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placed under the inspection of a public school Inspector. It is hard to understand why the youths of this district should be excluded from sharing the advantages of a colonial institution of this kind.

Buildings.—The Board has had to postpone several necessary buildings for want of funds. The building-grant voted by Parliament was not received until after the close of the year. It is now all expended, and a further sum of £9,000 is needed for immediate requirements. It is difficult to prepare an accurate estimate of building requirements for twelve months in advance. Settlement in country districts is advancing rapidly; and the establishment of a new industry, or the opening of a new mining-field, may cause a sudden growth of population in a locality which was previously almost uninhabited. The Board endeavours to meet the wants of country districts as liberally and as speedily as its resources will allow; but there is often some delay in fixing upon a suitable site for a school in a newly-formed settlement, and in estimating the amount of accommodation required. There are still many schools unprovided with teacher's dwellings; and serious inconvenience is endured by some teachers through the want of a suitable residence. All school buildings are painted once in every five years, the cost being defrayed by equal instalments from the Board fund and from the school fund administered by Committees. The contribution from the school fund is allowed to extend over two or three years, if desired.

Finance.—The receipts during the year amounted to £82,939 6s., inclusive of a balance of £9,566 2s. 8d. brought forward at the beginning of the year. The expenditure during the year amounted to £75,282 7s. 6d. The following statement shows the assets and liabilities at the 31st December, 1890: Maintenance Account—assets, £11,833 7s. 7d.; liabilities, £5,583 2s. 9d.: credit balance, £6,250 4s. 10d. Building Fund—assets £6,200; liabilities, £8,050 9s.: debit balance, £1,850 9s. The capitation grant of £3 15s. was applied (approximately) as follows: On teachers' salaries, £3 3s. per head; on grants to Committees (including painting and repairs of school buildings), 5s. 10d.; on inspection and examination, 2s.; on office management, 1s. 7d.; unexpended, 2s. 7d.: total, £3 15s. per head. The accounts of School Committees will be rendered for the period of fifteen months ending in March, 1891. An auditor has been appointed to audit

them, and the usual summary will be forwarded in due course.

COMMITTEES.—Valuable help continues to be afforded by the School Committees throughout the district in the conduct and supervision of school affairs, and in maintaining and improving the school property. The Board is glad to have this opportunity of acknowledging their cordial co-operation in these matters.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

R. Udy, Chairman.

General Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1890

| Receipts.                               | £       | s. | d.  |
|---|---------|----|-----|
| To Balance at beginning of year—        |         |    |     |
| On Building Account                     | 920     | 19 | 4   |
| On General Account                      | 8.645   | 3  | 4   |
| Government grant for buildings          | 4,568   |    | 0   |
| Subscriptions and donations for build-  | -,      |    |     |
| ings                                    | 20      | 8  | 6   |
| Proceeds sale of teacher's house at     |         | _  |     |
| Otahuhu                                 | 34      | 4  | 0   |
| Proceeds sale of cottage at Newton East |         | 16 | 6   |
| Government statutory capitation         | 65,320  |    | 9   |
| Scholarship grant                       | 1,015   |    | 7   |
|   |         |    |     |
| Inspection subsidy                      | 500     | _  | 0   |
| Payments by School Commissioners        | 1,559   | 0  | 0   |
| School Committees, towards cost of      |         |    | ſ   |
| painting                                | 313     | 17 | 6   |
| Whakahara School Committee, rent of     |         |    | - 1 |
| teacher's house                         | 5       | 11 | 6   |
| Ohineroa School Committee, balance of   | •       | ~~ | 1   |
| school fund                             | 8       | 1  | 0   |
|   | 8       | 9  | 0   |
| Auckland City Council, for drain        | O       | y  | U   |
|   |         |    | 1   |
|   |         |    |     |
|   |         |    |     |
|   | £82,939 | 6  | 0   |

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|----------------------------------|------|---------|----|----|
| Expenditure.                     |      | £       | 8. | d. |
| By Office staff—Salaries         |      | 928     | 0  | 0  |
| Clerical assistance              |      | 5       | 15 | 0  |
| Departmental contingencies       | ٠.   | 466     |    | 1  |
| Inspectors' salaries             |      | 1,250   |    | 0  |
| Inspectors' travelling-expenses  |      | 502     |    | 9  |
| Examination of pupil-teachers    |      | 36      | 11 | 9  |
|                                  | (in- |         |    |    |
| cluding rent, bonus, &c.)        |      | 56,443  |    | 5  |
| Incidental expenses of schools   |      | 5,217   | 15 | 10 |
| Scholarships—                    |      |         |    |    |
| Paid to scholars                 |      | 1,294   |    | 6  |
| Examination expenses             |      | 66      | 8  | 10 |
| School buildings—                |      |         |    |    |
| New buildings                    | ٠.   | 4,489   |    | 9  |
| Improvements of buildings        | • •  | 3,044   | 7  | 9  |
| Furniture and appliances         | • •  | 887     |    | 7  |
| Sites                            |      | 55      | _  | 10 |
| Plans, supervision, and fees     | • •  | 594     | 1  | 5  |
| Balance at end of year—          |      |         |    |    |
| Dr. on Building Account £3,508 1 | 0    |         |    |    |
| Cr. on General Account 11,164 19 | 6    |         |    | _  |
| <del></del>                      |      | 7,656   | 18 | 6  |
|                                  |      | £82,939 | 6  | 0  |
|                                  |      |         |    |    |

R. Udy, Chairman. Vincent E. Rice, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—James Edward FitzGerald, Controller and Auditor-General.

## TARANAKI.

Sir,—
In the terms of "The Education Act, 1877," I have the honour to transmit the report of

the Education Board for the year ending the 31st December, 1890.

The Board.—At the annual election in March, Messrs. Adlam, Bauchope, and Syme were the retiring members. Mr. Bauchope was not a candidate for re-election. Mr. Adlam was re-elected, with Mr. David Teed and Mr. James Wade. Mrs. Richmond resigned in June, and Mr. Bauchope was elected to fill the vacancy. The Board then consisted of the following members, viz.: Thomas Kelly (Chairman), Miss Heywood, Messrs. J. Andrews, G. A. Adlam, R. G. Bauchope, H. Faull, E. Olson, D. Teed, and J. Wade. The Board held twenty-four ordinary and one special meeting during the year. The attendance of members has been as follows: Mr. Kelly, 23; Mr. Andrews,