook Infants' in 1889 and 1890 and at Mount Cook Boys' in 1891 and 1892

-Sara Rothenburg was a pupil teacher 1889-1890 at Mount Cook Infants' and at Mount Cook Girls' 1891 to 1897

Maggie Nimmo was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1889 and Newtown 1890 to 1899

Grace Forster only taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1887 at Mount Cook Infants'

Edith M Jordan was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Infants' in 1889 and at Te Aro Infants' in 1890

Mary Hopwood was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1889 and 1890 and at Newtown 1891 to 1896. 1897 to 1899 she was sole teacher at Takapu school east of Tawa Flat and then at Mangarama School [Mangarama school was by Mangaramarama Road about 2 Kilometres from Pahiatua] until 1906

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15th February 1889

Classification of Pupil Teachers for 1889

First Year	Florence Richardson	Mount Cook Infants'	
Second Year	Eleanor N Cook	Mount Cook Infants'	
Second Year	Isabella Thorburn	Mount Cook Infants'	
Second Year	Milly George	Mount Cook Infants'	
Second Year	Agnes Stewart	Mount Cook Infants'	Passed
Third Year	Florence Tabor	Mount Cook Infants'	Passed
Third Year	Jessie Tait	Mount Cook Infants'	Passed

24th April 1889 The Education Commissioners of the Dunedin Exhibition have written to Mrs. Francia, head teacher of the Mount Cook Infant School, inviting her to give practical lessons in Kindergarten work at the Exhibition. A letter from Mrs. Francis was read at to-day's meeting of the ' Education Board, applying for two months' leave of absence on full pay at the end of the year, to enable her to accept the proffered position, and pointing out that she could well arrange for the management of the school in November and December, after the examinations are over The Chairman of the Board thought that if the Dunedin people got the advantage of Mrs. Francis' services, they should be prepared to pay for them rather than take them at the expense of the Wellington Board. It was decided to grant two months' leave of absence without salary.

15th May 1889 Mrs. Francis, of the Mount Cook Infant School, who was asked to give Kindergarten lessons at the Dunedin Exhibition, has received a letter from the Commissioners to the effect that "Kindergarten lessons are out of the question, as they cannot afford the expense necessary."

30th May 1889 Wellington Education Board: The resignation of Miss Agnes Stewart, pupil teacher, Mount Cook Infants, was accepted

17th June 1889 The vacancy in the staff of the Wallaceville School has been filled by the transfer of Miss Elkins, late of the Korokoro School where she has been succeeded by Miss Ryder, late of Mount Cook Boys' School. Miss Ranwell has been removed from the Te Aro Infant School to Mount Cook,

5th September 1889 Those interested in kindergarten work will have an opportunity of spending a pleasant hour on Saturday afternoon, when the teachers of Mount Cook Infant School have arranged to meet their pupils, to give an exhibition of paper-plaiting, clay-modelling, and other kindergarten lessons. The exhibition begins at half-past 2 o'clock

5th October 1889 . A special meeting of the Wellington Educational Institute was held this morning to formulate proposal of subjects for discussion at the annual conference of the New Zealand Educational Institute, to be held at Dunedin next January..... Mrs. Francis (Mount Cook Infants' School) and Mr. H. P. Ward (Johnsonville) were appointed to represent the Wellington institute at the conference.

22nd October 1889 Kindergarten work, as carried on at the Mount Cook Infant School, under the direction of Mrs. Francis, will be represented at the New Zealand Exhibition by a case of samples of the children's productions. The case contains 52 articles, consisting of clay models, done both with and without moulds, paper-plaiting, inlaying, freehand drawing on slates, paper-laying, stick figures, &c, with a list of the names of the little designers. When it is considered that none of the children by whom the work was done are more than eight years old, their proficiency in modelling without tools and in drawing is really remarkable and speaks volumes for the practicability of the Kindergarten system, no less than for the industry of the little ones' instructress. The exhibit will be on view for a short time in the window of Messrs. Veitch and Allan's shop, Cuba street, before being despatched to Dunedin.

21st November 1889 Stone Throwing. —Another exemplification of the dangers attending the pernicious habit of stone throwing by boys was given at Mount Cook Infants' School on Tuesday, when a boy six years of age had one of his eyes almost knocked out by a lad who, taking advantage of his position in the roadway, deliberately pelted the children in the

playground. It is to be regretted that an example is not occasionally made of these juvenile stone-throwers, for the danger of the habit is so obvious that leniency is little short of criminal. 6th December 1889 The children of the Mount Cook Infant School will give the pathetic service of songs entitled "Jessica's First Prayer" at St Mark's Schoolroom to-morrow at half-pas' three, the proceeds being devoted to meet expenses of the Kindergarten lessons just arrived from Home. There will be also an attractive exhibition of skill with dumb bells, musical bells, and rings

6th December 1889 MOUNT COOK INFANT SCHOOL. ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT, in aid of the Kindergarten Lessons Fund, will be held in St. Mark's Schoolroom (kindly lent by Rev. R. Coffey.) "Jessica's First Prayer, with lantern illustrations, Musical Drill, &c, on SATURDAY, 7th instant, at 3.30 p.m. Admission— One shilling ; Children, sixpence.

9th December 1889 A most successful magic lantern entertainment of " Jessica's First Prayer" was given in St. Mark's Schoolroom on Saturday afternoon in aid of the Kindergarten Lesson Fund in connection with the Mount Cook Infant School, but the attendance was small, not being at all commensurate to the merits of the performance. Mrs. Francis read the descriptive parts, and the school children rendered the vocal parts with great precision and steadiness. After " Jessica's First Prayer," the children went through a musical drill with the dumb-bells, bolls, and rings, the latter being rather difficult, but the children acquitted themselves admirably, considering that this was the first occasion on which the rings were taken.

19th December 1889 MOUNT COOK INFANT SCHOOL.

Certificates for attendance were presented by Mr. J. L. Bacon, after which an enjoyable concert took place. The Children were also entertained at tea. The following received certificates:— Girls— A. Griffin, E. Barnet, N. Saxby, M. Renner, L. Green, M. Ryan, E. Gray, Harbottle, M. Wolters, M. Parker, M. Tryall, D. Ferris, M. Winter, M. Tiller, A. Wickstead. Boys— A. Gordon, E Baumgart, A. Murrell. A. Watson, J. Hutchings, T. Ballingall, G. Hensilwood, H. Callam , B. Redding, W. Furness. H. Pope, J. Smith, A. Hind, J. Bacon. Second Class.— Girls- M. Roddley, L. Hicks, H. Knight, F. Gray, V Waters, K. Blair. Boys -J. Bilby, J. Lawrence, C. Mansill, H. Cate, T. Kershaw.-'A'. Nicholas. Third Class.— Boys— W. Johnstone, F. Greenfield. C. Downes, W .Arens, F. Midlane, A. Ritson, F. Bott, T. Mills. Girls E Evans, A. Spencer. M. Callam , M. Benson, M. Baker, L. Green E Clarke,' A. Symons, D Sommerville. Fourth Class.— Girls-F. McIntyre , M. Davison. Boys 1 Hutton . C. Atkinson, J. McLean, T. Raid, H. Bovis, J. Fear. G. Price, C Robinson Fifth Class.-Girls-E. Hamilton, A. Mitchell F. Miller. Boys- Solomon , K. Gandy, .T. Taylor, H. Johnson A Aydon. Sixth Class.— A Ahradsen.

1890

1890 Boys'

1890	515	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy	Charles J		Headmaster	£355.00
1890	515	Mt Cook Boys'	Thomas	Joseph		Assistant Master	£ 220.00
1890	515	Mt Cook Boys'	Dempsey	Walter N		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1890	515	Mt Cook Boys'	Drummond	Robert		Assistant Master	£ 100.00
1890	515	Mt Cook Boys'	Flannagan	Eleanor		Assistant Female	£75.00

1890	515	Mt Cook Boys'	Hall	Alice Louise		Assistant Female	£60.00
1890	515	Mt Cook Boys'	Beaglehole	E W		Assistant Master	£55.00
1890	515	Mt Cook Boys'	Edmonds	Herbert		Male Pupil Teacher	£55.00
1890	515	Mt Cook Boys'	Stuart	Lavina		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1890	515	Mt Cook Boys'	Thorburn	Isabella	`	Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1890	515	Mt Cook Boys'	Thorburn	Christina		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1890	515	Mt Cook Boys'	Cook	Eleanor N		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1890	515	Mt Cook Boys'	Rountree	W B		Male Pupil Teacher	£35.00

WW [aka W B] Rountree, was a Pupil Teacher at tawa Flat in 1888 and 1889 and Mt Cook Boys' 1890 to 1892. From 1893 to 1896 he was assistant at the Terrace School and 1897 to 1898 he was at the Rintoul Street School. From 1899 to 1902 he was head of the Pongaroa School. 1903 to 1919 he was headmaster of Worsley Bay School and by 1921 he was at Blenheim school for the Wellington Education Board . In 1923 was teaching in Christchurch

20th January 1890 The Procession Committee held a meeting on Saturday evening, at which they decided that the order of the procession on Wednesday next should be as follows : — 1. Protestant Band. 2. Children — Mount Cook. 1000; Clyde quay, 400 et al

29th January 1890 In a long article on overcrowded Wellington City schools were these comments: Mr. Grundy, the headmaster [Clyde Quay], said that so far as he knew there were only four Mount Cook children at the school..... The Chairman stated that at the present time there were only 54 vacancies in the Mount Cook School, but those would be filled up shortly. There were also a good many vacancies in the Thorndon School, but every other school was full.

30th January 1890 Wellington Education Board Inspector Lee's report:

MOUNT COOK BOYS General condition satisfactory but work of Standards 1 and 2 inferior to that of last year, especially in reading. The work of remaining classes also hardly equal to that of last year. Standards 8 and 7 are strong. Very good Standard 3 class taught by Miss Flannigan, and excellent writing in Standard 4, taught by Miss Cherrett. The headmaster should devote more time to assisting inexperienced teachers . Percentage of passes, 83 ; percentage of failures, 10. The reports were laid before the Board of Education yesterday. The Chairman, in commenting on them, but Mount Cook Boys School was not so satisfactory as it had been in the past.

1st February 1890 . We are authorised to state that the percentage of passes of the four city schools that were given in our issue of Thursday last was calculated upon the total number of children on the books, including infants, in accordance with the-Government schedule. In the case of the Thorndon School, therefore, where the number of infants is large, the percentage of passes will necessarily appear low as compared with those of schools from which infants are practically absent. The true percentage of passes on the number of children examined at the Schools in question, as shown by the percentage of failures, was as follows :— Thorndon, 88 ; Te Aro, 90 ; Terrace, 95 ; Mount Cook, 90

18th February 1890 SPECIAL INSTRUCTION CLASSES. MESSRS. C. J. HARDY, B.A., and J. THOMAS, Assistant Master at Mount Cook Boys' School, are prepared to give Special Instruction in the undermentioned subjects to Candidates for the E Certificate, and such Third-year Pupil Teachers as are desirous of obtaining assistance) in qualifying for the next

Examination. Subjects : Higher Arithmetic Algebra Euclid Latin School Management Terms and all information on application to either of the above-named instructors.

26th February 1890 Wellington Education Board: It was agreed that Miss Christina Thorburn should, on her own application, be removed from Mount Cook Boys' School as soon as a suitable opportunity occurs.

1st March 1890 The set of cricketing material presented by the Ponoke Cricket Club for competition among the city schools and won by the boys of the Mount Cook School, was handed over to the latter yesterday. Mr. Hardy, headmaster, very generously supplied a ball, as the club was short of one. It may be mentioned that the same boys also won the football presented by the Ponoke Football Club for competition by the public schools last winter

26th March 1890 In view of probable changes in the teaching staff of Mount Cook Boys' School, Mr Hardy, the headmaster, suggested that he should have Mr. J. Kershaw, vice Miss Richardson, and Miss Clara Thorburn, vice Miss Booth, who is about to be transferred to Clyde-quay ; Miss Flannagan, Miss Hall, , and Mr. Drummond to be assistant teachers. , The recommendations were adopted, subject to confirmation by the committee. It was resolved that in future recommendations from head teachers must come through the local committees.

9th April 1890 On account of the prevalence of influenza amongst the teachers and scholars!, the Mount Cook School Committee have closed their three schools— the Boys', Girls', and Infants' —from this morning, when they were to have re-opened after the Easter holidays, until Monday next. About one-third of the children are said to be affected with the complaint, and Mr. Hardy, headmaster of the Boys' School, is himself amongst the sufferers. Other Schools in the city have also been thinly attended of late, and there are not many mercantile offices, or Government departments, that have escaped the disablement of one or more clerks. It is, however, satisfactory to learn, on the authority of medical men, that the seizures have as yet been of the very mildest nature, and that only two cases have been serious. We learn as we go to press that the Clyde Quay Committee have also decided to close their school from to-morrow until Monday next.

29th April 1890 Over 40 householders were present at the Mount Cook meeting, and Mr. J. L. Bacon (Chairman of the Committee) presided. The Committee's report mentioned that the opening of the new school at Clyde-quay and the unusual amount of sickness had lessened the attendance during the year, and therefore the capitation allowance was smaller than usual, being reduced from £206 to £178. The receipts from the annual gift auction had also dropped from £63 3s 7d to £38 7s 1d. The Committee had found the sum at their disposal totally insufficient to carry on the management of the school in such a manner as they would have liked. The Education Board had promised consideration of several urgent matters — notably, the acquirement of more ground at the rear of the girls' school to permit the removal of sheds and offices, and so give better light and ventilation ; the asphaltting of the grounds, and the erection of some fencing. The year's work in the schools was fairly satisfactory. It was suggested to the incoming committee that they should devise a better system for granting special holidays than the one existing, and as a suggestion for the consideration of householders a resolution passed by the committee at a recent meeting was attached to the report. This was to the effect that a paid secretary should be appointed, the committee finding that such an appointment was an absolute necessity to ensure the clerical work being carried out properly. In conclusion the committee recorded their regret at the loss through death of Mr. Duncan McDougall, who had

been a committeeman for six or seven years. The report was adopted without discussion, on the motion of Mr. Seymour, seconded by Mr. Robinson. The Secretary reported the year's expenditure to have been £239 4s 10d, and the Chairman explained that this left the committee in debt to the extent of £17 4s 11d. Mr. Copithorne enquired why a paid secretary was necessary when the school was in debt. The Chairman explained that the bursting of a water pipe was the principal cause of the debt, but they were in hopes of getting a refund from the Board. The balance-sheet was accepted. The meeting then proceeded to elect a new committee, and the ballot gave the following result :— C. F. Worth, 141 ; J. L. Bacon, 74 W. Allan, 61 ; J. Wilson, 48 ; T. W. Grant, 37 ; G. Norbury, 19 ; J. Danks, 14 : J. Bertie, 3; W. H. Edwards, 2. The first named seven were declared elected. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting. The new committee met subsequently, and elected Mr. J. Wilson v Chairman, with Mr. W. Allan as secretary, which office he filled last year.

10th May 1890 Street Nuisances.—‘ ‘ Whip Top’ writes as follows:—“I do not wish to deprive children of their pleasure, but I do hope that the authorities of Mount Cook Boys’ School will take some steps to keep the boys off the streets during play hours. It is positively dangerous to go up either Taranaki or Webb streets at certain hours of the day, as these boys are to be seen as thick as flies in both directions for a distance of nearly 200 yards, whipping tops to their heart’s content, utterly regardless of the safety of people who are compelled to pass by. Apart from this, it is a wonder to me that some of them are not run over, as there is a good deal of vehicular traffic in the streets mentioned, and they appear to be as careless of their own safety as they are of passers-by. The playground attached to the school is a large one, and there ought to be plenty of room for the boys to enjoy themselves without making the public streets a resort

20th May 1890 A meeting of Mount Cook School Committee was held last night. There was a full attendance A communication from Mr. Hardy was read intimating a very satisfactory increase in the number of scholars attending his school. The committee decided to vote for Mr. Beetham to fill the Education Board vacancy. The chairman reported that he was unsuccessful in his endeavours to acquire a vacant lot at the rear of the Girls' School in order to effect better sanitary arrangements than at present exist. It was resolved to enquire whether the land could be acquired by authority of the Public Works Act. The following resolutions were also carried by the committee:— That no special holiday shall be given to any school under the management of this committee unless by the committee’s direction, or through the chairman. That no debts be incurred, expenditure made, or accounts paid, involving the funds at the disposal of the committee, by the schoolmasters, mistresses, or any other person, until the same has been authorised by the said committee, except in any case considered an emergency one by the chairman. That in no case shall the masters, mistresses, or teachers of any school under the management of this committee solicit or receive from any scholars under their care any contribution or subscription for any purpose whatever unless by the direction or consent of the said committee That a copy of the three last resolutions be forwarded to the headmaster and headmistress of the Mount Cook Schools.

30th May 1890 The teachers and pupils at Mount Cook Boys' School have subscribed £4 4s towards the Free Public Library Fund. Mr. C J. Hardy, their headmaster, handed the amount yesterday to Mr. George Woodward, that most energetic of volunteer canvassers. The donors were 12 teachers and 99 boys, and the contributions of the latter ranged from 2s 6d to 3d the average being about 6 ½ each. The liberality of the youngsters is worthy of all commendation.

If the whole community were enthusiastic in the same degree there would be no difficulty in raising the funds required for establishing the library.

23rd June 1890 The Mount Cook School Committee give notice that a large number of unclaimed overcoats and cloaks are at the school, and that unless they are claimed by the 30th instant 'they will be handed over to the Benevolent Institution.

19th September 1890 A meeting of the Mount Cook School Committee was held on Tuesday evening last. After the routine work had been disposed of some discussion took place upon the proposal of the Education Board—mentioned in the papers some days ago—to alter the books used in the various schools on the recommendation of the Inspector. It was very much questioned whether such an alteration, involving extra expense to the parents of scholars, at the present depressed period, was advisable, but the Committee were unanimous in the opinion that, if any such alteration is to be effected, the only reasonable time would be at the end of the year, when children are drafted into various classes, in most cases necessitating a change of class books.

25th October 1890 At their last meeting the Mount Cook School Committee decided that owing to the many demands upon the liberality of the public at the present time, no prizes will be given this year, but that any gentlemen wishing to continue their gifts of books to the school should be notified that an effort is being made to form for each school a small library of suitable books, and donations will be thankfully accepted.

29th October 1890 Wellington Education Board: The question of fencing the Mount Cook Boys' School was left in the hands of the Chairman. It was decided that the same school should be supplied with a dozen chairs.

30th October 1890 "Civis" thinks the action of the Mount Cook School Committee in deciding not to give prizes this year is to be regretted, and the excuse alleged insufficient, as to do anything substantial in the way of school libraries would cost more than to give prizes. He thinks it will be a great disappointment to the children who have been working hard all the year to be told at the last moment that there are no prizes. If there are none it will be due to want of interest and energy on the part of the committee.

19th December 1890 Mr. J. Wilson, supported by Messrs. Bacon, Allan, Norbury, and Worth, members of the School Committee, presided at the closing of the above school for the holidays to-day. The very interesting and exhaustive report furnished by Mr. C. J. Hardy, B.A. (headmaster) showed that there are 515 names on the School roll, about 40 less than last Christmas. This slight falling off was due to many of the older boys having left after the examinations, and also to the increased accommodation provided by the opening of Clyde-quay school. Mr. Hardy's report went on to say : — "Of the results of the examination itself, and the general tone and status of the school, you will have been informed by the Board's inspectors. I can only add that any good results are due to my staff of teachers, who have one and all worked admirably in the interests of the charges committed to them " The Chairman, in a short address to the boys, mentioned that the committee had refrained from giving prizes at this vacation in the hope that by conserving their funds they would be enabled to form what would be the nucleus of a good school library. Mr. Allan stated that the passes this year, according to the Inspector's report, amounted to 95 per cent. Mr. Allan paid a high compliment to the teaching staff and conducted by promising to give a prize for swimming, to be competed for by the boys of the Mount Cook School in February next. In the course of a short

entertainment the following list was read of boys who have distinguished themselves by good work throughout the year and high passes at the examination -.—

Standard VII.— H. Warcup , O. Goff, B. Whitcombe. Standard VI.— F. Renner, C. Redward , R. Wilson, G. Bush, J. Rose, J. Thorburn, J. Stevenson, J. Bell.

Standard V.— J. Arcus, O. Bender, A. Ivor, A. Jeavons, L. Chisholm, P. Edwards J. Minifie, H Murrell, C. Robertson, W. Sharpe. A. Somerville, W. Rothenberg, R. Wilson.

Standard IV.— W. Ferguson, B. Hansen, C. Bush, W. Roberts, H. Peters, C. Hancox. E. Gardner, S. Coley, G. Isaac, W. Stevens, K Tucker, P. Thomson, G. McGirr, A. Fordham, F, Bird, S. Dempsey, J. Smith, S. Underwood, F. Burton, B. Le Grove, C. Clayton, A. Kose, A. Seed, A. Tonks.

Standard III.— H. Brenton, D. Bell, G. Jeavons, O Cook, T. McLaughlin, W. Jaffray, E. Mercer, E. Potter, W. Tustin, R. Purcell, W. Jessup A. Odlin, W. Jones, J. Haslam, B. Dawson G. Philp D. Robertson, A Robson, G. Connor

Standard II.— F. Williams, G. Atkinson, A Simm, F. Vaughan, T. Swede, E. Armstrong, T. Jaffray, A. Cook, B. Cooper, J. Smith J. Hutchings, E. Baumgart, J. Steel, O Bell, Percy Jeffries, S. Colwell.

Standard I.— E. Archer, W. Charlton, A. Henderson F Jeavous, T. Kershaw, C. Mansill, T McDonald, A. McGill, J. Robertson A Tucker, L. Smith, J. Waldon, J. Westerby B. Wills, L. Jones, P. Shannon. '

1890 Girls'

1890	417	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Catherine H		Head Female	£251.50
1890	417	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£110.00
1890	417	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet		Assistant Female	£105.00
1890	417	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Mary Kate		Assistant Female	£90.00
1890	417	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen		Assistant Female	£90.00
1890	417	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£60.00
1890	417	Mt Cook Girls'	Reeves	Sophia		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1890	417	Mt Cook Girls'	Hutchens	Emmeline		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1890	417	Mt Cook Girls'	Tait	Isabella		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1890	417	Mt Cook Girls'	Meek	Emilie		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1890	417	Mt Cook Girls'	Brace	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1890	417	Mt Cook Girls'	Williams	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Emily Brace was a pupil teacher at Te Aro Infants' in 1885 to 1888. At Newtown in 1889 and Mount Cook Girls' in 1890

Kate Williams was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Girls' 1890 to 1900 .

