

The foregoing tables show a slight decline in the examination results as compared with those of last year. The percentage of passes in standards is 72, as against 73, and the percentage of passes in subjects, 80, as against 81. The decline has been chiefly in Standards I., III., and V., while in Standard IV there has been a noticeable advance. There was no change in the standard of proficiency required by the Inspectors.

NORMAL SCHOOL.—The report of the Rector of the Normal School is appended. The attendance of students during the year was 73, 35 being senior students and 38 junior. There has been a considerable increase in the number of male students in the junior class. At the beginning of the year the staff of the institution was strengthened by the appointment of a tutor, a master of the model school, and a teacher of singing. It is hoped that, with this addition to its staff, the school will be able to furnish a regular supply of young teachers of sound education, familiar with approved methods of teaching, and trained to organize and manage either a separate class or a school of several classes. The total cost for the year was,

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	1,102	11	1
Allowances to students	1,204	4	5
	£2,306	15	6

SCHOLARSHIPS.—During the year sixteen scholarships—ten senior and six junior—were offered for competition. The examination was held in December. Thirty-seven candidates entered for the senior, and fifty-three for the junior. In addition to the scholarships given by the Board, the Board of Governors of the Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools grant free education for three years at the Dunedin High School to all the candidates for senior scholarships who make over 50 per cent. of the attainable marks. In addition to the candidates who were successful in attaining scholarships, eleven competitors made over 50 per cent. of the marks, and were thus entitled to free education at the high schools for three years. The Board was pleased to notice that three holders of the Board's scholarships, who were attending the Dunedin high schools—namely, Annie Forbes, F. B. Allen, and John Montgomery—were successful competitors at the examination in December last for junior scholarships in the University of New Zealand.

DRAWING MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.—The report of the headmaster of the Drawing Department is appended. Early in the year the Board determined to reduce the expenditure in this department, and accordingly dispensed with the services of the two male assistants. The staff now comprises the drawing-master, a female assistant, and a male pupil-teacher. Teachers, pupil-teachers, and Normal School students continue to receive instruction in drawing, free of charge as heretofore, but the teaching of drawing by the master and his staff in the city and suburban schools is discontinued. The total expenditure on the department amounted to £749 12s. 2d. for the year, and the receipts from fees to £308 6s. 6d.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

P. G. PRYDE, Secretary

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1883.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
To Balance, General Account		11	16	1	By Office staff, salaries		940	0	0
Government grants for buildings		17,005	17	0	Departmental contingencies		533	15	1
Government grant (special for playgrounds)		600	0	0	Inspectors' salaries		1,450	0	0
Statutory capitation (£3 15s.)		54,919	17	2	Inspectors' travelling expenses		589	3	6
Special capitation (5s.)		4,135	13	9	Examination of pupil-teachers		13	5	0
Scholarship grant (1s. 6d.)		1,212	14	10	Teachers' salaries and allowances (in-				
Inspection subsidy		500	0	0	cluding rent, bonus, &c.)		56,401	0	9
Grant for training of teachers		2,000	0	0	Incidental expenses of schools		5,550	5	4
Payments by School Commissioners for					Training of teachers		2,306	15	6
primary education		7,183	19	2	Scholarships—Paid to scholars		1,261	7	6
Payments by School Commissioners for					School buildings—				
secondary education	..	471	13	1	New buildings		12,331	3	9
Fees for district high schools	..	113	0	0	Improvements of buildings		1,927	16	10
Other receipts—					Furniture and appliances		362	9	11
Drawing Department—Fees		303	6	6	Sites		957	18	3
Sale school sites		298	1	4	Plans and supervision		714	5	10
Sale buildings	..	99	10	0	Other expenses—				
Rent school site		25	5	0	Drawing-Master's department		749	12	2
Libraries		230	10	9	Libraries		14	1	6
Deposits forfeited		18	2	0	Credit balance of account on 31st De-				
Interest		282	8	3	ber, 1883—				
					Building Account		600	0	0
					General Account	..	2,708	14	0
		£89,411	14	11			£89,411	14	11

P. G. PRYDE,

Secretary and Treasurer, Otago Education Board.

I have compared the above abstract with the Treasurer's books and vouchers, and I certify it to be correct.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES, 31st December, 1883.

A. *Exclusive of Building Fund.*

<i>Assets.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Liabilities.</i>	£	s.	d.
Cash in bank on this account, 31st Decem-				Balance			
ber, 1883	2,717	10	4		3,039	17	0
Due from scholarships	322	6	8				
	£3,039	17	0		£3,039	17	0