GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS a	nd Ex	PE	NDI	TURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1890	١.
Receipts.  To Government grant for buildings Subscriptions and donations for buildings ings Government statutory capitation (fourteen months) Scholarship grant Inspection subsidy (fourteen months) Grant towards furniture destroyed in Blenheim School Refund of interest Balance at end of year	£ 809 100 6,162 60 233	s 10 0 10 6 9	d. 3 0 0 0 8	Expenditure.         £ s. d           By Balance at beginning of year .         736 0           Office staff—Salaries.         144 3           Clerical assistance .         32 5           Departmental contingencies .         113 10 6           Inspector's salary .         114 11 1           Inspector's travelling expenses .         93 16 6           Examination of pupil-teachers .         3 3 6           Teachers' salaries and allowances (including rent, bonus, &c.) .         4,600 4 11           Incidental expenses of schools .         605 14 8           Scholarships—Examination expenses .         8 8 6           School buildings—         8 8 6           New buildings .         314 11 1           Improvements of buildings .         699 6 6           Furniture and appliances .         116 8 6           Sites .         22 10 0           Plans, supervision, and fees .         65 12 0           Rent of buildings .         69 4 11           Insurance .         2 0 0	1.7806800 1.80 1.0000
£	7,841	10	0	School-books 100 0 0 £7,841 10 0	
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John Smith, Secretary.

## NELSON.

SIR.-Nelson, 4th March, 1891. I have the honour to lay before you a report of the proceedings of the Nelson Education

Board during the year ending 31st December, 1890.

Meetings of the Board.—The Board has held twelve ordinary meetings and one special meeting during the year, the average attendance at each meeting being eight. The Board now consists of the following members: The Bishop of Nelson (Chairman), the Hon. Joseph Shephard, Messrs. Joseph E. Harkness, M.H.R., S. Clayden, H. A. Tarrant, W. H. Phillips, jun., C. Dencker, Richmond Hursthouse, G. Talbot.

Schools.—Ninety-four schools were at work during the December quarter of 1890, being an increase of three on the previous year's list. Thirty of these schools are "aided" or household schools, having in all an average daily attendance of only 428, or, one with another, of fourteen

each.

Teaching Staff.—One hundred and seventy-three teachers of all grades were on the staff at the close of the year. Of these, sixty are male and 113 female teachers. Forty-five are classified as probationers (equivalent to pupil-teachers).

ATTENDANCE OF SCHOLARS.—The number of scholars on the roll at the end of 1890 was 5,835, being an increase of eighty-six on the previous year. The average attendance at the same period

was 4,482, a decrease of seven.

School-books.—The Board having discovered that some of their teachers were in the habit of introducing into their schools books which were neither included in the Board's published list nor always judiciously selected, and that this was made a subject of complaint by parents, teachers have been prohibited from introducing any book not on the authorised list. The list itself is also being gradually so reduced as to offer little more than an alternative reading-book for each class, in order that the annual cost of books to each scholar may be brought down to the lowest sum consistent with efficiency. I have, &c.,

Andrew Burn Nelson, Bishop of Nelson.

The Hon, the Minister of Education, Wellington.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE	for the Year ending 31st December, 18	390.
$Receipts.$ $\pounds$ s. d. :	Expenditure.	s. d.
		0 0
		9 1
	nspector's salary and travelling ex-	_
Government grant for buildings 974 14 9	penses 562 1	0 0
	eachers' salaries and allowances (in-	
Government statutory capitation 16,163 16 5	cluding rent, bonus, &c.) 14,573 1;	2 7
Scholarship grant (receipts for scholar-	ncidental expenses of schools 1,694	4 0
ships) 354 2 11 T	raining of teachers 161	49
Inspection subsidy 300 0 0 S	cholarships	
Payments by School Commissioners 865 0 0	Paid to scholars 344 (	0 (
Bank interest 40 0 0	Examination expenses 14 19	9 6
	chool buildings—	
Rents of land $\dots$	New buildings 773 14	1 6
Balance at end of year—On Building	Improvements of buildings 646 (	) 2
Account 368 0 9	Furniture and appliances 130	7
•		0 (
P	urchase of school-books, &c 582 1	3 11
$\mathbf{G}$	rants to school libraries 3	3 0
; B	alance at end of year—On General	
	Account 3,193 8	8
£23,270 2 9	£23,270 g	2 9

Joseph Shephard, Acting-Chairman.