30th January 1890 Wellington Education Board: The resignation of Jane M Cook assistant Mount Cook Girls' accepted

28th May 1890 Wellington Education Board: A sum of £18 4s was granted to the Mount Cook Committee for the drainage of their girls' school.

29th May 1890 Wellington Education Board: Miss Bannister, at present attached to the Mount Cook Girls' School, is to be transferred to the permanent staff of the Mangatainoko school, holding the position of assistant teacher.

26th June 1890 "A Father " writes to us calling attention to the fact that a few days ago his daughter who attends Mount Cook Girls' School, was sent out for a walk round Oriental Bay in the rain and came home wet through and muddy. " Father" thinks the little ones' health should be considered more carefully at our schools.

9th October 1890 Mr Riley [Wellington Education Board Art Instructor] reports that the results of the examinations may be considered highly satisfactory. He commends the work done in the freehand and geometrical and scale papers, but remarks that model drawing is still weak, and will be so until teachers take advantage of the classes for their instruction. The results in the city schools were as follow: —[Included Mount Cook Girls , 156 candidates, 130 passes ;; Mount Cook Boys, 188 candidates, 140 passes.

4th November 1890 TO THE EDITOR. Sir— During the last term at Mount Cook Girls' School in one of the classes there appears to have been a very great difficulty in selecting a suitable teacher. I would very much like to know how it can possibly be expected that children (especially those who are inclined to be dull) can pass from standard to standard annually if they are during one term subjected to eight or ten (probably more) different changes in respect of their teachers. I contend there must be a screw loose somewhere, and I fail to see where the justice comes, either to teacher or pupil, where there are so frequent changes, teachers and children both being at a like disadvantage. Fears are entertained by some as to whether any of the children in Standard No. 3 will pass their examination successfully this term, for the reasons above mentioned. I am, Ac, Parent. 3rd November, 1890

19th December 1890 MOUNT COOK GIRLS. There was no prize distribution this year. owing to the funds at the disposal of the School Committee being insufficient for that purpose. Mrs. Tarn, the head mistress, and her coadjutors on the teaching staff were consequently perforce obliged to content themselves and their little charges by entertaining the parents of the children of the school at a short performance in the school room this morning, the affair taking the shape of part-singing, recitations, &c., in which the little ones acquitted themselves admirably. Mr. J. Wilson, the Chairman of the School Committee, presided, and he was supported by Messrs. G. Norbury, J. L. Bacon, W. Allan, and O. F. Worth. The Chairman congratulated both teachers and scholars on the result of the work accomplished by the children during the past year. Referring to the inability of the committee to present prizes this year, Mr. Wilson said that some members of the committee entertained the opinion that prize-giving induced bitterness and jealousy, and therefore they thought that it would be far better to substitute an annual picnic and if possible this course would probably be followed on future occasions. Mr. Allan read the annual school report, from which it appeared that, according to the Inspector's report, the passes were 92 per cent. The attendance during the early part of the year had been low, owing to the visitations of la grippe and scarlet fever. The number of children on the books at the close of the year was 500. Mr. Bacon and other members of the committee having addressed the pupils, heartily wishing them a pleasant holiday, the proceedings closed.

1890 Infants'

1890	357	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A		Head Female	£230.00
1890	357	Mt -Cook Infants '	Craig	Maggie H		Assistant Female	£115.00
1890	357	Mt -Cook Infants '	Manthel	Nina		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1890	357	Mt -Cook Infants '	Rothenburg	Sara		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1890	357	Mt Cook Infants'	Hopwood	May		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1890	357	Mt Cook Infants'	Parker	Eunice		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1890	357	Mt Cook Infants'	Zohrab	Ravenna		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1890	357	Mt Cook Infants '	Sanderson	Helen		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1890	357	Mt Cook Infants'	Cooper	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1890	357	Mt Cook Infants '	Young	May		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1890	357	Mt Cook Infants'	Tattle	Rosina		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00

Eunice Parker was a pupil teacher Mount Cook Infants' in 1890 Thorndon Infants' 1891 and at Clyde Quay 1892 and 1893

Ravenna Zohrab was a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Infants in 1890 and Clyde Quay 1891 to 1897, and in 1898 was an assistant teacher at Clyde Quay

1899/4857	Ravenna Francis Maria	Zohrab	Philip George	Hutchinson
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Helen [Helena] Sanderson was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Girls' in 1890 and at Mount Cook Boys' 1891 to 1896

Emily M Cooper was a Pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1890 and 1891 and Mount Cook Boys' 1892 to 1898. From 1899 to 1901 she was an assistant at Newtown From 1906 to 1908 she was an assistant at Upper Hutt. 1909 and 1910 at Plimmerton as a sole charge teacher. 1911 to 1913 she was Island Bay and from 1914 to at least 1919 she was an assistant at South Wellington

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May Young was only a pupil teacher for Wellington Education Board at Mount Cook Infants' in 1890

Rosina Tattle was only a pupil teacher for Wellington Education Board at Mount Cook Infants' in 1890

31st January 1890 We are informed that in consequence of a number of the elder children belonging to the Mount Cook Infants' School having been drafted elsewhere, there are now about 100 vacancies in that establishment. Mrs. Francis' ability as a teacher of the young is well-known, and no doubt the surplus accommodation in her school will soon be taken up

27th August 1890 Wellington Education Board: The resignation of Miss E. Fairchild, pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infant School, was accepted.

19th December 1890 The proceedings at this school were presided over by Mr. J. Wilson, Chairman of the School Committee, who briefly addressed the pupils The report of the head teacher (Mrs. Francis) showed that there were 575 names on the roll. There were 300 certificates for presentation for regular attendance, but this number, owing to the prevalence of sickness, was less than the number awarded for regular Attendance last year. The scholars next gave a pleasant little "matinee," consisting of part songs, choruses, dumbbell exercises,

musical bells, rings, and bar calisthenics, the entertainment being much enjoyed by the parents and friends who were present. The following is the prize list for regular attendance :—

First Class.— Boys— A. Halley, C. Tyrell, A. Ritson, A. Rennar, H. Cate, A. Bedding J. Moir, C. Magill, W. Hoffmeister, A. ' Hawthorne, B. Hutson, J. Fear, W. Eyre, 1 A. Dryden, L. Barber, L. Baumgart, F. Bocket; Girls—J. Fulton, F. Townsend, A. Spencer, E. Roulston, E. Pepper, F McIntyre, E. McIntyre. A. Hall, K. Haslem, R. Gandy, T. Gray, E. Bowater, M. Bullock. M. Callum, F. Woodward. A. Jones, A. Embury , O. Cooper, E. Blair, M. Baker. Second Class.— Boys— C. Baker, R. Parker, H. Johnson, F Kuch, F. Naismith, G. Price, T. Reade, J. McLean, G. Solomon, A. Whale, . A. Ahradsen ; Girls— E. Clarke, L. Coley, J. i Hutchings , A. O'Brien, N. Holloway, M. Bott, E. Bott.

Third Class.— Boys—W. Gallagher, J. Chance, J. Jaffrey, O. McQuire, : W. Rowell, T. Smith, H. Smith, W. Ward, J. Tretheway, H. Johnson, D. Crease, C. Easton; Girls— W. Gowan, B. Ghee, M. . Smith, E. Goudie

Fourth Class.— Boys— W. Bryant, T. Kelly, T. Kebbell, H. Semple, E. Waters, J. Inkersell ; Girls— E. Elliott . M. Green, J. Mansil, M. Miller, J. Rjgg ,

Fifth Class.—Boys- J. Murphy, L. Pierard, ; B Page, A. Smith, H. Tamm, C. Tingey G Williamson, W. Wakelin Girls—J Few. K. Calagher, M. Henshillwood, W. Hatchard, A. Hall, E. Jervis, L. Jones, E. Luke.

Sixth Class.— Boys— R. Jacobsen, H. Kershaw, A. Blandford, T. Gallagher, H. Pickhard, M. Levy, A. Berry, E. Bowden; Girls— H. Moir, A. Wiren, B. Murray, C. M. Bain M Pike, C. Ryan, E. Truebridge, E. Guise, E. Lawrence.

At the conclusion of the formal ceremony the little folks were regaled with cakes and milk.

1891

1891 Boys'

1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy	Charles J		Headmaster	£355.00
1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Thomas	Joseph		Assistant Master	£ 220.00
1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Dempsey	Walter N		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Drummond	Robert		Assistant Master	£ 100.00
1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Flannagan	Eleanor		Assistant Female	£75.00
1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Hall	Alice Louise		Assistant Female	£60.00
1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Beaglehole	E W		Assistant Master	£55.00
1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Edmonds	Herbert		Male Pupil Teacher	£55.00
1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Thorburn	Christina		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Thorburn	Isabella	`	Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Cook	Eleanor		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Rountree	William		Male Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Manthel	Nina		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1891	519	Mt Cook Boys'	Sanderson	Helena		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00

Nina Manthel was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1889 and 1890 and at Mount Cook Boys' in 1891 and 1892

Helena Sanderson was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1890 and at Mount Cook Boys' 1891 to 1896

28th January 1891 Wellington Education Board: whilst the application of the School Committee for funds for fencing Mount Cook School was left in the hands of the chairman.

6th February 1891

Pupil Teacher examination Results Year

Mount Cook Boys'

Isabella Thornton	5th
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Eleanor M Cook	4th
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William Rountree	4th
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6th March 1891 Inspectors report to Wellington Education Board included Mt Cook Boys' 603 presented 530 passed Good Discipline and order Manners Good

7th March 1891 Mr A. D. Riley, art instructor to the Education Board, will commence his examinations of the various city schools in drawing next week. He will inspect the Mount Cook Boys and Girls 23rd,

21st April 1891 School Committee Nominations: Mount Cook.— William Allan, Charles F. Worth, George Norbury, John W. Copithorne, James Robertson, John L. Bacon, and James Wilson.

28th April 1891 MOUNT COOK. Little or no interest manifested in the affairs of Mount Cook School, only three householders, beside four members of the committee turning up. After waiting half an hour in the vain hope of a better attendance, it was decided to proceed with the business. Mr. J. Wilson, Chairman of the outgoing Committee, presided, and in the absence of the secretary (Mr Allan), read the report which stated that the average attendance kept much the same as last year viz, 580 boys, 480 girls, and 436 infants. The examination results were extremely good, The boys averaging 95 per cent. and the girls 91 per cent. After briefly referring to the different school studies, the report went on to point out that the capitation allowance was quite inadequate to meet the expenses, which every year were becoming greater in consequence of the somewhat ancient character of the School buildings. The committee were unable to supply the school with proper appliances for scientific teaching because of the want of funds. The necessity for the erection of some fencing at the back and the south side of the boys' school, and also shelter sheds, was emphasised, as well as the requirement for a surface drain and some asphaltting at the Infant School. The balance sheet showed the expenditure during the year was £215 8s 5d, and the receipts, including £16 19s 11d to the credit of the cadet fund, were £238 18s 1d, leaving a credit balance of £23 10s 4d. The report and balance sheet were adopted on the motion of Mr, J. L. Bacon, seconded by Mr. C. F. Worth. As only the required number of committeemen was nominated, there was no occasion for a ballot. The new Committee is constituted as follows Messrs. W. Allan, C F. Worth, G. Norbury, J. L. Bacon, J. Wilson (each re-elected), J. W. Copithorne, and J. Robertson. The outgoing members were Messrs. T. M. Grant and J. Danks, who did not seek re-election. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings. At a subsequent meeting of the new Committee, Mr J. Wilson was elected Chairman, on the motion of Mr. Worth, Seconded by Mr. Bacon. The election of a Secretary was deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

27th May 1891 Wellington Education Board: The resignation of Miss Lavinia Stuart Mount Cook Boys' accepted

24th October 1891 Messrs. Sargood, Son and Ewen, with a view to stimulating the study of mental arithmetic by the Mount Cook State scholars, have presented a guinea to the prize fund of that school, the amount to be allocated to a reward for merit in that class of mathematics. The example set by Messrs. Sargood, Son and Ewen in this respect is one which might beneficially be followed by others.[A Guinea was worth £1 1s. A Guinea at December 2021 is inflation adjusted to \$243.07 value]

27th October 1891 A deputation of chairmen of school committees in the city — consisting of the Rev. H. Van Staveren (Terrace), Messrs. J. W. Davis (New-town), A. Koch (Thorndon), and J. Wilson (Mount Cook)— waited upon the Education Board this morning to complain of the neglected state of their schools, and especially of the necessity for painting them. The matter was discussed at some length, and the question of the interests of the town versus those of the country cropped up.

10th November 1891 One of Wellington's most prominent tradesmen passed away last night— Mr. John Lewin Bacon, Cordial and aerated water manufacturer, of Tory - street, who fell a victim to typhoid fever, after three weeks' illness.....He was a useful member of the Commission of the Peace and has for several years been one of the most energetic workers on the Mount Cook School Committee.

12th November 1891 First Grade Art Examination Freehand Results: [E & G means excellent and good respectively] Mount Cook Boys.— S. Billons, J. Bell, W. A. Barber, C. S. Bonder, T. J. Bryant, C. B. Collins, A. Campbell, H. B. Cooper, A. Callam, A. P. Dawson g, A. E. Davis, H. Henry, B. Hedgeland, C. W. Howard, A. E. Ivar, A. W. Jervous g, C. M. Luke g, H. Langdon, J. W. Minihe, C. Mitchell, J. McGilvary, J. McKenzie, J. W. Nelson, E. Meolson, H. Oaken g, H. Peters, A. Press, A. Pricor, F. Pudney, C. Robertson g, J. F. Ryan, F. Roberts, J. H. Renner, W. Rothenberg, H. B. Roberts, H. R. Swinn, A. Seamer g, H. Tonks, F. Thompson, F. H. Thornton, P. Thomson, A. E. Wright ex.

Mount Cook Girls.— Katie Baker, Rosa Carman, Ida Marion Cooper g, 'Annie Edwards, Edith Furness. Laura Ibbertson, Olive Lee, Annie E. Little, Jessie Merlet, Jessie Norbury, Amy Player, Annie M. Ridding, Nellie Bout, Nellie Signal ex, Alice M. Smith, Nellie Sandomann, Ivy E. Tucker, Ethel Webb, Nellie Wills, May Wright

28th November 1891 MOUNT COOK SCHOOLS. A FANCY FAIR AND SALE OF WORK Will be held on. THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 3rd and 4th DECEMBER, In the Boys' School, Taranaki-street, In Aid of the Prize Fund. To be opened by J. R. Blair, Esq., Chairman of the Education Board, at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Extensive choice of Fancy Goods, Ferns, and Pot Flowers. Cake competition by scholars. Refreshments at low charges. Unique Works of Art, Grecian Statuary, Living Wonders, Giants and Dwarfs, Choice Instrumental Band, Bran Tubs, &c. GREAT CONCERT ON FRIDAY NIGHT, At 8 o'clock. Singing by Scholars,, assisted by Ladies and Gentlemen, Recitations, &c. Tickets— 3d, 6d ; Concert 1s. Tickets to count as purchase money. ' J. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

2nd December 1891 The programme of the entertainment to be given in aid of the Mount Cook Schools prize fund will be found set out in another column. Owing to the superior character of the programme, the entertainment will be given in the Princess Theatre, Tory-street, instead of the Boys' School, as previously announced. One of the most interesting items

will be an exercise in the now physical drill by a squad of the Mount Cook cadets, under Sergeant-Major Finn, by word of command and judging their own time.

4th December 1891 A fancy fair and sale of work, organised principally by the teaching staffs and scholars connected with the three State schools in the Mount Cook district, with the object of raising sufficient money to enable the children to obtain their annual prizes, was held in the Boys' School iv Taranaki-street yesterday afternoon and evening. The opening ceremony was performed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon by Mr. J. R. Blair, Chairman of the Education Board, who, at the request of Mr. James Wilson, Chairman of the School Committee, made a short and appropriate address, in which he expressed the pleasure it gave him to observe the children and teachers co-operating so heartily in an affair of such a kind. He predicted the fair would be a great success, which indeed it was. The largest of the class rooms contained a number of stalls, laden with fancy articles, flowers, and refreshments, the sale of which was superintended by Mrs. Tarn, headmistress of the Girls' School, and a number of the teachers. In another room there was a fairy well, and bran tubs disgorged all sorts of articles, under the direction of Mrs. Francis, mistress of the Infant School, and a staff of assistants; and in a third, Mr. Hardy, master of the Boys' School, opened an art gallery, containing, as the catalogue expressed it, "a wonderfully comprehensive collection from all quarters of the habitable and uninhabitable globe." During the afternoon a competition in cookery amongst the pupils, boys and girls, was judged by Mr. James Godber, of Cuba street, who awarded a special prize to Nellie Kershaw for five excellently made cakes, a first prize to Louisa Youmans, highly commended the cookery of Annie Stewart and Ethel Roydhouse, and commended that of Laura Ibbertson. First prizes were won by Mary [May] Blair and P. Thomson for their sponge cakes, Oscar Cook being highly commended. James Meehan was awarded a first prize for a nicely made cake. For scones and bread, M. Scott and Annie Russell obtained first prizes respectively. Mr. Godber spoke most highly of all the specimens shown, a compliment which ought to fill the coming generation of cooks with a certain amount of pride. The visitors at the fair in the evening were entertained with music, and the proceedings were concluded with a Dutch auction. To-night a concert is to be held at the Princess Theatre, Tory-street.

5th December 1891 Money had to be refused at the doors of the Princess Theatre last evening, on the occasion of an entertainment given by the teachers and children connected with Mount Cook Schools, the proceeds from which will be devoted to the prize funds of the schools. The affair was a most creditable one to all concerned, the "illustrated" songs being capitally sung and acted by the young people who took part therein. More particularly noticeable in this respect was the chorus given by the Kindergarten pupils illustrative of the epidemic "La Grippe," which was enacted painfully true to nature. Misses Newton, Tarn, Greig, P. Watson, and Leatham, and Messrs. Norbury, Helliwell, Haybittle, and R.W. Brown also took part in the entertainment. Not the least interesting item was the gun drill by the Mount Cook boys, under .Sergt.-Major Finn. A capital little orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Manthel, jun., performed a number of selections during the evening

9th December 1891 The fancy fair held last week in connection with the Mount Cook School, has resulted very satisfactorily from the financial point of view. The gross proceeds amounted to .£70, and after defraying all expenses the committee have a balance of .£53 in hand. This sum they have decided to apportion as follows :— £10 for a treat for the Infant School, .£10 each the Boys' and Girls' Schools for the purchase of prizes, and .£23 to the school library.

16th December 1891 Wellington Education Board: The application of Mr. E. W. Beaglehole, extra pupil teacher at Mount Cook, for increased salary was ordered to stand over.

17th December 1891 MOUNT COOK (BOYS): The distribution of prizes in connection with this school took place this morning at 10 o'clock, the chair being occupied by Mr. J. Wilson (Chairman of the Committee), and upon the platform were several members of Committee. The awards— many of which were of a handsome character— were distributed by Mr. J. R. Blair (Chairman of the Education Board), who congratulated the headmaster (Mr. C. J. Hardy, 8.A.), his assistants, and the boys upon the excellent result achieved during the year. Referring to the late sale of work in connection with the school, Mr. Blair said the result demonstrated that parents evidently appreciated the comforts resulting from free education. It was, he remarked, intended next year holding an exhibition of the work of the children attending the city schools. A small charge would be made for admission, and the net profits would be distributed amongst all the city School Committees for school purposes. In conclusion, Mr. Blair wished teachers and boys the compliments of the season. Mr. Hardy, in his report, showed that the school commenced the year with a roll of 545, whilst at present there was a roll of 584. Mr. Hardy, after referring to the prevailing epidemic, which had had the effect of keeping many boys at home for several weeks, went on to deprecate the practice of many parents who kept their children at home after the examination, thus affecting the amount of capitation, and curtailing the staff of teachers.' The report concluded by an expression^ the headmaster's thanks to the teachers for their zeal, and to the committee for the interest they had displayed in the school. The following is the prize-list :— Class 1, St. 7. — Attendance, C. Redward, F. Renner ; proficiency, J. Bell, J. Rose ; best pass, C. Robertson ; hon men., S. Luke. Class 1, St. 6 — Attendances, J. Williamson, C. Collins; proficiency, R. Wilson; best pass, F. Pudney ; hon men., P. Edwards, J. Minifie, W. Harvey, W. Rothenburg, F. Thompson. Class 2— Attendance, C. Bender ; good conduct, J. Arcus, H. Easton ; best passes, A. Jeavons, A. Wright; hon men., A. Ivar, H. Simm, H. Bishop, L. Chisholm, A. Callam. Class 3 — Attendance, H. Le Grove, C. Clayton, S. Dempsey ; good conduct, A. Rose ; best pats, J. Smith ; hon. men., R. Tingey, S. Underwood. Class 4—Attendance, B. Goudie ; good conduct, G. Isaac, B. Cooper; best passes, H. Peters, P. Thompson; hon. men., K. Tucker, C. Bush, W. Roberts, S. Billows. Class 5.— Attendance, W. Jaffray, W. Mansill; good conduct, A. Fitchett; best passes, H. Benton, G. Jeavons ; hon. mention, W. Berry, S. Edwards, B. Cooper, O. Cook, F. Merchant, A. France. Class 6. — Attendance, J. Haslam, W. Windsor; good conduct, E. Mercer, B. Dawson; best pass, G. Plimmer ; hon. mention, W. Jessup, W. Tustin, T. McLaughlin, A. Odlin, D. Robertson, E. Potter. Class 7— Attendance, H. Callam, E. Banmgart ; good conduct, J. Hutchings ; best pass, W. Earl ; hon. mention, G. Dunn, J. Donks, F. Jackman, F. Lewis, A. Gordon. Class B— Attendance, T. Jaffray, P. Tonks ; good conduct, P. Roberts ; best passes, F. Williams ; A. Cook ; hon. mention, W. Martin, A. Simm, H. Hill, A. Davis, J. Bryant! Class 9— Attendance, J. Jacobsen; good conduct, A. Hodge, C. Gray; host pass, S. Colwell ; honourable) mention, R. Bender, S. Kean, E. Oughton, and B. Roberts, Class 10.— Attendance, F. Brockett, C. Mansill ; good conduct, W. Pearce ; best passes, R. Thompson ; hon. men., J. Robertson, F. Layton, A. Dryden, E. Archer, W. Charlton. Class 11.— Attendance, L. Banmgart, L. Smith ; good conduct, J. Walden, E. Dawson ; best pass, A. Tucker ; hon. men., H. Williams, A. Coe, J. Solomons. Class 12. — Good conduct, W. Wilson, F. Cox; best pass, D. Crease ; hon. men., A. Wright, A. Hyde, W. Solomons. Class 13.— Good conduct, H.

