

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1885.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance at beginning of year on General Account	242 4 11	By Office staff, salaries	112 10 0
Government grant for buildings	1,146 0 0	Clerical assistance	26 0 0
Government statutory capitation (£3 15s.)	4,153 2 0	Departmental contingencies	90 7 9
Special capitation (5s.)	288 5 0	Inspector's salary	125 0 0
Scholarship grant (1s. 6d.)	120 0 0	Inspector's travelling expenses	83 19 1
Inspection subsidy	200 0 0	Examination of pupil-teachers	3 3 0
Payments by School Commissioners—		Teachers' salaries and allowances (including rent, bonus, &c.)	3,875 1 3
For primary education	170 13 0	Incidental expenses of schools	500 19 7
For secondary education	29 18 9	Scholarships—	
		Paid to scholars	80 0 0
		Examination expenses	6 6 0
		School buildings—	
		New buildings	258 15 0
		Improvements of buildings	493 8 6
		Furniture and appliances	66 1 3
		Plans, supervision, and fees	32 2 9
		Credit balance at end of year—	
		On Building Account	34 9 7
		On General Account	561 19 11
	<u>£6,350 3 8</u>		<u>£6,350 3 8</u>

JOHN ROBINSON, Secretary

NELSON

SIR,—

Nelson, 3rd March, 1886.

I have the honour to lay before you a report of the proceedings of the Nelson Education Board during the year ending the 31st December, 1885.

BOARD.—The Board has met fourteen times during the year, twelve of the meetings being ordinary, and two special. The average number of members present at each meeting was seven. After the election of three new members on the 14th March, the Board was constituted as follows: Mr. Barnicoat (Chairman), the Bishop of Nelson, Rev. J. C. Andrew, Messrs. Shephard, Dencker, Wastney, Tarrant, Clayden, and W. H. Phillips, jun.

SCHOOLS.—Eighty-four schools were at work during the December quarter of the year. The number of aided schools is steadily increasing. There are now seventeen at work, with an average attendance of 257 in the whole, or at the rate of fifteen to each school. The full capitation allowance of £4 per annum for every scholar is still given by the Board, besides a contribution of half the cost of the schoolhouses. Three household schools are at work, the average attendance at each being five.

TEACHING STAFF.—The teaching staff of the Board consists of 137 teachers of all grades. There are fifty male and eighty-seven female teachers (twenty-three probationers are included in this list).

ATTENDANCE.—The number on the school-rolls at the end of 1885 was 4,952, being an increase of 144 on the return for 1884. The working average in December, 1885, was 3,844, showing an increase of 203 during the year.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

J W BARNICOAT, Chairman.

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	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance at beginning of year—		By Office staff, salaries (eleven months)	263 1 8
On Building Account	435 5 11	Departmental contingencies	262 1 9
On General Account	1,085 14 10	Inspector's salary and travelling expenses (eleven months)	504 3 4
Receipts for buildings—		Teachers' salaries and allowances (including rent, bonus, &c.)	11,391 18 4
Government grant	2,707 0 0	Incidental expenses of schools (Committee allowances)	1,276 18 6
Transfer from Maintenance Fund	500 0 0	Training of teachers	2 5 6
Grant for rebuilding of Promised Land School	150 0 0	Scholarships—	
Refund exchange on cheques	2 9 0	Paid to scholars	170 15 0
Bank interest	78 10 0	Examination expenses	9 16 3
Government statutory capitation (£3 15s.)	13,336 6 8	School buildings—	
Special capitation (5s.)	921 5 0	New buildings	940 8 0
Scholarship grant (1s. 6d.)	254 11 0	Additions to and improvements of buildings	1,264 6 3
Inspection subsidy	300 0 0	Furniture and appliances	161 6 2
Payments by School Commissioners for primary education	502 17 2	Sites	27 15 0
Various refunds	26 9 9	Purchase of school-books, &c.	739 3 2
From sale of school-books	560 17 7	Transfer to Building Fund	500 0 0
		Rents of schools and reserves	34 10 0
		Balance at end of year—	
		On Building Account	1,479 9 6
		On General Account	1,833 8 6
	<u>£20,861 6 11</u>		<u>£20,861 6 11</u>

J W BARNICOAT, Chairman.

STEAD ELLIS, Secretary

The above accounts examined and found correct.—H. E. CURTIS, Provincial District Auditor
12th March, 1886.