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subject and of the Inspectors on the other have been tacitly approved and very generally acted upon. Mr. Watkins is of opinion that corporal punishment may be used for moral delinquency or obstinate resistance, but not for doubtful progress or possible incapacity; while the Inspectors agree that written home-work should be moderate in quantity and confined to the four upper standards, and that it should be carefully examined and corrected by the teacher, as otherwise there is grave risk of the pupil's writing deteriorating in the absence of guidance and control. In this connection it may be mentioned that for a long time the Board has received no complaints of the home-work given by the teachers in this district.

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The Hon. the Minister of Education.

ALFRED SAUNDERS, Chairman.

GENERAL	STATEMENT	of	RECEIPTS	and	EXPENDITURE	for	the	Year	ending	31et	December	1808	
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Receipts.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.		£	S.	d.
To Balance—					By Office staff-salaries		816		4
On Building Account		794	11	3	Departmental contingencies		496		11
On General Account		5,113	0	3	Inspectors' salaries		1,300		ō
Government grant for buildings		4,927	0	0	Inspectors' travelling - expenses,	sta-	2,000	•	•
Other receipts for buildings—					tionery, &c		364	14	6
Contributions towards buildings	٠.	52	12	8	Examination of pupil-teachers			12	
Sale of old material		5	7	3	Teachers' salaries and allowances	(in-			•
Contractors' deposits		187	17	6	cluding rent, bonus, &c.)		55,390	3	11
Government statutory capitation		53,641	9	5	Incidental expenses of schools		6,933		ī
Scholarship grant		1,144	10	8	Training of teachers	• • •	1,563		
Inspection subsidy		500	0	0	Scholarships-	• • •	1,000	Ü	-
Grant for training of teachers		300		0	Paid to scholars		1,078	4	4
Payments by School Commissioners	٠.	12,511	9	6	Examination expenses		110		10
Rent of buildings		7	18	0	School buildings-	• •	110	•	10
Rent of sites		11	0	0	New buildings		2,082	4	3
Rent of reserves		14	12	6	Improvements of buildings	• • •	2,603		
Education Acts			17	0	Furniture and appliances	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	196		
Manual-training School		124	Ó	4	Sites	• • •	144		
Truancy Office—S.M. Court fees		0	8	0	Plans, supervision, and fees	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	503	_	6
Gammack scholarships		300	0	0	Contractors' deposits	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	205		
*					Exchange on cheques		27	2	
					Gammack scholarships		163		
					Manual training School	••	116		10
				1	Truancy Office	• • •	142		3
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					On General Account		5,083	15	•
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ALFRED SAUNDERS, Chairman. H. C. Lane, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—J. K. Warburton, Controller and Auditor General.

REPORT ON NORMAL SCHOOL.

Sir,— Normal School, Christchurch, 18th February, 1899.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the work of the Normal School for the year 1898:—

At the beginning of the year we admitted thirty-four new students, of whom twenty-seven were females and seven males. Two students who had been compelled to withdraw through ill-health in 1897 were allowed to complete their year in 1898. One student also who had failed in his examination at the end of 1896 was allowed to continue, without maintenance allowance. This gave us a total of thirty-seven students, but of these one had to withdraw through ill-health.

At the matriculation examination twenty-five of our students sat, of whom twenty-four passed, and two of these (who had carried on their studies at Canterbury College) also sat for their C certificate. One other student (who had also carried on her studies at Canterbury College) passed the final section of the B.A. The results of the examination for the D and E certificates are not yet known.

During the year one important change took place in the staff of the practising department. Miss Kate Baldwin, who had been upon the staff of the school for many years, and had met with great success in her work here, left to take the position of head mistress of the Gloucester Street School. Miss Meadows was promoted to the place vacated by Miss Baldwin, Miss McHaffie to the post of second assistant, and Miss Smith, relieving teacher, was made third assistant; and, as the attendance of the school had fallen somewhat, advantage was taken of the opportunity to reduce expenditure, and no new appointment was made to the post of relieving teacher. The relieving work in connection with the Model School has since been done by students.

We have attempted this year to carry on further our endeavours to give the students some practical training in the so-called "varied occupations" which are considered as belonging to kindergarten work, but there is still much to be desired in this direction. As I pointed out last