Chance, A. McKee ; best pass, E. Evans; hon. men., E. Colwell W. Darall. Special Prizes.—Captain Rose's prize for mapping and writing, G. Bush ; _ Mr. C. Ralph's prize for mapping and writing, S. Billows; Messrs. Sargood, Son & Ewen's prizes for mental arithmetic, C. Robertson, 1 ; Alfred Jeavons, 2.

1891 Girls'

1891	399	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Katherine H		Head Female	£251.50
1891	399	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£110.00
1891	399	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet		Assistant Female	£105.00
1891	399	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Mary Kate		Assistant Female	£90.00
1891	399	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen		Assistant Female	£90.00
1891	399	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Annie		Assistant Female	£60.00
1891	399	Mt Cook Girls'	Hutchens	Emmeline		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1891	399	Mt Cook Girls'	Williams	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1891	399	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Sara		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1891	399	Mt Cook Girls'	Young	Ethel M		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1891	399	Mt Cook Girls'	Ames	Ada		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Ethel M Young only taught as a pupil teacher Mount Cook Girls' in 1891

Ada Ames was a pupil teacher at Waihenga [Martinborough School] in 1890 and at Mount Cook Girls' in 1891 and 1892

6th February 1891

Pupil Teacher examination Results	Year
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Mount Cook Girls'

Sara Rothenburg 3rd

Kate Williams 3rd

25th February 1891 There has been trouble at the Mount Cook Girls' School— such trouble as will occasionally arise in the best-regulated schools, and with the most even-tempered of teachers belong as child-nature remains what it is. Some three weeks ago the head mistress dismissed a little girl of eleven summers on account of her habit of repeatedly crying out in school hours and making extraordinary noises in imitation of birds and animals. Her example was found to disorganise the work and discipline of the class of some 80 children in which she was placed, and after vainly trying the effects of punishment and reasoning, the mistress felt driven to the extremity of striking her name off the books. The child's father, naturally jealous for his little one's reputation, made an appeal to the committee, who were obliged to form themselves last night into a quasi-judicial tribunal to investigate the merits of the case. In solemn conclave they met at the Boys' School, and called upon both sides to present whatever evidence they had to offer. The appellant opened his case in a form that would have done credit to a practising barrister, and then called his daughter and some half-dozen of her playmates, all demure "little maids from school." Their statements were to the effect that the child now dismissed was particularly sensitive to "tickling," and that her neighbours in class considered it "good fun" to pinch and otherwise torment her, and that this, and this alone, was the cause of her outcries, which were nothing more than would be made by any other child similarly treated. The four teachers, on the other hand, testified that no acts of the kind ever came under

their notice, and that the girl's misbehaviour, so far as they could observe, seemed to be unprovoked. At the conclusion of the evidence, -which lasted for three solid hours, the committee deliberated for some little time, and then decided to adjourn until they could take an opportunity of visiting the school, and getting further information from some more of the scholars.

25th February 1891 Wellington Education Board: Pupil teachers' resignations were accepted as follows :-; Misses E. Meek, E. J. Brace, and J. Tait, Mount Cook Girls' School.

26th February 1891 The matter of the expulsion of one of the children from a school under the supervision of the Mount Cook School Committee seems to have been apparently satisfactorily settled. The Committee met last night and came to the decision that although the child in question was refractory, yet the gravity of such a step as expulsion demanded that the parents should have been properly warned of the risk of expulsion which the child was running. It was ascertained from the -evidence that the child was exceptionally quick at her lessons, but had a somewhat peculiar temperament, allowance for which was, in the opinion of the Committee, not sufficiently made. The Committee have withdrawn the letter of expulsion sent by the head mistress, and have, in a letter to the parent, informed him that the conduct of his child has been exceedingly troublesome, and given him notice that persistence in such a course means Ultimate expulsion. The Committee have virtually transformed the notification of expulsion into one of warning notice.

6th March 1891 Inspectors report to Wellington Education Board included Mt Cook Girls'' 537 presented 420 passed Very Fair Discipline and order Manners Good

5th May 1891 Lady Stout, accompanied by the chairman of the Education Board (Mr J. E. Blair), and the chairman of the Otago Board, will pay a visit to Mrs Francis' infant school at Mount Cook this morning

29th July 1891 Wellington Education Board: An application of the Mount Cook School Committee to erect galleries and supply dual desks in the girls' school was acceded to [A gallery is a raised floor usually at the front of the classroom so that the teacher can see and be seen easier]

4th September 1891: The orrery and tellurian, as the interesting mechanical exhibition now being held in Willis street is named, is daily increasing in favour with all classes. Yesterday a visit was paid by the Mount Cook School, and today the scholars of Clyde quay and St. Francis Xavier's Schools are to attend. The proprietors, with a view to make the study of astronomy more interesting for the children, have offered two prizes (which are now on view In their window), one for boys, the other for girls, for the best essay on the solar system and the cause of the changes of the seasons. The orrery is well deserving of a visit. [An orrery a clockwork model of the solar system, or of just the sun, earth, and moon and tellurian is an inhabitant of the earth]

25th December 1891 MOUNT COOK GIRLS' SCHOOL. The prizes were distributed at 2 p.m., as follows : —Standard I (Miss Young). Marks —Florence Kershaw, 1; Daisy Young, 2. Needlework —Florence Hepburn, 1 ; Edith Rowland, 2. Conduct —Mabel Pike. Writing (special, by teacher) —Ethel Florence.

Standard II (Miss Ames). Marks— Emily Durmet, 1; Lillie Benbow, 2. Needlework—Susan Watson, 1 ; Julia Clark, 2. Conduct—Maude Jessup. Second division.—Marks —Laura

McLelland , 1 ; A Embury, 1. Needlework —W Thompson, 1; Lillie Duffield, 2. Conduct—Mabel Riddick.

Third Division (Miss Hutching)—Maude Scott, 1 ; Florence Woodward, 2. Needlework—Eva Temperton, 1; Jessie Robinson, 2. Conduct—Maggie Hougharh.

Standard III (Miss Hutchens) —Marks Edith Jobson, 1 ; Amy Edwards, 2. Needlework Florence Greenwood, 1 ; Sarah Wilkinson, 2. Conduct Kate Clark ; special by teacher, Kate McVigour.

Second division (Miss Rothenberg)—Marks—Alice Davison, 1 Elizabeth Innes, 2. Needlework—Agnes Colgate, 1 ; Margaret Christie, 2. Conduct Alice Campbell.

Standard IV (Miss Lawson) —Marks—Emily Ferguson, 1; Margaret Moir, 2. Needlework—Elizabeth Ross', 1 ; Henrietta Moore, 2. Conduct —Maud Tolley. Drawing (special by teacher) —Edith Furniss and Ellen Wills. Recitation (special by teacher) —Ethel Hawthorne.

Standard IV : Second division (Miss Wallace) —Marks —Annie Ridding, 1 ; Millicent Blick , 2. Needlework—Bertha Thomson, 1 ; Alice Robinson, 2. Conduct — Edith Hoverd. Conduct (special by teacher) —Martha Stewart.

Standard V (Miss McGowan) Marks Agnes Wolter, I ; Grace Hatley, 2. Needlework—Nellie Road. 1 ; Jessie Norbury. 2. Conduct —Annie Little Knitting—Ida Cooper, Special by teacher (conduct) Margaret Port. Miss Lawson (recitation) — Ivy Tucker.

Standard VI (Miss Delyer) Marks —Mabel Hawthorn. 1 ; Jennie Donald, 2. Needlework — Annie Luke, 1. Conduct Annie Tasker. Conduct (special by teacher) —Mary Jenkins.

Standard VII (Miss Helyer)—Marks —Lizzie Ballingall, 1 ; Kate Dempsey, 2. Dressmaking—Edith Edwards and Bella Halley, 1. Knitting stockings Mary Benbow. special for cooking for Fancy Fair, five exhibits— Nellie Kershaw ; Oakes—Louie Youmans ; Sponge cake—May Bair. Bread—Annie Russell.

Special by J. R. Blair, Esq., for best pass at examination —Maria Hitchcock. Commended Standard II —Bella Wilson and Kate Haslam. Standard III—Marion Armit, Ada Tustin, Matilda Walter, Maude Kelliher, Amy Tipling. Standard IV—Alice Robinson, Lilian Rond, Dolly Sample. Kate Armit, Ethel Webb. Standard V—Vina Tucker, Hilda Williams, Florence Bishop, Amy Gorder, Annie Stewart. Standard VI—Kathleen Ferguson, Fanny Haines, May Le Grove, Louisa Molr, Areta Ward, Lizzie Wakelin, Maude Avery, Annie Dawson, May Hogg. Standard VII—Florrie Filler. Florrie Ahradsen.

Needlework —Standard I—Ethel Dean. Standard II Maud Jessup, Hilda Phillips, Elsie Cross. Standard III—Annie Cresswell, Ada Peters. Standard IV Eva Legg, Bessie Legg. Standard V—Vina Tucker. Dora Crisp, Ada Patten.

Conduct Standard I Lizzie Christie. Standard II —Mabel Callam. Rose Thacker, Ada Jones, Jessie Fulton. Standard III—Mary Ryan, Nellie Howard, Minnie Wakelin. Standard IV—Maggie Tait Lily Nilsson, Olive Goldfinch, Ada Lusty, Edith Baker, May Chance, Leila Howe, Florence Furniss. Commended for cooking—Laura Ibberdson , Annie Stewart, Ethel Roydhouse.

1891 Infants'

1891	368	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A		Head Female	£230.00
1891	368	Mt -Cook Infants '	Craig	Maggie H		Assistant Female	£115.00
1891	368	Mt -Cook Infants '	Cooper	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

1891	368	Mt -Cook Infants '	Benbow	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1891	368	Mt Cook Infants'	Cook	Ada		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1891	368	Mt Cook Infants'	Gaudin	Camilla		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1891	368	Mt Cook Infants'	Broome	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1891	368	Mt Cook Infants '	Bird	Edith		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1891	368	Mt Cook Infants'	Merlet	Isabella		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1891	368	Mt Cook Infants '	Liez	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1891	368	Mt Cook Infants'	Townsend	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00

Elizabeth L Benbow was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' n 1891 and the Terrace 1892 to 1898. Then an assistant at Clyde Quay 1899 to 1905

1906/4447	Elizabeth Louise Benbow	Frederick William Prince
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Ada M Cook was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1891 and 1892: Te aro 1893 to 1897 and 1898 to 1901. In 1902 she was at Mount Cook Boys' In 1902 and 1903 still a pupil teacher she was at Mitchelltown. Then as an assistant she was at Te Aro 1904 -1906: Petone 1907 to 1908: Petone West 1909-1912: 1913 to at least 1923 she was at Brooklyn

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Camilla Gaudin was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1891 and 1892

Emily R Broome taught at Mount Cook Infants' 1891 and 1892 as a pupil teacher

Edith Bird was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1891 to 1895

Isabella Merlet was a pupil teacher from 1891 to 1902 1891-1892 at Mount Cook Girls' 1893 to 1902 Te Aro: As Sole teacher 1903-1904 at Whiteman's Valley and 1905 and 1906 at Kohinui [North East of Pahiatua]:197 1909 at Ponatahi East of Carterton and 1910 to at least 1915 at Matarawa north of Greytown

1916/9341	Isabella Annie	Merlet	Wilfred Winton	Kidd
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Clara Liez was always a Pupil Teacher for the Wellington Education Board 1891-1892 at Mount Cook Infants' and 1893-1901 at Mount Cook Boys'

1903/1521	Clara Liez	William Waghorn	Beauchamp
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Ethel M Townsend was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1891 and 1892 and at Clyde Quay 1893 to 1895, She was sole teacher at Horokiwi in 1896 and at Kahautara in 1898 and at South Featherston 1899 to 1901. In 1903 was teaching for the Canterbury Wellington Education Board

6th February 1891

Pupil Teacher examination Results	Year
Mount Cook Infants'	
Mary Hopwood	3rd
Nina Manthell	3rd
Mabel Young	3rd
Ravenna Zohrab	3rd
Emily Cooper	2nd
Helena Sanderson	1st
Rosina Tattle	1st

6th March 1891 Inspector's report to Wellington Education Board included: The infant department of schools have been carefully examined, and the work in reading is much improved, especially in the City infant schools. With the exception of the Mount Cook Infant School the departments are deficient in Kindergarten occupations

18th December 1891 The ceremony in connection with the breaking op of this (Mrs. Francis') school, took place yesterday afternoon, Mr. J. Wilson occupying the chair. The prizes, which were confined to awards for attendance were distributed by Mrs. H. D. Bell, the Mayoress. The little folks gave a number of kindergarten Songs, in a manner which reflected infinite credit upon their teachers.

The following is the prize list :— First Class, Boys.— R. Parker, N. Barnett, A. Buchanan, H. Crump, J. Cunningham, W Danks, W. Ericson, E. Easton, K. Gaudy' P. Higginbottom, R. Hill, J. Jaffray H Johnston, S. Kelly, W. Rowell, H. Sample J. Taylor, I. Wills, W. Bennett, C. Tiller, H Pearce, W. Press, H. Luke, E Hitchcock, W. Holland. Girls.— A. Smith M. Smith, B. Renner, C. Pioot M Tasker, K. Peters, M. Nation, E. Moore G Murrell, J. Mansell, E. Jones L. Ibbotson, B. Isaac 1 , A. Harbottle, E. Holloway, J. Ferguson, V. Edwards, A. Berry. M. Berry, M. Barker, M. Blick ,D Brockett, M. Green, M. Wills, A, Westerby, 0. Evan, M. Tustin, C. Turner, E Mandsley, E. Cooper,. W. Bowerman, Second Class, Boys. —A. Hardham, L. Tingey, A. Clark, H. Avery, N. Gandy, T. Jones, A. Cate, E. Watkins, P. Wilton, McWilliams, G. Wickstead, E. Waters, H. Tamm, F. Saxby, 0. Searle, A Smith, 1. Scott, H. Richards, L. Pierard, J. Murphy, T. Kebbell, E. Jacobsen, J. Inkersell J. Hamilton, A. Cole, W. Bryant, W. Armstrong. Gils— C. McBean, E. Smith, E Reeves, 8. Perrin, M. Miller, N. Moir, B. Murray, E. Luke, K. Kean, L. Jones, E. Jervis, M. Henshilwood, M. Hatchard , X Gallagher, E. Guise, E. Elliott, M. Billows, C. Croll, J. Bowie, L. Temperton. Third Class, Boys.— A. Pickard, W. Fear, L. Campbell, S. Smith, A. Wheatley, P. Roberts, L. Jones, H. Howard, S. Hutton, J. Fox, A. Furness, J. Atkinson, A. Baker. Girls— M. Hicks, E. Tretheway, D. Ward, R. Lawrence, M. Davis, A. Cooper, A. Cole, 1. Blick, E. Baker, E. Bowden, V. Avery, B. Berry. Fourth Class, Boys.— D. McBain, P. Holland, P. Dryden, W. Morris ,T. Callaghan, B. Thompson, P. Elliott, G. Worth, Y, Le Grove, A. Percy, H. Press, G. Perry, R. Oughton, T. Yeavons, E. Ivar, B. Bender. Girls.— B. Fox, K. Herdman, E. .Taylor, T Smith, H. Pearce, T, McKenzie, A. Yeavons, ,M. Heiden. Fifth. Class, Boys.— H Wright, A. Smith, A. Ferguson, A. Bott, D. McBain. Girls.— M. Barry. A. McDonald. A. Henderson, I. Croll, M. Blair, A. Eagle. L. Beharell, I. Evans. Sixth Class, Boys. — G. Cowan, J. Hamilton, G. Hook, C. Manias, W. Manins, J. Osborne, G. Tamm, G. Atkinson; E. Askwith. Girls— E. Murrell, I. Woodward. Seventh Class, Boys. — J. Cowan, S. Bott A, . Jones, G. Luke, K. McIntyre, J. Inkersell, B. Lindsay. Girls — E. Condliffe. Subsequently the children were regaled' with cakes, &c.

1892

1892 Boys'

1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy	Charles J		Headmaster	£355.00
1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Thomas	Joseph		Assistant Master	£ 220.00
1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Dempsey	Walter N		Assistant Master	£ 150.00

1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Drummond	Robert		Assistant Master	£ 100.00
1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Flannagan	Eleanor		Assistant Female	£75.00
1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Hall	Alice Louise		Assistant Female	£60.00
1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Tisdall	Rosa B		Assistant Female	£55.00
1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Edmonds	Herbert		Male Pupil Teacher	£55.00
1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Cooper	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Rountree	William B	`	Male Pupil Teacher	£45.00
1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Thorburn	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Cook	Eleanor		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Manthel	Nina		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1892	523	Mt Cook Boys'	Sanderson	Helena		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Rosa B Tisdall only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Mount Cook Boys' in 1892

Emily M Cooper taught at Mount Cook Infants' 1890 and 1891 Mount Cook Boys' 1892 to 1898 as a pupil teacher. In 1899 to 1901 she was an assistant at Newtown. Then from 1906 to 1908 she was an assistant at Upper Hutt. 1909 and 1910 she was sole teacher at Plimmerton. 1911 to 1913 Emily was an assistant at Island Bay and 1914 to at least 1919 was an assistant at South Wellington.

Clara Thorburn taught at Mount Cook Girls' in 1887 and 1888 and Mount Cook Boys' in 1892 as a pupil teacher.

27th January 1892 Wellington Education Board: In a discussion about Cadet Forces in schools was this piece: Mr. Lee, Inspector, pointed out that the Mount Cook Boys' School had a cadet corps which was trained by one of the Permanent Artillerymen. Perhaps other schools in the city might be put in a position to form similar corps

11th February	1892	Classification of Pupil teachers 1892
		Mount Cook Boys'
	2nd Year	Helen Sanderson
	4th Year	Nina Manthel
	5th Year	Eleanor Lewis
	5th Year	William Rountree

25th February 1892 TO THE EDITOR! Sir— Would you kindly inform me of the boundaries of the Newtown School district, and if it be not possible for the children residing within the immediate vicinity of the school, to be- permitted to attend there rather than to be sent all the way to Mount Cook. I am informed, there are children residing outside the district altogether that are attending the school. If so, hence the difficulty in accommodating those locally situated.— I am, &c., Newtown Parent

15th March 1892 ho death of Miss Isabella Mary Thorburn, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thorburn, of Vivian-street, has been a severe blow to the parents, and sympathy has been extended to them from many quarters. The deceased was a young lady of great promise and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. About three weeks ago she was obliged to cease duty as one of the teachers in Mount Cook School and take to her bed, as it was found she was suffering from typhoid fever. Dr. Anson, who was called in, was unremitting in his attention, but the case was a hopeless one, and she breathed her last on Sunday. The funeral took place this morning, and was largely attended, amongst the mourners being Mr. C. J. Hardy, headmaster of the School, and the members of her late class, to whom &ho had endeared herself by her amiable qualities The coffin, which was placed in the Presbyterian portion of the Sydney street Cemetery, was covered with flowers. The burial service was performed by the

Rev. C. S. Ogg. A younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thorburn is also down with an attack of typhoid,

16th March 1892 Inspectors report to Wellington Education Board included: The salient features of Mount Cook Boys' School are the excellent handwriting of standards V., VL. VII., the quality of the work in standard V., and the physical drill of the cadet corps; and the best subjects taught in the Mount Cook Girls' School are singing, needlework and botany.

18th March 1892 It was the desire of the Mount Cook School Committee to nominate a lady candidate for the vacancy on the Education Board caused by A. W. Brown's resignation. Mrs. J. E. Fitzgerald was selected for the honour, but the Secretary has just received from her a letter thanking the Committee for the compliment paid to her but intimating that owing to the demands made upon her time by other semi-public office, she cannot become a candidate.

30th March 1892 Leave at absence for a month was granted to Miss Thorburn Mount Cook Girls' School, and also to Mr. W. Rountree, Mount Cook Boys' School.

1st April 1892 The Terrace School Committee have approved the appointment of Mr. A. Erskine as first assistant at their school. Mr. E Beaglehole, of Mount Cook Boys' School, will replace Mr. Erskine at Clyde Quay

12th April 1892 A correspondent signing himself " Prevention Better Than Cure" writes that - owing to the number of children away from Mount Cook Boys' School on account of the fever, the school should be closed before worse happens.

13th April 1892 SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS AT MT. COOK SCHOOLS. TO THE EDITOR.

Sir— For the purpose of allaying any anxiety that may be caused by the publication of the report of the Inspector of Nuisances, I am directed to say that when the latrines were fixed at the Mt. Cook Schools, the whole of the work was done in conformity with the City Council regulations, and to the entire satisfaction of the person appointed by the City Council to see to these matters, syphon traps being placed before any outlet to the sewer. The work at the Mount Cook Girls' School, being of most recent date, is carried out in the completest manner possible, in strict accordance with most improved modern sanitary arrangements. In each case ample provision has been made to preserve the health of the children attending the schools. I think the greatest care should be exercised before making such damaging statements, and something should be done towards ascertaining the facts of the case beyond a mere examination. I may further add that defects will be immediately remedied when found to exist. I am, &C, A. Dorset, Secretary . Education Board, Wellington, 13th April, 1892.

19th April 1892 School Committee Nominations: Mount Cook. — J. Robertson, J. Wilson, W. Allan, J. W. Copithorne, G. Norbury, G. R. H. Ibbotson, A. Wallace, T. M. Grant.

