allowed to Committees: this, of course, must seriously hamper these bodies in carrying out the important duties of their office; but the situation is forced upon the Board, and any action it can take will not make its revenue more elastic. The Board hopes that the Committees will use every endeavour to carry out the works intrusted to them with unimpaired efficiency notwithstanding the I have, &c., J. R. Blair, Chairman. forced reduction of the Board's grant-in-aid.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

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Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£ s.	d.
To Government grant for buildings	4,583	16	0	By Balance at beginning of year	1,886 0	7
Other receipts for buildings—				Office staff—Salaries		0 (
Refund of cost of science apparatus				Departmental contingencies	308 €	3 11
and drawing models	17	10	0	Inspector's salary	500 0	0 (
Government capitation	28,530	18	8	Inspector's travelling expenses	101 3	3 0
Scholarship grant	420		4	Examination of pupil-teachers	43 12	9
Inspection subsidy	300	0	0	Teachers' salaries and allowances (in-		
Grant for training of teachers	1,716	17	2	cluding rent, bonus, &c.)	23,798 14	3
Payments by School Commissioners	455	2	0	Incidental expenses of schools	2,624 12	0 2
Examination fees from teachers and				Training of teachers	1,716 17	$^{\prime}$ 2
pupil-teachers	9	6	6	Scholarships—	·	
Fees from classes and School of Design	476	0	0	Paid to scholars	357 10	0 (
Deposits on contracts	28	3	0	Examination expenses	68 5	4
Refunds	24	16	3	School-buildings—		
				New buildings	426 16	8
				Improvements of buildings	1,190 13	6
			- 1	Furniture and appliances	248 13	
				Sites	27 3	
			i	Plans, supervision, and fees	60 4	
			ı	Rents of temporary rooms	416 11	
				School of Design ,	851 12	
* • •			- 1	Interest		: 10
			- 1	Refund of deposits on contracts	18 8	0
			- 1	Balance at end of year—		
			l	Cr. on Building Account 2,897 5 1		
			1	Dr. on General Account 1,536 8 9		
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J. R. Blair, Chairman. A. Dorset, Secretary.

REPORT ON THE WELLINGTON TRAINING COLLEGE.

Wellington, 25th February, 1888. SIR. I beg leave to forward you the following report on the working of the Wellington Training

College since last May, and the results of the recent examination of students.

When you did me the honour to place the institution under my temporary charge there were sixteen students on the books, one of whom, however, never returned; so I have had practically only fifteen to work with. There were also eight probationers—young girls, who had most of them passed the Sixth Standard at the public schools, and who, by passing a small entrance examination, were allowed to continue their studies at the Training College till such time as they could be appointed pupil-teachers as vacancies occurred. These I placed principally under the care of my assistant, Miss Payne, who was a great help to me in other ways, taking the Domestic Economy and English of the E students.

The visiting masters for science, music, and drill—viz., Mr. Purdie, M.A., Mr. Parker, and M. de Mey—were most assiduous in their instruction throughout the whole of the time. M. Merlet tendered his resignation as French master in June, and since then French was discontinued; but I took advantage of the time thus liberated to give extra instruction in Latin and algebra, which I think will be of great use to those who have just passed through their E examination should they decide to go up for D next year.

I worked with the students up to the date of the examination-Monday, the 9th January. Before dismissing the classes I presented the prizes to such as had merited them at the test examination held in September, a report of which I have already furnished to the Board. They were obtained by the following students: First, Mary Ann Bacon (dux); second, Laura Welch (proxime accessit); special prize for neatness, Lucy Leighton.

The students have been exceedingly regular in their attendance, no matter what the weather

may have been. I can speak very highly of their industry and attention to me, and am very

pleased with the excellent relations we always preserved towards each other.

I append the results of the examination for certificates, from which it will be seen that there were two complete passes in D and one partial one, nine complete passes in E and two partial ones, and two absolute failures—one in D and one in E.

I now beg to thank the Board for the confidence they placed in me, and remain, &c., The Chairman, Board of Education, Wellington. CHARLES J. HARDY.