

requirements of established Boards, with comparatively few schools and large attendances, Boards like this with a number of small schools to provide for are unable to meet the demands made upon them. The very inadequate remuneration offered to teachers of small country schools, consequent upon this state of things, results in frequent changes and much disappointment to the Committees. The Board would therefore beg to bring these matters forcibly under your consideration, to the end that some means may be devised to relieve it of the serious responsibility which they entail.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.—The accompanying report of the Inspector should furnish you with a full statement of the condition of the schools, as well as with a comprehensive account of the state of education throughout the district, and the Board trusts that it will be in accordance with your wishes.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

W. H. WATT, Chairman.

THE REES BEQUEST FUND.—(Memorandum by Secretary of Education.)

UNDER a decree of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, the Education Board of Wanganui, as representing the former Board of the Education District of Wellington, now holds in trust a sum of money, being the proceeds of a bequest by the late Dr. Rees. The following is an extract from the decree of the Court: "That the plaintiff, Henry Shafto Harrison, do convey and assign and assure all such portions of the personal estate which, at the time of the death of the survivor of the testator's wife and sister remained unsold, and do transfer and pay over such portions of his the said testator's said estate as shall consist of Government debentures, or other Government securities, or other securities whatsoever, or money or other effects whatsoever, subject to the deduction before mentioned, unto the Board of the Education District of Wellington, upon trust, to be appropriated by the said Board to the education of European children being the descendants of Europeans, in some school to be established under the authority and control of the said Board in the Town of Wanganui, in the Provincial District of Wellington; and this Court doth further order and decree that the said Board shall keep a separate account of the annual rents, profits, and income arising from the said trust property," &c. The following is a statement of the moneys received under the decree:—

	£	s.	d.
Received by Wellington Board from Registrar of Supreme Court...	2,591	4	3
Less legal expenses paid to Messrs. Izard and Bell ...	47	7	0
Balance as per Wellington Board's General Statement ...	2,543	17	3
Legal expenses to Messrs. Brandon and Quick ...	148	8	8
Balance received by Wanganui Board ...	£2,395	8	7

The Board has furnished the following statement of the Rees Bequest Account, as at 31st December, 1878. It has been resolved by the Board to appropriate the annual proceeds of the bequest towards the support of the District High School established in the Town of Wanganui.

STATEMENT of the REES BEQUEST ACCOUNT for the Year ending 31st December, 1878.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To amount of bequest received from the estate				By Loan returned (Education Fund)	500	0	0
of the late Dr. Rees ...	2,395	8	7	Investments—Loans on interest	2,100	0	0
Mortgage paid off...	70	0	0	Interest account ...	0	19	4
Interest on mortgage ...	1	15	0	Balance at the Bank	393	3	2
Interest on deposit ...	26	18	11				
Loan, Education Fund ...	500	0	0				
	£2,994	2	6		£2,994	2	6

GENERAL STATEMENT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1878.

<i>Income.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Grants from Government—General	6,334	10	6	By Office and Board—			
Buildings	5,000	0	0	Secretary	170	16	8
Donations	50	0	0	Allowance to members of Board	113	16	6
Incidental Receipts—Refunds paid in error	63	19	11	Departmental contingencies	281	2	2
From Patea Board	2	19	8	Inspection—Salary, eight months at £400	266	13	4
Balance	216	7	5	Travelling expenses	33	6	8
				Pupil-teachers' examinations	8	10	0
				Teachers' salaries and allowances	5,616	8	9
				Committees for educational purposes	354	10	0
				Insurance of buildings	11	15	0
				School Buildings—Works	4,536	1	1
				Plans, supervision, &c.	146	1	11
				Sundries—Interest, &c.	12	10	6
				On account of Wellington Board	46	4	11
				Refund to Patea Board	70	0	0
	£11,667	17	6		£11,667	17	6

Departmental Expenditure: Office rent, £27 10s.; furniture, £53 19s. 8d.; printing, £63 2s. 6d.; advertising, £81 1s. 3d.; stationery, £35 16s. 3d.; cheque-books, stamps, office-cleaning, &c., £14 16s.; not specified, £4 16s. 6d.; total as above, £281 2s. 2d. Details of School-building Expenditure: New schools, £2,670 16s. 9d.; new residences, £716 8s. 10d.; enlargements and improvements, £872 13s. 6d.; purchase of sites, £276 2s.; total as above, £4,536 1s. 1d. Grand total as above, £11,667 17s. 6d.; add bank deposit, £4,000; Public Library Account, £185 9s.; Rees Bequest, £500; total as per Board's audited statement £16 353 6s. 6d.