GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1883.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance on 31st December, 1882—			
General Account	67	11	5
Government grants for buildings	3,453	5	0
Other receipts for buildings—			
Purchase of apparatus	7	0	0
Government statutory capitation	9,010	8	2
Special capitation (5s.)	643	12	0
Scholarship grant (1s. 6d.)	126	15	0
Inspection subsidy	300	0	0
Grant for training of teachers	167	5	9
Payments by School Commissioners for primary education	976	2	8
Grant towards salary Tarawera teacher	40	0	0
Dr. Balance of account on 31st December, 1883—Building Fund Account	7	18	6
	£16,409	18	6

Expenditure.	£	s.	.
By Balance of account on 31st December, 1882	597	5	4
Office staff, salaries	250	0	0
Departmental contingencies	115	16	4
Inspector's salary	500	0	0
Inspector's travelling expenses	150	0	0
Examination of pupil-teachers	32	5	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances (including rent, bonus, &c.)	8,753	4	6
Incidental expenses of schools	990	10	4
Insurance of school buildings	3	15	0
Training of teachers	167	5	9
Scholarships—			
Paid to scholars	85	0	0
Examination expenses	13	2	3
School buildings—			
New buildings	2,559	10	0
Improvements of buildings	876	0	11
Furniture and appliances	587	11	2
Sites	197	0	0
Plans, supervision, fees, and advertisements	236	1	1
Interest	21	0	0
Credit balance of account on 31st December, 1883—			
General account	274	10	10
	£16,409	18	6

J. D. ORMOND, Chairman.
H. HILL, Secretary

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

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES on 31st December, 1883.

A. *Exclusive of Building Fund.*

Assets.	£	s.	d.
Cash in bank on this account, 31st December, 1883	274	10	10
Due from General Government on account scholarship	15	0	0
	£289	10	10

Liabilities.	£	s.	d.
Balance of Scholarships Account, 31st December, 1883	10	0	0
Due to education reserve	175	0	0
	£185	0	0

B. *Building Fund only.*

Nil.

	£	s.	d.
Balance of account, 31st December, 1883	1,617	18	6
Balance of amounts due or to fall due under contracts	149	2	0
	£1,767	0	6

H. HILL, Secretary.

WELLINGTON.

SIR,— Wellington, 31st December, 1883.

The Board of Education of the Wellington District has the honour to submit herewith its annual report, in accordance with section 102 of the Education Act, 1877

BOARD.—At the beginning of the year 1883 the following gentlemen were members of the Board · Mr. J R. Blair (Chairman), Mr Henry Bunny, Mr. W C. Buchanan, M.H.R., Mr. William Hutchison, M.H.R., Mr. Thomas Mason, M.H.R., Mr. George Beetham, M.H.R., the Rev James Paterson, Dr. Newman, and the Hon. G. R. Johnson. In accordance with the provision provided in section 15 of the Education Act, Messrs. J. R. Blair, George Beetham, and Dr. Newman retired. Five candidates were nominated by the School Committees: the voting resulted in the re-election of the retiring members. The Board meets on the last Wednesday of each month, with special meetings when necessary. Weekly meetings are held of one or other of the various Committees. At the regular meetings the average attendance for the year has been 7·6. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. George Beetham in August, and to the Hon. G. R. Johnson in October, those gentlemen being about to visit Europe.

STAFF.—No increase has taken place during the year in the office staff, which consists of a Secretary and Inspector, by whom the business of the Board is both economically and efficiently conducted.

SCHOOLS.—The number of schools open at the beginning of the year was fifty: to this number three were completed and added during the year. The new schools opened were Cross Creek, Vogeltown, and a rented building in Courtenay Place. New buildings have been erected at Parkvale, Kaitoke, Petone, Waikaheke, Vogeltown, Kilbirnie, Wangaehu, and a new residence at Pahautanui. Additional accommodation has been provided at Waihenga, Fernridge, Hutt, and Judgeford. Some eight or nine schools for new districts are urgently required. How the Board is