

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 31st December, 1879.

<i>Assets.</i>				<i>Liabilities.</i>			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Board Fund—Balance in hand	..	1,339	7 1	Board Fund—Teachers' Salaries for De-	..		
Scholarship allowances	..	204	9 0	cember	..	2,978	1 2
Girls' High School fees, in arrear	..	29	6 8	Grants to Committees	..	1,174	15 8
Teachers' Book Account	..	23	9 10	Training Classes	..	28	15 0
To balance	..	2,693	8 3	Scholarships	..	108	9 0
		<u>£4,290</u>	<u>0 10</u>			<u>£4,290</u>	<u>0 10</u>

STATEMENT of BUILDING FUND and LIABILITIES at 31st December, 1879.

<i>Assets.</i>				<i>Liabilities.</i>			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
BUILDING FUND—				BUILDING FUND—			
Balance of Grant (£25,000)	..	9,500	0 0	Bank Overdraft	..	46	9 11
„ Special for Victoria Valley	..	75	0 0	Liabilities under contract	..	10,663	10 10
Contractors' deposits	..	141	10 0	Contractors' deposits	..	141	10 0
Balance	..	1,135	0 9				
		<u>£10,851</u>	<u>10 9</u>			<u>£10,851</u>	<u>10 9</u>

STATEMENT of PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACCOUNT and LIABILITIES at 31st December, 1879.

<i>Assets.</i>				<i>Liabilities.</i>			
PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACCOUNT—				PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACCOUNT—			
Balance in Bank	..	507	3 6	Grants	..	507	3 6
Balances Dr.							
Board Fund	..	2,693	8 3				
Building Fund	..	1,135	0 9				
		<u>£3,828</u>	<u>9 0</u>				

J. M. CLARK, Chairman.
VINCENT E. RICE, Secretary.

SUMMARY of SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1879.

<i>Income.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balances in Bank and in hand, 1st January, 1879	..	771	7 0	Cleaning schools and outbuildings	..	988	12 5
Grants from Board Fund—				Fuel for school use	..	164	13 4
(1) Capitation Allowance	..	4,576	13 0	Water supply and apparatus	..	187	5 11
(2) Special grants	..	1,349	4 1	Repairs to buildings or furniture	..	989	13 8
Donations and Subscriptions—				Furniture (including carriage of furniture)	..	330	10 9
(1) For general purposes	..	5	6 2	Expenditure of special grants and subscrip-			
(2) For special objects	..	529	13 2	tions	..	1,714	6 11
Receipts from other sources	..	150	5 0	Contributions towards salaries of teachers	..	608	17 10
Balances due to Treasurers	..	53	1 1	Salaries of clerks or treasurers	..	100	0 0
				Printing and advertising	..	35	8 8
				Stationery	..	83	11 1
				Miscellaneous	..	303	6 1
		<u>£7,435</u>	<u>9 6</u>	Total expenditure	..	5,506	17 2
				Balances in Bank and in hand on 31st			
				December, 1879	..	1,928	12 4
						<u>£7,435</u>	<u>9 6</u>

TARANAKI.

SIR,—

New Plymouth, March 27, 1880.

The Taranaki Education Board in compliance with the directions of the 102nd section of the Education Act, 1877, and in terms of the circular letter, No. 43, of the 8th December, 1879, has the honor of presenting to you a report of its proceedings, and of the state of its district for the year ended 31st December, 1879.

THE BOARD.—The Board has held twelve ordinary and one special meeting. The attendance of members has been very regular, and in no instance has a meeting lapsed for want of a quorum. In accordance with the Act, the three retiring members were determined by ballot, and three members were elected in lieu of those who retired in accordance with the ballot of the previous year. The members residing in New Plymouth performed their duties gratuitously, but to those who resided in the country the sum of 10s. per sitting as travelling expenses was allowed during the latter part of the year.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—There was an increase in the attendance of children at the schools as will be shown by the following statement:—The working average of 1878 was 752, and of 1879, 970; the increase in 1879 being 227; the number on the rolls in 1878 was 1001, and in 1879, 1264; the increase in 1879 being 263. There was also an improvement as regards punctuality of attendance at the hour of opening the schools, but there is still room for improvement in this particular. The number of children residing in this education district of an educational age, that is between the ages of 5 and 15, was at the