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

Income.	£	s.	d.
To Balance on 1st January, 1878—			
Maintenance Account	6,322	14	5
Buildings	9,814	7	8
Grants from Government—General ...	42,578	8	2
" " Buildings ...	18,194	3	1
Net receipts from reserves	4,290	0	7
Arrears of rates collected	1,171	4	3
Subscriptions and donations... ...	37	0	0
Incidental Receipts—Sale of school sites	65	1	6
" " Deposits on contracts	413	10	3
" " Bank interest ...	1,084	14	11
	£83,971	4	10

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Office and Board—			
Office staff	1,145	12	6
Allowance to members	15	0	0
Departmental contingencies ...	506	2	5
Inspection—Salaries	775	0	0
" Travelling and other expenses	249	11	1
" Examinations ...	264	2	7
Teachers' salaries and allowances ...	34,170	6	2
School Committees, for educational purposes	6,741	18	6
Scholarships	886	4	7
Training Institution	1,676	4	8
Buildings—Works, &c.	19,690	14	7
" Plans and supervision ...	1,147	4	10
Refunds of deposits on contracts ...	202	12	0
Balance	16,500	10	11
	£83,971	4	10

DETAILS.—Office Staff: Secretary, £600; two clerks, £501 15s.; messenger, £43 17s. 6d.: total as above, £1,145 12s. 6d. Departmental Contingencies: Law expenses, £10 10s.; printing, £210 16s.; advertising, £160 13s. 1d.; stationery, £65 17s. 1d.; gas, fuel, stamps, &c., £58 6s. 3d.: total as above, £506 2s. 5d. Buildings: New buildings, £7,614 7s. 4d.; enlargement and improvement, £12,062 13s. 1d.; furniture, £13 14s. 2d.: total as above, £19,690 14s. 7d. Total of general statement as above, £83,971 4s. 10d.; transferred to South Canterbury Fund, £8,403 19s. 9d.: total of Board's general statement, £92,375 4s. 7d.

DRILL INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

SIR,— Christchurch.

I have the honor to submit, for the information of the Board, the following general report referring to the teaching of drill and gymnastics at public schools, for the year ending December 31st, 1878:—

Instruction Classes.—During the past year 900 squads have been present for instruction. The usual course has been followed—viz., for boys: Military drill, gymnastics on fixed apparatus, free exercises, fencing, boxing, and clubs. For girls: Calisthenics and deportment.

Gymnastics and Drill.—The instruction classes held for masters and pupil-teachers have given considerable impetus to the practice of gymnastics and drill, and the result for the year may be considered very satisfactory.

Apparatus.—The gymnastic apparatus at the different schools throughout the province, except in a very few cases, is in very fair repair.

Gymnastic Competition for 1877.—The yearly competition for prizes given by the Board was held in the Gymnasium on the 9th February, 1878. The competitors were in three classes—students, pupil-teachers, and school-boys. A number of spectators were present, and the different competitors acquitted themselves very creditably. The competition for 1878 will be held early in February, 1879.

Gymnastic Exhibition.—During the past year two gymnastic exhibitions were held in the Gymnasium. On each occasion friends and those interested in physical training were invited to be present. On the last occasion five teachers took part, showing very excellent and advanced gymnastics. These exhibitions are found to give a stimulus to the practice of gymnastics.

Lady-Teachers' Classes.—These classes continue to be well attended, the Saturday class sometimes numbering over thirty. The result is seen in the improved walk and general carriage of the girls at many of the schools, where these lady-teachers very successfully carry on the instruction in calisthenics, &c., between my visits.

Lady-Students.—A number of ladies have been very regular in attendance at this class. There are, however, several whose names do not appear on the attendance register.

Male Students.—These gentlemen have been very regular in their attendance, and the result is very satisfactory. The time is generally divided between drill and gymnastics. On some occasions each one in turn takes charge of the squad for drill under my supervision. These gentlemen will be competent to take charge of drill and gymnastics at the schools to which they may be appointed.

Male Pupil-teachers.—The improvement of those attending this class is very satisfactory indeed, both in drill and gymnastics. Very excellent work was shown in the yearly competition. Of this number, Mr. L. Suckling, of Colombo Road, Mr. G. Gilling, of East Christchurch, and Mr. C. Hardy, of Colombo Road, deserve special mention. This class, however, is very small, several pupil-teachers not having put in an appearance for months. From the known benefits the young receive from gymnastic training, and considering the facilities offered, I would recommend to the consideration of the Board that the male pupil-teachers and assistants be required to pass an examination in easy gymnastics before receiving a master's certificate.

The Gymnasium.—The gymnasium, completed during the year, is found to meet every requirement, and the easy access from the drill-shed is found to be very convenient for combining instruction in drill and gymnastics.

I have, &c.,
JAMES Q. WALKER,
Gymnastic and Drill Instructor to Public Schools.

The Chairman of the Board of Education.