ance where required. The Board appreciates the ready assistance ever rendered by School Committees, and their hearty co-operation in all matters affecting the welfare of education.

FINANCE.—The Board regretted its inability to increase the salaries of teachers and pupil-teachers during the year, but is pleased to say that with careful management of its finances, and the most rigid economy where possible, the overdraft has been reduced to £611 9s., which will admit of a moderate adjustment of salaries. From a revenue of £47,066 14s. 2d., of which £1,163 15s. was received as fees, &c., in connection with the Technical School, the payment of teachers' salaries has absorbed £32,947 14s. 7d., and the Technical School £1,761 16s.; incidental expenses of schools, £3,386 14s. 9d., including £486 15s. 8d. for rents of schools. On account of school buildings, £1,068 10s. 10d., has been spent on new buildings; £2,265 7s. 8d. on additions, improvements, and repairs; £70 for sites; and £108 9s. 1d. for plans, supervision, and travelling-expenses of architect.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL.—The Technical School continues its prosperous career. The new classes added during the year were Applied Mechanics and Manual Instruction, the latter being established mainly in connection with the primary-school system. The same high standard of results has been maintained in connection with the examinations of English institutions, Florence Broome obtaining a prize for design in the national competition. Out of 47,978 works sent up for examination only 4,044 were selected for competition, twelve being from the Wellington schools.

The results of the year's works would have entitled the school to a £484 grant upon its primary and other examination results had the school been in Great Britain. The Technical School has classes in which pupil-teachers and teachers are efficiently trained for their work in drawing. A large continuation class numbering sixty-two primary-scholarship holders has been efficiently carried on during the year. The aim of the Board has been always to maintain the Technical School as an integral part of the primary-school system. In this connection the school is entitled to be credited with cost of this teaching, full details of which will be found in the annual report of the Director.*

INSPECTORS' REPORT.—From the Inspectors' report it will be seen that 13,336 pupils were on the books at the dates of examination. Exclusive of infant classes, and 344 who have already passed Standard VI., 8,592 children were examined and 7,185 passed, an increase on last year's figures of 466 presented and 72 passed.

The report speaks highly of the work done at the infant schools, and of the effect of Mr. Parker's work in the training of teachers in singing, which is apparent in all the larger schools, and many of the smaller ones. Drawing is shown to be in advance of departmental requirements in many of the largest schools.

The Hon. the Minister of Education. J. R. BLAIR, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1895.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
To Government grant for buildings ..		4,929	13	0
Other receipts for buildings—				
Rents		44	14	0
Grant from Committees		15	0	0
Sale of land		67	10	6
Sale of old house		2	0	0
Purchase of site		10	0	0
Refund overpayment		2	16	0
Government statutory capitation ..		39,092	19	0
Scholarship grant		685	15	0
Inspection subsidy..		300	0	0
Grant for Technical School.. ..		200	0	0
Payments by School Commissioners..		751	11	8
Refund rent, Otaki		1	0	0
Sale of old lead		11	16	6
Technical School fees		951	18	6
Balance at end of year—				
Dr. General Account ..	677 11 1			
Cr. Building Account ..	66 2 1			
		611	9	0
		£47,678	3	2

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Balance at beginning of year—			
Buildings	1,422	3	11
Maintenance	1,409	6	2
Office staff—Salaries	700	0	0
Departmental contingencies	630	3	8
Inspectors' salaries	925	0	0
Inspectors' travelling-expenses ..	280	7	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances (including rent, bonus, &c.)	32,947	14	7
Incidental expenses of schools ..	3,386	14	9
Scholarships—			
Paid to scholars	657	15	0
Examination expenses	28	0	0
School buildings—			
New buildings	1,068	10	10
Improvements of buildings ..	1,992	7	3
Furniture and appliances	273	0	8
Sites	70	3	0
Plans, supervision, and fees ..	108	9	1
School libraries	16	11	3
Technical School—			
Salaries	1,152	1	3
Capitation	304	7	1
Refund fees to instructors	234	11	0
Furniture appliances	70	16	8
	£47,678	3	2

J. R. BLAIR, Chairman.
A. DORSET, Secretary.

HAWKE'S BAY.

SIR,— Education Office, Napier, 20th January, 1896.

I have the honour to forward a report of the proceedings of the Hawke's Bay Education Board for the year 1895.

The Board consists of the following members—viz., The Hon. J. D. Ormond, M.L.C. (Chairman), J. W. Carlile, Esq., J. G. Gilberd, Esq., R. Harding, Esq., Captain W. R. Russell, M.H.R., Rev. D. Sidey, D.D., F. Sutton, Esq., T. Tanner, Esq., and F. W. Williams, Esq.

SCHOOLS.—Two new schools have been opened during the past year—viz., Papakura and Motu—the latter an aided school; and arrangements have been made to open schools at Umutaoroa and Puketitiri at the commencement of the coming school year.

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* The report of the Director of the Technical School is printed in E.-1c.