Scholarships.—The examinations for scholarships were held in June, and were conducted by Professor Cook and J. V. Colborne Veel, Esq. The number of candidates examined was 70, viz.: In Class A, 17 (under 11 years of age), 13 boys and 4 girls; in Class B, 22 (under 12), 16 boys and 6 girls; in Class C, 24 (under 13), 18 boys and 6 girls; in Class D, 7 (under 14), 4 boys and 3 girls. The successful candidates were: In Class A, Alfred Mennie and Matthew Butterfield, but Alfred Mennie, who stood first, being disqualified through age, the scholarship was divided between Janet Prosser and Thomas Green, who stood third with an equal number of marks; in Class B, John Smith (who resigned the scholarship gained in 1879), Thomas Cresswell, Charles Garrard, and William Jackman; in Class C, Catharine Lamb, Aimée Mills, Robert Speight (who resigned the scholarship gained in 1879), Joseph Zachariah, Mary Sword, and Robert Frizzell; in Class D, Margaret Lorimer and Ellen Pitcaithley (who resigned the scholarship gained in 1879).

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Savings-Banks.—Only two penny savings-banks have been opened in this district, viz., at Balcairn and Kaiapoi Island North. The amount of deposits received at Balcairn from the 23rd April, when the bank began operations, to the 31st December was £11 3s. 2d.; interest, 2s. 8d.; withdrawals, 11s. 11d.: leaving a credit balance of £10 13s. 11d. At Kaiapoi Island North the amount deposited during the short time for which the bank was open before the end of 1879 was £7 7s. 4d., and of the deposits during 1880 £5 10s. 1d., making a total of £12 17s. 5d.; interest, 4s. 10d.; withdrawals, £5 6s.: leaving a balance at credit of depositors £7 16s. 3d. Copies of the audited accounts of each of the banks accompany this report.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

John Inglis, Chairman.

J. V. COLBORNE VEEL, Secretary.

## GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1880.

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Receipts. £ s. d. Expenditure.		£	. s.	d.
To Balance, 1st January, 1880— By Office and Board—				
Maintenance Account 9,883 5 5 Office staff, salaries		1,121	8	4
Special Buildings Grant 8,739 6 8 Departmental contingencies		245		6
Grants from Government— School Inspection—				
Statutory capitation (£3 15s.) 36,889 15 2 Salaries		983	6	8
Grants to Committees (10s.) 3,289 9 2 Travelling expenses and forage	allow-			
Scholarships (1s. 6d.) 855 17 11 ances		267	5	10
Inspection subsidy 500 0 0 Examination of pupil-teachers		91	19	5
Training 2,000 0 0 Teachers' salaries and allowances		38,136	17	8
Specially for buildings 14,500 0 0 School Committees, for educations	al pur-	,		
Payments by School Commissioners from poses	*	5,856	· 2	1
cducation reserves 6,929 18 7 Scholarships—				
From Public Libraries Vote 840 7 0 Paid to holders		765	0	0
Training fees 10 0 0 Expenses of examinations		142	17	8
Rent of school site, Mandeville Plains 5 0 0 Training of teachers		1,844	14	10
Sales of school sites 40 15 0   School-Buildings—		•		
Deposits on contracts 252 10 0 New buildings		5,923	7	3
Interest 918 19 7 Enlargement, improvement, as	nd re-			
. pairs		9,802	18	1
School furniture and appliance	s (not			
included in preceding)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1,067	15	<b>2</b>
Purchase of sites		68	0	0
Plans, supervision, &c		1,337	19	11
	Public			
Libraries Vote		833	13	3
Drill instruction		407	9	6
Refund of deposits on contracts		408	14	0
Balance	•••	16,350	3	4
£85,655 4 6		£85,655	4	6
John Inglis, Chair	man.			_

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.—I have audited this account, and have compared the vouchers relating thereto with the several items of income and expenditure, and find it correct. The balance at the bank, after payment of outstanding cheques, is accurately stated.—J. OLLIVIER. 30th March, 1881.

## PENNY SAVINGS-BANKS.

## BALCAIRN SCHOOL.—General Account.

Deposits received from 23rd April to 31s		s. d.	Repayments from 23rd April to 31st December,	£	s.	d.					
December, 1880	11	3 2	1880		11	11					
			Balance due depositors on 31st December, 1880	10	11						
	£11	3 2		£11	3	2					
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${\it Balance} ext{-sheet}.$											
${\it Liabilities.}$		s. d.	Assets.	£	s.	d.					
Balance due depositors on 31st December, 1880 10 11 3 Cash in Post Office Savings Bank, including											
Surplus of funds to meet liabilities	, 0	2 8	interest, to 31st December, 1880		18						
			Cash in hand	<b>2</b>	15	3					
	£10 1	3 11	:	£10	13	11					
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