

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE—*continued.*
Expenditure.

	Primary Education Reserves.	Secondary Education Reserves.	Total.
By Salaries and allowances to officers	£ s. d. 16 13 4	£ s. d. 8 6 8	£ s. d. 25 0 0
Allowances to Commissioners	20 0 0	10 0 0	30 0 0
Printing, stationery, &c.	0 15 4	0 7 4	1 2 8
Expenses of leasing— Advertising, &c.	2 9 10	1 4 8	3 14 6
Expenditure on reserves— Fencing, &c. ..	..	6 0 0	6 0 0
Legal expenses	1 2 8	2 5 4	3 8 0
Payments to Nelson Education Board ..	383 6 4	}	521 14 7
Payments to Westland Education Board	127 18 1		
Payments to North Canterbury Education Board	10 10 2		
Payments towards secondary education— Nelson Girls' College		950 0 0	950 0 0
Credit balances of account on 31st December, 1883	106 13 2	74 0 9	180 13 11
Total expenditure	669 8 11	1,052 4 9	1,721 13 8

Assets.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance of cash on 31st December, 1883 ..	106 13 2	74 0 9	180 13 11
Arrears due on 31st December, 1883—			
Arrears of the year 1881 ..	1 0 0		1 0 0
Arrears of the year 1882 ..	3 10 0	2 7 6	5 17 6
Arrears of the year 1883	48 11 9	22 17 6	71 9 3
Total assets	159 14 11	99 5 9	259 0 8

Liabilities.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salary Secretary, December quarter ..	4 3 4	2 1 8	6 5 0
Allowances to Commissioners ..	33 6 8	16 13 4	50 0 0
Accruing to Boards ..	35 16 4		35 16 4
Accruing to secondary education ..		52 13 7	52 13 7
Incidental	3 6 10	2 12 2	5 19 0
To be appropriated to purchase of land	30 0 0		30 0 0
Total liabilities. ..	106 13 2	74 0 9	180 13 11

ALFRED GREENFIELD, Chairman.

H. C. DANIELL, Secretary

Examined and found correct.—H. E. CURTIS, Provincial District Auditor 15th January, 1884.

CANTERBURY

SIR,—

Christchurch, 6th January, 1884.

The total area of the primary estate under lease on the 31st of December, 1883, is 43,983 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, producing an annual rental of £11,462 12s. 4d. There are 1,207 acres of the primary estate unlet, but it consists of very poor soil, and, when tenders were invited for leasing same, no offers were received.

By "The Waimate High School Act, 1883," the small remaining portion of the secondary estate passed from the control of the School Commissioners, so that now they have only primary reserves to deal with: as will be seen from the statement of accounts attached, all revenue in the hands of the School Commissioners applicable to secondary education has been distributed.

The half-year's rent payable in advance on the 1st of May, 1883, has been collected in full. The fixed deposit of £100, which matured on the 21st of December, 1883, has been re-deposited for one year at 6 per cent., as it is deemed inexpedient at present to purchase land, for which purpose only is this sum available. The interest when received will be credited to the primary estate as revenue.

During the year 1884 the leases of six reserves fall in, viz., two on the 1st of May and four on the 1st of November, containing in all an area of 3,359 acres, and upon these being relet it is probable there will be an increase to the rental of about £1,400 per annum. Two of these, which fall in on the 1st of November, are amongst the largest and most valuable of the reserves held by