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| W. Paterson      | Well.  | Platinum from N.Z.        |
|                  |        | United No. 8. Caledonia   |
| Anonymous        | Ball 4 | 5 Nov. N. Z. Rep. 1859-63 |
| Signet Bros      | do     | Process Book N.Z.         |
| Govt of Victoria |        | Certificates N.Z.         |
| Col. Museum      | N.Z.   | Set of Publications       |

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| Visitors       | 46 + 5 |
| New Governors  | 5 + 3  |
| Fresh Students | 7 + 9  |

Registrar visit to Melbourne

If a proper official appointment were made by Government in connection with the school it would be tantamount to the Government recognizing the Institution in such a way as to facilitate in great degree the obtaining of a suitable grant in aid. Hence I first directed my attention to the matter of Mr. Stead's appointment as a Crown Commissioner member of the Council.

I discovered that there had never been an appointment made of any gentleman to such a position, notwithstanding what appears in the Statutes & indicative of such being the case; and from conversations had with H.C. the Governor, the Acting Under Secretary, & the Private Secretary resolved on at once placing the matter "in regle" therefore communicated with the Vice-President who at once accompanied me to the Hon. the Minister of Affairs, making a request that he w<sup>d</sup>. submit all the names of those members of the Council who were said to be Crown Commissioners to H.C. the Gov. in Council for

Appointment. That he w<sup>d</sup>. in fact Gazette them in; to this the Minister assented. The Hon. the Solicitor General lent me valuable assistance also in getting this affair into order.

It occurred to me that however willing the Hon. the Minister of Affairs might be to further the interests of the school, yet it would not be likely that a large vote would be passed without the approval of the Hon. the Treasurer. Therefore it would be extremely advisable to see the Hon. Jas. Stirling and if possible satisfy him of the propriety of such a vote. I considered it best to see him privately rather than at the Treasury: at my first interview he was too busy to enter into the subject at length, but I availed myself of the opportunity to show him what I had prepared (for Mr. Lockhart) of Particulars &c. he expressed himself pleased therewith & asked permission to peruse the Paper. These he returned the following day, saying a good case had been made out & that he was enough to make him support the school against the claims of other newer & less complete similar institutions.

I waited on the President who informed me he had written to and received replies from 2 or 3 Companies relative to furnishing the school with Models Plans & Statistical information & offered to write to other Companies being furnished with the names thereof. I reported to the President what was being done re an increased subsidy & he offered to see the Hon. the Minister of Affairs that day at 2.30 P.M. but I ascertained Mr Mackay could not meet there.