## GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1879.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Balances, 1st January, 1879—					By Office and Board—			
Maintenance Account	٠.	613			Office staff, salaries	172	10	0
Special Buildings Grant		18	11	4	Clerical assistance	10	5	6
Grants from Government—					Departmental contingencies	$^{27}$	4	6
Statutory Capitation (£3 15s.)	٠.	2,655	14	10	School Inspection—Salaries	<b>2</b> 50	0	0
Grants to Committees (10s.)		402	7	6	Teachers' salaries and allowances	2,882	2	9
Inspection subsidy		100	0	0	School Committees for educational pur-			
Special for Buildings		3,600	0	0	poses	232	10	5
Organizing master		100	-0	0	Training of teachers	100	0	0
In aid to train teachers		80	0	0	School Buildings—			
Payments by School Commissioner	B				New buildings	2,223	11	8
from Education Reserves		408	15	11	Rents, £40; and rent allowances, £215	,		
Public Libraries vote		89	3	.0	14s. 10d	255	14	10
Rents of cottages		14	0	11	Enlargement, improvements, and repairs	326	13	5
Advance repaid		66	1	7	School furniture and appliances not in-			
Proceeds of sale of old materials		0	14	0	included in preceding	288	14	10
				_	Purchase of sites	279	5	$\bar{2}$
Total for Public Schools		8,149	3	4	Advertisements	25	3	0
District High School Account-		,	-		Plans, supervision. &c	33	19	3
Grant from Government		500	0	0	Library Committees out of Public Libraries			
Payments by School Commissioners			-	-	vote	89	3	0
from secondary reserves		269	14	1	Organizing master	125	ŏ	ŏ
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					Total for Public Schools—	8,149	3	4
					Balance of Education Fund account	827		ō
					,, District High School account	769		ĭ
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		£8,918	17	5		£8,918	17	5
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Benjamin Wells, Chairman. Wm. Northcroft, Secretary.

Examined and passed.

R. MACALISTER, Provincial District Auditor.

STATEMENT of Assets and Liabilities on 31st December, 1879.

Assets.	£	s. d	1.1	Liabilities.	£	s.	d.
Cash—Education Fund	641	1 1	0	Education Fund—			
" School Building Account	186	3	2	Sundry unpaid accounts	20	15	9
"			- 1	Teachers' salaries and allowances	70	12	4
				School Buildings—			
				Works in hand and under contract	460	2	0
•			- 1	Commission on plans and specifications	21	14	0
				Balance	254	11	0
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	£827	5	0		£827	5	0
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W. Northcroft, Secretary.

## WANGANUI.

Sir,—

I have the honour to present to you the annual report of the Education Board of the District of Wanganui, for the year ending 31st December, 1879, together with the various tables required by Circular No. 43, of 8th December last. This Board's ordinary meetings are held on the last Wednesday in each month, and the Board has met regularly on the proper days during the year. Besides the usual routine work performed at these meetings, the Board has been much assisted by two committees, termed the Finance and Building Committees, formed from amongst its members for the purpose of facilitating the work and examining more minutely into details than could otherwise be done; and in July last another committee, styled the Appointment Committee, was formed, to which all correspondence and questions relating to the appointment and removal of teachers are referred. This committee meets on the evening prior to the Board's regular meeting day, and has also proved of much service.

Schools and Attendance.—At the close of the year 1878, there were 47 schools under the Board in operation, with an average attendance of 2,141 scholars. There are now, at the close of the year 1879, 51 schools, with a working average of 2,850, being an increase of 709, or a fraction over 33 per cent. for the year. The increased and improved accommodation provided, and the activity displayed by the com-

mittees, have had much to do in bringing about this satisfactory result.

School Districts.—During the year new school districts have been formed at Makino Road and Ashhurst, and the committees of Lower Rangitikei and Parawanui having previously charge of half-time schools, amalgamated, and formed one committee from amongst their numbers, and opened a full-time school at Parawanui.

NEW BUILDINGS.—The rapid growth of the Board's schools has taxed its resources to the utmost, and rendered the task of apportioning the grants no easy matter. New schools have been erected at Porewa, Kaiwangaroa, Bunnythorpe, Aramoho, and Upokongaro; others are in course of completion at Otaki, Ashhurst, and Makino Road, whilst old buildings have been replaced at Karere, Parawanui, and Upper Tutaenui, and a commodious new building for a Girl's District High School is in course of erection