DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.—It appears, from the Inspector's report on the District High Schools at Waimate and Temuka, that the number of pupils taking secondary subjects has not increased during the year. Thirteen pupils were examined—three at Waimate and ten at Temuka. The subjects taken at Waimate were Latin, Euclid, algebra, and English; at Temuka the same subjects, with the exception of English, for which French was substituted. The results of the examination were, on the whole, satisfactory. It is worthy of note that two of the District High School pupils passed the matriculation examination of the New Zealand University. As in past years, the Waimate High School Board of Governors continues to contribute £75 towards the cost of maintaining an extra teacher at Waimate.

Pupil-teachers.—The annual examination of pupil-teachers began on the 28th June, and ended on the 2nd July. The following table shows the number that were presented, the number

that passed, and the number that failed:-

			Presented.	Passed.	Failed.
Fourth year	 		 10	8	2
Third year	 	•••	 13	12	1
Second year	 		 8	8	0
First year	 •••	•••	 6	5	1

Nineteen candidates not yet holding appointments took part in the examination, with the following result:—

			Presented.	Passed.	Failed.
Third year	 • • •		 1	1	0
Second year	 	***	 1	1	0
First year	 •••	• • •	 17	10	7

Of the eight pupil-teachers who passed the fourth year's examination, seven have been successful in gaining the E certificate, and one has been partially successful. Of the three prizes for drawing, open to candidates from the whole of New Zealand, the first was awarded to John McLeod, pupil-teacher in South Orari School.

The usual returns and reports are appended.

I have, &c.,

Samuel W. Goldsmith, Chairman, South Canterbury Board of Education.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

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Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
To Balance at beginning of year—On Gene-		By Office staff—Salaries	283 0 0
ral Account	1,229 8 8	Clerical assistance	3 0 0
Government grant for buildings	2,160 1 0	Departmental contingencies	210 13 10
Government capitation	11,630 0 9	Inspector's salary	454 16 7
Scholarship grant	236 8 1	Examination of pupil-teachers	62 9 4
Inspection subsidy	300 0 0		
Payments by School Commissioners	2,590 9 11	cluding rent, bonus, &c.)	12,488 4 8
District High School fees	38 3 6		1,308 17 10
Contributions	129 18 7	Scholarships-	_,
Credit from Building Account	426 2 2	Paid to scholars	167 9 7
Waimate, for second master	74 19 0	Examination expenses	20 5 0
Rents, &c.	18 14 3	School-buildings-	
101100, 6001	20 22 0	New buildings	1,268 1 2
		Improvements of buildings	112 15 10
		Credited General Account	426 2 2
		Furniture and appliances	204 12 2
		Vitor	24 11 6
		Plans, supervision, and fees	07 0 11
		Balance at end of year—	81 0 11
		On Building Assount	36 17 3
		0 0 0	
		On General Account	1,675 8 1
	£18,834 5 11		£18,834 5 11
			£18,834 5 11

Samuel W. Goldsmith, Chairman. J. H. Bamfield, Secretary.

I have audited this account, and have compared the items with the vouchers, and find it correct. The balance at the bank is accurately stated.—J. OLLIVIER, Provincial District Auditor. 22nd January, 1888.

REPORT ON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

Sir.—

I have the honour to submit the results of the examination of secondary subjects in the District High Schools of Waimate and Temuka. The numbers have fallen off in both schools since last examination. This year three scholars were examined at Waimate and ten at Temuka, while last year there were nine at the former and fourteen at the latter. The following tables show the subjects taught, the marks obtained by each class, and the amount of work done:—