junior scholarships. Four boys and three girls qualified for the senior and seven boys and eight girls qualified for the junior scholarships. The Board's scholarships are of the annual value of £15 for pupils who can reside at home whilst attending a secondary school, and £40 for pupils who are obliged to board away from home, and they are tenable for two years. To qualify for a scholarship pupils must obtain at least 60 per cent. of the total marks obtainable, and 25 per cent. of the possible marks in each subject. Six scholarships were awarded by the Board—three in the senior and three in the junior division. The senior award was made to two boys and one girl, and the junior award to three boys. The total number of marks obtainable for the senior was 800, and the marks obtained by the successful candidates were 583, 579.5, and 558. The total number of marks obtainable for the junior was 750, and the successful candidates obtained respectively 578, 574, and 550. By a resolution of the Board of Governors of the Wanganui Girls' College, the two girls in the senior competition who qualified, but did not obtain scholarships, were awarded free education for two years at the Girls' College. The whole of the pupils who qualified for junior scholarships were from the Board's schools, and of the seven who qualified for the senior four were from the Board's schools, one from the Wanganui Girls' College, one from the Wanganui Convent School, and one from the Wanganui Collegiate School.

Pupil-teachers.—At the annual examination of pupil-teachers, held in June, the following are the number of candidates who presented themselves in each class: Third Class—13 males and 17 females; total, 30. Second Class—5 males and 16 females; total, 21. First Class—6 males and 9 females; total, 15. Of the Third Class, 20 passed and 10 failed; of the Second Class, 11 passed and 10 failed; of the First Class, 12 passed and 3 failed. The whole of the candidates who took up secondary subjects and passed the First Class examination belong to the Board's

schools.

Finance.—The Board's statement of receipts and expenditure shows a credit balance of £2,677 13s. 10d. in the General Account, and a credit of £2,064 16s. 4d. in the Building Account. The statement of assets and liabilities, however, shows that there are liabilities amounting to £349 6s. in the General Account, leaving a net credit balance of £2,328 7s. 10d. In the Building Account there is an asset of £110 due on account of insurance on the Mount View residence, lately burnt, and liabilities amounting to £1,678 7s. 5d., leaving a net balance of £512 8s. 11d. to meet

the pressing demands of the whole educational district for the current year.

The Board has already shown, in a detailed statement forwarded to the department, that it required the sum of £8,500 to meet the claims for urgent works, and that, if the residences already referred to were erected, and the remainder of the buildings painted and repaired, the amount would total up to over £17,000. In the face of this statement, the Board is practically without funds. As a matter of fact, the Board has, since the end of the year, been obliged to trench upon the General Account to the extent of £1,000 for building purposes; but even that will not meet one-fifth part of the urgent requirements of the district. The Board has already shown that the rapid settlement on this coast, and the number of small schools which it is obliged to maintain, practically costing more than the capitation grant, entitles it to special consideration in the allocation of the Government grant for buildings; and unless its representations on this point receive speedy and careful consideration its functions as an administrative body will become to a great extent neutralised.

For further information respecting the state and progress of education in this district 1 have the honour to refer you to the report of the Inspector of Schools.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

GILBERT CARSON, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS	and Ex	PE	NDI	TURE for the Year ending 31st December,	189	<b>∂</b> 5.
Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure. £	s.	d.
To Balance at beginning of year—				By Office staff—Salaries 406		8
On Building Account	2,963	17	6	Standard examination expenses 50	16	
On General Account	0,111		-		. 2	
Technical School		18	-6			
Government grant for buildings	4,118			Inspectors' salaries 731		
Other receipts for buildings—	-,				17	7
Sites and old buildings sold	140	10	6	Examination of pupil-teachers 69		
Sites leased		13	8	Teachers' salaries and allowances (in-		•
Loans	170	0	Ó	cluding rent, bonus, &c.) 24,415	12	7
Refund	0	6	3	Incidental expenses of schools 1,402		
Contractors' deposits	186	8	9		12	
Government statutory capitation	27,390	17	4	Scholarships—		
Scholarship grant	446		6	Paid to scholars 440	0	0
Inspection subsidy	300	0	0	Examination expenses 6	16	6
Training of teachers - Fees from				Transfer to Technical School for		
teachers	31	0	0	teachers' fees 180	0	0
Payments by School Commissioners	827	16	8	School buildings—		
Donations	12	0	2	New buildings 1,492	0	10
Rent of buildings	5	0	0	Improvements of buildings 2,951	14	5
School fund refunded	9	18	1	Furniture and appliances 514	4	1
Technical School—				Sites 121	10	3
School fees	96	8	0		12	
Education Board—Teachers' fees	180	0	0	Contractors' deposits refunded 216	6	3
Government grant	200	0	0	Technical School—		
						6
					0	
					0	
					17	
				Working and other expenses 79	18	9
				Balance at end of year—		
			i	On Building Account 2,080		4
				On General Account 2,641		6
				Technical School 36	11	4
	020 026	10	_	£39,236	13	2
	£39,236	19	2	200,200		