GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December 1894.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance—			
On Building Account	3,219	3	8
On General Account	2,642	13	5
Government grant for buildings	2,450	0	0
Subscriptions and donations for buildings (part cost of joint fence)	40	19	0
Other receipts for buildings—			
Bank interest	50	12	6
Contractors' deposits	35	0	0
Refund	2	0	0
Government statutory capitation	16,669	2	6
Government scholarship grant	429	7	9
Inspection subsidy	300	0	0
Payments by School Commissioners	856	10	0
Sale of school books	539	19	8
Bank interest	41	5	0
Rents of land	7	5	0
Received in error from a teacher	1	1	0
	£27,284	19	6

Expenditure.	£	s.	d
By Office staff—Salaries	315	11	8
Departmental contingencies	309	3	7
Inspectors' salaries (including travelling expenses)	912	10	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances	16,151	9	9
Incidental expenses of schools	1,926	14	0
Training of teachers	79	19	10
Scholarships—			
Paid to scholars	420	10	0
Examination expenses	17	4	3
School buildings—			
New buildings	3,106	15	2
Improvements of buildings	534	0	4
Furniture and appliances	184	11	11
Sites	54	5	0
Refund contractors' deposits	50	0	0
Interest on overdraft	0	5	6
Purchase of school books, &c.	607	7	9
Subsidy to schools' library	3	3	0
Refund cash paid to Board in error	1	1	0
Balance—			
On Building Account	1,867	17	3
On General Account	742	9	6
	£27,284	19	6

GEORGE TALBOT, Chairman.
STEAD ELLIS, Secretary

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

GREY

SIR,— Education Office, Greymouth, 4th March, 1895.

In compliance with the provisions of section 102 of "The Education Act, 1877," I have the honour to submit the following report of the proceedings of the Board of the Education District of Grey for the year ending 31st December, 1894:—

THE BOARD.—During the year the constitution of the Board has undergone no change. For the vacancies on the Board caused by the retirement of Messrs. Kettle, Kerr, and White, seven nominations were received. The result of the voting was the re-election of the three gentlemen mentioned. At the ordinary meeting, held on the 10th April, Mr William Robert Kettle was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board for the then current year, and Mr W Cameron Smith, Treasurer During the year the Board held eleven ordinary meetings and two special meetings. The following figures represent the attendances made by each member Mr Kettle (Chairman), 13, Mr White, 13, Mr Marshall, 13, Mr Petrie, 13, Mr McGuire, 13, Mr Smith, 11; Mr Nancarrow, 10, Mr Byrne, 10, and Mr Kerr, who was necessarily absent during the parliamentary session, 8. Mr Richard Nancarrow was reappointed as the Board s representative on the Grey High School Board.

INSPECTORSHIP.—The Board's Inspector Mr. E. T Robinson, died on the 12th of April, after a lingering illness, and, as the Board found it necessary to exercise the strictest economy as a means of reducing expenditure, it was decided not to fill the vacancy for a few months. At the September meeting of the Board Mr William L. F Fetch, M.A., Cambridge University, was appointed to conduct the annual examination of the schools. Mr Fetch entered upon his duties in October, and finished the examination of the twenty-four schools early in December The Board was so well satisfied with the manner in which Mr Fetch performed the work that at the last January meeting he was appointed permanent Inspector to the Board.

SCHOOLS AND ATTENDANCE.—There were twenty-four schools in operation at the close of the year to which this report refers. The teachers in the employ of the Board comprised seventeen males and thirty-seven females, or a total of fifty-four, as compared with fifty-seven at the end of 1893. Of this number, fourteen were pupil-teachers—two males and twelve females. In the matter of attendance the Board has to report a slight falling-off, owing to the great amount of sickness which prevailed during a part of the year The total number of scholars at the end of the year was 1,673, as compared with 1,680 at the close of 1893, thus showing a decrease of seven. The average weekly attendance for the whole year was 1,696, or thirty-two less than for 1893, while the average ordinary attendance was 1,333, being eighty less than before. It is anticipated, however, that the enforcement of the provisions of the School Attendance Act will have a beneficial effect in the matter of attendance, and to that end a truant officer has been appointed for the Taylorville, Dobson, and Richardson School Districts, in addition to the one appointed who does duty in the Greymouth School District.

PUPIL-TEACHERS.—At the examination held in January eleven pupil-teachers sat for examination—two males and nine females—one for admission to Class I., two for admission to Class II., four for admission to Class III., and four for admission to Class IV Of these, ten passed and one failed, the passes being one into Class I., two into Class II., four into Class III., and three into Class IV

SCHOLARSHIPS.—The annual examination of candidates for scholarships was held simultaneously with that for pupil-teachers. For the four scholarships—two town and two country—annually