

money is virtually thrown away, as it is only able to expend sixpence where a shilling should have been laid out—in putting putty where new material should be used.

The Board has to thank the many School Committees throughout the district for the aid they have granted in the way of subsidies to help the Board in trying to keep things generally in effective repair, and for the attention they have all paid to the interests of education and the welfare of their districts; and the Board can congratulate itself on the harmony which has existed between School Committees, the teachers, and the Board.

PUPIL-TEACHERS.—The annual examinations of pupil-teachers was held in June, when forty pupil-teachers and ten candidates for employment presented themselves. Two pupil-teachers were absent, as they were suffering from measles. Of the forty pupil-teachers presenting themselves, four failed—one in the third year, one in the second year, and two in the first year. Of the ten candidates, five failed.

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.—A special report on the secondary work of the District High Schools was submitted to the Board by the Inspector, and ordered to be printed. From this report it appears that twenty-two scholars took part in the examination at Waimate, and ten at Temuka. The subjects taken were English, Latin, French, Euclid, and algebra. The Waimate High School Board of Governors continues its grant of £75 per annum towards teaching the secondary subjects in the Waimate District High School.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

SAMUEL W. GOLDSMITH, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1893.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
To Balance at beginning of year—					By Office staff—Salaries		349	3	6
On Building Account <i>Dr.</i> 152 18 7					Clerical assistance		4	12	0
On General Account 2,798 5 9					Departmental contingencies		194	15	11
		2,645	7	2	Inspector's salary		550	0	0
Government grant for buildings ..		1,750	0	0	Examination of pupil-teachers ..		62	19	1
Other receipts for buildings—					Teachers' salaries and allowances (in-				
Insurance for Scotsburn master's					cluding rent, bonus, &c.) ..		13,959	19	7
residence		199	15	0	Incidental expenses of schools ..		1,374	11	5
Government grant to complete ..		105	0	0	Scholarships—				
Government statutory capitation ..		12,738	17	8	Paid to scholars		339	10	4
Scholarship grant		315	6	9	Examination expenses		73	12	0
Inspection subsidy		300	0	0	School buildings—				
Payments by School Commissioners ..		2,953	2	4	New buildings		912	16	6
District High School fees		147	10	0	Improvements of buildings ..		355	11	0
Contributions from School Committees		94	14	6	Furniture and appliances		226	1	4
Rents		37	14	0	Sites		69	11	2
Waimate subsidy		75	0	0	Plans, supervision, and fees ..		151	19	0
Interest		36	8	0	Balance at end of year—				
					On Building Account		185	17	5
					On General Account		2,587	15	2
		£21,398	15	5			£21,398	15	5

SAMUEL W. GOLDSMITH, Chairman.

J. H. BAMFIELD, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.

OTAGO.

SIR,—

Education Office, Dunedin, 15th March, 1894.

In accordance with the provisions of section 102 of "The Education Act, 1887," the Education Board of the District of Otago has the honour to submit the following report of its proceedings for the year 1893:—

BOARD.—At the beginning of the year the Board consisted of the following members: Dr. Hislop, Dr. Stenhouse, Messrs. James Green, Donald Borrie, Michael Fraer, John Macgregor, Henry Clark, Andrew McKerrow, and John J. Ramsay. The members who retired by rotation on the 31st March were Dr. Hislop, Dr. Stenhouse, and Mr. James Green. Six candidates were nominated for the vacancies, and the voting by Committees resulted in the re-election of Mr. Green and Dr. Stenhouse, and the election of Mr. Thomas Mackenzie. At the first meeting of the Board, in April, Mr. Borrie was elected Chairman. The Board held twenty-four meetings during the year. Messrs. Henry Clark and Michael Fraer were appointed members of the Board of Governors of the Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools, and Mr. Borrie was reappointed the Board's representative on the Waitaki High Schools Board. Mr. James Green was reappointed to represent the Board as Commissioner of Education Reserves.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.—The last report of the Board showed that on the 31st December, 1892, there were 197 schools in operation in the district. Schools were opened during the year at Houipapa, Catlin's, Galloway, Upper Junction, and Owaka Valley. In the month of February the Government Native school at Reomoana was taken over by the Board, and is now conducted as an ordinary public school. The school in connection with the Benevolent Institution has been closed. There were therefore 202 schools in operation in the district on the 31st December last, being an increase for the year of five schools. The establishment of a school at Wyllie Crossing has been sanctioned, and buildings are now in course of erection.