26th April 1892 MOUNT COOK. Householders in the Mount Cook district met at the Boys' School in Taranaki-street, about 100 being present, the largest attendance known for years. Mr. Frank Wills was elected chairman. The Committee's report referred in eulogistic terms to the satisfactory nature of the year's work. The average attendance at the three schools was as follows :— Boys' School, 514; Girls', 413 ; Infants', 411— the total number of scholars being close on 1600. The percentage of passes gained by the Girls' School was 91, and at the Boys' 97. The Committee thought this result most satisfactory, considering that no selection was made of the children sent up. Out of four boys who went up for scholarships this year, three were successful, and the fourth was only two points below the minimum number of marks. The

committee expressed pleasure at the recent promotion of Mr. E. Beaglehole to a teachership, he being in the fullest sense a Mount Cook boy. The Girls' School did not gain a scholarship this year, although it had carried off two in the previous year. In referring to the changes which had taken place in the teaching staff, the committee expressed deep regret at the recent death from typhoid fever of Miss Isabella Thorburn, a member of the teaching staff, and also at the earlier loss of Mr. J. L. Bacon, who was an active Committeeman. Steps were being taken to provide the school cadets with uniforms, and a sum of .£37 was in hand for that purpose, but a still further sum was required. After a general reference of several school functions, the report concluded by pointing out that through the endeavours of the retiring Committee the Education Board had agreed to donate £5 per school for water used. The balance-sheet showed the receipts to have been .£257 2s 7d, and expenditure .£213 13s 3d leaving a credit balance of .£43 11s 4d. The report and balance-sheet were adopted without discussion, on the motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by B. Hopkirk. On the meeting being requested to elect a new committee, Messrs. R. B. Vincent and F. Wills were nominated as additional candidates to the nine whose names were published last week. While the ballot was being taken other business was brought forward Mr. Copithorne suggested that the house holders present should endeavour to persuade the representatives of Cook Ward in the City Council to have the footpath in front of the Girls' School in Buckle-street asphalted it being in wet weather a perfect quagmire. The Council, he said, put down gravel, but it was washed away. No resolution was passed on the subject. In reply to a question as to whether typhoid fever prevailed amongst the school children, the Ex-Chairman of the Committee (Mr. J. Wilson) stated that a fortnight ago seven cases were reported, but the children affected were residents of Holland-street and the neighbourhood and had not contracted the malady at the school. Other matters of interest discussed at the meeting are referred to in our local columns. The scrutineers of the ballot for the new committee (Messrs. W. Wills, N. Campbell, Furniss, and Johnson) reported the result as follows:— R. B. Vincent, 71; F. Wills, 48; J. Wilson, 42; W. Allan, 40; G. Norbury, 35; J. Robertson, 33; J. W. Copithorne, 30; T. M. Grant, 25; G. B. Ibbotson, 17; A. Wallace, 17; and W. Murrell, 13. There being a tie between Messrs. Ibbotson and Wallace, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the former, and the first nine were then declared to have been elected. A vote of thanks to the chairman and the scrutineers terminated the proceedings. The new committee met subsequently, and re-elected Messrs. Wilson and Robertson to the respective offices of Chairman and Secretary. The ordinary meetings were fixed for the third Thursday in each month, but the next meeting will be held next Thursday week.

26th April 1892. That stone-throwing is a nuisance cannot be denied, and that the Mount Cook School Committee are of the same opinion is shown by the following paragraph in the report presented at the meeting held last night to elect a committee for the year ensuing:— 1. There is one item of expense which we wish to bring into prominent notice, namely, that of replacing broken windows. Owing to the constant refusal of successive Governments to erect a boundary fence between the Barracks reserve and the school grounds, the opportunity for stone throwing is so great that we have had to expend no less than 7 per cent of the capitation money on the replacing of broken windows.' The matter was discussed at some length, those present evidently recognising the imperative necessity of taking some steps in the matter, but as preventive measures would, it was thought, prove more expensive than the committee could

afford, nothing was done in the matter. It is to be hoped that steps will shortly be taken to remedy this nuisance, which is becoming more serious every day.

12th May 1892 The Minister of Justice has acceded to a request of the Chairman of the Education Board that prison labour should be employed to level the playground attached to the Mount Cook Boys' School.

25th June 1892 At the last meeting of the Mount Cook Committee, reference was made to the death of the late Mr. James Wilson, who had been an active member of that body for the last eight years, and Chairman for the last three or four years. The members present lamented the death of so valuable a colleague, and spoke most eulogistically of the admirable services he had rendered in school matters, and it was resolved to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Wilson

22nd July 1892 The Mount Cook School Committee, at a meeting last evening. approved the action of Chairman in closing the Boys' School while the drains were being repaired or re-laid, and it was resolved not to resume studies until the work, which had been retarded by the wet weather, was completed. It was reported that the school fire-places had been repaired, and it was now safe to start a fire in them. Two members of the Committee were deputed to consult with the teaching staff of the Girls' School as to the expenditure of the balance of £10 belonging to the library fund ; and it was also resolved that chairs should be procured for the use of the female teachers. Several other matters of business were transacted. Mr. Wallis, the newly appointed member, took his seat for the first time, and Mr. George Norbury presided.

23rd July 1892 MOUNT COOK BOYS' SCHOOL. TEACHERS and Pupils are notified that the School will not be re-opened till further notice, which will be given by advertisement in the Evening Papers. G. NORBURY, Chairman

26th July 1892 Mount Cook Boys' School is to be reopened tomorrow morning. Teachers and scholars will find an advertisement on the subject elsewhere.

31st August 1892 Wellington Education Board: The Mount Cook School Committee applied for information relative to the classification, length of service, &c, of their teachers. The Board decided that it could not supply the information in the form desired.

7th September 1892 MOUNT COOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE. A LECTURE in aid of the Prize and Library Fund will be delivered by Mr. George Norbury (Chairman of Committee), entitled, " THE HUMOROUS SIDE OF SCOTCH CHARACTER," In St. John's Schoolroom, Dixon-street, on THURSDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER, 1892. '

Programme.

Song— "Where has Scotland Found her Fame"— Miss Steel

Lecture — "The Scotchman has Wit — His Determination to Succeed in Business —

- In Love "

Duet — " Aye, Wankin O' " — Miss Steel and Mr. Wilson

Lecture — "Sandy Married — A Fishwife's Idea of the Queen's Jubilee — Keeping the Sabbath"

Song — "Caller Herrin'" — Mrs. Bell (in character)

Lecture — "The Scotch are an Educated Race — Incidents of Student Life— Long Sermons — Sleeping in Church

" Song — " Land o' the Leal " — Miss Steel

Lecture — " The Minister's Man — The Church Beadle — The Auld Drinking Days — Conclusion" Song — "Gloomy Winter's no' awa'" — Mr. G. Wilson

Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock, by J. R. Blair, Esq., Chairman of the Education Board. Tickets, Is ; children, 6d. JAMES ROBERTSON, Hon. Sec

9th September 1892 It is one of the aims of the Mount Cook School Committee — and all will agree that it is a very laudable one — to establish a library for the use of the scholars. With the object of raising funds, a lecture, entitled " The Humorous Side of Scotch Character," was delivered in St. John's Schoolroom last night by Mr. George Norbury, Chairman of the School Committee, and was very heartily appreciated by the large audience which attended despite the inclemency of the weather. The lecture was interspersed with several acceptable Scotch songs, which were rendered by Mrs. Bell, Miss Steel, and Mr. G. Wilson. The chair was filled by Mr. J. R. Blair, Chairman of the Education Board, and at the conclusion of the entertainment Mr. F. Wills, on behalf of the School Committee, proposed a hearty vote oi thanks to the Chairman and musicians, and also to the managers of St. John's Church, for the gratuitous use of the schoolroom, which was carried unanimously.

19th October 1892 The Mount Cook School Committee are giving an entertainment in St. John's Schoolroom to-morrow evening, in aid of the school prize fund. The programme which has been prepared is attractive, not only on account of the variety of the items, but also from the fact of several well-known amateur performers having volunteered to assist. The school girls and boys will take part in physical drill and Indian Club exercises, and there will be a waxworks show, songs and duets, orchestral music, and recitations. The character of the entertainment should ensure a large attendance.

21st October 1892 St. John's Schoolroom was crowded to the doors last night, on the occasion of an entertainment arranged by the Committee of the Mount Cook Schools, in aid of the prize fund. The programme was an excellent one and was received most heartily by the audience, nearly every item being encored. Amongst the signal successes of the evening were " The Old Women's Chorus " and solo from "Dorothy," sung by Miss Greig and party; " Where are You Going to?" sung by Miss Greig and Mr. J. Maginnity as a duet and illustrated by living figures on the stage. and the songs, "Auld Robin Gray," by Miss Steele, and " Simon the Cellarer," by Mr. E. P. Johnson, which were similarly illustrated. Songs, " The Better Land," by by Mr. E. J. Hill, " The Muddle Puddle Porter," by Mr. W. D. Lyon, " " Trusty as Steel," by Mr F. J . Gooder, and recitations by Messrs Morgan and J. Swift, were each well received. The school children distinguished themselves in two exhibitions — the girls in an exercise with Indian clubs, and the boys in physical drill, with vocal and instrumental accompaniment, the latter being repeated at the request of the audience. The entertainment terminated with an amusing waxworks show, Mr. A. Newton acting as showman. Mr. J. Maginnity presided at the piano during the evening

30th November 1892 The Mount Cook School Cadets were inspected yesterday afternoon by Lieutenant Colonel Newall. Sergeant-Major Finn was in attendance.." Lieutenant' Edwards put the boys through their physical drill and company movement*, after which Colonel Newall addressed-a Tew words of advice to the corps complimenting them on their smart appearance

2nd December 1892 The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Mount Cook Boys' School took place this morning . There was a large attendance and Mr. j. B. Blair, Chairman of the Education Board, presided. Mr. Norbury, in opening the proceedings, paid a high compliment to the efficiency of the teaching staff, dwelling especially on the fact that the

school had won two scholarships, while its percentage of standard passes, 95, was far in advance of that of last year. The fact of a deficiency in writing was due to the overcrowding of the school, elbow-room hardly being available. The boys deserved credit for their success in the football field — they having won Messrs. Davis & Clator's trophy — and the school cadet corps was a credit to them. He expressed the regret of all at the recent death of Mr. J. Wilson, who had been untiring in his efforts to advance the interests of the school.

The annual report of the Headmaster (Mr .C. J. Hardy) was read by Mr. W. Allan. It referred to the outbreak of typhoid fever in the school, which had in some measure retarded progress. In spite of this fact the number of passes was 95 per cent., while the number on the roll was 584, as against 581 last year, and the attendance was 91 per cent, of the total. He praised the work of the teachers under him, which, he said, was second to none in the Board's district Mr. Blair expressed his surprise at the good writing, considering the enormous disadvantages under which the school laboured. He hoped that the Board would endeavour to remedy the evil as soon as possible.

Prizes were then distributed as follows :—: — Class 1, St. 7. — Attendance, C. Collins, A. Callam ; best pass, W. Rothenberg : good conduct, L. Chisholm ; hon men.[Honourable Mention], C. Bender, P. Edwards, B. Wilson,

St. 6.— Attendance, B. Henry, B. Goudie ; best pass, C. Bush ; hon. men., S. Hedgland. Class 2, St. 6. — Attendance, C. Clayton. J. Le Grove ; best pass, G. McGirr, H. Peters ; conduct, J. Smith ; hon. mon., A. Rose, C. Rod, J. Wilson, V. Roberts, S. Underwood, D. Hogg, S3. Dempsey, F. Burton.

Class 3 St. 5. — Attendance, W. Windsor, J. Woodward ; best pass, A. Odlin; conduct, G. Mercer ; hon. men., G. Plimmer, S. Parker, W. Jessup, L. Langford.

Class 4, St. 5. — Attendance, T. Magill ; best pass, H. Brenton ; conduct, S. Edwards ; hon. men., B. Cooper, F. Lawton, W. Berry, 6. Turley, P. James, W. Jaffrey.

Class 5— Attendance, S. Danks, P. Roberts ; best pass, A. Simm ; conduct, F. Vaughan ; hon. men. ,R. Manning, R. Bender. P. Tonks, L. Robson, F. Williams, T. Brown.

Class 6— Attendance, J. Elias ; best pass, E. Baumgart ; conduct. T. Jaffray ; hon. men., A. Coleman, J. Hutchings, F. Jackman, F. Moore, J. Doyle.

Class 7— Attendance, J . Fear ; best pass, J. Walden ; conduct, J. Luke; hon. men., L. Smith, F. Charlton, E. | Archer, R. Williamson. A. Tucker,

Class 8— Attendance— L. Baumgart; best pass, C. Tyrrell; conduct, L. McKelvie ; hon. men., J. Robertson, H. Fletcher, C. Mansill, W. Pearce.

Class 9 — Attendance, G. Williamson; best pass, A. Kitto. E. Hitchcock ; conduct, A. Buchanan : hon. men., C. Tiller, H. Thompson.

Class 10 — Attendance, A. Ahradsen: boat pass, D. Crease, J. Ferguson ; conduct, W. Darrall: hon. men., L. Godber, E. Col well, E. Evans, G. Easton, A. Hyde.

Class 11— Attendance, J. Lawrence; best pass, F. Wiltshire ; conduct, H. Luke ; hon. men., J. Neal, P. James, J. O'Flaherty, T. Reade .

Class 12 — Attendance, H. George; best pass, P. Money, M. Williams : conduct, A. Cate; hon. men., J. Grieg, D. Morris, J. Smith. Class 13— Best pass, J. Le Grove ; conduct. A. Graineve ; hon. men.. A. Vella, P. Elliott.

Special Prizes— Messrs. Sargood, Son and Ewen's prizes for mental" arithmetic— G. Saxby 1 ; C. Bush, 2. Mr. Norbury's prize for mapping— St. 7 and 6, P. Wills. Mr. G. Bush's prize for

mapping— St. 5, H. Swan. Mr. C. Ralph's prize for writing — St. 6. S. Billows. Mr. Hardy's prize for writing— St. 5 — A. Coe. Mr. Vincent's prize for drawing — F. Marchant. Mr. Thomas' prize for all round cricket — W. Roberts.

At the conclusion of the distribution, Mr. F. Wills moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Blair for presenting the prizes. Three hearty cheers signified the approval of the audience. Mr. Blair having acknowledged the compliment, the proceedings terminated. Shortly before the close of the gathering, Master Wallace was presented by Mr. Hardy with a cricket ball and by Mr. Allan with a bat, for a clever bowling feat in connection with one of the school cricket matches.

5th December 1892 The prize given by Captain Rose to the Mount Cook Boys' School, for the lad making the greatest progress in science, was won this year by Percy Thomson

14th December 1892 Wellington Education Board: The resignation of Miss Clara Thorburn, Mount Cook Boys' School, was accepted.

1892 Girls'

1892	415	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Katherine H	Head Female	£251.50
1892	415	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth	Assistant Female	£150.00
1892	415	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet	Assistant Female	£105.00
1892	415	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Mary Kate	Assistant Female	£90.00
1892	415	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen	Assistant Female	£90.00
1892	415	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Annie	Assistant Female	£70.00
1892	415	Mt Cook Girls'	Hutchens	Emmeline	Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1892	415	Mt Cook Girls'	Williams	Kate	Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1892	415	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Sara	Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1892	415	Mt Cook Girls'	Ames	Ada	Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1892	415	Mt Cook Girls'	Hutchings	Florence	Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1892	415	Mt Cook Girls'	Reith	Ethel	Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00

Florence Hutchings was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Girls' 1891 to 1895

Ethel Reith was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Girls' in 1892 and 1893 and at Te Aro Infants. 1894 ad 1895

27th January 1892 . A request for the erection of a gallery in the long room at Mount Cook Girls' School was agreed to, the cost not to exceed £15.

	Classification of Pupil teachers
11th February 1892	1892
	Mount Cook Girls'
1st Year	Florence Hutchings
2nd Year	Ada Ames
4th Year	Kate Williams
4th Year	Mabel Young

5th August 1892 Arbor Day About the same time some trees were planted ' in the Mount Cook Girls' School ground by a number of the elder pupil

5th December 1892. Laura M. C. Ibbotson was the winner of the special prize for diligence in Miss Wallace's fifth standard class at the Mount Cook Girls' School

9th December 1892 GIRLS' SCHOOL. The girls occupied the same building in the afternoon for a similar purpose, [As the Boys' school] Mr Norbury presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor. In opening the proceedings the chairman said the result of the examination was an average of almost 95 per cent—a result which reflected the highest credit on Mrs Tarn and her staff of teachers, The number on the roll was 517, against 485 last year. Sewing, darning and Knitting were also now taught in the school, and the work done in this direction was very satisfactory indeed. He congratulated the school on having won two scholarships (Misses Ward and Tasker), and in conclusion again made feeling reference to the loss sustained by the death of Mr Jas. Wilson. Mrs Bell then distributed the prizes as follows, the recipients being loudly clapped as they went up to the platform. The list of prize-takers as follows :

Standard VII, (Miss Helyer).—Conduct— Louisa Noir. Highest marks —Annie Tasker. Dress—May Hogg. Dress—Annie Luke. Knitting—Edith Edwards. Darning (from Mrs Bell) —Annie Luke, Special for general good work—Areta Ward.

Standard VI. (Miss Helyer).—Conduct— Emma Craig. Marks—Mabel Hawthorn, 1; Amy Forster, 2. Needlework—Jessie Norbury, 1; Nora Crisp, 2 ; Nellie Sanderman, S. Knitting Ciesie. Dobbie. Darning (special from Mrs Belt) —Mabel Hawthorn. Standard V. (Miss McGowan). —Conduct— Maggie Port. Marks—Rose Easton, 1 ; Maggie Moir, 2. Needlework—Nellie Wills, 1 ; Rebecca Lake, 2. Darning (special from Mrs Bell) —Henrietta Moore. Knitting (special from Mrs Norbury)—Annie Forbes. Specials from Miss McGowan for composition—Kate Camp, Edith Baker, Kate Swede, May McWilliams. Special for arithmetic—Emily Ferguson. Special for diligence and attention—Clara Briggs.

Standard V. (Miss Wallace). —Conduct— Ethel Cooper. Marks—Maggie Tait, 1 ; Millicent Blick, 2. Needlework—Bertha Thompson, 1 ; Alice Robinson, 2. Darning (from Mrs Bell)—Ada Rogers. Knitting (from Mrs Norbury) —Annie Ridding. Neatness in work (from Miss Wallace) —Edith Hoveril.

Standard IV. (Miss Lawson).Conduct—Jane Dalton. Marks—Maggie McVicar, 1; Kate McVicar, 2. Needlework —Florence Greenwood, 1 ; Minnie Ivor, 2. Darning (from Mrs Bell) —Maud Lusty. Special prizes.—Conduct (from Mr Edwards) —Edith Jobson. Best pass at examination —Amy Edwards. Drawing—Kate Clark, Drawing—Edith Dalton. Good work—Gertrude Youmana. Poetry Florence Bilby. Good work—Alice Foster.

Standard IV. (Miss Rothenberg). —Conduct —Maggie Christie. Marks—Alice Campbell, 1 ; Hilda Armstrong, 2. Needlework —Edith Tiller, 1 ; Elizabeth Innes, 2. Darning (from Mrs Bell), Elizabeth Ionee.

Standard III. (Miss F. Hutchings).—Conduct—Nellie Campbell. Marks Nellie Bullock, 1 ; Elsie Blair, 2. Needlework— Laura McClelland, 1; Emma Brown, 2 ; Olive Fox, 3. Standard 111. (Miss E. Hutchens). —Conduct —Elsie Benbow and Elisabeth Sonper. Marks—Lillie Benbow, 1; Emily Durnett, 2. Needlework Susan Watson, 1; Lillie Benbow, 2.

Standard II (Miss Sara Rothenberg).—Conduct— Bella Ferguson. Marks—Grace Murrell, 1; Ethel Ackroyd, 2. Full attendance for the year— Constance Ryan, Janet Mansill, Emma Janes and Annie Jones.

Standard II (Miss Ames). —Conduct—Grace Langford and Winnie Luke. Marks—Florence Crespln, 1; Agnes Magill, 2. Needlework—Edith McCaull, 1; Mabel Pike, 2. Standard 11. (Miss Williams).—Conduct —Daisy Young, Edith Rollan and Hilda Pudney. Marks— Lillie Christie, 1 ; Ada Jones

Regular attendance—Emily Clark. Needlework—Florrie Kershaw, 1; Daisy Peters, 2; Mabel Barber, 3.

Standard I. (Miss Young).—Conduct—Jenny Wilson and Myrtle Rees. Needlework—Ellen Powell, 1; Ethel Dean, 2; Annie Meehan, 3. Marks—Christina McBean, 1; Minnie Hatchard, 2.

The needlework submitted by the pupils for competition was then examined by the lady visitors, who expressed themselves very highly as to its general merit. This over, the Mayor (Mr H. D. Bell) made a few remarks, laying that the benefit of work at school was that it gave them the habit of application. On behalf of Mrs Bell and himself, he thanked the committee and the children for the pleasure of being present, and he wished them a merry Christmas, pleasant holiday, and a happy return to work. The proceedings concluded with the customary votes of thanks.

1892 Infants'

1892	366	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A	Head Female	£230.00
1892	366	Mt -Cook Infants '	Craig	Margaret H	Assistant Female	£115.00
1892	366	Mt -Cook Infants '	Broome	Emily R	Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1892	366	Mt Cook Infants'	Bird	Edith	Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1892	366	Mt Cook Infants'	Townsend	Ethel	Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1892	366	Mt Cook Infants'	Merlet	Isabella	Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1892	366	Mt Cook Infants '	Hardwick	Kate	Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1892	366	Mt Cook Infants'	Cook	Ada	Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1892	366	Mt Cook Infants '	Liez	Clara	Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1892	366	Mt Cook Infants'	Legg	Gertrude	Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1892	366	Mt Cook Infants'	Gaudin	Camilla	Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1892	366	Mt Cook Infants'	Weston	Constance	Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00

Kate Hardwick was a pupil teacher in 1892 at Mount Cook Infants' and 1893 to 1895 at Kaitara [Later called Morrison's Bush east of Greytown] and in 1896 was sole teacher at Nikau in the Bush area South of Pahiatua and at Nireaha in the same area.

