

PENNY BANKS.—No penny banks have been established in the district. The cumberousness of the machinery, and the extra work which their introduction would entail upon school committees and teachers, have debarred the possibility of their introduction into any of the district schools. A number of the committees seemed favourable to the proposal, but when they found the formidable system of book-keeping required from them and their teachers without payment, they in every instance gave up the scheme as unworkable. The opinion of the Board is, that Penny Banks in connection with the Post Offices would greatly simplify the work and facilitate their introduction into the schools.

LIBRARY GRANTS.—The library subsidy was distributed amongst the various libraries in proportion to the amount of subscriptions received by them. The Board regrets that the smallness of the subsidy was not sufficient to make a grant of £ for £ as was expected by the library committees. Other information in connection with the libraries will be found in the appendix.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.—The income for the year on account of the school fund was £6,988 10s. 6d., which added to the balance on December 31st, 1878, of £2,948 18s. 11d., gives a total income of £9,937 9s. 5d. The expenditure for the same period was £7,381 10s. 3d., leaving a balance to the credit of the school fund on December 31st, 1879, of £2,555 19s. 2d. A detailed statement of income and expenditure for the year, together with the assets and liabilities of the Board on December 31st, 1879, will be found in the appendix.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Board,
The Hon. the Minister of Education.

H. HILL, Secretary.

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

<i>Income.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balances 1st January, 1879—			By Office and Board—		
Maintenance Account ..	2,948	18 11	Office staff and salaries ..	235	0 0
Special Building Grant ..	4,854	13 8	Departmental contingencies ..	156	6 0
Grants from Government—			School Inspection—		
Statutory Capitation (£3 15s.) ..	5,449	11 11	Salaries ..	466	13 4
Grants to Committees (10s.) ..	857	0 0	Travelling expenses ..	150	0 0
Scholarships (1s. 6d.) ..	92	14 0	Examination of pupil teachers ..	16	19 9
Inspection Subsidy ..	300	0 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances ..	6,202	7 6
Special for buildings ..	9,730	0 0	School committees for educational purposes ..	842	7 5
Grant in aid for Te Arai School ..	12	10 0	Scholarships—		
Training of teachers ..	80	0 0	Paid to holders ..	69	11 8
Payments by School Commissioners from			Expenses of examinations ..	33	19 0
Education Reserves ..	795	19 1	Training of teachers ..	154	4 3
Subscriptions and donations—			Insurance of school buildings ..	56	0 0
For ordinary purposes ..	50	0 0	School Buildings—		
Specially for buildings ..	29	0 0	New buildings ..	9,397	1 6
From Public Libraries Vote ..	217	14 6	Enlargements, improvements, and repairs ..	1,104	1 7
Other receipts—			School furniture and appliances not included in preceding ..	1,047	17 6
Interest on current account ..	300	9 6	Purchase of sites ..	476	0 0
Refunds, deposits, &c. ..	25	0 7	Plans, supervision, &c. ..	269	2 6
			Library committees, out of Public Libraries vote ..	217	16 6
			Advertising for tenders, &c. ..	116	8 3
			Miscellaneous—		
			Travelling allowance, teachers ..	80	5 8
			Petty cash, interest, &c. ..	61	6 4
			Deposits with tenders ..	25	0 0
			Rents, allowance to teachers ..	472	18 8
			Balance in Bank on December 31st, 1879 ..	4,092	6 9
	<u>£25,743</u>	<u>12 2</u>		<u>£25,743</u>	<u>12 2</u>

ASSETS and LIABILITIES for the Year ending 31st December, 1879.

<i>Assets.</i>			<i>Liabilities.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
I. School Fund—			I. School Fund ..	Nil.	
By Balance in hand on December 31st ..	2,255	9 8	II. Building Fund—December 31st ..	3,819	3 1
Amount due from Education Department on account of Te Arai School ..	12	10 0	III. School Committee Fund ..	Nil.	
Interest on Current Account, year ending December 31st, 1879 ..	300	9 6	IV. Scholarship Fund ..	10	16 8
II. Building Fund—					
By Balance in Bank ..	1,532	11 8			
Due from Education Department ..	1,770	0 0			
III. School Committee Fund—					
By Balance December 31st ..	14	12 7			
IV. Scholarship Fund—					
By Amount due from Education Department ..	23	6 8			
	<u>£5,909</u>	<u>0 1</u>			
				<u>£3,829</u>	<u>19 9</u>