town, Carterton, Lower Hutt, Newtown, and Mount Cook (girls') are much overcrowded, and additional accommodation must be provided without delay. A proposal made by the trustees of Masterton town lands to give between two and three acres of land and a sum of £400 in exchange for the present school site and buildings is favourably entertained by the Board; and, provided Government will facilitate the passing of a Bill to allow of the exchange, the Board purpose erecting, out of their next building grant, a large school to accommodate 400 children. The Board wish to call the attention of Government to the necessity of a sufficient grant being made to enable them to put up the buildings specified in the schedule already sent in to the department. Unless a sufficient building grant be made the Board will not only be unable to provide accommodation for the children who may be compelled to attend, but they will not be able to accommodate those who may wish to attend. The existing accommodation is barely adequate for present requirements.

During the past year a Normal School, for the educational training of those who may wish to embrace teaching as a profession, has been fully equipped and started in this city. The school is intended to embrace candidates not only from the Wellington Educational District, but from those contiguous to it, more especially those of Wanganui, Hawke's Bay, and Marlborough.

I have, &c.,
C. J. Pharazyn, Chairman.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

General Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1880.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Grants from Government—			
Statutory capitation (£3 15s.) ...	17,098	3	0
Grants to Committees (10s.) ...	1,364	5	0
Scholarships (1s. 6d.)	181	12	6
Inspection subsidy	300	0	0
Training of teachers	390	19	4
Specially for buildings	13,200	0	0
Payments by School Commissioners from education reserves	264	7	0
From Public Libraries Vote ...	381	6	3
Rents	94	3	6
Deposits	217	7	0
Sale of old school	27	1	9
Refunds (buildings)	22	0	0
Examination of teachers	6	0	0
Refunds	48	15	0
	£33,596	0	4

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Overdraft, 1st January, 1880 ...	378	3	7
Office and Board—			
Office staff, salaries	270	0	0
Departmental contingencies ...	155	8	6
School Inspection—			
Salaries	500	0	0
Travelling expenses	176	15	6
Examination of pupil-teachers ...	6	0	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances ...	14,875	15	5
School Committees, for educational purposes	1,903	10	0
Rents of schools and sites	382	11	0
Standard prizes	19	18	5
Scholarships—			
Paid to holders	160	0	0
Expenses of examinations ...	22	13	0
Training of teachers	357	2	8
Insurance of school-buildings ...	66	6	6
School-Buildings—			
New buildings	8,234	5	7
Enlargement, improvement, and repairs	812	9	6
School furniture and appliances (not included in preceding) ...	598	2	11
Plans, supervision, &c.	415	3	9
Library Committees, out of Public Libraries Vote	381	6	3
Refunds—Deposits	267	7	0
Balance	3,613	0	9
	£33,596	0	4

C. J. Pharazyn, Chairman.
Robert Lee, Secretary.

Examined and passed.—R. Macalister, Provincial District Auditor.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities, December 31st, 1880.

Assets.	£	s.	d.
Maintenance balance	971	5	10
Building account balance	2,641	14	11
Due from Government	1,000	0	0
" Rents	27	10	0
	£4,640	10	9

Liabilities.	£	s.	d.
Due Committees	466	5	0
Expenses of members	30	12	0
Teachers' salaries	12	15	6
Law costs	8	7	0
Buildings—Due on contracts	1,152	1	5
Balance	2,970	9	10
	£4,640	10	9

HAWKE'S BAY.

Sir,— Napier, 31st December, 1880.

The Board of the Education District of Hawke's Bay has the honor to present a report upon its proceedings for the year ending December 31st, 1880. No alteration was made in the constitution of the Board during the year, as the members who retired by ballot in March last—viz., Samuel Locke, Esq., John D. Ormond, Esq., and Captain Russell—were re-elected from among the eight persons who were nominated by the School Committees in accordance with section 13 of the Education Act. In February last a resolution was passed by the Board agreeing to hold monthly