GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	775	6	8
Grants from Government for—			
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers.. ..	4,203	10	4
Capitation at 6d. for relieving-teachers ..	22	11	6
Capitation at 11s. 3d., and grant of £250	757	10	3
Special capitation at 9d. for School Committees	34	13	9
Training of teachers other than at training colleges	100	0	0
Grants from Government for—			
Scholarships—			
Education Board	65	3	3
National	27	10	0
District high schools—Salaries of teachers	341	8	11
Receipts from other sources — Hokitika High School Board	100	0	0
Grants from Government for manual and technical instruction—			
Capitation on all classes	64	0	5
Material for class-work	15	12	0
Receipts from other sources—			
Fees	8	0	0
Sales	17	10	6
Grants from Government for—			
Maintenance of school buildings, rebuilding schools, &c.	672	0	0
House allowances	75	0	0
New school buildings, additions, furniture, sites, &c.	352	5	9
Technical-school buildings, furniture, fittings, apparatus, &c.	32	0	0
Other receipts—			
Rents of residences and reserves ..	20	14	6
Refund of insurance premiums ..	3	0	0
Sale of buildings (deposits)	3	0	0
Balance at end of year	134	19	9
	£7,825	17	7

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Staff salaries and clerical assistance ..	425	0	0
Office contingencies	227	12	4
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers	4,209	19	5
Relieving-teachers' salaries	30	19	11
Special capitation to School Committees ..	34	13	9
Incidental expenses of schools	167	13	9
Allowance to scholarship-holders and expenses of examination—			
Board scholarships	67	0	0
National Scholarships	30	0	0
Salaries of teachers and additions to salaries of head teachers on staffs of district high schools	507	10	0
Other expenses—Advertising and cleaning	7	17	0
Manual and technical—			
School classes	44	18	1
Special classes	182	12	0
Maintenance of school buildings—			
Alterations, small additions, repairs, repainting, &c.	739	3	1
Rebuilding	470	11	6
House allowances	70	12	6
New school buildings, additional class-rooms, furniture, sites, &c.	503	13	7
Buildings, class-rooms, furniture, &c., for manual and technical purposes—			
School classes	58	0	5
Special classes	26	6	0
Other expenses—			
Rents paid to teachers	18	15	6
Insurance of residences	0	7	0
Expenses of sale of buildings	2	11	9
	£7,825	17	7

28th February, 1908.

H. L. MICHEL, Chairman.
A. J. MORTON, Secretary.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

SIR,— **Christchurch, 8th April, 1908.**

I have the honour to present the following report of the proceedings of the Education Board of the District of North Canterbury for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

THE BOARD.—The three members to whose lot it fell to retire were Mr. D. Buddo, Mr. C. A. C. Hardy, and Mr. J. Jamieson, representing the North, South, and Central Wards respectively. In the case of the North Ward, Mr. Buddo was re-elected unopposed, and at an election held on the 22nd July, Mr. Hardy and Mr. Jamieson were elected for their respective wards. At a meeting held on the 14th August Mr. M. Dalziel was elected Chairman of the Board. During the year the Board meetings (held on the second Wednesday in each month) numbered twelve. Mr. Buddo, who was reappointed in 1905, continued to represent the Board during the year as Commissioner of Education Reserves. At its meeting on the 8th May the Board elected representatives on the several High School Boards as follows: Akaroa—Mr. R. Latter; Ashburton—The Rev. G. B. Inglis and Mr. J. Tucker; Rangiora—Mr. A. S. Bruce. During the year Dr. J. Hight, Mr. T. W. Rowe, and Mr. E. K. Mulgan were elected members of the Board of Managers of the Christchurch Technical Classes.

BUILDINGS.—Although the large expenditure noted in the last report has not been continued, yet the past year has been a busy one as regards the maintenance of school buildings in this district. New schools have been erected in the vicinity of the Mead Settlement and at Redcliffs, and substantial additions have been made or are in progress at Darfield, Harewood, New Brighton, St. Albans (main and side), and Southbrook. A tender for the erection of a school at North Linwood has been accepted. The teacher's house at Akaroa has been replaced by a new one, and those at Lyttelton, Oxford West, Prebbleton, and Sydenham have been either added to or substantially improved. The school originally provided for the children of parents working on the railway has been moved from Ethelton back to Scargill, where it has been re-erected on a permanent site. The greater part of the Board's expenditure has been on repairs to its school buildings, many of which have been painted, repaired, and otherwise improved. During the year a good deal of old worn-out furniture has been replaced by modern up-to-date desks of the dual pattern. During the year the Board found it necessary to move its general office to more commodious quarters, the room till then used being too small, and insufficiently lighted. The new office, which adjoins the Secretary's room, has been suitably equipped, and the improved conditions under which the members of the staff will now carry on their duties will be a great convenience and effect a considerable saving of time. The total expenditure under buildings during the year, including new schools, additions, and repairs, was £11,916 16s. 7d.