

## GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1880.

<i>Income.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance, 1st January, 1880—			By Office and Board—		
Maintenance Account ...	2,559	15 1	Office staff, salaries ...	250	0 0
Special Buildings Grant ...	1,532	11 8	Departmental contingencies ...	160	17 4
Grants from Government—			School Inspection—		
Statutory capitation (£3 15s.) ...	7,436	10 3	Salaries ...	500	0 0
Grants to Committees (10s.) ...	626	10 0	Travelling expenses ...	150	0 0
Scholarships (1s. 6d.) ...	162	10 0	Examination of pupil-teachers ...	30	0 0
Inspection subsidy ...	300	0 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances ...	7,300	13 6
Specially for buildings ...	5,770	0 0	School Committees, for educational purposes ...	989	13 9
Payments by School Commissioners from education reserves ...	920	13 2	Scholarships—		
Subscriptions and donations specially for buildings ...	270	0 0	Paid to holders ...	122	5 10
Public Libraries Vote ...	199	14 0	Expenses of examination ...	15	19 4
Grant in aid Te Arai School ...	62	10 0	Insurance of school-buildings ...	37	17 7
Interest on current accounts ...	175	3 6	School-Buildings—		
Refunds ...	12	9 10	New buildings ...	4,876	12 9
			Enlargement, improvements, and repairs ...	745	2 2
			School furniture and appliances ...	551	3 11
			Purchase of sites ...	232	0 0
			Plans, supervision, &c. ...	146	18 0
			Library Committees, out of Public Libraries Vote ...	199	14 0
			Advertising for tenders, &c. ...	74	12 0
			Miscellaneous—		
			Travelling allowance, teachers ...	49	10 0
			Petty cash, interest, &c. ...	64	19 7
			Legal expenses ...	32	10 6
			Rents—Allowance to teachers ...	342	6 4
			School Commissioners—Cheque in hand	200	0 0
			Balance, Union Bank, on the 31st December, 1880 ...	2,955	10 11
	<u>£20,028</u>	<u>7 6</u>		<u>£20,028</u>	<u>7 6</u>

J. D. ORMOND, Chairman.

H. HILL, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—W. B. YALDWYN, Provincial District Auditor. 21st January, 1881.

## STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES, 31st December, 1880.

<i>Assets.</i>			<i>Liabilities.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
School Fund in hand ...	575	6 8	School Fund ...	200	0 0
Building Fund in hand ...	2,566	16 1	Building Fund ...	2,536	1 1
Scholarships Fund in hand ...	13	8 2	Balance ...	419	9 10
	<u>£3,155</u>	<u>10 11</u>		<u>£3,155</u>	<u>10 11</u>

## MARLBOROUGH.

SIR,—

Blenheim, 21st May, 1880.

I have the honor to forward you a report from the Education Board of the District of Marlborough required by the Education Act for the year ending December 31st, 1880, together with a copy of tables (1 to 4), the balance-sheet of revenue and expenditure, a list of scholarships held during the year 1880, and the examiners' papers and report thereon, and the report of the public schools by the Inspector.

The number of pupils on the rolls at the close of the year 1879 was 1,085. This number had increased to 1,212 at the end of the year 1880, whilst the working average at the same dates respectively was 808 and 873.75. This shows a satisfactory rate of increased attendance, particularly in the working average. The opening of two small schools in the Pelorus Sound, to which the Board grants assistance at the rate of £3 per pupil in average attendance, has but slightly contributed to this increased attendance, which has chiefly been made up at the older-established schools.

**SCHOLARSHIPS.**—An examination was held in January, 1880, when six candidates competed. The successful pupil was Walter Conolly. He held the scholarship but nine months when it became again vacant through his decease. The Board resolved that the vacancy should be filled by competitive examination, and accordingly in January, 1881, an examination was held, at which, in addition to the ordinary scholarship tenable for two years, the remaining one year of this scholarship was offered to competition. The successful pupil for the two years' term was James O'Leary, and for the one year was George William Tindill. At the same time the two prizes given by Sir Julius Vogel were allotted—one to boys, gained by Horace Douslin; one to girls, gained by Mary Bary.

**BUILDINGS.**—The Board desires to call your attention to the small amount granted to it this year for buildings, and trusts that, in the future, payment out of this vote may be distributed upon some definite plan or scale which may be determined upon beforehand by Parliament, so that the various Education Boards may have some data upon which to calculate approximately the amount receivable out of any given vote. During this past year the amount given to the district for buildings having been less than one-half of that received in 1879, and slightly over one-half of the amount received in 1878, the Board has been compelled to postpone the erection of some of the much-needed though larger works, and has expended money at its disposal for this purpose chiefly in finishing and furnishing the