Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
(*a.*) Officers' and teachers' salaries	13,555	1	0
(*b.*) Payment to School Committees	1,493	19	0
(*c.*) House allowances, and instruction of pupil-teachers ...	656	1	0
(*d.*) Scholarships	300	0	0
(*e.*) Printing and advertising...	150	0	0
Total expenditure	£16,155	1	0

It will thus be seen that the work of the schools can be continued upon exactly the same scale of expenditure as at present without any reductions being made in the payments to Committees or in the remuneration of teachers, or in any other way likely to impair the efficiency of the system.

Building Fund.—The Building Fund still remains in the same unsatisfactory condition that it has before occupied, and it is hoped the Legislature will take steps to insure sufficient provision for enabling the Board to provide fitting and sufficient school accommodation in future.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington. J. D. Ormond, Chairman.

General Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at beginning of year—General Account	1,222	3	7
Government grant for buildings ..	3,207	12	0
Other receipts for buildings—			
Purchase of Gisborne site, grant ..	98	0	0
From School Fund	271	18	1
Government statutory capitation ..	13,564	15	9
Special capitation	904	6	4
Scholarship grant	323	19	1
Inspection subsidy	300	0	0
Grant for training of teachers ..	127	11	8
Payments by School Commissioners ..	2,105	1	8
Tarawera School—Payment on account teacher's salary	19	12	8
Deposit on contract	25	9	0
Balance at end of year—Building Account	2,399	4	3
	£24,569	14	1

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Balance at beginning of year—Building Account	1,629	7	7
Office staff—Salaries	250	0	0
Departmental contingencies ..	207	12	4
Inspector's salary	500	0	0
Inspector's travelling expenses ..	150	0	0
Examination of pupil-teachers ..	49	0	3
Teachers' salaries and allowances (including rent, bonus, &c.) ..	13,715	13	6
Incidental expenses of schools ..	1,457	15	5
Training of teachers	151	12	8
Scholarships—			
Paid to scholars..	310	0	0
Examination expenses	42	13	3
School-buildings—			
New buildings	3,206	19	3
Improvements of buildings ..	603	2	1
Furniture and appliances	105	11	8
Sites	90	0	0
Plans, supervision, and fees ..	244	0	7
Interest	11	3	6
Legal expenses	11	9	8
Building Fund, per contra	271	18	1
Deposit returned	87	9	0
Balance in bank—			
On Building Account	13	0	0
On General Account	1,461	5	3
	£24,569	14	1

MARLBOROUGH.

Sir,— Education Board Office, Blenheim, 11th April, 1888.

I have the honour to forward you the report of the Education Board of the District of Marlborough for the year ending 31st December, 1887.

The Board.—The three retiring members were re-elected; and the names of those constituting the Board are as follows: Mr. Seymour (Chairman), the Hon. Major Baillie, Messrs. Conolly, Henderson, Lambert, McHutcheson, Parker, Paul, and Ward. The Board held thirteen meetings during the year.

Schools.—The Blenheim School was divided as to sexes, and the girls placed under the care of a head-mistress. Aided schools were opened at Endeavour Inlet, Waikakaho, Deep Creek, and Hitaua; the aided school at Robin Hood's Bay was closed during the March quarter, but reopened in April. The year closed with thirty-five schools in work.

Attendance.—On the 31st December, 1886, the average weekly roll was 1,624, and the working average of the last quarter of that year was 1,261. At the end of 1887 the working average of the last quarter had increased to 1,311.

Teachers.—The staff consisted of 53 of all classes, of whom 26 were males and 27 females.

Scholarships.—These are two in number, tenable for two years.

Buildings.—On this account the year began with a credit balance of £209 2s. 8d., to which must be added the Government grant, £1,083 9s. 7d., making a total of £1,292 12s. 3d. We have spent under this head £1,189 16s. 8d., leaving a balance of £102 15s. 7d. to carry on. We have