

monses served, 68; fines imposed, 50; orders of the Court obtained, 8; dismissed, 10. The fines, amounting in all to £8 8s., have been paid over to the Committees in respect of whose schools the cases were dealt with.

**MANUAL INSTRUCTION.**—In April the Board completed arrangements for manual-training classes in woodwork at the Normal School, under the instruction of Mr. F. W. Sandford, whose qualifications had been proved to the satisfaction of the Minister. For the convenience of teachers resident in the country two of the classes, all of which were out of school-hours, have been held on Saturdays, the Board having recognised the importance of affording its teachers every opportunity of qualifying themselves to give the instruction in their own schools. The entrance-fee for teachers was fixed at 5s. per quarter; that for boys, 2s. 6d. If free admission were granted to the boys' classes, no doubt the novelty of the instruction would for a time attract an even larger number than has hitherto attended, but the payment of a fee, even though a small one, is some guarantee of regular attendance; and, apart from this, besides providing some of the necessary funds, it helps to weed out those who have no real liking or aptitude for the work. The Instructor reports that, taking the work as a whole, it has been very satisfactory; that all classes have shown great aptitude in the use of tools, that the work done by the teachers is very good, in many cases excellent, and that the drawing of the boys was much better than he expected to find it. In response to the hope expressed by the department, a number of teachers attending the classes are preparing themselves for the City and Guilds of London Institute examination, to be held in June next, and for which thirty-three entries have been received.

A manual-training class, under the auspices of a local committee, with Mr. Sandford as instructor, has also been formed at Leeston. This class, which opened in July, has been attended by nine teachers and two boys, who have received three hours' instruction every Saturday evening for a period extending over ten weeks during each of the two quarters.

An application has been made to the department for the funds required to fit up workshop and provide the necessary tools at Ashburton, where a local committee has been formed for the purpose of establishing similar classes.

The following table shows the number of teachers and boys that attended at the Normal School, with the number of classes held during each quarter:—

Quarter commencing—	Number of Classes.	Roll-number.		Total Roll-number.
		Teachers.	Boys.	
3rd April ... ..	10	72	130	202
12th July ... ..	11	57	150	207
4th October ... ..	9	30	125	155

I have, &c.,  
T. W. ADAMS, Chairman.

**GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1897.**

Receipts.			Expenditure.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance—						
Dr. on Building Account	246	12 4				
On General Account	3,867	11 1				
			3,620	18 9		
Government grant for buildings			8,780	0 0		
Other receipts for buildings—						
Springston—						
Contribution towards purchase of side-school site			23	5 0		
Half-cost of fencing side-school			4	10 0		
Burwood—Sale of house			41	0 0		
Richmond—Sale of cottage			5	0 0		
Contractors' deposits			314	4 2		
Government statutory capitation	55,247	12 1				
Scholarship grant	1,100	11 7				
Inspection subsidy	500	0 0				
Grant for training of teachers	300	0 0				
Payments by School Commissioners	12,470	19 3				
Other receipts—						
Charteris Bay—Rent of house			7	1 6		
Mandeville Plains—Rent of site			6	0 0		
Little Akaloa—Rent of side-school site			3	0 0		
Rent of Reserve 777			4	0 0		
Rent of Reserve 3059			2	12 6		
Normal School—Hire of room			0	10 0		
Fees for lectures to partially certificated teachers			17	18 6		
Manual-training School			322	11 3		
Truancy Office—Court-fees			0	4 0		
Gammack scholarships			200	0 0		
			£82,971	18 7		
By Office staff—Salaries					796	5 0
Departmental contingencies					442	6 6
Inspectors' salaries					1,300	0 0
Inspectors' travelling - expenses and stationery					300	3 4
Examination of pupil-teachers					84	13 8
Teachers' salaries and allowances					55,736	4 3
Incidental expenses of schools					7,032	13 11
Training of teachers					1,626	0 9
Scholarships—						
Paid to scholars					928	10 8
Examination expenses					113	12 11
School buildings—						
New buildings					2,542	12 4
Improvements of buildings					4,063	4 8
Furniture and appliances					288	3 2
Sites					438	6 9
Plans, supervision, and fees					525	11 0
Other expenses—						
Contractors' deposits					268	17 8
Exchange on cheques					25	12 10
Gammack scholarships					103	18 0
Manual-training School					309	10 7
Truancy Office					137	3 7
Reserve 777, advertising					0	15 6
Balance—						
On Building Account					794	11 3
On General Account					5,113	0 3
					£82,971	18 7

T. W. ADAMS, Chairman.  
H. C. LANE, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.