

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance at beginning of year—			By Office staff—Salaries ..	524	0 0
Cr. on Building Account ..	2,875	0 1	Departmental contingencies ..	322	15 6
Dr. on General Account ..	1,536	8 9	Inspector's salary ..	500	0 0
	1,338	11 4	Inspector's travelling expenses ..	197	18 0
Government grant for buildings ..	4,813	1 6	Examination of pupil-teachers ..	3	12 4
Government statutory capitation ..	28,252	15 3	Teachers' salaries and allowances (in-		
Scholarship grant ..	387	2 2	cluding rent, bonus, &c.)..	23,720	11 8
Inspection subsidy ..	300	0 0	Incidental expenses of schools ..	1,859	19 4
Grant for training of teachers ..	173	19 11	Training of teachers ..	173	19 11
Payments by School Commissioners ..	227	11 0	Scholarships—		
Fees for pupil-teacher examination ..	10	5 0	Paid to scholars ..	495	0 0
School of Design ..	406	11 5	Examination expenses ..	61	11 11
			School buildings—		
			New buildings ..	2,767	13 11
			Improvements of buildings ..	429	5 7
			Furniture and appliances ..	153	13 5
			Sites ..	14	6 0
			Plans, supervision, and fees ..	169	11 8
			Rents of school rooms ..	453	13 0
			School of Design ..	937	4 0
			Balance at end of year—		
			Cr. on Building Account ..	4,592	11 6
			Dr. on General Account ..	1,472	10 2
				3,120	1 4
				<u>£35,909</u>	<u>17 7</u>
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J. R. BLAIR, Chairman.

ARTHUR DORSET, Secretary.

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

REPORT ON THE SCHOOL OF DESIGN.

SIR,—

School of Design, 15th January, 1889.

I have the honour to submit my annual report upon the work of the School of Design and its branches, and drawing in the primary schools of this educational district.

1. PRIMARY SCHOOL INSTRUCTION.—Steady progress has been made with elementary drawing in the primary schools, the First, Second, and Third Standards having received special attention. Standard IV. will next be dealt with, and gradually V. and VI., thus insuring a systematic course of work by easy stages. A number of scholars holding the full first-grade certificate have received instruction in the School of Design once weekly, with a view to giving additional opportunities towards a technical foundation.

2. INSTRUCTION OF TEACHERS AND PUPIL-TEACHERS.—A regular course of instruction has been given throughout the year in the Wellington centre, and a course of ten lectures was given in the Wairarapa; these were well attended, and considerable enthusiasm was shown. I regret that the assistant teachers do not take advantage of the instruction given in the School of Design; and would urge that the Board take some steps towards requiring the attendance of teachers not holding drawing certificates, in order that they may fit themselves to give the necessary class instruction as required by the departmental regulations. If this is not done it will be impossible for me to do my work, or the teachers theirs, efficiently. The pupil-teachers I am dissatisfied with; not one-half are painstaking and attentive in their work; a large number appear to be very indifferent. A small percentage have taken the geometrical and perspective sections, and passed "good" and "excellent." The work of M. George, M. D. Lawson, M. E. Page, C. Treadwell, and G. A. Jones in these sections is highly satisfactory, the examination papers being the best I have seen for many years. The instructress, Miss M. Richardson, has worked very earnestly and thoroughly. Several pupil-teachers now hold full drawing certificates, and are entitled to, and will proceed with, advanced work. The arrangement with regard to instruction of pupil-teachers on Wednesday afternoon has proved a failure. It is therefore necessary to revert to the Saturday classes for instruction.

3. NUMBER ON THE ROLLS.—The number of teachers on the roll is 14, pupil-teachers 89, and boys holding first-grade certificates 20; total 123; and 28 receiving instruction in the Wairarapa: making a grand total of 151.

4. FIRST-GRADE EXAMINATIONS.—The usual examination in first-grade drawing was held in June. Number of papers examined, 1,259, as against 1,117 of last year. The following is the subdivision of this year's papers:—

	Papers taken.	Passed.	Failed.
Freehand ..	662	298	364
Model ..	143	40	103
Geometrical ..	238	154	84
Scale ..	216	108	108
Totals ..	1,259	600	659

Number of individual candidates, 994; individual passes, 506. Number of schools presenting candidates, 37; passes excellent, 38; passes good, 82. Number of scholars holding full first-grade certificates, 28, as against 11 last year, subdivided as follows: Thorndon School, 15; Newtown, 5; Mount Cook, 5; Featherston, 2; Te Aro, 1.

5. SECOND-GRADE EXAMINATIONS.—Examinations were held in June and December, with the following result:—