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

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Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1st January, 1880—				By Overdraft 1st January, 1880—Building			
Maintenance Account	1,339	7	1	Fund Account	4 6	9	11
Public libraries	507	3	6	Office and Board—			
Grants from Government-				Office staff, salaries	1,221	13	4
Statutory capitation (£3 15s.)	40,110	14	2	Clerical assistance	203	8	4
Grants to Committees (10s.)	3,171		4	Departmental contingencies	756	8	9
Scholarships (1s. 6d.)	761	5	2	School Inspection—			
Inspection subsidy	500		0	Salaries	1,062	18	4
Training	2,000	Ō	0	Travelling expenses	347	15	6
Specially for buildings	28,825	0	Ó	Examination of pupil- teachers	124	6	7
Payments by School Commissioners from		•	•	Teachers' salaries and allowances	37,085	5	11
education reserves	1,572	13	4	School Committees, for educational pur-	,		
Subscriptions and donations for buildings	269		3	poses	4,231	13	5
From Public Libraries Vote	877	5	6	Scholarships-	_,		
Girls' High School refund	1,224		2	Paid to holders	730	0	0
Training-class fees		10	ō	Expenses of examinations	108	9	0
Sale of immigrants' cottages	$16\overline{4}$		ğ	Training of teachers	2,295		7
Deposits forfeited	65		Õ	Insurance of school-buildings	436		
Office rent refund	26		ŏ	School-Buildings-			
Books Account refund	2		6	New buildings	16,637	3	11
Doord Dood Toraiga III	_		v	Enlargement, improvement, and re-	,		
				pairs	5,137	0	10
				School furniture and appliances (not	-,		
				included in preceding)	3,290	10	2
				Purchase of sites	497		
				Plans, supervision, &c	1,180		9
				Library Committees, out of Public	,		
				Libraries Vote	1,174	13	0
				Advances	50		
				Bank Balances—			
				Board Fund Account	2,496	16	0
• •				Building Fund Account	2,098		5
				Public Libraries Account	209		ő
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	£81,422	15	9		£81,422	15	9
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J. M. CLARK, Chairman. VINCENT E. RICE, Secretary.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Education Board of the District of Auckland for the year ended 31st December, 1880, and that I find the same to be correct.—L. A. Durrieu, Auditor. 25th February, 1881.

STATEMENT of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December, 1880.

	Assets.		£	s.	d.	Liabilities.		£	s.	d.
Balances in hand-						Teachers' salaries for December, 188	0	3,202	11	7
Board Fund		• • • •	2,496	16	0	Training classes for December, 1880		48	12	1
Public libraries subsidies		•••	209	16	0	Buildings contracts		5,601	0	0
Building Fund	•••	•••	2,098	18	5	Public libraries subsidies		209	16	0
Grants for scholarships			165	0	0					
Balance of buildings grant		***	10,000	0	0	Balance		5,908	10	9
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			£14,970	10	5	*		£14,970	10	5
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TARANAKI.

Sir,— New Plymouth, 29th March, 1881.

The Taranaki Education Board, in compliance with the directions of the 102nd section of "The Education Act, 1877," and in terms of Circular Letter No. 63, of 1st December, 1880, 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, 1880.

MEETINGS OF BOARD.—The Board has held twenty-one ordinary and five special meetings. The attendance of members has been good, and no meeting has lapsed for want of a quorum.

ATTENDANCE OF CHILDREN.—There has been an increase during the year of 257 on the roll, and of 168 on the working average, the totals on the roll for 1879 being 1,302, against 1,559 for 1880; and for the working average, 979 for 1879, against 1,147 for 1880.

Number of Schools.—There are 35 schools now in work, against 27 in 1879. The population of

Number of Schools.—There are 35 schools now in work, against 27 in 1879. The population of this district is very scattered, creating the necessity for a number of small schools; and these are more costly in every way than large schools.

HALF-TIME SCHOOLS.—Half-time schools are very unpopular; but the Board has found it necessary, owing to diminished funds, to revert to them again at Okato and Tataraimaka. Half-time schools have also been opened at Midhirst and Stratford, on the line of railway. At the present time there are 8 schools on half-time.

New Schools.—The new schools nearly completed at the close of 1879, and opened in January, 1880, were 5—namely, the Upland Road (previously referred to as Tararutangi), Upper Kent Road, Wortley Road, Waipuku, and Koru. A temporary school was opened at the barracks on Marsland Hill, for the children of the unemployed sent from Wellington, and is at present at work. Temporary half-time schools have been opened at Midhirst and Stratford, but the buildings are very unsuitable. In the Town of New Plymouth, a new girls' school has been built in Courtenay Street, in place of the Gill Street school formerly kept in a hired building. A new boys' school has been erected for the East