

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1889.

| <i>Receipts.</i>                                                                            | £       | s. | d. |  | <i>Expenditure.</i>                                                         | £       | s.    | d. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----|----|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|----|
| To Balance at beginning of year—On General Account .. .. .                                  | 3,658   | 14 | 10 |  | By Balance at beginning of year .. .. .                                     | 463     | 8     | 3  |
| Government grant for buildings .. .. .                                                      | 406     | 6  | 3  |  | Office staff—Salaries .. .. .                                               | 378     | 6     | 8  |
| Subscriptions and donations for build-<br>ings .. .. .                                      | 50      | 0  | 0  |  | Departmental contingencies .. .. .                                          | 280     | 18    | 1  |
| Lease of school sites .. .. .                                                               | 11      | 7  | 11 |  | Inspector's salary .. .. .                                                  | 400     | 0     | 0  |
| Government statutory capitation .. .. .                                                     | 19,526  | 15 | 1  |  | Inspector's assistant .. .. .                                               | 87      | 1     | 11 |
| Scholarship grant .. .. .                                                                   | 369     | 2  | 9  |  | Inspector's travelling expenses .. .. .                                     | 150     | 0     | 0  |
| Inspection subsidy .. .. .                                                                  | 300     | 0  | 0  |  | Inspector's examination expenses .. .. .                                    | 29      | 12    | 0  |
| Payments by School Commissioners .. .. .                                                    | 575     | 15 | 0  |  | Examination of pupil-teachers .. .. .                                       | 52      | 7     | 5  |
| Salaries (teachers') refund .. .. .                                                         | 6       | 11 | 3  |  | Teachers' salaries and allowances (in-<br>cluding rent, bonus, &c.) .. .. . | 16,959  | 2     | 7  |
| Contractors' deposits .. .. .                                                               | 98      | 9  | 0  |  | Incidental expenses of schools .. .. .                                      | 911     | 5     | 10 |
| Rees bequest, mortgage and interest<br>Balance at end of year—Building Ac-<br>count .. .. . | 688     | 12 | 10 |  | Scholarships—<br>Paid to scholars .. .. .                                   | ..      | 360   | 0  |
|                                                                                             | 2,522   | 2  | 4  |  | Examination expenses .. .. .                                                | ..      | 9     | 2  |
|                                                                                             |         |    |    |  | School buildings—<br>New buildings .. .. .                                  | ..      | 956   | 13 |
|                                                                                             |         |    |    |  | Improvements of buildings .. .. .                                           | ..      | 817   | 9  |
|                                                                                             |         |    |    |  | Furniture and appliances .. .. .                                            | ..      | 396   | 17 |
|                                                                                             |         |    |    |  | Sites .. .. .                                                               | ..      | 55    | 13 |
|                                                                                             |         |    |    |  | Plans, supervision, and fees .. .. .                                        | ..      | 214   | 15 |
|                                                                                             |         |    |    |  | Contractors' deposits .. .. .                                               | ..      | 116   | 10 |
|                                                                                             |         |    |    |  | Balance at end of year—<br>On General Account .. .. .                       | ..      | 4,212 | 11 |
|                                                                                             |         |    |    |  | Rees bequest .. .. .                                                        | ..      | 1,362 | 0  |
|                                                                                             | £28,213 | 17 | 3  |  |                                                                             | £28,213 | 17    | 3  |

GILBERT CARSON, Chairman.  
A. A. BROWNE, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.

WELLINGTON.

SIR,—

Education Board, Wellington, 17th March, 1890.

In accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, I have the honour to transmit the annual report of the Wellington Education Board for the year ending the 31st December, 1889.

BOARD.—At the beginning of the year the Board consisted of Mr. J. R. Blair (Chairman), Mr. A. W. Brown, Mr. H. Bunney, Mr. W. C. Buchanan, M.H.R., Dr. Newman, M.H.R., Mr. G. Beetham, M.H.R., Mr. F. H. Fraser, Mr. J. Young, and the Rev. James Paterson. The three members to retire by rotation were Mr. J. R. Blair, Mr. G. Beetham, and Dr. Newman. As these members alone were nominated by the School Committees to fill the vacancies, they were declared duly re-elected. Mr. Blair was unanimously re-elected Chairman. On account of urgent private business compelling him to remain in England the Board unanimously granted Mr. Beetham leave of absence. Mr. Beetham has been one of the members of the Board since its existence, and has always taken the keenest interest in educational matters, well meriting the consideration shown him during his absence from the colony. The Board has held twelve ordinary meetings during the year, and the Finance Committee and School of Design Committee have held regular monthly meetings.

**SCHOOLS.**—At the close of the year there were seventy-four schools in active operation, new schools having been opened at Shannon, Mangatainoko, and Clyde Quay, while the aided schools at Alfredton and Taipos were closed during the latter part of the year. The aided school at Waikanae was not reopened, the children being conveyed by rail to the nearest school (Paikakariki).

ATTENDANCE.—The number of children attending the Board schools at the close of the year was 10,419. Of these, 1,952 were between five and seven years of age, 3,847 between seven and ten, 3,392 between ten and thirteen, 1,067 between thirteen and fifteen, and 161 over fifteen.

TEACHERS.—There were 254 teachers and eleven sewing teachers, the classification of teachers being—Head of school, 45; sole teachers, 30; assistants, 60; pupil-teachers and ex-pupil-teachers, 119.

PUPIL-TEACHERS.—The annual examination of pupil-teachers was held immediately after the breaking-up for the Christmas vacation, and was conducted simultaneously at Masterton and Wellington. Seventy pupil-teachers were examined. Several of the first year, whose names are included in the following classification, were not required to sit for examination, as they had only been a few months in the service. The results were as follows: End of first year—passed 19, failed 7, total 26; end of second year—passed 12, failed 1, total 13; end of third year—passed 7, failed 7, total 14; end of fourth year—passed 12, failed 5, total 17. The pupil-teacher class list for 1890 shows—First year, 11; second year, 15; third year, 20; fourth year, 12; fifth year, 10.

**SCHOLARSHIPS.**—At the annual examination for Board's scholarships 128 candidates presented themselves—eighty-nine from the city, eighteen from the country districts, and twenty-one from the Wairarapa district. The examination, as in previous years, was conducted simultaneously in the Wairarapa and in the city. The whole of the arrangements for this year were left in the hands of Mr. T. R. Fleming, M.A., LL.B. The winners were: City—Ivie Sloan Gibson, Agnes Campbell, Maud Beavis, Annie Page, and Lucy Hayes; country districts—James Prendeville and Henry Kirk; Wairarapa—Fred. R. Wakelin and George Toogood. In accordance with the request of the Terrace School Committee, who provided special funds for the purpose, additional or extra scholar-