satisfactory. No scholarships were awarded during the year, on account of deficiency of funds; but the Board hopes so to arrange for the future as to have one or two scholarships competed for in

each vear.

Pupil-teachers and Training School.—Nine pupil-teachers were employed at the end of the year. The Inspector's report upon their examination is generally very favourable. The examination was held at the same time and place as the certificate examination. Amended regulations were submitted for your approval during the year, and received your assent. They provide for extension of service to five years, the programme of instruction being considerably modified, and made less exacting. The limited number of pupil-teachers employed renders the establishment of a training school, in the strict sense of the word, an impossibility; but, seeing that the intention in employing these young teachers is to provide teachers eventually for our country schools, some practical training by a thoroughly-qualified teacher is a necessity. The Board therefore proposes to make the Greymouth School both a district high school and a training school, and hopes that in both capacities the school will receive your countenance and support.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

I have, &c.,
RICHARD NANCARROW, Chairman.

General Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1886.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	đ.
To Balance at beginning of year — O	ı			By Balance at beginning of year On			
General Account	. 60	12	4	Building Account	5	13	0
Government grant for buildings .	1,046	0	0	Office staff, salaries	262	10	0
Government statutory capitation (£3)	,			Clerical assistance	4	3	0
15s.) '	4,437	9	8	Departmental contingencies	205	12	6
Special capitation (5s.)	,			Inspector's salary	137	10	0
Scholarship grant (1s. 6d.)	60	0	0	Inspector's travelling expenses	59		0
Inspection subsidy	100		0	Teachers' salaries and allowances (in-			
Payments by School Commissioners fo					3,805	4	5
primary education		10	7	Incidental expenses of schools	261		6
Other receipts—			·	Scholarships—Paid to scholars		0	
School books	198	15	3	School buildings—			
High School Board		17	6	New buildings	65	0	0
Refunds			0	Improvements of buildings	644	3	4
Sundries			9.	Furniture and appliances	59 1		0
			1	Plans, supervision, and fees			6
			ļ	Other expenses—			
			- 1	School books	150 1	18	0
				Requisites and stationery	151	2	8
			- (Balance at end of year—			
				On Building Account	85	1	8
				On General Account	37	3	6
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	£6,031	18	1	£	6,031 1	18	1
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RICHARD NANCARROW, Chairman. E. T. Robinson, Secretary.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above balance-sheet, and, having compared it with cash-books, vouchers, bank pass-books, and other documents, find the same to be correct.—E. S. Rich, Auditor. 28th April, 1887.

 $\textbf{Note.} \\ \textbf{-The figures relating to Grey District in the Minister's report were taken from an unaudited statement of which the following is an abstract:} \\ --$

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1886.

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	Receipts.	£	s.	đ.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Τo	Balance at beginning of year—Genera				By Balance at beginning of year (Building			
	Account		12		Account)	5	13	0
	Government grant for buildings			0		75 ·	0	0
	Government capitation (£4)			8	Clerical assistance	4	3	0
	Scholarship grant (1s. 6d.)			0		76	1	4
	Inspection subsidy		0	0		37	10	0
	Payment by School Commissioners for							0
	primary education		10	7	Teachers' salaries and allowances 3,81			5
	School books			9			10	
	Refund	1	5	0		30	0	0
					School buildings			
						55	0	0
					Improvements of buildings 64	-	3	5
				- {		i9 :		0
							9	6
				ļ		55 .		6
				Į	School requisites and stationery 15		2	8
					Balance at end of year 12	1	3	0
		£6,027	10	4		_		
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E. T. Robinson, Secretary.