General Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at beginning of year—			
On Building Account	102	15	7
On General Account	192	19	4
Government grant for buildings ..	719	0	6
Government statutory capitation ..	4,452	7	1
Scholarship grant	80	0	0
Inspection subsidy	183	6	8
Refund from Bank of New Zealand ..	0	0	1
Balance at end of year	315	13	1
	£6,046	2	4

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Office staff—Salaries..	149	13	4
Departmental contingencies	15	18	11
Inspector's salary	125	0	0
Inspector's travelling expenses ..	90	19	0
Examination of pupil-teachers ..	3	3	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances (including rent, bonus, &c.)	4,414	4	8
Incidental expenses of schools ..	503	17	3
Scholarships—			
Paid to scholars	80	0	0
Examination expenses	12	12	0
School buildings—			
New buildings	106	15	6
Improvements of buildings	392	8	8
Furniture and appliances	21	9	0
Plans, supervision, and fees ..	53	12	6
Printing and advertising	52	3	1
Stationery	24	5	5
	£6,046	2	4

A. P. Seymour, Chairman.
John T. Robinson, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—James Edward FitzGerald, Controller and Auditor-General.

NELSON.

Sir,—

I have the honour to submit to you a report of the proceedings of the Nelson Education Board during the year ending the 31st December, 1888.

Meetings of the Board.—The Board has held thirteen meetings during the year, the average attendance at each meeting being 7·46.

Members of the Board.—At the annual election of three members of the Board, held on the 14th March, the retiring members were re-elected. The following are the members of the Board—viz., the Hon. J. W. Barnicoat (Chairman), the Hon. Joseph Shephard, Messrs. Harkness, Phillips, Dencker, Clayden, Tarrant, Hursthouse, and the Bishop of Nelson.

Schools.—Eighty-nine schools were at work at the close of the year, twenty-three of them being aided schools. Of these, twenty have received a capitation allowance of £4, besides a Committee allowance of 11s. 6d. for each scholar. The remaining three have received the capitation allowance of £4 only. Seven of the smaller schools within school districts have also been paid the capitation allowance of £4 and the Committee allowance of 11s. 6d. The average attendance at these thirty schools is but 15·3.

School Districts.—Two school districts have been constituted during the year—viz., Neudorf, by the subdivision of the former Upper Moutere School District, and Promised Land, by the subdivision of the old Karamea School District.

Teaching Staff.—One hundred and fifty-eight teachers of all grades were on the staff at the close of 1888, as against 153 at the end of the previous year. The proportion of the sexes on the teaching staff was but slightly altered, the female teachers being one less than before, and the male teachers showing an increase of six. The number of probationers, equivalent to pupil-teachers, now on the teaching staff is thirty-nine.

Attendance of Scholars.—The number of scholars on the roll has only increased from 5,413 at the end of 1887 to 5,482 at the close of last year; the average attendance from 4,186 to 4,198.

I have, &c.,
J. W. Barnicoat, Chairman.

The Hon the Minister of Education.

General Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at beginning of year—			
On Building Account	549	15	2
On General Account	2,980	7	9
Government grant for buildings ..	1,949	9	6
Other receipts for buildings—Bank interest	56	0	0
Government statutory capitation ..	15,060	12	6
Scholarship grant	270	18	9
Inspection subsidy	300	0	0
Payments by School Commissioners ..	589	19	4
From sale of school material ..	504	8	8
Refund unpaid scholarship cheque ..	1	0	0
	£22,262	11	8

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Office staff—Salaries	287	0	0
Departmental contingencies	241	9	7
Inspector's salary and travelling allowance	550	0	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances, &c...	12,969	18	3
Incidental expenses of schools ..	1,750	0	0
Training of teachers	82	10	0
Scholarships—			
Paid to scholars	256	2	6
Examination expenses	17	3	3
School buildings—			
New buildings	653	1	10
Improvements, &c.	58	9	8
Furniture, &c.	140	16	7
Sites	4	4	0
Purchase and distribution of school material	381	0	11
Balance at end of year—			
On Building Account	1,698	12	7
On General Account	3,172	2	6
	£22,262	11	8

J. W. Barnicoat, Chairman.
Stead Ellis, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—James Edward FitzGerald, Controller and Auditor-General.