

every additional hour. In country districts the allowance is 1s. 10½d. instead of 1s. 3d. It is to be noted that under this provision the Technical Classes Association would not be entitled to receive this allowance in the event of the Board establishing classes in Dunedin. By the Act the total amount to be appropriated in any one year for the purposes of the Act for the whole colony is not to exceed £2,000. We are of opinion that, in view of the fact that the establishment of classes in Dunedin by the Board would render it impossible for the Technical Classes Association to carry on, the Board should not do anything to interfere with the operations of the Association until the Board are in a position to establish something more complete. As to the country districts, we cannot make any general recommendation, as it seems to us that each case must be dealt with on its merits."

FINANCE.—Appended hereto is a statement of the income and expenditure of the Board for the year 1895. The sum paid for teachers' salaries (including bonuses on classification and bonuses for instructing pupil-teachers) amounted to £62,403 13s. 2d.; the amount paid to School Committees for incidental expenses was £4,722 11s. 9d.; the sum spent on the erection, enlargement, and improvement of school buildings, and the purchase of sites, &c., was £8,450 8s.

The Board decided during the year to considerably increase the allowances made to Committees for incidental expenses, and to define more clearly the purposes to which these grants can be applied. The total increase amounts to £1,000 per annum.

TRUANCY.—From the following statement a rough estimate may be gained of the work undertaken during the year for the suppression of truancy: Cases investigated, 411; notices served on parents or guardians under section 5 of "The School Attendance Act, 1894," 269; summons served on parent or guardian under section 5 of "The School Attendance Act, 1894," 1; order of Court obtained, 1; penalty summonses issued under section 7 of "The School Attendance Act, 1894" (dealing with parents or guardians of children who had not attended school the number of times required by the Act), 105. Under the above 105 penalty summonses there were seventy-one convictions, thirty-two cases were withdrawn on account of the production by the defendants of exemption certificates, and two cases were dismissed. In accordance with section 7 of the Act, the fine inflicted in each case of conviction was 2s. The total of fines for the year was £7 2s.

REGULATIONS, ETC.—The Board, after long and careful consideration, adopted towards the end of the year a series of new regulations, having for their aim the classification of all the schools and positions in the same. These regulations come into force on the 1st January, 1896. Their aim and scope are to better regulate salaries and to better secure the promotion of deserving teachers.

By order of the Board.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

P. G. PRYDE, Secretary.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1895.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance at beginning of year—			By Office staff—Salaries ..	1,003	0 0
On Building Account ..	5,513	19 0	Departmental contingencies ..	352	17 2
On General Account ..	1,663	9 6	Inspectors' salaries ..	1,804	3 4
Government grant for buildings ..	6,600	0 0	Inspectors' travelling-expenses ..	484	14 1
Local contributions for buildings ..	99	7 1	Examination of pupil-teachers ..	12	8 6
Sale of school sites ..	46	15 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances (in-		
Government statutory capitation ..	63,799	19 9	cluding, rent, bonus, &c.) ..	62,403	13 2
Scholarship grant ..	1,380	19 10	Incidental expenses of schools ..	4,722	11 9
Inspection subsidy ..	500	0 0	Training of teachers ..	1,015	7 0
Grant for training of teachers ..	300	0 0	Scholarships—		
Payments by School Commissioners for			Paid to scholars ..	1,398	18 10
primary education (five quarters) ..	13,139	5 7	Examination expenses ..	80	17 9
District High School fees ..	141	16 0	School buildings—		
Rents of school sites ..	14	2 0	New buildings ..	4,157	5 2
Interest ..	120	0 0	Improvements of buildings ..	3,064	19 11
Fees—School of Art and Design ..	399	3 9	Furniture and appliances ..	338	3 2
Dictionaries sold ..	6	0 0	Sites ..	457	3 9
Refund salaries ..	3	16 6	Plans, supervision, &c. ..	432	16 0
			School of Art and Design ..	909	5 11
			Truant officer ..	78	5 11
			Members' expenses ..	169	5 3
			Refund proceeds dictionaries sold ..	18	0 0
			Balance at end of year—		
			On Building Account ..	£3,809	13 1
			On General Account ..	7,015	4 3
				10,824	17 4
	£93,728	14 0		£93,728	14 0

P. G. PRYDE, Secretary and Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, except as regards the payment of a sum of £475 to the widow of a late School Inspector, for which there is no authority of law, and is therefore disallowed.

JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.

INSPECTORS' REPORT ON THE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

SIR,—

We have the honour to submit the following report on the higher work of the District High Schools for the year 1895. The tabular statements show the subjects taught, the number of pupils taught, the number examined, and the amount of work done in each subject.

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