number, never for two consecutive quarters falling sufficiently below the required number to warrant the Board in reducing the staff to the scale allowed. Other cases there were where the attendance over a considerable period was only one or two under the requisite number. These cases demand and have received from the Board special consideration. While adhering as closely as possible to the scale, the Board effected the necessary reductions with due deliberation, and exercised care that the withdrawal of the teacher or teachers should not, by disorganizing the staff of the school concerned, imperil the efficiency of the instruction imparted. In some cases a temporary teacher was granted to relieve the pressure on the staff, although the requisite attendance had not been maintained for the prescribed period. For the first time for some years the Board is able to report that its expenditure on maintenance has been kept within its receipts. Although the deficit is still heavy (about £2,750) the bank overdraft has been reduced by some £573 during the year. The Building Account was £2,639 9s. in credit at the end of the year, but there were liabilities for buildings considerably in excess of that sum. With the probability of a decided increase in the average attendance, and the certainty of the cost of secondary instruction at the District High Schools being wholly provided for by extra grants from the Government, the financial outlook of the Board is brighter than it has been for some years.

By order of the Board.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1900.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

P. G. PRYDE, Secretary.

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Receipts.	£		đ.	Expenditure.	£		d.
Government grant for buildings	3,380	0	0	Balance	2,194	18	1
Rebuilding of Rongahere School	257	0	0	Office staff—Salaries			
Other receipts for buildings—				Departmental contingencies			
Local contributions	88	15	9	Inspectors' salaries	. 1,618	9	0
Sale of school sites	150	0	0	Inspectors' travelling-expenses	000		
Government statutory capitation	56,785	17	9	Truant Officer's salary and expenses	. 79	11	9
Scholarship grant	4 0 4 4		5	TO 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	33	12	4
Inspection subsidy		0	0	Teachers' salaries and allowances (includ-			
Grant for training of teachers	300	0	0	ing rent, bonus, &c.)	. 56,945	5	4
Grants for manual and technical instruc-					4,600	19	9
tion	6	7	7	Training of teachers	870	3	4
School of Art and Design	101		5	Scholarships			
Pomahaka School	34	11	8	Paid to scholars	1,194	0	0
	10,000	5	6	Examination expenses			4
District High School fees	173	0	0	School buildings—			
Fees, &c., for manual and technical in-				** ' ' ' ' ' '	2,110	8	3
struction	400	15	6	Improvements of buildings			
Truancy fines for refund to Committees	3	14	0				
Truancy fines, Normal School	^	8	0	Plans, supervision, and fees	001	0	5
Rent of offices (School Commissioners)	65	0	0	Manual and technical instruction-			
· Science and art examinations (fees)	19	10	6	Salaries, School of Art and Design	651	18	4
Rents of school sites	51	2	5	Incidentals	. 71	19	0
Deposit on contract forfeited	1	12	0	Payments to Committees	. 6	7	7
Transfer of balances of Committees of				Building appliances, &c Dunedin	1		
schools closed	17	6	5	technical classes' rent	75	0	0
Balance	1,960	15	3	Truancy fines paid to Committees .	. 2	14	0
	,			Gymnastic instruction	. 168	16	10
				Members' expenses	000		
				Interest and Bank Account fees	~~	4	3
				Science and art examinations	10	10	6
				Inspection expenses	10	12	

P. G. PRYDE, Secretary.

£75.621

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

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INSPECTORS' REPORT ON THE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

We have the honour to submit the following report on the higher work of the District High Schools for the year 1900. The tabulated statements show the subjects taught, the number of pupils examined, and the amount of work done in each subject.

Balclutha District High School.

S	iubje ct .		Class.	Number of Pupils.	Number Present.	Work done.		
English	•••	•••	•••	27	21	Julius Cæsar (Blackie's); The Vicar of Wakefield (Globe Readings, Macmillan and Co.), 20 chapters; Meiklejohn's Spelling Book, 104 pages; Goyen's Composition.		
Latin	•••		I.	8	6	Principia Latina, Part I., 87 pages; Fables, Part II.		
			II.	9	7	Via Latina, to page 66.		
French	•••		Ĭ.	2	0	Chardenal's First French Course, the exercises, and the extracts from the Appendix.		
French	***	,,,	II.	3	3	Same book, 90 exercises,		