Gertrude Legg was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1892 and 1893, Terrace 1894, Vogeltown 1895- 1897 and Mount Cook Boys' 1898 to 1901 and didn't teach again for the Wellington Education Board

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11th February 1892 Classification of Pupil teachers 1892
Mount Cook Infants'

1st Year Clara Liez
2nd Year Elizabeth Benbow
2nd Year Ada Cook
2nd Year Camilla Gaudin
2nd Year Kate Hardwicke
2nd Year Isabella Merlet
2nd Year Ethel Townsend

3rd Year Edith Bird
 4th Year Emily Cooper
 4th Year Annie Kean
 5th Year Emily Broome

10th December 1892 After the children attending the Mount Cook Infant .School had been dismissed, yesterday afternoon, it was found that a number of their ?, jackets, &c., had been wantonly and seriously damaged by being ripped up, having .the buttons cut off, &c. In some instances, girls' jackets were cut right up the back. ,There is as yet no clue to the offender, but we understand that a full enquiry will be instituted on Monday,

16th December 1892 This school broke up yesterday afternoon, when the attendance certificates were presented by Mr. Norbury, Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Norbury congratulated the head mistress (Mrs. Francis) and her assistants upon the successful results achieved by the children during the year. Mrs. Francis' annual report stated that there were 549 children on the roll, of whom 181 had secured regular attendance certificates, while 389 new pupils had been enrolled. Attention was drawn to the irregularity of parents in sending their children to school. The examinations had been very successful, and the class of work turned out by the scholars, several specimens of which were exhibited in ono of the class-rooms, was really excellent. The certificates were distributed as follows : — -

Sixth Class.— Boys — S. Leonard, B. Hutton, H. McDonald, E Morrison, R. Still, E. Richards. Girls— E. Furness, V. Hook, L. .Jackson, E. Kingsbeere, R. Miller, S. McKenzie. Fifth Class.— Boys— J. Chatman, J. Stewart, H. Innes, P. Lindsay, C. Murphy. Girls -M. Baker, K. Donovan, E. Gardiner, A. Jones, F. Newall, D. Meehan, C. Pearce, W. Tucker, E. Piper, M. White.

Fourth Class. — Boys — G. Atkinson, S. Bott, S. Bishop, L. Brondson, E. Hill, G. Hook, A. Holloway, C. Mannins, A. Meek, H. Nation, W. Oliver, B. Robinson, C. Sewell, T. Ward, W. Williams. Girls— G. Crispen, JL Colwell, E. Martin, F. Nation, M. Bliss.

Third Class.— Boys— E. Armit, A. Brocket, W. Baumgart, W. Greenfield, J. Inkersell, W. King, C. Neville, J. Renner, A. Smith, G. Tanner, W. Ward, H. Perry. Girls— A. Armit, L. Beharell, E. Carlson, S. Davis, R Hicks, K. Duncan, C. Jones, R. Kitchen, K. Kitchen, K. King, L. King, S. Oliver, L. O'Brien, E. Johnston, L. Hawkins, A. Perrin, At. Sullivan, K. Swain, B. Smith.

Second Class. — Boys— D. Adams, J. Cotton, P. Holland, E. Kelliher, W. Morris, R. Oughton, H. Page, W. Ryan, H. Woolcott, H. Wright, A. Wheatly, P. Dryden, S. Richardson. Girls— I. Blick, I Croll, A. Cole, E. Gillespie, E. Hoffa, A. Ivor, J. Kelly, M. Kinnis, P. Kitchen, A. McDonald, J. Reed, O. Pearce, A. Sewell, E. Taylor, I. Woodward, A. Warman, E. Atkinson, J. Archibald.

First Class. Girls— V. Avery, J. Archibald, K. Baker, L. Baldwin, R. Baumgart, B. Berry, A. Cooper, E. Cotton, M. Davis, E, Guise, K. Gallagher, L. Hatchard, M. Hutchings, E. Hutsen, E. Moir, A. Rowlands, A. Smith, F. Webb, R. Wallace, A. Eagle, V. Barber, M. Murray. Boys — H. Avery, B. Bishop, W. Bronsdon, E. Bender, L. Campbell, D. Elias, W. Fear, W. Ferris, W. Gandy, C. Greig, D. Hall, A. Hardham, S. Hutton, J. Inkersell, R. Jacobsen G. King, W. Langford, H. Meek, R. Murphy, D. McBean, H. Parkinson, S. Richardson, T. Stewart, S. Smith, W. Armstrong, W. Ward, F. Waters, A. Furness.

Several part songs were given by the children, and a musical work founded upon the fable of "Red Riding Hood" was enacted. The principal characters were taken by two little mites, Ivy Blick (Red Riding Hood) and Kate Gallagher (the Mother). A fearful and wondrous impersonation of the part of the "wolf" was successfully sustained by one of the lady teachers, who deserves great credit for an excellent make-up. Solos and duets were sung by Misses Blick and Gallagher, while the remainder of the children took part in the choruses. At the conclusion of the entertainment three hearty cheers were given for Mrs. Francis, the teachers, Mr. Norbury, and the committee. The children were regaled with refreshments, after which they were dismissed.

1893

1893 Boys'

1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy	Charles J		Headmaster	£355.00
1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Thomas	Joseph		Assistant Master	£ 220.00
1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Dempsey	Walter N		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Flannagan	Eleanor		Assistant Female	£90.00
1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Hall	A Louise		Assistant Female	£80.00
1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Robinson	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£70.00
1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Lewis	William John		Assistant Master	£100.00
1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Lock	Edward John		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Cooper	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Cook	Eleanor N		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Prowse	Woodley		Male Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Sanderson	Helena		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Lawson	Bertha		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1893	472	Mt Cook Boys'	Liez	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Elizabeth Robinson was a pupil teacher at Te Aro 1883 to 1887: Thorndon Infants 1888 Infants 1889 to 1892. Then as an assistant 1893 to 1905 at Mount Cook Boys'

William John Lewis was an assistant teacher Mount Cook Boys' from 1893 to 1897

Edward John Lock was only a pupil teacher in 1893 for the Wellington Education Board

Woodley Prowse was a pupil teacher at Hutt in 1892 and Mount Cook Boys' in 1893

Bertha Lawson was always a pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board: Te Aro Infants' 1891 and 1892: Mount Cook Boys' 1893 and MTG 1893 to 1896

Clara Liez was always a pupil teacher : 1880 to 1882 Mount Cook Infants' and Mount Cook Boys' 1893 TO 1901

27th January 1893 The Mount Cook School Committee, at a meeting last night, nominated Messrs. F. H. Fraser, W. W. McCardle, and W. C. Buchanan, for re-election to the Education Board, from which they retire by effusion of time.

9th February 1893 Classification of Pupil teachers

Mount Cook Boys'

5th Year Nina Manthel

4th Year Woodley Prouse

7th April 1893 Wellington Education Board The resignation Nina Manthel, Mount Cook Boys', was accepted.

15th April 1893 The Mount Cook School Committee continued their musical carnival in St. John's Schoolroom (which was kindly lent for the occasion) last evening, when they had an excellent house. The performance was in aid of the band and library funds. The committee had determined to place a library in both the boys' and girls' schools, and during the year secured 250 volumes, but this was of course inadequate to the demand of 1000 boys and girls. They also came to the conclusion that the cadet corps would drill the better for having a band, and consequently Mr. Pinny, of Manners-street, imported 13 flutes, three Piccolos, a bass drum, two side drums, and a triangle for the corps-. which were exhibited in the concert-room last evening. Mr. C. J. Hardy, the headmaster, has presented the side drums. The concert programmes, which were exceedingly well received, included an overture by Mr. Gardiner's string band, a " Fat Boys' Chorus and Dance " by the Mount Cook boys, who also gave an exhibition of physical drill, Indian club exercises and " Song of All Nations " by the Mount Cook girls, songs by Messrs. Hugh Wright, E. J. Hill. K. P. Johnson, Mrs. Rennie, Miss Watson, and recitations by Messrs. Paterson and F. Haybittle. Mr. W. H. Hall also gave Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks. Much of the success of the entertainment was due to the assiduity with which the teachers had drilled the children. The concerts given on the two last evenings have realised over .£30 net, and, with private donations, the committee expect to be able to pay the complete cost of the band instruments

19th April 1893 The following nominations for School Committees have been received :— Mount Cook— Messrs W, Allan, G, Norbury. J. Grant, J. Keith, W. Murrell, J. Robertson, H. J. Underwood, R. B. Vincent, F. Wills and C. F. Worth.

21st April 1893 At a meeting of the Mount Cook School Committee held last night, it was announced that the recent concerts and subscriptions in aid of the Library and Band Fund had resulted in a net gain of £35. It was decided that of this amount £12 should be spent on the instruments imported for the the boys' Drum and Fife Band, and the remainder on books, to be equally distributed between the libraries of the Boys' School and Girls' School.

25th April 1893 Last year it cost the Mount Cook School Committee about .£18 to repair damage done to the windows of their three schools by stone-throwing. The Chairman of the Committee informed the householders last evening that the Committee had frequently urged the Education Board to fix wire-net protectors to "the windows but had been met with the assertion that the Board had no funds for the purpose. The Committee, therefore, appealed to the parents to use their influence with the children to cause the discontinuance of the destructive sport.

25th April 1893 Upwards of 100 householders attended the meeting, the Rev. C. E. Ward being voted to the chair. Mr. Norbury, Chairman on the retiring Committee, read the annual report, from which it appeared that the grounds were now thoroughly drained, and the schools were therefore in an excellent sanitary condition The buildings sadly needed painting outside. They were much overcrowded, and numbers of children had had to be turned away, and at present the Education Board had no funds for enlargement -works. With the proceeds of entertainments a small library had been purchased which, however, was only large enough to supply the senior

scholars, and musical instruments had been' bought for a school. band. The Committee expressed their thank to the managers of St. John's Church for the use of their Sunday School-room for the entertainments, and also to the lady teachers ' who had drilled and trained the boys and girls. The total amount raised for the library, prize, and band funds amounted to .£85. Four scholarships had been taken by the schools— by Annie Tasker, Arita Ware, 5 Charles Collins, and Charles Bender. The number of children on the droll of the boy! school was 612, in the girls' school 546, an at the infant school 504. The teachers and Committee had worked amicably and without friction. The football team of the boys' school had won Davis and Clater's trophy the cricket team bad won Berry and Orr's challenge cup ; and the cadet corps numbered 63 lads. Kindly allusion was made to the death of Mr. J. Wilson, the late Chairman, and for several years a useful member of the Committee. The balance-sheet was of a satisfactory character. On the motion of Mr. C. F. Worth, seconded by Mr. F. Seamer, the report and balance-shoe were adopted unanimously. On the notice of Mr. O' Sullivan, seconded by Mr. G Haslam, it was resolved that the incoming committee, and as many of the householder as thought fit, should wait upon Inspector Pender, point out to him the number of questionable houses in the vicinity of the schools, and request him to abate the nuisance. On the motion of Mr. W. Allan, it was decided that it be an instruction to the incoming committee to wait upon the Minister of Public Works, to ask him to fence the Government reserve adjoining the school, and also fill in a drain dug for Artillery latrines — which, it was stated, was in wet weather very dangerous to children The following gentlemen were elected as the new Committee :— Messrs. R. Vincent, 52 ; F Wills, 50 ; W. Allan, 46 ;F. C. Worth, 44 ; J Robertson, 39 ; G. Norbury, 36 ; Grant, 29 W. Murrell, 20 ; J. Reith, 17 ; R. Furness i 17 ; and H. Underwood, 12. The first nine were declared elected, the Chairman deciding the tie between Messrs. Reith ant Furness by giving his casting vote in favour of the former. Mr. G. Norbury and Mr. J Robertson were at a meeting of the new Committee re-elected Chairman and Secretary respectively.

4th May 1893 Yesterday afternoon Lieut.-Col. Newall held his annual inspection of the Mount Cook School Cadets in the Permanent Artillery Drillshed. Forty cadets were present, in uniform. Lieut. Edmonds had charge of the squad, and put the lads through various movements, which they performed with considerable precision, particularly the physical drill. Colonel Newall expressed himself well pleased with the way in which they acquitted themselves. Sergt.-Major Finn, their drill instructor, was in attendance

4th May 1893 Mr. Robert Drummond. assistant master at the Mount Cook Boys' School, has been promoted to the mastership of the To Horo School, he enters upon his new duties on Monday next. There were 2-1 applicants for the position

16th May 1893 Wellington Education Board: 5th Assistant Mount Cook Boys' Sohool ; salary, £70

18th May 1893 . Mr. H. Edwards, Assistant Master at the Mount Cook Boys' School, has been appointed Head 'Master of the school at Pirinoa, whither' he proceeds to-morrow. Mr.. Edwards, who has been five years in his present appointment, was presented this morning by his fellow teachers with an opal scarf-pin as a mark of regard for him, and by the boys of his class with a Russian leather cigarette ease

19th May 1893 At a meeting of the Mount Cook School Committee held last night, the Chairman (Mr. G. Norbury) obtained five months' leave absence for the purpose of visiting the Chicago Exhibition. Mr. Norbury starts in the Waihora on Monday to catch the Ionic at

Lyttelton. The members of the Committee wished him God-speed and a happy return. Mr. James Robertson was appointed Chairman during the interval, and Mr. R. B Vincent was elected Secretary.

1st June 1893 Miss Manthel, of Mount Cook Boys' School, was presented yesterday by her fellow-teachers with a handsome tea-service, on her retirement from the Education Board's service.

21st July 1893 The measles epidemic has sadly interfered with the attendance at the Mount Cook schools. The number on the roll of the Infant School is 489, but only 35 were present yesterday. At the Boys' School only 357 out of 561 attended on Monday, while at the Girls' School the attendance on the same day was 245 out of about 600 on the roll

3rd August 1893 the arrangements for Arbour Day, as far as can be learned, are that the State school children will plant trees in the following reserves Te Aro and Mount Cook Boys' School, in the reserve at the top of Nairn Street

20th August 1893 Wellington Education Board: Master E. Bennett, of the Mount Cook School, was appointed a pupil teacher.....Messrs. J. Robertson, F. Wills, C. F. Worth, and Vincent, representing the Mount Cook School Committee, waited on the Board and asked it to appoint a Committee to inspect the schools in the Mount Cook district with reference to various repairs which require to be done. The Board appointed a committee, consisting of the Chairman, Messrs. Fraser, Young, and Beetham, to confer with the School Committee.

27th October 1893 At a meeting of the Mount Cook School Committee hold last night, it was announced that Mr. 8011, of the firm of Hosie and Bell, had presented a medal for the dux of the school. _ Mr. Bell is an old Mount Cook boy, and it is his intention to give an annual medal in token of pleasant associations with the school.

13th December 1893 A deputation from the Mount Cook Committee, consisting of Messrs. Jas. Robertson F. Wills, W. Allen, G. Norbury, and Reith, waited upon the Board and asked it to give effect to certain recommendations that alterations and repairs should be done to the schools in the Mount Cook district. After considerable discussion, the chairman said that the Board sympathised with the committee, but it could not agree that because a school was large it should receive an expenditure in proportion to the amount which the Board received on its account. If that were done, the small country schools would fare very badly in. deed. The works asked for would be carried out as soon as arrangements could be made. The deputation urged the Board to have the alterations and repairs done during the holidays. The Chairman pointed out that as school committees would next year receive an addition of 10 per cent, to their capitation, they would be expected to carry out several works which the Board was now called upon to pay. The interview then terminated.

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15th December 1893 Wellington Education Board: Inspector's Report: Mount Cook Boys'.— Percentage of failures, 6 ; percentage on class subjects, 90; percentage on additional subjects,

94. Upper work much commended. Improvement also shown in the attention paid to physical exercises and class singing

22nd December 1893 MOUNT COOK. There was no prize presentation at these schools. The boys were informally dismissed by the headmaster, Mr C. J. Hardy, B.A., Wm. Rothenberg being presented with a silver medal for the dux presented by Messrs Hosie and Bell; Wm. Wallis was given a bat by Mr J. Thomas, one of the teachers, as the best score in the four school matches played this season. No prizes were awarded at the girls school. At the infant school an entertainment was given by the children.

1893 Girls'

1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Katherine H	Head Female	£251.50
1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth	Assistant Female	£150.00
1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet	Assistant Female	£105.00
1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Kate	Assistant Female	£90.00
1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen	Assistant Female	£90.00
1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	Treadwell	Laura	Assistant Female	£80.00
1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Annie	Assistant Female	£70.00
1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	Young	Mabel	Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	Williams	Kate	Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Sara	Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	Williams	Kate	Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	Reith	Ethel	Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	Wood	Clara	Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1893	396	Mt Cook Girls'	Hutchings	Florence	Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00

Laura Treadwell was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1881 and Mount Cook Boys' in 1882. In 1885 she was sole teacher at Wallace [Later called Wallaceville] Then by 1887 she was at Upper Hutt until 1893, And had her last year of teaching for Wellington Education Board in 1893 at Mount Cook Girls'

Clara Wood

9th January Wellington Education Board: School painting Mount Cook Boys —G. Gapes, £65 (accepted) ; Tustin Bros., £79 ; W. Jennings, £75 10s ; 11. and E. Tingey, £74.

25th January 1893 Wellington Education Board: Miss Ada Ames resignation accepted

9th February 1893 Classification of Pupil teachers
Mount Cook Girls'

5th Year	Kate Williams
4th Year	Sara Rothenburg
3rd Year	Ethel Reith (Commended)
1st Year	Florence Hutchings

2nd March 1893 Complaints have reached us from parents and others as to the conduct of a certain individual who, for the last two or three week-;, has frequently followed and annoyed a number of young children attending the Mount Cook Girls' School on their way from school to their home. His conduct has been so bad that on several occasions the children have sought shelter at the abode of residents along their route. He is described as a young man of about 22 or 23 years of age. The police would do well to keep an eye on his movements.

9th March 1893 Some 600 children from the Thorndon, Terrace, and Mount Cook Schools, with their teachers, visited the Art Exhibition to-day from 9 to 11, at the invitation of the Academy

11th March 1893 A long letter complaining about the Wellington City Council taking work away from contractors included: I hear they are actually taking part in the asphaltting of the Mount Cook School yard by supplying asphalt at a price -which no private individual can cope with and receive a fair return, and lend tools, &c, to those doing the work. When I was informed of this I naturally hesitated to believe it; but, sir, it has been proved to my satisfaction that the abuse exists.....

29th March 1893 Wellington Education Board: The resignations of Miss E. Bird, pupil teacher Mount Cook Infant School, and Miss N. Manthel, Mount Cook Boys' School, were accepted.

7th April 1893 A communication was received from the Mount Cook School Committee recommending that the Mount Cook Girls' School should be renovated, the inspector having complained of its condition.—A reply was ordered to be sent stating that the board would renovate in due course, but that it was the duty of the committee to do all cleaning that was necessary.

18th May 1893 Miss Emily Broome has received an appointment on the staff of the Wanganui Girls' College and enters upon her new duties in a few days. Miss Broome was educated at the Wellington Girls' High School, where she distinguished herself, and since then she has been teaching at the Mount Cook and Clyde-quay Schools

28th June 1893 Wellington Education Board: Consideration of applications made by, Misses J. Hutchen (Newtown), A. Treadwell (Mount Cook Girls'), and A. Godfrey (Mangatainoko) for increase of salary was, deferred, pending a report from the Finance Committee.

25th October 1893 Wellington Education Board: Leave of absence for a month was granted Miss Clara Wood, pupil teacher at the Mount Cook Girls' School; and Miss Constance Weston, pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infant School, was granted an extension of her Christmas holiday until the end of February

15th December 1893 15th December 1893 Wellington Education Board: Inspector's Report: Mount Cook Girls'. Percentage of failures, 11; percentage on class subjects, 68; percentage on additional subjects, 80. The class results were fairly satisfactory. Reading, singing and needlework are the best features of the School work. The object lessons should be more experimental.

1893 Infants'

1893	313	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A	Head Female	£230.00
1893	313	Mt -Cook Infants '	Craig	Margaret H	Assistant Female	£115.00
1893	313	Mt -Cook Infants '	Weston	Constance	Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1893	313	Mt Cook Infants'	Stanton	Catherine A	Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1893	313	Mt Cook Infants'	Watson	Florence	Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1893	313	Mt Cook Infants'	Legg	Gertrude	Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1893	313	Mt Cook Infants '	Goldsmith	Annie	Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1893	313	Mt Cook Infants'	Coleman	Frances	Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1893	313	Mt Cook Infants '	Grierson	Margaret	Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1893	313	Mt Cook Infants'	Fleming	Elizabeth	Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00

Catherine M Stanton Started as a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1893 and 1894. And at Terrace from 1895 to 1900. In 1901 she was sole teacher at Waingawa and 1902 sole teacher at Mangamaire until 1904. 1905 to 1907 she was an assistant at Featherston until 194. Ain 1914 he was sole teacher at Normandale

Florence Watson was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1894 and 1897 to 1901 She was at Thorndon. Then assistant at Parkvale east of Carterton 1902 to 1905. From 1906 to at least 1917 she was at at South Wellington In 1921 and at least 1923 she was at Hutt DHS

Annie Goldsmith was a Pupil Teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1893 and 1894 and the Terrace 1895 to 1901

Frances Coleman was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1893 and 1894

Margaret Grierson was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1893 and Te Aro Infants' 1894. She was sole teacher at Admiral Run school with 5 pupils in 1902 and 1903. Admiral Run was on top of Admiral Hill East of Gladstone]

Elizabeth Fleming was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1893 and 1894 and Mitchelltown 1895 to 1902 and Rintoul Street in 1903

9th January 1893 Wellington Education Board: School painting Mount Cook Infants— W. Jennings, .£24 10s (accepted) ; Tustin Bros., £35; G. Gapes, £27.

9th February	1893	Mount Cook Infants'
	4th Year	Edith Bird
	4th Year	Ethel Townsend
	3rd Year	Kate Hardwicke
	3rd Year	Constance Weston
	2nd Year	Clara Liez
	2nd Year	Isabella Merlet
	2nd Year	Gertrude Legg

22nd February 1893 The resignation of Camilla Gaudin, pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants was accepted

18th March 1893 Inspector's long report only included this about all the Mount Cook Schools' Singing has improved in the Te Aro infant school, and it has always been a great feature of the work of the Mount Cook infant school.

29th March 1893 Wellington Education Board: The resignations of Miss E. Bird, pupil teacher Mount Cook Infant School, and Miss N. Manthel , Mount Cook Boys' School, were accepted.

7th April 1893 The resignations of Edith Bird, Mount Cook Infants' was accepted.

