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TEACHERS.—The number of teachers under the Board at the end of the year was fifty-seven, including nine head teachers, twenty-seven sole teachers, eleven assistants, and ten pupil-teachers. One of the assistants is employed in place of a pupil-teacher at a salary of a fourth-year pupil-teacher.

Scholarships.—During the year seven scholarships have been in force, all the holders attending the secondary class of the Hokitika District High School. In addition seven have attended the same class on payment of half the usual fee, in consideration of having qualified at a previous examination by securing 60 per cent. of the total marks. At the examination held at the end of the year there were twenty-four candidates, of whom seventeen obtained the requisite number of marks to qualify for a scholarship. The three heading the list have been awarded scholarships tenable for two years, two of £17 10s. and one of £8.

Finance.—During the year the Board has expended £604 4s. 9d. in connection with the Building Fund. The receipts consist of the ordinary vote of £750 and a vote for schools in newly settled districts of £137. A credit balance of £246 15s. 4d. is shown by the balance-sheet, but considerable expenditure has been authorised but not presented for payment at the end of the year. The General Account shows a debit balance of £166 11s. 7d. As the debit balance at the end of the previous year was £209 2s. 2d., and the Board has received a special grant for district high schools of £200, the net result of the year's operations is a loss of £157 9s. 5d. It has been sufficiently demonstrated in previous reports of the Board that the salaries of teachers and other expenditure have been reduced as much as possible, and that the cause of the difficulties experienced lies in the

have been reduced as much as possible, and that the cause of the difficulties experienced lies in the large proportion of aided schools. While the Board is grateful for the special assistance received during the year, the members hope that a general scheme will be adopted whereby an equitable distribution of the capitation will be provided.

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The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

General Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1900.

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Receipts.		£	s.	d.	Expenditu	re.				
Government grant for buildings		887	0	0	Balance—			£	8.	
Government statutory capitation		4,282	10	0	General Account			209	2	2
Scholarship grant		85	16	9	Building Account			3 <b>5</b>	19	11
Inspection subsidy		150	0	0	Office staff—Salaries			352	0	0
Grants for manual and technical:	Departmental contingencies-									
Grant for District High School		200	0	0	Ĝeneral Account			104	13	9
District High School fees		183	7	6	Building Account			23	11	3
Other receipts—					Inspector's travelling-expenses			84	16	6
Book sales		0	12	6	Examination of pupil-teachers			8	15	6
Interest on fixed deposits		3	10	0	Teachers' salaries and allowan	ces	(includ-			
Rents		12	15	0	ing rent, bonus, &c.)			4,164	12	7
Subsidy from High School Boa	rd	100	0	0	Incidental expenses of schools			161		4
Deposits on tenders		4	0	0	Scholarships—					
Balance-	£ s. d.				Paid to scholars			88	15	6
Dr. On General Account	452 9 5				Examination expenses			10	10	0
Unpresented cheques	85 19 8				School buildings—					
<b>1</b>					Improvements of buildings			321	3	1
	538 9 1				Furniture and appliances			141	14	11
Less amount paid into County					Sites			110	12	0
Account in error, since re-					Plans, supervision, and fees			7	3	6
covered	371 17 6				Payments to Committees			18	11	6
		166	11	7	Deposits returned			4		
•					Balance-On Building Account			246	15	4
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	£	£6,094	14	10			£	6,094	14	10
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A. J. Morton, Secretary.

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

## REPORT ON THE HOKITIKA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

This class is composed of twenty-seven pupils, including eleven in the first year, nine in the second year, and seven in the third year. Of those in the first and second years seven are holders of scholarships under the Board, and one of these holds a scholarship under the Victoria College, Wellington. The number of pupils receiving instruction in the various subjects is as follows:—

	Subje	ct.			First Year.	Second Year.	Third Year.	Total.
English	 			•••	11	9	7	27
English Latin	 			• • •	11	8	5	24
Algebra	 				10	9	7	$^{26}$
Euclid	 		•••		4	5	7	16
French	 				2	2	0	4
Geography	 				10	8	7	25
Arithmetic	 				11	9	7	27
Chemistry	 				7	7	5	19