

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	2,646	4 10	Staff salaries and clerical assistance ..	1,346	4 2
Grants from Government for—			Office contingencies	731	10 8
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers ..	32,025	16 11	Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers ..	35,620	12 3
Reserves revenue for primary education ..	2,374	0 9	Training of teachers	497	8 0
Capitation at 11s. 3d., and grant of £250 ..	5,714	0 0	Drill-instruction	70	0 0
Capitation for relieving-teachers ..	242	17 0	Conveyance of children	12	0 0
Conveyance of school-children	48	0 0	Incidental expenses of schools ..	2,191	12 4
Drill-instruction	70	0 0	Truant inspection	230	10 0
Receipts from other sources—			Scholarships and examination-expenses ..	632	14 11
Fees—Teachers' classes	115	6 9	Salaries of staffs of District High Schools, paid out of special receipts ..	1,950	6 7
Fines—Truant inspection	48	0 0	Science apparatus	16	9 10
Grants from Government for—			Manual and technical instruction—		
Scholarships	728	4 7	Inspectors' salaries and travelling-expenses ..	1,119	4 0
District High Schools	1,792	0 0	School classes	5	12 6
Receipts from other sources—			Special classes	23	10 10
District High School fees, £247 5s., voluntary contributions, £15 ..	262	5 0	Office salaries, £5 16s. 8d., incidental expenses, £114 17s. 2d. ..	120	13 10
Grants from Government for Manual and technical instruction—			General maintenance of school buildings, &c. ..	2,732	10 4
Capitation on attendance	377	7 5	House-allowances	957	0 11
Material for class-work	9	19 7	New schools, additions, sites, &c. ..	6,248	15 11
Instruction of teachers	150	0 0	Buildings, class-rooms, furniture, &c., for manual and technical purposes:—		
Subsidies on voluntary contributions ..	227	7 6	School classes	583	18 10
Receipts from other sources—			Special classes	965	6 10
Fees, £737 10s. 6d., voluntary contributions, £250 8s. 8d., material sold, £3 17s. 6d.	991	16 8	Plans and supervision	391	3 10
Grants from Government for—			Balance at end of year	840	3 7
Maintenance of school buildings ..	5,711	13 4			
House-allowances	966	4 9			
New school buildings, furniture, &c. ..	1,311	17 4			
Technical-school buildings, fittings, &c. ..	1,418	9 9			
Other receipts—					
Material sold	40	6 7			
School-sites leased	43	14 1			
Donations	69	11 4			
Refund	2	6 0			
	<u>£57,387</u>	<u>10 2</u>		<u>£57,387</u>	<u>10 2</u>

11th May, 1904.

GEO. S. BRIDGE, Chairman.
W. J. CARSON, Secretary.

WELLINGTON.

SIR,—

Education Board Office, Wellington, 31st March, 1904.

In accordance with the provisions of "The Education Act, 1877," I have the honour to transmit the following report of the Wellington Education Board for the year ended the 31st December last.

BOARD.—At the beginning of the year the Board consisted of the following members: J. R. Blair (Chairman), F. Brady, W. C. Buchanan, E. Feist, A. W. Hogg, J. Kebbell, R. Lee, J. Robertson, and J. Young.

On his return from South Africa in March, at the expiry of his leave of absence, Mr. Blair decided to retire from the Board, of which he had been a member for twenty-two years, for twenty years of which he had been Chairman. The Board regretted very much the step taken and placed on record, in appreciation of his services, the following resolution: "The Board places on record its deep regret at the retirement of Mr. J. R. Blair after a service of over twenty years. From first to last the confidence and esteem of members for Mr. Blair have been unabated, and the cordial relationship between them during his long presidency has enabled difficulties of no ordinary magnitude to be surmounted and some of the most important works in connection with the schools of the Wellington Education District to be carried out. The interest that he has ever taken in the welfare of the schools and their teachers has made Mr. Blair's name a household word in every home and hamlet in the district. The Board, while regretting its loss expresses the hope that he may long be spared to perform the duties of good citizenship, and to enjoy the companionship of the many who know his worth as a public man and a useful colonist." Mr. Bradey, Acting Chairman and Treasurer during Mr. Blair's absence, was elected to the vacant position. At the special election in July to fill the vacancy on the Board, Mr. William Allan was elected out of four candidates.

The three retiring members were Messrs. A. W. Hogg, J. Kebbell, and J. Young. In August, Mr. Hogg and Mr. Kebbell were re-elected, and Mr. W. H. Field was elected in place of Mr. Young. During the year the Board held twelve ordinary, two special, and one emergency meeting.