2nd August 1893 The Minister for Education has promised Mr. Joyce that .he will consider the advisability of affording information to Education Boards on the working of the Kindergarten system. H-e informed Mr. Joyce that the system was not confined to the Mount Cook School, as he appeared to think, but had been for some time in vogue at the Normal School, Christchurch, and the Wellington Board had imported the materials some time ago

31st August 1893 On Tuesday morning a little girl named Ruth Kelly was playing in the grounds attached to the Mount Cook Infants' School, when her skipping-rope caught in a nail on the top of the shelter shed. She climbed up to free it, and when in the act of descending she lost her hold and fell a distance of about five feet. She did not appear to be injured, and at once

resumed playing, but in a few minutes she was seized with a fit. One of the teachers took her home, and Dr. ? was called in, lint she died a few hours after her arrival at her parents' house.

4th September 1893 " Resident calls attention to the fact that at the election of a new Committee for the Mount Cook School special attention was directed to the existence of several houses of ill-fame in the immediate vicinity of the Boys' School, and a deputation was ap. pointed to interview Inspector Pender on the subject. Our correspondent wants to know if anything has been done. Ho believes the locality is daily becoming more notorious, and that the children are daily exposed to foul and filthy sights and lessons. Better the children should not attend school at all than have their minds polluted by the surroundings. The police must be perfectly aware of the character of some of the houses, but apparently do nothing until some resident lays an information, which the residents are loath to do, as they consider it the duty of the police. Their apathy here contrasts unfavourably with Inspector Hickson's activity in Auckland, although the Resident Magistrate hero is evidently prepared to give every support. The present position is a public scandal.

14th September 1893 W. Callaghan desires to draw the attention of the City Council and Councillor Worth, as a member of the Mount Cook School Committee, to the disgraceful condition of Taranaki-street between Arthur-street and Webb street. There is no crossing, and groat inconvenience is caused by the impassable quagmire presented in wet weather, especially to attendants at the Boys' School.

25th October 1893 The Board then went into Committee and considered several applications for increases in salary. One from Mrs. C. A. Francis, head mistress at Mount Cook Girls' School, was declined, and as to another from Miss Nita Johnston, mistress at Ngahauranga, it was pointed out that the new regulations would give her an increase

12th December 1893 MOUNT COOK INFANTS' SCHOOL. USUAL ENTERTAINMENT Takes place on WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS, At 3 p.m., when the Cantata "White Garland and Maypole Dance, Nos. 1 and 2, will be performed by 60 Mites.

1894

1894 Boys'

1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy	Charles J		Headmaster	£370.00
1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Bird	William John		Assistant Master	£ 220.00
1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Lewis	William J		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Nightingale	H J		Assistant Master	£100.00
1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Flanagan	Eleanor		Assistant Female	£100.00
1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Hall	A Louise		Assistant Female	£90.00
1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Carter	Ada		Assistant Female	£80.00
1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Robinson	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£80.00
1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Cooper	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Cook	Eleanor N		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Gregory	Frederick		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Sanderson	Helena		Female Pupil Teacher	£36.00
1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Liez	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00

1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Haybittle	Ralph		Male Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1894	483	Mt Cook Boys'	Bellachey	E H		Male Pupil Teacher	£45.00

William W Bird MA taught at Mount Cook Boys' 1894 to 1898 and Headmaster of Karori in 1899 and 1900. In 1901 was appointed Organising teacher and Practical Instructor of Native Schools

H J Nightingale taught at Mount Cook Boys' in 1894. Then sole charge at Ngaturi 1896 to 1901. Headmaster Dreyerton 1902 to 1905. Kopuaranga 1906-1910; Dalefield 1912-1919. Headmaster at Greytown around 1921 to at Least 1923 when my records end All these schools were in the Wairarapa Area

Ada Carter only taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1894 at Mount Cook Boys'.

Frederick W Gregory taught as a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Boys' in 1894 and 1895. In 1896 was headmaster of Tokomaru North of Levin until 1907 Yhen 1908 to 1914 was Head of Hastwell South of Eketahuna and from 1915 to 1923 at least was headmaster at Pongaroa. 12th January 1894 Wellington Education Board: The Mount Cook Girls' School is being painted and renovated, and the Boys' and Infants' Schools are to undergo considerable improvement.

31st January 1894 Wellington Education Board: . It was resolved to inform property owners whose premises are being drained through the Mount Cook school ground that they must disconnect at once

26th March 1894

MOUNT COOK SCHOOLS. GRAND ENTERTAINMENT

In aid of the Library and Band Funds.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOLROOM (By kind permission),

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 28th and 29th March.

PROGRAMME.

1. Overture — " Bandittenatreiche " (F. Suppe) — Wellington Reed
2. Physical Drill— Mount Cook Boys
3. Solo— Mr. E. J. Hill
4. Illustrated Song — " Darby and Joan" — Mrs. Dodwell
5. Violin Solo— Master Ernest Baumgart
6. Tableau — " Guardian Angels " — Mount Cook Infant Teachers

Interval of 10 minutes.

7. Overture — Mount Cook School Band
8. Songs of all Nations, in character— Mount Cook Girls
9. Recitation — Mr. Helliwell
10. Illustrated Song — "Dolly's Revenge" — Miss Watson
11. Tableau — " Hoaxed " — Mount Cook Infant Teachers
12. Vesper Hymn — Mount Cook School Band

Change of Programme on Thursday, when Miss Parsons will sing, and a recitation will be given by Mr. Walter Haybittle. Admission each Evening— One Shilling. Doors open at 7.30. Commence at 8.

GEO. NORBURY, Chairman of Committee JAS. ROBERTSON,. Secretary

29th March 1894 St. John's Schoolroom was largely attended last evening on the occasion of a diversified entertainment given by children attending the Mount Cook Schools in aid of the

school library and band funds. The chair was taken by Mr. James Robertson, Secretary of the School Committee, who during the evening thanked those present for their patronage, at the same time announcing that the entertainment would be repeated to-night. The first item, an overture by Mr. Foster's band, was followed by a capital exhibition of physical drill by a number of the boys under the direction of Sergeant-Major Finn. Mr. E. J. Hill contributed a song, " My Little Love," and was encored. Perhaps the most interesting items were the " illustrated songs," to which tableaux were performed by the children. The illustrated song " Darby and Joan " was particularly effective ; the three tableaux, representing the -wedding, the first-born in the cradle-, and the old couple alone but with their love still as strong as on the bridal morn, were well conceived and admirably sustained. " Dolly's Revenge," with tableaux by Miss Watson and the girls, was also well managed. ** Songs of All Nations," sung by girls in character, were likewise a great success, the performance of the mite who enacted Topsy being especially good. The remaining' items were a violin solo by Master Ernest Baumgart, a recitation by Mr. Helliwell, and tableaux entitled " Guardian Angels " and "Hoaxed." The singing of "I he Vesper Hymn" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close

30th March 1894 St. John's Schoolroom was crowded to the doors last evening, on the occasion of the second entertainment given by the children of the Mount Cook schools in aid of their library and band funds. The programme was the same as that of the previous night, with the exception that Miss Parsons sang in the place of Mr. E. J. Hill and Mr. W. Haybittle gave a coster delineation where Mr. Helliwell had previously appeared. Every item was capitally performed, and encores were the order of the evening. A sun of £30 was taken [£30 in March 1894 is equivalent to \$6398.02 in December 2021]

30th March 1894 MOUNT COOK SCHOOLS ENTERTAINMENTS. THE Mount Cook Schools Committee desire to return their heartfelt thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted at the recent entertainments given in St. John's Schoolroom in aid of the School Library and Band Funds. G. NORBURY, Chairman.

17th April 1894 School Committee Nominations Mount Cook Schools': . The following lists of candidates have reached us : — Mount Cook. — Captain Coleman, Messrs. G. Norbury, J. H. Helliwell, F. Wills, J. Robertson, W. Allan, and R. D. Vincent

17th April 1894 One of the Post Office letter-carriers received a nasty wound on the temple yesterday afternoon from a stone thrown by one of the children attending the Mount Cook Boys' School. School was just over- ', and some of the youngsters were amusing themselves at stone-throwing when the .- letter-carrier turned the corner of . Buckle street and received one of the .missiles (in the left temple, where it inflicted a scalp wound that bled profusely and ; also partially stunned the postman. He speedily recovered himself, however, and catching his assailant—a little fellow of 11—handed him over to Mounted Constable Hersey, who took down his name and address; This practice of stone throwing is only too common among' school hoys, and an example will have to be made pf some of the offenders,'

18th April 1894 Since his nomination for re-election to the Mount Cook School Committee, Mr. G. Norbury has signified his intention not to offer himself.

24th April 1894 bout 100 householders attended the Mount Cook meeting, and Mr. J. A. Langford presided. The annual report mentioned the placing of the three school buildings in good repair and expressed the hope that the painting works would be accomplished during the

ensuing year. The nuisance of broken glass through stone-throwing has been a serious one. During the Christmas vacation no less than 140 panes had to be replaced. The assistance of the parents to prevent this evil was urgently requested. The want of increased accommodation in the schools was urged. The number of boys on the roll at present was 570, with an average attendance of 500, and the percentage of passes at the last examination was 97. One scholarship fell to Master William Rothenberg, who was second at the examination. Mention was made of Claude Redward and Carlyle Robertson, who had successfully passed the Matriculation examination, and Alfred Renner, who had passed the Junior Civil Service examination as well as Matriculation — all old boys — and reference was made to the success of the Mount Cook pupils in athletic pursuits. The Boys' School had for the second time won the Challenge Cup for cricket contests, which now became the property of the school. The Cadet Corps was 65 strong, and doing excellent work, and the flute band (27 performers) was making good headway. The school library now contained 220 books, which would be increased as funds came to hand. The Girls' School is greatly overcrowded, and numbers had been refused admittance. The number on the roll was 550, an average attendance of 480. In addition to the usual subjects, domestic economy— embracing sewing, darning, knitting, and dressmaking — was taught. The girls' library contained 225 books and would be further increased. The Infant School, under Mrs. Frances, was in a very satisfactory state. There were 536 names on the roll, an increase of 50 on last year. As in the other schools, owing to want of accommodation numbers of applications for admission had been refused. The balance-sheet showed that out of a total income of £229 there was a balance in hand of £19 3s 1d. The report and balance-sheet were adopted after a little discussion. The election of a new Committee resulted in the return of Messrs. J. Robertson, W. Allan, K. Vincent, G. Norbury, Captain Coleman. H. Roberta, F. Wills, J. Ferguson, and J. Langford. Votes of thanks were given to the out-going Committee, the teaching staff, and the Chairman. Mr. Vincent was elected Chairman of the new Committee, and Mr Robertson Secretary.

1st June 1894 Wellington Education Board: The Mount Cook Committee asked for a brick dust-bin, and the carpenter was instructed to estimate its cost.

7th July 1894 Pahiatua Notes: At a meeting of the School Committee it was decided to recommend the appointment of Mr. Thomas, the present first assistant at Mount Cook Boys' School, Wellington, as headmaster here

20th July 1894 Carterton News: Mr Harold Ballachy, pupil teacher at the Carterton school has been transferred to the Mount Cook boys' school.

16th October 1894 Mr. W. W. Bird, M.A., the new assistant at the Mount Cook School, has been presented at the Industrial School, Caversham, with a valuable set of diamond studs in recognition of his services as teacher and as bandmaster. The presentation was made by Mr. G. M. Burlinson, manager of the school, who expressed keen regret at Mr. Bird's departure

31st October 1894 Wellington Education Board: Mr. W. J. Lewis' leave of absence from Mount Cook Boys' School was extended for a month

2nd November 1894 The Education Board has received six applications for the position of head teacher at Makara, seven for third male assistant at Mount Cook and nine for female assistant at Mangatainoka.

1894 Girls'

1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Katherine H		Head Female	£263.15
1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£150.00
1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet		Assistant Female	£110.00
1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Kate		Assistant Female	£90.00
1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen		Assistant Female	£90.00
1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Annie		Assistant Female	£80.00
1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Young	Mabel		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Williams	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Sara		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Wood	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£36.00
1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Bertha		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Davidson	Jessie L		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Hutchings	Florence		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1894	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Kelleher	Caroline		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00

Bertha Lawson was a pupil teacher at Te Aro Infants' in 1891 and 1892. Mt Cook Boys' in 1893 and Mt Cook Girls' 1894 to 1900

1901/1898	Bertha Emily	Lawson	Stephen	Harris
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Jessie L Davidson was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Girls' in 1894 and Clyde Quay 1896 to 1898 then Taught at Roseneath to at least 1919. Was at Island Bay in 1923

Caroline Kelleher was a Pupil Teacher at Fernridge 1889 to 1893 and Mount Cook Girls' 1894 and 1895, She then was sole teacher at Kaituna to around 1917 and was the teacher at Waingawa from 1919 to at least 1923

1st January 1894 SEPARATE TENDERS for Painting the Inside of the Mount Cook Girls' School, and for Addition to the Wadestown School, will be received at my office up to 5 p.m. of WEDNESDAY, the 3rd January, Plans and specifications at my office. THOS. TURNBULL, 558 . Architect to Board.

28th February 1894 Miss L. Treadwell, Mount Cook Girls' School, sent in her resignation. Miss M. Grierson, pupil teacher, also resigned.The Mount Cook School Committee complained of the irregular attendance of certain teachers, especially of the Girls' school. The Board passed a resolution disapproving of irregular attendance on the part of the teachers concerned and adding that they expected the teachers to be regular and punctual.

28th March 1894 Wellington Education Board: Mr. W. S. Cobham wrote asking that the drainage of his property through the grounds of the Mount Cook Girls' School should be allowed to remain until the question of the main drainage had been settled. The request was acceded to on condition that Mr. Cobham clears the drain whenever it becomes necessary.....In reference to the complaint of the Committee regarding the low averages made at the Mount Cook Girls' School, a committee consisting of the Chairman, the Bey. J. Paterson, and Messrs. Fraser and Young, was appointed to consider the present condition of the school, to confer with the Inspector and the local Committee, and to report to the Board what measures require to be taken to place the school on an efficient basis.

30th May 1894 part of a long article : The Board of Education was interviewed this morning by a deputation from the Wellington Branch of the Educational Institute with reference to the

proposed regulation prohibiting the corporal punishment of girls, The deputation consisted of Mr. W. T. Grundy (Clyde-quay School), Mr. G. Flux (Greytown School), and Miss Helyer (Mount Cook Girls School). Mr. Grundy said that in every school there were girls who could not be controlled without corporal punishment. If the regulations were adhered to teachers would have to resort to expulsion.....

25th July 1894 Wellington Education Board: Mr. Lee, School Inspector, recommended an expenditure of .£54 in repairs to furniture, &c, at the Mount Cook Girls' School, and it was decided to carry out the work, as funds were available..... Miss Davidson's appointment as an additional assistant teacher at Mount Cook Girls' School was approved.

20th August 1894 Education Board, Wellington, 20th August, 1894. A FIRST ASSISTANT MASTER is required for the Mount Cook Boys' School^ Salary, i! 220 per annum. Applications, which must be made on forms to be obtained from this office, will be received up to Saturday, the 25th inst. A. DORSET, Secretary

29th August 1894 The Education Board to-day received 18 applications for the position of first assistant teacher at the Mount Cook School, rendered vacant by the appointment of Mr. Thomas to a country school. The applications were considered by the Board in committee, and the position was given to the applicant who had been longest in the Board's service and had the necessary qualifications, whose name will not be divulged until it has been submitted to the School Committee for approval.

30th August 1894 Wellington Education Board: 'On the recommendation of the committee. Mr Dempsey, of the Mount Cook school, was appointed to the Hastwell school.

4th September 1894 Until a successor to Mr Dempsey is appointed, Mr J. Nightingale will assist at Mount Cook.

7th September 1894 Mr W. M. Dempsey, formerly second assistant teacher at Mount Cook School, left on Monday for Mangaone, where he is to take charge of the local school in place of Mrs Larsen, who is leaving the Education Board's service. Until a successor to Mr Dempsey is appointed, Mr J. Nightingale will assist at Mount Cook. [Was at Hastwell in December]

25th September 1894 The Education Board will to-morrow consider applications for the following appointment :— Second assistant for Mount Cook Boys', for which there are 21 applicants

26th September 1894 Leave of absence was granted to the following teachers: — Miss Elizabeth Robinson, Mount Cook Boys ; Miss Laura Keeling, Masterton Infants ; Mr. F. Gregory and Mr. Wm. Lewis, Mount Cook Boys.

27th September 1884 Mr. William W. Bird, M.A., at present in charge of the Caversham Industrial School, has been appointed first assistant in Mount Cook Boys' School, and Mr. W. J. Lewis, who has been third assistant in the latter school, has been promoted to the position of second assistant. The Mount Cook Committee has approved of the Board's selections.

28th November 1894 Wellington Education Board: , Leave of absence from the present time until the re-opening of the school after Christmas was granted to' Miss Ellen Wallace (Mount Cook Girls' School)

1894 Infants'

1894	397	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A		Head Female	£240.00
1894	397	Mt -Cook Infants '	Craig	Margaret H		Assistant Female	£125.00
1894	397	Mt -Cook Infants '	Fleming	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1894	397	Mt Cook Infants'	Stanton	Catherine A		Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00
1894	397	Mt Cook Infants'	Weston	Constance		Female Pupil Teacher	£36.00
1894	397	Mt Cook Infants'	Watson	Florence		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1894	397	Mt Cook Infants '	Evans	Edith		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1894	397	Mt Cook Infants'	Bird	Florence		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1894	397	Mt Cook Infants '	Goldsmith	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1894	397	Mt Cook Infants'	Coleman	Frances		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1894	397	Mt Cook Infants'	Dempsey	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1894	397	Mt Cook Infants'	Cooper	Harriet		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00

Edith M Evans was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1894 and 1895 and at the Terrace 1896 and 1897. Then 1898-1899 sole teacher at Horokiwi. The assistant at Johnsonville 1900 and 1901 and then back as an assistant at Mount Cook Girls' 1902 to at least 1906

15th February 1894 Preparations are being actively made for the public Garden Party which is to be hold in the Hospital grounds in aid of the ward furnishing fund The Wellington Rood Band will perform, there will be refreshments, tennis, croquet, a maypole dance by the Mount Cook Kindergarten scholars, and various other attractions.

29th June 1894 The resignation of Miss Clara Wilkinson, Hastwell, and Miss Mary Hanney Mount Cook Infants', were accepted

4th October 1894 . The Mount Cook School Committee to-day despatched an order to London for a complete equipment of kindergarten material for the infant school. The order provides for ropes and rings, diagrams and maps, coloured flags, &o. The committee intends to appeal to the public in raising funds to meet the proposed expenditure, and with that object an entertainment will be given at an early date in the Princess Theatre

9th October 1894 Our attention is called to the dangerous practice of allowing young children to play on the turn-stiles at Mount Cook schools. On Thursday last a little girl named Bradley had the top of one of her fingers taken clean off. The injury was attended to by one of the Hospital staff, who happened to be passing, and the child is now under Dr. Rawson's care.

18th December 1894 The cantata "Birds and Fairies," performed by Mount Cook Infant School lately, will be repeated on Wednesday afternoon! at the schoolroom, in aid of the children's tea

20th December 1894 The children attending the Mount Cook Infant School were dismissed for the holidays yesterday afternoon, when the cantata recently given so successfully in the Princess Theatre, entitled " Birds and Fairies," was performed, in the presence of a considerable number of parents and friends. Certificates for regular attendance were presented by Mr. R. B. Vincent, Chairman of the School Committee. Messrs. Roberts and Langford, members of the Committee, were also present. Cheers were given for Mrs. Francis (head teacher) and staff. The children were afterwards supplied with refreshments.

1895

1895 Boys'

1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy BA	Charles J		Headmaster	£370.00
1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Bird MA	William John		Assistant Master	£ 220.00
1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Lewis	William J		Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Hempleman	F A		Assistant Master	£100.00
1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Flannagan	Eleanor		Assistant Female	£100.00
1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Hall	A Laura		Assistant Female	£90.00
1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Robinson	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£80.00
1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Cooper	Emily		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Cook	Eleanor N		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Gregory	F W		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Ballachy	Ernest H		Male Pupil Teacher	£45.00
1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Sanderson	Helena		Female Pupil Teacher	£36.00
1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Liez	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1895	476	Mt Cook Boys'	Meek	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00

Frederick A Hempleman Taught in Canterbury prior to coming to Mount Cook Boys'

He was an assistant teacher at Mount Cook Boys' 1895 to 1909 and Brooklyn from 1910 to at least 1919. In 1924 he was headmaster of the Marton School.

Ethel Annie Meek was a pupil teacher at Te Aro Infant's 1893 and 1894 and Mount Cook Boys' 1895 to 1898

25th January 1895 Mr. Frederick A. Hempleman, late of Kaiapoi, has been appointed third assistant master in Mount Cook Boys' School.

22nd February 1895 . Lately the tower at the Mount Cook Infant School was found, to be in an unsatisfactory state, and the Education Board officials, after making an inspection, had it removed altogether. At a meeting of the School Committee held last evening, it was resolved to thank the Board for the amount of work it had lately done upon the three school buildings. Arrangements were made to hold a concert in April in aid of the Library Fund. It was decided to have a, " respect board " placed in the Boys School to bear the names of the winners of scholarships

27th February 1895 Wellington Education Board: The Chairman reported as to the improvements effected at the Mount Cook School, and a letter was received from the Committee thanking the Board

25th March 1895 Two thousand children from Mount Cook Schools, with adults, were taken on a railway excursion to the Upper Hutt to-day.

17th April 1895 An attractive programme is advertised for the entertainment to be held at Mount Cook School this evening in aid of the picnic and library funds. A special feature will be the performance of an amusing Court scene, entitled, " Covey v. Miss Too-Sweet, M.H.R.," by the young ladies of St. Andrew's Church, who have established a reputation for the production of such sketches.

19th April 1895 THE Mount Cook School Committee desires to return thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted at the recent Concerts in aid of the School Recreation Fund. • R. B. VINCENT, Chairman.

23rd April 1895 I TENDER my hearty thanks to those who voted for me last night at the election of the Mount Cook School Committee. In voting for me they voted for their daughters' interests. I also inform Mr. Robertson and Mr. Roberts, the mover and seconder of the challenge to my right to sit on the Committee, that, having been elected by householders who were perfectly aware of my circumstances as a married woman, I intend, as a duty, to contest their challenge to the utmost. I should like to ask the Board, the Committee, and the public— Why the fact that a married woman is living with her husband and children should render the election illegal ? Such a contention appears to me to discredit the sanctity of home life. M . A TASKER
Wallace-street.

