

SIR,—

I have the honour to lay before you a report of the proceedings of the Grey Education Board for the year 1901.

There were twenty-nine schools in operation at the close of the year, being a decrease of one on the previous year. The teachers in the employ of the Board comprised fourteen males and forty-four females, or a total of fifty-eight. The annual examination of pupil-teachers was held in December. Four pupils were examined, all of whom qualified themselves for a higher grade.

The annual examination for scholarships was also held in December. For the four scholarships—two town and two country—there were eighteen competitors.

At the close of the year the Building Fund showed a debit balance of £96 15s. 8d. The expenditure during the year was £1,149 18s. 3d. This large outlay is to be attributed to the rebuilding of the Cobden School, at a cost of £600—an undertaking that would not have been sanctioned if the Board had known at the time that no special grant in aid of the work would be made. The Board's General Account at the close of the year showed a debit balance of £220 6s., but against this £184 was due from Government.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

S. R. HARRIS, Chairman.

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F. W. RIEMENSCHNEIDER, Secretary.

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