GENERAL STATEMEN	T of RECEIPT	s and	d Ex	PE	'IDI	TURE for the Year ending 31st December, 189	6.
	Receipts.		£	s.	đ.	Expenditure. £ s.	d٠
To Balance—	•					By Office Staff—Salaries 164 11	8
On Building Accor	unt		1,759	15	11	Clerical assistance 10 7	6
On Scholarship Ac			2	7	8	Departmental contingencies 184 3	4
On General Accou			970	3	8	Inspector's salary 350 0	0
On Land Account			5	16	8		0
Cash in hand			0	14	7	Examination of pupil-teachers 6 10	3
Receipts for building	gs					Teachers' salaries and allowances (in-	
Contribution for r	emoval of school		25		0	cluding rent, bonus, &c.) 9,181 1	
Deposit forfeited			10		0	Incidental expenses of schools 1,204 13	
Government statuto	rv capitation	1	10,409	3	7	Training of teachers 116 10	0
Scholarship grant			172	16	0	Scholarships—	
Inspection subsidy			200	0	0		0
Payments by School	Commissioners,	for				Examination expenses 5 12	0
primary educat			682	15	5	School buildings—	
Rents from school-s			20	3	0		0
	,						5
						Furniture and appliances 234 16	3
						Sites 29 18	0
						Plans, supervision, and fees 70 0	0
						Refund of deposit 9 0	0
						Balance- £ s. d.	
						On Building Account 383 12 10	
						On Scholarship Account 3 11 8	
						On General Account 742 6 1	
						On Land Account 5 16 8	
						Cash in hand 1 1 8	
						1.136 8 11	
						Less outstanding cheques 94 1 10	
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		=	14,258	10	6	£14,258 16	_6
						Donner C. Dissers Chairman	

Robert G. Bauchope, Chairman.

G. VEALE, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.

WANGANUI.

SIR,---Education Office, Wanganui, 1st March, 1897. I have the honour to submit the annual report of the proceedings of this Board for the

year ending 31st December, 1896.

BOARD.—The three members who retired by rotation in March were Messrs. Bridge, Beckett, Pirani. Mr. Pirani was re-elected. Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, of Feilding, was elected in and Pirani. Mr. Pirani was re-elected. Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, of Feilding, was elected in place of Mr. Beckett, and Mr. Robbins, of Hawera, in place of Mr. Bridge. The following gentlemen constituted the Board at the end of the year: Mr. Gilbert Carson, M.H.R., of Wanganui (Chairman), Mr. Henry Sanson, of Rongotea, Mr. James W. Baker, of Warrengate, Mr. H. J. Fry, of Makino, Mr. G. A Hurley, of Manaia, Rev. John Ross, of Turakina, Mr. F. Pirani, M.H.R., of Palmerston North, Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, M.H.R., of Feilding, and Mr. B. C. Robbins, of Hawera. Schools.—At the close of 1895 there were 116 schools in operation in this district. During

the year new schools have been opened at Mangawhero, Raetihi, Rewa, Ohakune, Ruahine, and Taihape, and Onga Road School has been reopened. The school named Beef Creek in the last report has been altered to Mangarimu, and that called Campbelltown is now known as Rongotea. There are now, consequently, 123 schools in operation in this district, the numbers and attendances being as follows: Thirteen schools with an average attendance under 15, fifteen schools with an average attendance of 15 and under 20, ten schools with an average attendance of 20 and under 25, fortythree schools with an average attendance of 25 and under 50, sixteen schools with an average attendance of 50 and under 75, two schools with an average attendance of 75 and under 100, ten schools with an average attendance of 100 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 100 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 100 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 100 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 100 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 150 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 150 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 150 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 150 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 150 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 150 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 150 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 150 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 150 and under 150, eleven schools with an average attendance of 150 and under 150 are attendance of 150 are atten ance of 150 and under 300, three schools with an average attendance of 300 and under 500.

TEACHERS.—The number of teachers under the Board is 262. Of these ninety-five are male teachers in charge of schools, eleven are male assistants, and twenty-four male pupil-teachers; twenty-eight are female teachers in charge of schools, twenty-seven are female assistants, and seventy-seven are female pupil-teachers. The Board has already thirty-three cadets in its service,

but they do not receive any pay, and are not counted on the staff of the schools.

ATTENDANCES.—The returns show the attendances for the year to have been as follows:—

		$\mathbf{Roll}.$	Working Average.	Strict Average.
First Quarter	 	 10,138	8,165	8,080
Second Quarter	 	 10,145	8,177	8,060
Third Quarter	 	 10,126	8,189	8,120
Fourth Quarter	 	 10,089	8,062	7,953

The average attendance to the roll for the first quarter was 79.7 per cent.; for the second quarter, 79.44 per cent.; for the third quarter, 80.2 per cent.; and for the fourth quarter, 78.82 per cent.; and for the whole year it was 79.54 per cent. The average attendance for the third quarter of the year was the highest, although the roll number was less than for the first and second quarters.

Building Operations.—The principal contract works undertaken during the year were the building of new schools at Mangawhero, Raetihi, Rewa, Mangarimu, and Carnaryon, and of additions to the Rongotea, Hunterville, Crofton, Rangiwahia, and Wanganui Girls' Schools. Taikorea School was burnt down, but was re-erected. Tenders have also been accepted for additions to the Feilding School, and for new residences at Hawera, Cheltenham, and Marton. The Board's carpenters, of whom three are now engaged, have also been fully employed on additions and improvements to Stony Creek, Aramoho, Okaiawa, Kelvin Grove, Kairangi, College Street (Palmerston North), Wanganui Infants', Cheltenham, Momohaki, Foxton, Denlair, Karere, Ashurst, Meremere,