26th April 1895 MOUNT COOK. The annual meeting of householders was attended by about 200 persons. Mr C W. Benbow presided.

The annual report stated that the number of children on the rolls of the three schools on the 30th March last was 1603, the average attendance for the year being 1317, divided as follows: Boys, 475; girls, 422; and infants, 420. The committee had great pleasure in referring to the efficiency of the teaching staffs'. The schools secured five scholarships! out of a total of 13 given by the Education Board for competition among the city schools. competitors were : — Boys' School—Stanley Edwards, Henry Brenton and Alfred Odlin. Girls' School Alice Robinson and Maria Hitchcock. The committee had taken steps to erect merit boards in the school, upon which the names of all the scholars-securing scholarships will be recorded.

The libraries at the respective schools are much appreciated by the children. The Boys' School still maintained a leading position among the other schools in athletics it being prominent both at football and cricket. Extensive repairs had been carried out at each, of the schools. In connection with the additions and repairs effected, when the capitation grant was found insufficient to carry out the necessary work, the Education Board was approached, with most satisfactory results. The balance-sheet showed that there was a balance in hand of .£17 9s 7d. The receipts amounted to £255 14s 9d. The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr W. Allan for his past services on the committee during a period of 13 years.

The election of a committee resulted as follows : James Robertson, 123 ; John Ferguson, 118; G. Norbury, 109; R. B. Vincent, 92; Henry Roberts, 90; Alexander McDougall, 85; Captain Coleman, 68; F. Wills, 63 ; Mis M. A. Tasker, 54. The other candidates were :—M. H. Biggs, 52 ; J. Furness, 38; J. A. Langford, 32; C. H. Demant, 21. Mr R. B. Vincent was re-elected chairman of committee, and Mr John Ferguson secretary.

26th April 1895 A point similar to that raised as to the legality of Mrs Tasker's election to the Mount Cook School Committee occurred at the meeting of householders at Bunnythorpe, where, according to the Feilding Star, Mrs Dixon was proposed, the chairman refusing the nomination on account of the fact that she is a married woman.

26th April 1895 The legality of the election of Mrs M. A. Tasker as a member of the Mount Cook School Committee is to be tested on the ground that she is a married woman living with her husband. Mrs Tasker was elected a member of the committee at the annual meeting of householders last night, and at the meeting of the newly-elected committee Mr James Robertson said he wished to challenge the right of Mrs Tasker to sit on the committee, explaining that he took this course merely for the reason that she was not a qualified person.

He moved : —"That the secretary be instructed to approach, the Education Board, and ascertain if Mrs Tasker, a married woman living with her husband, is a legally qualified member of the School Committee." Mr Henry Roberts seconded the motion. Mrs Tasker : I presume you will give me a hearing ? Mr Robertson : Certainly. Mrs Tasker : So long as it is fair and above board I am satisfied. Mr Robertson said he had been informed that the same point that he had brought up had been raised before in a case in the Wellington district, and the woman was disqualified. Of course, the circumstances might have been different. After some further discussion the motion was put and carried.

29th April 1895 Mr M. A. Biggs has protested against Mrs Tasker sitting as a member of the Mount Cook School Committee, on the ground that she is disqualified. Mr Biggs was next to Mrs Tasker at the poll at the annual meeting of householders.

18th May 1895 Mrs Tasker was elected to the position of committee woman. Whether the law permits of such elections or whether it does not is an open question, apparently. But there is no question whatever that until, the point is decided by competent authority, Mrs Tasker is a member of the Mount Cook School Committee and entitled to all the privileges of the position. There is another point; which admits of no question either. It is that a woman is always and in all things entitled ; to courteous and considerate treatment. That rule has been violated badly in Mrs Tasker's case by the men who, after ejection to the committee, seem to have forgotten their manhood. The - Majority- of Mrs- -Yates, of Onehunga, is the most, disgraceful; episode in our social history, Because it 'is' a record of ruffianism and bad manners and unmanly treatment of a woman, which most men- had thought Impossible in a country which claims to be sufficiently civilised to understand politeness. Mrs, Yates may have been injudicious. As a matter of fact, she was very injudicious at ; times. But nothing that she ever said or did ever could have been the smallest justification for the boorish . manner in which she was treated. The Mount Cook School Committee have to avoid that precedent. They are in danger of repeating it, and as they do not seem to be aware of their danger, we take the liberty of drawing their attention to the fact.

18th May 1895 TO THE EDITOR. Sir, —Will you allow me to state my case to you ? After the election of the Mount Cook School Committee the usual meeting of the new committee was held. I attended the same. After the election of chairman (Mr Vincent), Mr Ferguson (secretary), the challenge against me, Ac., it was resolved that the School Committee meet every third Thursday in the month ; the time, I believe, half-past 7 p.m.; place, Mount Cook Boys' School. Mr Vincent stated it was usual to send a notice to members. I presume, if the meeting could not take place. I may also tell you Mr Robertson took down the minutes, although Mr Ferguson was secretary. Mr Robertson stated, for certain reasons, he did not wish to be known as the School Committee's secretary. I went last night to attend the meeting (I considered I was a member of that committee until the Board ruled me out of it), and after waiting about in the bad weather a long time I went to the residence of the chairman and asked him about the meeting. He said there .was not going to be any. I then asked why I had not been notified. He said he did not know; he had nothing to do with it. My reply was, " How can that be when you are chairman ? It was your place to instruct the secretary to notify members." He then said it was not his fault and muttered something about a notice being in the minute book to the effect that the School Committee should not meet again until my case was decided. I asked him when that resolution was passed. He said at the School Committee

meeting, I told him if he meant to infer that it was passed at the annual meeting he know as well as I did that no such resolution had been passed, and if there had been meetings since I ought to have been notified. I consider they have treated me very discourteously in this matter and have got the idea that we are encroaching on their cherished prerogatives, but they might as well try to step the tide from ebbing and flowing as try to prevent women from being on such committees. Apologising for troubling you, I am &c. M. A. Tasker. Bernbridge, Wallace street, Wellington, May 17th.

20th May 1895 The Chairman of the Mount Cook School Committee writes to inform us that no meeting has been held since Mrs Tasker's right to sit was challenged. At the meeting held immediately after the election on 22nd April, it was resolved " That, pending the decision of the Board as to the validity of Mrs. Tasker's election, the meeting do now adjourn." The committee has not met since and does not propose to meet till the decision of the Board is given on the 29th inst. The members of the committee regret if Mrs. Tasker did not understand the position, but they cannot be held responsible for her not doing so.

20th May 1895 THE TASKER CASE. we publish to-day letters in reply from the chairman of the Mount Cook School Committee and one of the committeemen. They have both singularly failed to apprehend the point on which our remarks, to which they, of course, object, rested. on the statement of the chairman, on Mrs Tasker's evidence as set forth in her letter, that the committee had passed a resolution adjourning business until after the decision of the accepted Education Board in her case. We thought it strange that Mrs Tasker was unaware of that resolution, especially as neither of the local papers, which devoted particular attention to the meeting of the committee, made no mention of such a resolution. But we thought there was a misunderstanding on the subject, and accepted the resolution as a fact, because it evidently explained the lack of the meeting on the day appointed. The resolution we regarded as an act of discourtesy and unfairness to one who had a right to act on the committee till displaced by the proper authority. The chairman has shown us the minute book which contains the resolution adjourning the then meeting pending the decision of the Board, as detailed in the letter of the committeeman that we publish to-day. That proves, as we accept the minutes vouched for as they are, that we were quite right in accepting Mrs Tasker's evidence as to what was said by the chairman as to the resolution of adjournment, The chairman has explained to us that the resolution was not intended to be discourteous or unfair to Mrs Tasker, but that it was passed under the impression that, by reference of Mrs Tasker's case to the Board of Education, the validity of the whole of the election proceedings might be called in question. It never occurred to us to attribute the committee's conduct to such an excess of prudence, and therefore we gave them a word of caution. The Act certainly does not fetter the decision of the Board in any way, and its wording is very wide and comprehensive. But even if the whole committee were unseated we fail to see that any one of them could suffer for his share in transacting necessary business. The committee (or its majority) has allowed itself to be rather easily frightened, and the business of its school suffers in consequence, as well as the reputation of the committee for courtesy. And of course accept the assurances of the two gentlemen who have written to us that, they did not act with intentional discourtesy. Had they shown sufficient courage and common-sense- to make their business their first consideration, and had they displayed less ingenuity of prudence in helping, to bring about a quite unnecessary

deadlock, they would have saved the committee from adverse criticism at the hands of nine-tenths of the community. Another time they will probably profit by their experience.

{Note I have not copied all the correspondence in the newspapers on this case}

21st May 1895 TO THE EDITOR. Sib— In answer to the local in your paper, I say it is a singular thing that I have no knowledge of the resolution that the Chairman says was passed on the 22nd nit. ; also, being an unusual resolution the papers made no' mention of it. I appeal to the reporters who were present to say if they heard that resolution put and earned. I did not know [until I saw it in your paper) that my case is to be decided by the Board on the 29th inst. , I am, &C., M. A. Tasker, Mount Cook School Committee- woman. Wallace street, 31st May

21st May 1895 TO THE EDITOR. Sir, —Will you permit me to reply to The letter of Mr Chairman is vague, very. I will leave the public to judge where the deceit and misstatements come in. Mr Chairman says the interview spoken of only lasted half a minute (take a note of that half a Minute), and was distinctly, heard by three people twenty-eight feet" away; but why does he withhold the fact that the doors were shut and I stood on the verandah; Mr Chairman answered the door himself, did not know I was coming, and the people to' whom he refers did not know I was there, Whereas the people I had with me (who knew I was there, and the purpose for which I went) had great difficulty in hearing the conversation only about six feet away, with no shut doors, only a high board fence between. Moreover, I had a shawl muffled round my face and a respirator on, At the best of times I have not a loud voice, and considering I had a slight attack Of bronchitis, it was an utter impossibility for me to raise my voice in the manner indicated. So much for his letter, It is of a piece with the rest. Will Mr Committeeman swear in a court of law that the date and place of -meeting was fixed before I was challenged ? And what need was there to fix a date and place of meeting if they had adjourned until my case was decided ? What has the burgess roll got to do with my letter of Saturday last ? I don't think I said anything about a burgess roll. How often is the burgess roll made up? Will you, Mr Editor, go down to the Council office and ask if my name is or is not on the ratepayers' roll ? It seems to me the committee are giving their legal advice unsought for. Then, again, he says no meeting was held in consequence of the Board not having communicated its decision to the committee. Then, I ask, how about that adjournment? I suppose if the Board had given judgment in my favour the meeting would have been held on the third Thursday as appointed, Where, and when, and by whom, may I ask, was it resolved to wait on the tenth man (Mr Biggs), and Urge him to claim my seat? And for what purpose ? Are all my fellow-committee men legally qualified to act as committee men ? Are all their names on the roll ? Although the Act says nothing about ratepayers' roll being a qualification. It seems to me ridiculous producing a minute - book ; those minutes have not been confirmed. How could they be when there has, not' been a meeting ? Besides, Mr Robertson took the rough minutes on something else. Anything you like could be added to or taken from them. ,I am quite aware of a good many things that have been going on,, but not wishing to quarrel with them I determined to take it in good part. However, Thursday evening was the last straw to break the camel's back; that, and those letters of yesterday morning make me think that .a woman's code of honour must be different to a committee-man's. There are some things I could not-stoop to do, and the tactics- of my fellow-committeemen are some of them. I would consider it an honour to cross swords with an honourable opponent, but in view of their proceedings I must decline to take the slightest notice in the papers of anything they may say. When the proper time comes there

will be plenty to defend the cause and me. I wonder if the chairman and committeeman have got names ? But perhaps it is only women who are not afraid to sign theirs. Trusting this letter is not too long for you to insert, —I am, &C..M. A. Tasker, Mount Cook School Committee-woman, Wallace street. May 20th.

28th May 1895 The much-discussed question of the legality or otherwise of the election of Mrs. Tasker upon the Mount Cook School Committee is to be considered by the Education Board at its meeting tomorrow.

31st May 1895 MRS TASKER'S ELECTION VALID. The protest against the election of Mrs Tasker as a member of the Mount **Cook** School Committee was discussed at some length by the Education Board at its meeting on Wednesday. The Chairman said the question the Board had to consider was whether Mrs Tasker was a householder or not. He had referred the matter to the Board's solicitors (Messrs Brandon, Hislop and Brandon), who stated that the decision of the Board as to the validity of Mrs Tasker's election was final. They pointed out that under section 2 of the Act of 1891 a person to be a householder must (1) reside in a dwelling-house within the school district, and (2) be either owner or tenant thereof, Mrs Tasker claimed to have been tenant of the house at the time of the election. To constitute her a tenant as alleged there ' must then have been an agreement or, deed in writing signed by the parties by which a rent was reserved from Mrs Tasker to Mr Tasker, and it must have been intended: by the parties that the agreement was to be operative. If the Board was satisfied there was such an agreement in existence at the time of the election they might hold that was a householder and her election was valid.

The Rev J. Paterson asked whether Mrs Tasker's name appeared, on the burgess roll,

The Chairman: No, Mr Fitzherbert: She might be a tenant without being a ratepayer. The Chairman then read a letter from Mr Tasker, who said the lease referred to was between himself and Mrs Tasker, and was in writing, rent being payable monthly at the rate of £28 per annum'. Four months' rent had been paid. The term of lease was six months from the 1st January, 1895, with the understanding that unless the property was disposed of the lease would be extended for a like or longer period. Mrs Tasker paid the rent out of her own private funds. He (the chairman) had received the memorandum of agreement, and also the rent book, showing the payment of four months' rent, With regard to these documents the Board's solicitors wrote that if the Board was satisfied the agreement was entered into three months before the election and that it was really intended to take effect, and that Mrs Tasker was really the tenant of the house, she was eligible. If the agreement was entered into simply with a view to giving her a vote, and it was not actually meant to render Mrs Tasker liable as a tenant, and to give her the use of the house and I make her the responsible party in connection therewith, then the Board would be entitled to consider it merely as a blind, and not, in fact, meant to have any effect in law.

The Rev.. J. Paterson said if the Board questioned the legality of the election, it declared those documents forgeries. The Chairman said that was not the case. If the Board was satisfied Mrs Tasker entered into the agreement for the purpose of giving her a vote, it was invalid, but if not, then the election was. valid on the document. Mr Buchanan moved, "That in the opinion of this Board Mrs Tasker has not been legally elected a member of the Mount Cook School Committee." There was, he said, nothing put before them in the correspondence as to why this Unusual arrangement should be entered into between the Taskers, and he was fairly entitled to assume in the absence of any explanation that it was entered into with a view to qualify Mrs

Tasker for election. The motion lapsed for want of a seconder. Mr Bradey said it was a most-unusual thing for a wife to pay her husband's rent. Mr Fitzherbert moved that the election of Mrs Tasker be considered valid.

26th June 1895 The resignations of Miss Ellen Howan, Kereru, and Mr. Ralph Haybittle, Mount Cook Boys', were accepted

9th July 1895 WANTED, a Cleaner for Mount Cook Boys' School. Information relative to work required and wages can be obtained from Mr. Vincent, 206, Taranaki-street, to whom written applications must be addressed before 6 o'clock on Thursday Evening next

19th July 1895 MOUNT COOK BOYS' SCHOOL. THE Vacancy for a Cleaner for the above school having been filled up, the references lodged by applicants for the position will be returned, on application, by B. B. Vincent, 206, Taranaki-street.

1st of August 1895 The inspector reported that Mount Cook Boys' School (building and furniture) required more care in its supervision.

28th August 1895 . A deputation from the Mount Cook School Committee asked for some improvement in the fencing at the back of the boys' school, along the Gaol Reserve. Since last November the committee had been put to an expense of £12 in repairing windows broken by boys who frequented the reserve. The Chairman said that some time ago he represented the matter to the Government, which was responsible for the fence, and a promise was given that something would be done. The matter would be represented to the Government again.

19th December 1895 Mr W. W. Bird, M. A., assistant master at the Mount Cook Boys' School, has been presented, by his fellow-teachers with a handsome set of ivory-handled carvers in a Morocco case in honour of his marriage

1895/2441	Catherine Fleming Morrison	William Watson Bird
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1895 Girls'

1895	422	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Katherine H		Head Female	£263.15
1895	422	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth		Assistant Female	£150.00
1895	422	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet		Assistant Female	£110.00
1895	422	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Mary Kate		Assistant Female	£90.00
1895	422	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen		Assistant Female	£90.00
1895	422	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Annie		Assistant Female	£80.00
1895	422	Mt Cook Girls'	Young	Mabel		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1895	422	Mt Cook Girls'	Williams	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1895	422	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Sara		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1895	422	Mt Cook Girls'	Wood	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£36.00
1895	422	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Bertha		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1895	422	Mt Cook Girls'	Hutchings	Florence		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00

No new teaching staff

1895 Infants'

1895	427	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A		Head Female	£240.00
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1895	427	Mt -Cook Infants '	Craig	Margaret H		Assistant Female	£125.00
1895	427	Mt Cook Infants'	Evans	Edith		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1895	427	Mt Cook Infants'	Bird	Florence		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1895	427	Mt Cook Infants'	Dempsey	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1895	427	Mt Cook Infants '	Davison	Jessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1895	427	Mt Cook Infants'	Hawkins	May		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1895	427	Mt Cook Infants '	Thompson	Gertrude		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1895	427	Mt Cook Infants'	Ziman	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1895	427	Mt Cook Infants'	Wiltshire	Helen		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1895	427	Mt Cook Infants'	Hannay	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1895	427	Mt Cook Infants'	Mills	Hilda		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

May Hawkins 1890 to 1894 Pupil teacher at Makara. 1895 at Mount Cook Infants' and in 1896 was sole teacher at Makara

Gertrude H [AKA Hannah] Thompson 1895 Mount Cook Infants' and 1896 to 1898 at Mount Cook Girls'

Annie Ziman was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1895

Helen Wiltshire was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Girls' in 1885 and Rintoul Street 1896 to 1898 and was sole teacher at Bideford in 1902

Mary Hannay was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1895 and at Clyde Quay 1896 to 1899

Hilda Mills was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1895 and at Mount Cook Girls' 1896 to 1901 and then as an assistant 1902 to 1904

9th February 1895 We refer to the coming fete at the Wellington College grounds on Wednesday, 20th inst. All kinds of outdoor attractions are promised, one of the chief being maypole dances on the green by the children of the Mount Cook school. The Bishop of Wellington and Mrs. Wallis are to open the proceedings. Granted fine weather, the grounds are likely to be thronged.

26th June 1895 Wellington Education Board: Miss Jessie Moncrieff was granted a refund of expenses of coming, from Carterton to attend the Mount Cook Infant School to learn kindergarten work

9th August 1895 Some of the delegate to the Educational Conference were yesterday afternoon conducted by the chairman (Mr J. E. Blair) to the Mount Cook Infant School and shown the Kindergarten work which is being carried on there under Mrs Francis. Mr T-. E. Fleming, one of the Education Board s inspectors; was also One of the party. Th 6 visitors expressed themselves is very pleased with what they 'saw

21st August 1895 As Arbor Day occurred in the holidays, the children of Mount Cook Infant School held their Arbor Day yesterday, when they planted a fine collection of elms, chestnuts, sycamore, and laburnum trees provided by the committee, and about 40 native trees given by the City Council. The school ground was planted with pines and macrocarpa twelve years ago. Some of these trees will be removed as the English trees grow up. The children take great care of their playground and are very proud of the trees.

28th August 1895 Wellington Education Board: Mrs. Francis, head teacher of the Mount Cook Infants' School, was granted three months' leave of absence on full pay to visit Australia,

29th August 1895 In reply to Mrs Tasker and several other members of the Mount Cook School Committee, who asked for money for refencing the boys school the Chairman said that the fence referred to on the gaol reserve belonged to the Government, and he would again represent the matter to the Government.

4th December 1895 As will be seen in our advertising columns, the Mount Cook Infant School is again to the front with one of its interesting entertainments. Fancy drills and cantatas by the infants are to be the special features, and the teachers and pupils of the girls' and boys' schools will assist.

6th December 1895 The entertainment given last evening at the Princess Theatre by the children attending the Mount Cook infant School was a great success It opened with an illustrated song, " Our Christmas Tree," and the stage was then kept alive with a brilliant series of " living pictures." The Japanese fan drill was particularly effective. The little ones, in Japanese costumes, fluttered their fans in such unison that an imperative encore was demanded. The tableaux, "The Three Graces" and the " Sleeping Beauty," were encored, as was also the physical gun drill by the Mount Cook cadets. The entertainment concluded with a Christmas hymn beautifully sung by the children, and the audience joined in singing " God Save the Queen " The performance will be repeated this evening with a change of programme, and as the funds will be devoted to the benefit of the children, wo hope to see a bumper house.

21st December 1895 At the breaking-up of the Mount Cook Infants' School, Mr. Ferguson, the Secretary of the Committee, presided, in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Vincent. A number of choruses were nicely sung by the children, who were appropriately dressed, the section that sang " Fairy Voices " exemplifying the excellent training they had received from the acting head-mistress (Miss Craig) and their other teachers. Another section went through tambourine and Japanese drill. Seventy-four children were sent up for the late examination, and of those only one failed. A large number of prizes were presented. The children gave three cheers for Mrs. Francis, their headmistress, and before separating they were entertained at afternoon tea

1896

1896 Boys'

1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy	Charles J	B1	Headmaster	£370.00
1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Bird	William John	B2	Assistant Master	£ 220.00
1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Lewis	William J	D3	Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Hempleman	F A	D4	Assistant Master	£100.00
1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Flannagan	Eleanor	D2	Assistant Female	£100.00
1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Hall	A Laura	E3	Assistant Female	£90.00
1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Robinson	Elizabeth	D2	Assistant Female	£80.00
1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Cooper	Emily	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Cook	Eleanor N	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Ballachy	Ernest H	E4	Male Pupil Teacher	£47.10
1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Sanderson	Helena		Female Pupil Teacher	£39.00
1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Liez	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£37.00

1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Meek	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher	£34.00
1896	514	Mt Cook Boys'	Haslam	Charles N		Male Pupil Teacher	£45.00

Charles N Haslam was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Boys' 1896 and 1897 and an assistant in 1898 and 1899. From 1900 to 1905 he was an assistant at Carterton. In 1905 he was Headmaster. Then Back to an assistant at Masterton 1906 to 1911. In 1912 he became headmaster of Island Bay until at least 1915. By 1917 to at least 1919 he was Headmaster of Petone DHS

4th February 1896 The Mount Cook School Committee has decided to hold two children's picnics this month. The first will be at Featherston, on Friday, the 14th, and will be confined to 600 boys and girls from the Fourth Standard upwards and 100 adults. On the following Friday, the 21st, the remainder of the children in the two big schools and the Infants' School are to be taken to the Upper Hutt. At both picnics sports will be got off, and at Featherston there is to be a cake competition, when the exhibits sent by the girls will be eaten and judged by the boys. Mr. A. McDougall, a member of the Committee, has given £3 3s to the prize fund, and Mr. Hardy, Head Master, a guinea. The Committee has supplemented those amounts by voting £3 3s. In order to avoid overcrowding, the Committee has chartered the trains, and will only issue a limited number of tickets for adults.

