GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1884.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Government grant for buildings ..	4,007	0	0
Other receipts for buildings—			
Special grant, training school ..	1,000	0	0
Sale of furniture	2	0	0
Refund	7	0	0
Government statutory capitation (£3 15s.)	20,610	16	9
Special capitation (5s.)	1,393	5	0
Scholarship grant (1s. 6d.)	508	18	2
Inspection subsidy	300	0	0
Grant for training of teachers ..	1,323	10	11
Payments by School Commissioners—			
For primary education	287	18	3
Fees for district high schools.. ..	82	5	0
Examination of teachers	1	0	0
Deposits	172	5	0
	£29,695	19	1

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Balance of account on 31st December, 1883	58	18	6
Office staff, salaries	369	16	8
Clerical assistance	11	0	0
Departmental contingencies	319	6	0
Inspector's salary	500	0	0
Inspector's travelling expenses ..	203	18	0
Examination of pupil-teachers ..	5	14	5
Teachers' salaries and allowances (including rent, bonus, &c.) ..	19,366	10	6
Incidental expenses of schools ..	1,918	10	0
Incidental expenses of schools, rents ..	329	10	0
Training of teachers	1,205	16	9
Scholarships—			
Paid to scholars	340	0	0
Examination expenses	57	15	1
School-buildings—			
New buildings	674	7	6
Improvements of buildings.. ..	1,527	0	5
Furniture and appliances	134	12	1
Sites	250	0	0
Plans, supervision, and fees ..	181	14	0
Deposits	202	5	0
District high school..	82	5	0
Interest	1	3	8
Balance of account on 31st December, 1884	1,955	15	6
	£29,695	19	1

J. R. BLAIR, Chairman.
A. DORSET, Secretary.

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

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES on 31st December, 1884.

A. *Exclusive of Building Fund.*

Assets.	£	s.	d.
Due from Government for training college grant, December quarter	301	4	6
Balance..	538	4	0
	£839	8	6

Liabilities.	£	s.	d.
Balance of account, 31st December, 1884 ..	478	4	3
Due to Committees	361	4	3
	£839	8	6

B. *Building Fund only.*

	£	s.	d.
Cash in bank on this account, 31st December, 1884	2,433	19	9
Due from Government for grant for year ending 31st March, 1885	4,007	0	0
	£6,440	19	9

	£	s.	d.
Balance of amounts due or to fall due under contracts	2,600	10	0
Deposits on contracts	11	3	0
Due on account of repairs	358	5	0
Works authorized but not contracted for ..	2,509	0	0
Contingencies	962	1	9
	£6,440	19	9

HAWKE'S BAY.

SIR,— Napier, 17th February, 1885.

As required under clause 102 of the Education Act, the Board of the Hawke's Bay District has the honour to forward a report of its proceedings for the year ended the 31st December, 1884. The constitution of the Board has undergone no change during the year, as the three members who retired by effluxion of time, under section 13 of the Act, were re-elected in March last. The Board held twelve ordinary meetings for the transaction of business. The attendances made by each member were as follows: Mr. J. D. Ormond, M.H.R. (Chairman), 7;* Captain Russell, M.H.R., 6;* Rev. D. Sidey, 9; Mr. Duncan Guy, 8; Mr. Rechab Harding, 10; Mr. Samuel Locke, M.H.R., 2*; Mr. Frederick Sutton, 7; Mr. William White, 5; Mr. J. N. Williams, 7.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—One new district, called the Tologa Bay School District, has been constituted, and two new schools—viz., Kumeroa, in the Seventy-mile Bush, and Te Arai, in the Poverty Bay District—have been opened during the year. The number of school districts is now thirty-five, and the number of schools in active operation at the close of the December quarter was thirty-seven. The teaching staff employed by the Board consists of thirty-seven male and female head teachers, twenty-four male and female assistant teachers, and forty-four pupil-teachers: total, 105.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, NAPIER.—The past year has been marked by a large increase in the number of children attending Board schools, and the increase would have been still larger had it been possible to provide more accommodation for the children seeking admittance to the schools in

* Leave of absence granted for Parliamentary duties.