

Hilton, repairs at Woodbury, spouting at St. Andrews, repairs and enlargement to dwelling-house at Belfield and Upper Waitohi, the grading of the infants' room floor at Temuka, repair of fences at Milford, roof and well at Pleasant Point, stove at Rangatira Valley, curtain Waimataitai, papering and painting master's house at Hazelburn, repairs to Totara Valley, Clarendon, Geraldine (fences), water-supply to Washdyke, reflooring verandah at Pleasant Valley, new closet accommodation at Wai-iti, repairs to chimney at Seadown, and a number of other small grants. New furniture has been supplied to Sandhurst (now Hakateramea), Cannington, Te Moana, and extra furniture to all the enlarged schools. Surveys have been made of Te Moana, Cannington, and of an alternative site at Redcliff, and new maps, charts, and school material supplied to a large number of schools. The Board ventured to approach the Government with a protest against the smallness of the last building grant, representing how urgent it was that some special consideration should be made to put a number of schools in a thorough state of repair, which are gradually approaching a state of collapse from sheer inability on the Board's part to do more than patch up the very worst cases. Last year a return was forwarded at the request of Government showing what works were required, and the several states of urgency thereof respectively, divided under three heads and the Board then had hopes that Government did see its way to meet the district requirements. The building grant of this year dispelled that idea.

SCHOLARSHIPS.—The annual examination of scholarships took place in January, and on the report of the examiners the following new scholarships were granted [Three at £34, one at £14, two at £4], all tenable for two years.

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.—Fifteen scholars took part in the examination at Waimate, and twelve at Temuka. The subjects taken were English, French, Latin, Euclid, and algebra (with the exception of French at Waimate). The Waimate High School Board has this year also contributed the sum of £75 towards the cost of maintaining an extra teacher for secondary work at that school.

PUPIL-TEACHERS.—The annual examination of pupil-teachers was held in July, when thirty-seven pupil-teachers and nine candidates for employment presented themselves. Of the thirty-seven pupil-teachers, four failed—two in the fourth, and two in the third year. Six of the nine candidates passed, three failed. The following table shows the classification and results of pupil-teachers. Fourth year—5 presented, 3 passed, 2 failed, third year—14 presented, 12 passed, 2 failed, second year—9 presented, 9 passed, first year—9 presented, 9 passed totals—37 presented, 33 passed, 4 failed.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

SAMUEL W GOLDSMITH.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1891.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.		<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
To Balance at beginning of year—On General Account	1 444	7	2		By Office staff—Salaries	380	0	0
Government grant for buildings	3,060	0	0		Clerical assistance	15	1	9
Other receipts for buildings—					'Departmental contingencies	198	16	0
Waitaki subsidy	25	0	0		Inspector's salary and travelling expenses	500	3	0
Blackburn subsidy	50	0	0		Examination of pupil-teachers	67	3	6
Government statutory capitation	12,414	10	0		Teachers' salaries and allowances (including rent, bonus, &c.)	13,463	15	0
Scholarship grant	292	10	0		Incidental expenses of schools	1 217	14	11
Inspection subsidy	300	0	0		Scholarships—			
Payments by School Commissioners	2 915	15	4		Paid to scholars	353	10	0
District High School fees	63	10	0		Examination expenses	61	15	6
Contributions from School Committees	89	16	7		School-buildings—			
Waimate subsidy, second master	75	0	0		New buildings	575	17	3
Interest on Fixed Deposit Account	25	12	4		Improvements of buildings	468	0	5
Rents	15	19	0		Furniture and appliances	300	12	11
					Sites	19	4	10
					Plans, supervision, and fees	137	18	8
					Balance at end of year—			
					On Building Account	474	18	7
					On General Account	2,587	8	1
	£20,772	0	5			£20,772	0	5

SAMUEL W GOLDSMITH, Chairman.

J. H. BAMFIELD, Secretary

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

REPORT ON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

SIR,—

Education Office, Timaru, 8th February, 1892.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the special work of the Waimate and Temuka District High Schools. Fifteen scholars took part in the examination at Waimate, and twelve at Temuka. The following tables show the subjects taught, the number of pupils examined, the marks gained by each class, and the amount of work done in each subject:—