

Liabilities.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rates to local bodies	4	15	2
Legal expenses	26	6	0
Awaiting appropriation in purchase of land	511	6	0
Accrued for secondary education	136	13	2
Total liabilities	679	0	4

G. W. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

W. PARKER, Jun., Secretary.

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

MARLBOROUGH.

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

Receipts.

	Primary Education Reserves.		Secondary Education Reserves.		Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Credit balance, 1st January, 1888	43	5	4	...	43	5	4
Arrears of rents for previous years	28	5	0	...	28	5	0
Revenue—rent of reserves for current year	33	15	0	...	33	15	0
Total receipts	105	5	4	...	105	5	4

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Salaries and allowances to officers	25	0	0	6	5	0	31	5	0
Credit balance, 31st December, 1888	72	10	4	}	...	74	0	4	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	1	10	0						
Total expenditure	99	0	4	6	5	0	105	5	4

Assets.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance of cash, 31st December, 1888	74	0	4	74	0	4	
Arrears of rents due	137	15	0	52	0	0	189	15	0
Total assets	211	15	4	52	0	0	263	15	4

Liabilities.—Nil.

JOHN T. ROBINSON, Secretary.

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

NELSON.

SIR,—

Nelson, 7th March, 1889.

The School Commissioners, Nelson, have the honour to present their report and copy of their accounts, which have been duly audited, for the year ended the 31st December, 1888.

The work of the Commissioners during the past year has been chiefly formal, consisting principally of the collection of rents and the settlement of the inevitable questions which arise in dealing with the leasing of a considerable area of land, mostly in small blocks, to a number of tenants.

By the accounts it will be seen that the arrears of rent on the 31st December last only amounted to £83 12s. 3d., an amount which the Commissioners are pleased to report is now considerably reduced by subsequent payments.

During the year the Commissioners have issued four leases, at a gross annual rental of £32 16s.

There are still several reserves, which have been offered for lease by public auction, remaining unlet, and the Commissioners have had under their consideration the question of inviting tenders for leasing the same, but have decided to defer the matter for the present, with a view to obtaining better rentals in the future.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

ALFRED GREENFIELD, Chairman.