

The statement of accounts for the year, duly audited, is forwarded herewith, from which it will be seen that the sum of £650 has been paid to secondary schools in this district. Of this amount the Auckland Girls' High School received £500, in order to relieve the school from the embarrassment in which it was placed by the insufficiency of the Government grant. Of the balance in hand on the 31st December, an amount of £274 13s. 1d. is payable to the Governors of the Gisborne High School upon application.

The resignation by Mr. May, through ill-health, of his position as Chairman and member of this body was received in December last with very great regret. Mr. May has rendered, during seven years of office, valuable assistance to the Government and his brother Commissioners by his practical ability and business qualifications.

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The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

WM. P. MOAT, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1885.

Receipts.

	Primary Education Reserves.	Secondary Education Reserves.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance on 1st January, 1885	...	...	1,084 2 8
Arrears of revenue for previous years	409 18 10	157 9 4	567 8 2
Rents, &c., of reserves for current year	1,011 5 6	389 12 9	1,400 18 3
Interest on deposit at savings-bank on Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools Account	...	29 6 0	29 6 0
Deposits received	26 5 0	0 15 0	27 0 0
Total receipts	...	...	3,108 15 1

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Salaries and allowances to officers	72 13 4	27 6 8	100 0 0
Printing, stationery, &c.	1 1 6	0 7 2	1 8 8
Expenses of leasing— Auctioneer's commission	2 4 6	...	2 4 6
Advertising, &c.	32 4 9	1 1 6	33 6 3
Expenditure on reserves— Crown grants	38 0 6	...	38 0 6
Fencing, &c.	3 15 0	1 5 0	5 0 0
Rates	53 14 5	17 0 7	70 15 0
Legal expenses	17 4 10	5 5 0	22 9 10
Payments to Auckland Education Board	916 11 11	...	916 11 11
Payments to Hawke's Bay Education Board	43 13 5	...	43 13 5
Payments towards secondary education— Auckland Girls' High School	...	500 0 0	650 0 0
Cambridge District High School	...	75 0 0	
Hamilton District High School	...	75 0 0	
Lease-deposits returned	38 2 5	1 8 5	39 10 10
Balance on 31st December, 1885	...	...	1,185 14 2
Total expenditure	...	...	3,108 15 1

Assets.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance of cash on 31st December, 1885	...	...	1,185 14 2
Arrears of rents for 1883	57 7 1	2 10 0	59 17 1
Arrears of rents for 1884	152 4 10	5 0 0	157 4 10
Arrears of rents for 1885	590 12 8	168 0 7	758 13 3
Total assets	...	...	2,161 9 4

Liabilities.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Advertising	1 5 0	...	1 5 0
Rates	6 8 5	2 2 6	8 10 11
Clearing ground, &c.	4 0 0	...	4 0 0
Total liabilities	11 13 5	2 2 6	13 15 11

W. P. MOAT, Chairman.

H. N. GARLAND, Secretary.