

ASSETS and LIABILITIES for the Year ending 31st December, 1879.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance	1,154	8	0	By School Fund due for quarter ending 31st December	261	4	6
				Library Grant, balance	3	8	7
				Scholarships, balance due on awards, 1879	50	0	0
				Departmental expenses, sundry accounts	23	14	9
				Bank overdraft	816	0	2
	<u>£1,154</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£1,154</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Bank Balance	355	18	8	By Balance due on sundry contracts	2,634	16	0
Balance	2,414	17	8	Sundry outstanding accounts.. ..	136	0	4
	<u>£2,770</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£2,770</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>

SUMMARY of the SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNTS for the Year ending 31st December, 1879.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balances in Bank and in hand on 1st Jan., 1879	147	19	1	By Bonuses to teachers out of Board's grants to Committees	14	19	4
Receipts from Education Board—				Bonuses to teachers out of donations, subscriptions, &c.	60	10	0
Ordinary grants	862	5	10	Cleaning (allowances and requisites)	284	15	9
Donations, subscriptions, &c., from others than Education Board	285	9	3	Fuel	94	8	3
Balances due to Committees	21	5	4	Books, maps, stationery, and furniture for general school use	203	16	8
				Repairs not paid for directly by Board	223	8	1
				Clerks' salaries, and office expenses	26	6	7
				Prizes	85	8	5
				School Fetes or treats	20	12	9
				Reading books or text books supplied free to scholars	1	6	0
				Paper, pens, ink, &c., supplied free to scholars	45	2	0
				Gymnastic apparatus	16	18	3
				Advertising and postages	27	15	2
				Drill instruction	4	0	0
				Ground rent	5	0	0
				Expenditure not accounted for by three committees	29	4	1
				Balances	163	8	2
	<u>£1,316</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£1,316</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>

WELLINGTON.

SIR,—

Wellington, 31st March, 1880.

I have the honor to lay before you the report of the proceedings of the Education Board for the District of Wellington for the year ending 31st December, 1879.

CONSTITUTION.—At the beginning of the year the Board consisted of the following members :—Hon. C. J. Pharazyn, Chairman; Hon. W. Gisborne, H. Bunny, Esq., M.H.R., G. Beetham, Esq., M.H.R., W. Hutchison, Esq., M.H.R., Ed. Toomath, Esq., Ven. Archdeacon Stock, Rev. James Paterson, and Charles Pharazyn, Esq. In terms of clause 15 of the Education Act three members were balloted out at the end of March. They were the Hon. C. J. Pharazyn, Ven. Archdeacon Stock, and the Rev. James Paterson; but, as all three after a contest were re-elected, the constitution of the Board remained unchanged. In the month of September the Hon. W. Gisborne having resigned, six candidates were nominated by the School Committees for the vacancy, and the election resulted in the return of Dr. Newman, who took his seat for the rest of the year.

MEETINGS.—Including the ordinary meetings held on the last Wednesday of every month, the Board met on twenty-one occasions, exclusive of regular meetings of the standing committee, now held a fortnight after each ordinary Board meeting.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED.—Table No. 1 attached gives a list of 43 schools established at the end of the year, with the particulars asked for, as to teaching staff and expenditure. The return shows an increase of six schools in operation on last year's return, caused by the opening of seven new ones, and the amalgamation, on the 1st July, of the two half-time schools at Makara into one full time school. The whole of the Board District is subdivided into school districts. The only school districts with more than one school established in each are Mount Cook, which for the year included Newton, and three separate schools for boys, girls, and infants; the Thorndon, which includes one mixed school and one Infant's school; the Upper Hutt, which includes the Mungaroa; and the Pahautanui, which includes Judgeford.

ATTENDANCE.—Table 2 gives the attendances at the several schools, the boundaries of which are