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13th February 1896 MOUNT COOK SCHOOL EXCURSION TO FEATHERSTON. FRIDAY 14th INST. THE full number of tickets having been issued, Persons entering the carriages without a ticket will be removed. Any evading detection will be charged full single rates each way, in addition to the fine. By Order of Committee.

15th February 1896 The annual excursion of the Mount Cook school children yesterday was very successful. The party, numbering 700, were received at Featherston by Messrs. Toogood and Johnson, members of the local committee, which body was most attentive during the day. The cake competition amongst the girls was won by Delle Ferguson, with Clara Midlane next. Master Greenfield was adjudged to have baked the best cake, amongst the boys. Rather singularly, the exhibits of the boys were better than those of the girls. The committeemen with the excursion were Messrs. Vincent (Chairman), G. Norbury, F Wills, Ferguson (Secretary), J. Robertson, Mrs. Tasker, and Captain Coleman.

26th February 1896 Part of a long article: appended of the sensational attempt to commit murder yesterday afternoon by a woman named Camille Locker, the wife of Karl Locker, indent merchant, of "Wellington. The victim was Mr George Norbury, formerly a member of the firm of Messrs Norbury and Trevor, builders, and the scene of the outrage was Messrs Harcourt and Co/s auction rooms,..... Mr Norbury has been engaged as a flower pot manufacturer in Taranaki street. Mr Norbury was for some time connected with the Primitive Methodist - Church, Courtenay place, but for the last year has been a member of the Trinity Wesleyan Church, Newtown. He was a prominent member of the Mount Cook School Committee, of which he has been chairman. He has a wife and an adopted daughter, and is about 47 years of age.

12th March 1896 Mr J Robertson a member of Mount Cook School Committee elected as a member of the Wellington Education Board

26th March 1896 The annual entertainment of the Mount Cook Boys' and Girls' School children takes place this and to-morrow evening, at St. John's Schoolroom, Dixon-street. A capital programme of part and action songs, drills, and tableau* has been arranged for the occasion, and the entertainment will no doubt be well patronised.

27th March 1896 St. John's Schoolroom was well filled last night, when an entertainment was given by the Mount Cook Boys' and Girls' School. The programme was a really excellent one, and the singing and drilling of the children was most creditable to themselves and the teachers. Songs were given by Misses Ponder and Lawson, a recitation by Mr. Paterson, and Mr. Manthel contributed a cornet solo. A series of tableaux representing " Adverse Winds," " In Love," " The Peacemaker," " The Honeymoon," and "Psyche at the Throne of Venus" were effectively and prettily grouped and staged. An action song by the Mount Cook girls, all dressed in Japanese costumes, with the orthodox fans, caused great applause, as did a well-executed infant drill by the boy mites of the school. The pupils also contributed several part songs, and the orchestra, under Mr. Manthel, played an overture. The entertainment will be repeated to-night

28th April 1896 Last night's meeting to elect a School Committee for the Mount Cook district was notable for the defeat of Mrs. Tasker, one of the members of last year's Committee, and who has occupied a forward position in education with various women's political societies. Mrs. Tasker was the only lady who put up for election, and she failed to get on the Committee by two votes. It was understood that many of the male householders present had put in an appearance purposely to cast their votes against her, holding the opinion that women should not occupy prominent positions on 'public bodies.

28th April 1896 MOUNT COOK. The schoolroom at the Mount Cook Boys' School was crowded for this meeting, between 250 and 300 persons being in attendance, including a fair sprinkling of ladies. Mr. R. V. Vincent occupied the chair. The annual report stated that the attendance for the year at the schools showed a considerable increase. The numbers on the rolls at the different schools were -Boys' School, 602 ; Girls' School, 530 ; Infants' School, 516 ; total, 1648. The average attendance was— Boys, 478; girls, 452; infants, 433. During the year £179 14s 6d was expended in repairs, which does not include expenditure by the Committee in erecting shelter sheds, purchasing 50 new desks, &c. The balance-sheet showed the total receipts to be £244 17s, there being a balance in hand of £27 0s 7d. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, on the motion of Mr. Vincent. After an attempt being made to introduce a discussion on the Irish Text Book in schools (referred to elsewhere), the election of the Committee for the ensuing year was proceeded with, with the result that the following gentlemen were elected : -J. Ferguson, 120 ; A. MacDougall, 100; F. Wills, 88 ; T. M. Grant, 85; D. Pryde, 80; J. P. O'Flaherty, 71 ; M. D. Menelaus, 71 ; M. H. Biggs, 61 ; J. Coleman, 57. The unsuccessful candidates were— M. A. Tasker, 55 ; J. Kitching, 52; H. Gaby, 49; C. F. Brockett, 33; H. Mackay, 32; G. Purdy, 31 ; W. Swan, 29. At a subsequent meeting of the new Committee, Mr. J. Ferguson was appointed Chairman:

24th June 1896 Wellington Education Board: Leave of absence granted to Miss E Cooper Mount Cook Boys'

2nd July 1896 Following the good example set by C.P.O. Williams, of the Navals, Sergt. Barnes, of the City Rifles, has given 150 rounds of ammunition to the Mount Cook School Cadets, to be divided among the best scorers in the Williams Medal competition.

10th July 1896 The residence of Mr. Charles Hardy, headmaster of the Mount Cook School, on Wellington-terrace, was discovered to be on fire about 1 o'clock this morning, but the outbreak was suppressed before any serious damage was done. Mr. Hardy is at present away on a holiday at Picton. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Hardy, who had retired to bed shortly after 10 o'clock, when everything was as usual, except that she smelt something burning, but could not localise it. By means of water the flames were kept in check by Mr. H. Didsbury till the brigade arrived. The building is the property of "Mr. Hardy" and is insured in the Sun Office for £500. On the furniture and effects the New Zealand Office holds a risk of £350. The damage is chiefly due to water. It has been ascertained that the outbreak originated at a rathole in a back room.

5th November Drawing Examination by Technical School Mount Cook Boys'.—Freehand—Examined, 99; passed, 58. Geometry—Examined, 118 ; passed, 106. Scale —Examined, 110 ; passed, 101. Model —Examined, 49 ; passed, 29

18th November 1896 Industrial Exhibition: An inspection parade of the Mount Cook Boys' School Cadet. Corps took place in the school grounds yesterday afternoon, in the presence of Captain Hardy, Lieutenant Bird and Lieutenant-Colonel Newall, when the lads, who mustered some 50 strong, were put through their paces preliminary to appearing as a guard of honour at the opening ceremony this, afternoon. Later in the day

10th December 1896 Th[®] examination of the Mount Cook Girls' and Mount Cook Boys' Schools was concluded last week, and at the meeting of the Education Board yesterday the chairman, referring to the latter school, said it had attained a state of efficiency never arrived at before. The Girls' School, however, had not shown Bach satisfactory results. The Board expressed itself as much pleased at the result of the examination of the Boys' School.

16th December 1896 The Mount Cook Boys' School Cadets have fired off three handicap competitions for a medal presented by C.P.O. Williams, of the Wellington Navals, and an ammunition prize given by Sergeant Barnes. Private W. Darrall, with an aggregate of 81 points, won the medal, and Private J. Stevens the ammunition with 78 points.

19th December 1896 The Mount Cook Boys School broke up at midday on Thursday for the Christmas holidays. There was no distribution of prizes,, the boys being dismissed without ceremony of any kind

28th December 1896 ENDERS for Painting required at the Mount Cook Boys' School will be received by me up to Saturday, the 2nd of January, 1897. Plans and specifications at my office. THOS. TURNBULL, Architect to the Board-

1896 Girls'

1896	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Tarn	Katherine H	E1	Head Female	£263.15
1896	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth	D1	Assistant Female	£150.00
1896	405	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet	E1	Assistant Female	£110.00
1896	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Mary K	D1	Assistant Female	£90.00
1896	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen	D1	Assistant Female	£90.00

1896	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Annie	E2	Assistant Female	£80.00
1896	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Young	Mabel	D4	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1896	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Williams	Kate	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1896	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Sara	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1896	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Hall	Flora		Female Pupil Teacher	£37.00
1896	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Bertha		Female Pupil Teacher	£37.00
1896	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Thompson	Gertrude		Female Pupil Teacher	£37.00
1896	405	Mt Cook Girls'	Mills	Hilda		Female Pupil Teacher	£22.10

Flora [Florence Mary] Hall was pupil teacher at Te Aro Infants' in 1894 and 1895 and at Mount Cook Girls' 1896 to 1898

Gertrude Thompson was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1895 and 1896 and in 1897 and 1898 under H G and Hannah G

1898/4806	Hannah Gertrude Thompson	Douglas Shelley Bedingfield
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29th January 1896 Wellington Education Board: An important report from Inspector Lee and Fleming with reference to the working of Mount Cook Girls' School, was considered by the Board of Education this morning. It was decided that the Inspector should lay a fuller report on the subject before the next meeting.

12th February

1896

Pupil Teacher

Examination Passes

Mount Cook Girls'

4th Year

B Lawson

26th February 1896 Wellington Education Board: A report affecting the Mount Cook Girls' School was received, and it was decided to consult the Committee before any action was taken in the matter.

29th July 1896 Wellington Education Board: The resignation of Miss Caroline Kelleher, Mount Cook Girls' School, was accepted

12th September 1896 Wellington Education Board: APPLICATIONS for the following appointments will be received at this office to SATURDAY, the 26th inst. :— Head Teacher Mount Cook Girls' School, salary from . £250 to .£260, according to classification.

30th September 1896 Wellington Education Board; The resignation of Miss Florence Hutchings Mount Cook Girls' School accepted

2nd October 1896 The Board of Education has selected Miss Emily Brown, at present in charge of the Vogeltown School, for the position of headmistress of the Mount Cook Girls' School in succession to Mrs. Tarn. The Mount Cook Committee, to whom Miss Brown's name has been selected for approval, has recommended that either Miss Helyer, who has been first assistant under Mrs. Tarn for many years, or Miss Lorimer, of Christchurch, should receive the appointment, which is worth £268 a year.

20th October 1896 THE EDITOR. Sir — The paragraph which appeared in your issue of yesterday in reference to the appointment of a head teacher for the above school conveys to the ordinary reader an altogether erroneous impression as to the facts of the case ; and, as I know that your line of catering in providing local news is, as far as practicable, derived from authentic sources, I wish, with your permission, to explain how the matter stands. One would imagine from reading your par. that an unanimity of feeling existed among the Committee as to the

rejection of the Board's appointee, Miss Browne, whereas the Committee is anything but unanimous. A majority of the Committee, in reply to the Board's notification of Miss Browne's appointment, has requested either Miss Helyer or Miss Larimer's appointment, but neither by word nor letter. has the Committee' intimated to the Board that it intends rejecting the selected candidate, and it is scarcely necessary to state that there is a Vast gap between a request and "a rejection. AS the case is practically subjudice I refrain from making any comment on either the suitability or qualifications of any. of the young ladies in question. * Thanking you in anticipation, I am, &c, , Truth. Wellington, 14th October, 1896.

21st October 1896 The difficulty which has arisen in connection with the appointment of a head teacher for Mount Cook Girls' School in succession to Mrs. Tarn is to be settled at the meeting of the Board of Education next Wednesday.

29th October 1896 Miss Margaret Lorimer, M.A., of Christchurch, has been appointed by the Education Board as head-mistress of the Mount Cook Girls' School. There were a large number of applicants ; and in the selection of Miss Lorimer the Board has acquired the services of a teacher of undoubted ability and qualifications. In addition to her degree, she holds the teacher's A.2 certificate. There are only two women teachers in the colony who possess a higher qualification than Miss Lorimer. The new head-mistress takes up her duties on 25th January, 1897, after the summer holidays.

5th November 1897 Drawing Examination by Technical School Mount Cook Girl's — Freehand —Examined, 91; passed, 33. Geometry—examined, 120; passed, 93. Scale — Examined, 88 ; passed, 53. Model —Examined, 38 ; passed, 32.

21st November 1896 Inspectors Lee and Fleming have just concluded the examination of the Mount Cook Girls' School.

26th November 1896 Wellington Education Board: Leave of absence was granted t to Miss Elizabeth Helyer, of the Mount . Cook Girls' School, for an extended period..... It was also agreed to grant now desks for the - Girls' School.

9th December 1896 . Miss Helyer, first assistant teacher at the Mount Cook Girls' School, was recently granted six months' leave of absence on full pay on account of ill-health, but was "informed that the Board would not undertake to keep her present position open until she returned. She has now told the Board that she cannot accept the leave under such a,' condition, and the Chairman has been deputed to come to some arrangement with her on the subject.

18th December 1896 Mrs. Tarn, Head Mistress of the Mount Cook Girls' School, who is retiring from the service of the Wellington Education Board after 21 years' tenure of office, has received a parting testimonial of friendship and goodwill from the teachers and pupils of the school, consisting of a handsome afternoon tea-tray of English oak, silver mounted, with a suitable inscription on a silver plate in the centre, and a silver book-mark.

1896 Infants'

1896	392	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A	E1	Head Female	£240.00
1896	392	Mt -Cook Infants '	Craig	Margaret H	E1	Assistant Female	£125.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants'	Broome	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£36.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants'	Williams	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants'	Howden	Jessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£36.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants '	Seagar	Edith		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00

1896	392	Mt Cook Infants'	Whitcombe	Minnie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants '	Gallagher	Nellie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants'	Paterson	Elizabeth		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants'	Thompson	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants'	Halley	Isabel		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants'	Osborn	Isabella		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants'	Whelan	May		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants'	Carroll	Edith		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants'	Dix	Mabel		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants'	Hall	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1896	392	Mt Cook Infants'	Ibbetson	Laura		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Kate E Broome was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1896 and Clyde Quay 1897 to 1899

Edith Carroll was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1896 to 1898 and at Rintoul Street in 1899

Mabel Dix was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1896, Thorndon Infants' 1897 and Roseneath 1898

Nellie Gallagher was female pupil teacher at Greytown 1895 Mount Cook Infants' 1896 and 1897 and Te Aro 1898 to 1900

Ethel Hall was always a pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board 1896 from 1898 at Mount Cook Infants' and 1899 to 1903 at the Terrace. There was an Ethel B Hall teaching at Martinborough 1917 to at least 1921.

Isabel M Halley was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1896 and at Newtown 1897 to 1903. In 1904 she was sole teacher at Tane and then as Isabella M at Mount Cook Girls' 1906 to at least 1915

Jessie Howden was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' in 1897 and 1897 and Vogeltown 1898 and Brooklyn 1899 to 1901 In 1902 she was an assistant Te Aro and 1903 and 1904 Terrace: 1905 Kilbirnie: 1906 Ohau south of Levin and the Mount Cook Infants' from 1907 to at Least 1923 when my records end.

Laura Ibbetson was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1896 to 1898

Isabella A Osborn was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1898 and 1897: Terrace 1898 and 1889 and the teacher at Marima Between Eketahuna and Pahiatua in 1902

Elizabeth Paterson only taught for the Wellington Education at Mount Cook Girls' 1896

Edith Seagar was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1896 and 1897 and Mount Cook Girls' 1898 and 1899 and finally at Brooklyn in 1900

Annie Thompson was a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1897 and Newtown 1898 to 1902. From 1898 to at least 1923 she was an assistant at Brooklyn

May Whelan taught as a pupil teacher at Mount Cook Infants' 1896 to 1898 and Thorndon 1899 to 1900. In 1901 and 1902 she was sole teacher at Dreyer's Rock school north east of Masterton.

Minnie A Whitcombe taught at Mount Cook Infants' in 1895: Tawa Flat 1897 and 1898: Porirua 1899 to 1901. Then as assistant at Porirua 1902 to 1910. At Ngaio 1911 to 1917 Johnsonville 1919 as Infant Mistress and 1921 as an assistant and in 1923 was an assistant at Miramar South.

Ethel Williams started at Mount Cook Infants' as a pupil teacher 1897 and 1897. Mount Cook Boys' in 1898 and 1899. Island Bay 1900 and 1901/ As an assistant Island Bay 1903 to 1905. Then in 1906 was at Masterton as a secondary teacher until 1912. In 1913 to 1919 was an assistant at Hutt DHS. [There was another Ethel Williams at Terrace in 1900 and 1901]
 29th January 1896 The Mount Cook Committee suggested that Miss Craig should receive a bonus for efficiently taking the place of Mrs. Francis during the latter's absence. Consideration of the matter was deferred.

12th February 1896	Pupil Teacher	
	Examination Passes	
	Mount Cook Infants'	
4th Year	F Bird	
	E Evans	Commended
	G Thompson	
3rd Year	K Dempsey	Commended
	J Howden	
	E Wiltshire	
	A Ziman	
1st Year	M Hannay	
	H Mills	Commended
	E Seagar	Commended

26th February 1896 An application by Miss Craig, of Mount Cook, for a bonus for temporarily filling the position of head teacher, was declined.

26th March 1896 Inspector's report included: Mrs. Francis, of the Mount Cook Infant School, and Miss Page, of the Thorndon Infant Department, are especially commended for the efforts made by them to fully furnish their schools ; and these teachers, together with Miss Watson, of the Te Aro Infant School, and Miss Parsons, of the Clyde-quay Infant Department, are doing excellent work as teachers of class singing.

7th October 1896 The pupil teachers who were chosen at the last meeting of the Board of Education have been allotted the following schools :— Minnie Whitcomb, Mount Cook Infants' ; Isabella Osborne, Mount Cook Infants'; May Tonks, Te Aro Infants' ; Helen Anderson, Te Aro Infants' ; Isabel Halley, Mount Cook Infants'; John Bennett, Masterton; Annie Thompson, Mount Cook Infants'; Charles Dallaston, Clyde - quay ; Nellie Gallagher, Mount Cook Infants'; Edgar Peltham, Te Aro Infants'; Elizabeth Paterson, Mount Cook Infants'; Lilian Leslie, Technical School.

21st November 1896 The Exhibition The Maypole Dance by Mount Cook Infant School children, and under the personal direction of Mrs. Francis, was a very pretty sight. The little people were splendidly costumed and " got up." The effect was striking, and the children most ably acquitted themselves.

30th November 1896 The Exhibition: Mrs. Francis's- Mount Cook Infant School children were the performers on Saturday afternoon of a number of action songs in the Concert Hall, and subsequently of Maypole dances in the centre of the sports ground, Minifies String Band supplying the music. The children were very nicely dressed, and deserve, with their teachers, every praise for the manner in which they acquitted themselves

1897

1897 Boys'

1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Hardy	Charles J	B1	Headmaster	£370.00
1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Bird	William J	B2	Assistant Master	£ 220.00
1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Lewis	William J	D3	Assistant Master	£ 150.00
1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Hempleman	F A	D4	Assistant Master	£100.00
1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Flannagan	E E	D2	Assistant Female	£100.00
1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Hall	Alice Louise	E3	Assistant Female	£90.00
1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Robinson	Elizabeth	E1	Assistant Female	£80.00
1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Cook	Eleanor N	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Cooper	Emily M	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Ballachy	Ernest H	E4	Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Anderson	Helen		Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00
1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Liez	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00
1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Meek	Ethel Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00
1897	521	Mt Cook Boys'	Haslam	Charles N		Male Pupil Teacher	£50.00

1897 Girls'

1897	460	Mt Cook Girls'	Lorimar	Margaret	A2	Head Female	£263.15
1897	460	Mt Cook Girls'	Helyer	Elizabeth	D1	Assistant Female	£150.00
1897	460	Mt Cook Girls'	McGowan	Harriet	E1	Assistant Female	£110.00
1897	460	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Mary Kate	D1	Assistant Female	£90.00
1897	460	Mt Cook Girls'	Wallace	Ellen	D1	Assistant Female	£90.00
1897	460	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Annie	E2	Assistant Female	£80.00
1897	460	Mt Cook Girls'	Young	Mabel F	D4	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1897	460	Mt Cook Girls'	Williams	Kate	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1897	460	Mt Cook Girls'	Rothenburg	Sara	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1897	460	Mt Cook Girls'	Lawson	Emily B		Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00
1897	460	Mt Cook Girls'	Thompson	H G		Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00
1897	460	Mt Cook Girls'	Mills	Hilda		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00

1897 Infants'

1897	440	Mt Cook Infants '	Francis	Catherine A	E1	Head Female	£240.00
1897	440	Mt -Cook Infants '	Craig	Margaret H	E1	Assistant Female	£125.00
1897	440	Mt Cook Infants'	Williams	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00
1897	440	Mt Cook Infants'	Howden	Jessie E		Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00
1897	440	Mt Cook Infants '	Seagar	Edith		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1897	440	Mt Cook Infants'	Gallagher	Nellie		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1897	440	Mt Cook Infants '	Paterson	Bessie		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1897	440	Mt Cook Infants'	Osborn	Isabella		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1897	440	Mt Cook Infants'	Whelan	May G		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1897	440	Mt Cook Infants'	Carroll	Edith		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1897	440	Mt Cook Infants'	Hall	Ethel		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1897	440	Mt Cook Infants'	Ibbetson	Laura		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1897	440	Mt Cook Infants'	Williams	Enid		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1897	440	Mt Cook Infants'	Harton	Violet		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00
1897	440	Mt Cook Infants'	Roberts	Mable		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00