

successful candidates were pupils attending the Stratford School. It may not be out of place to state here that Clara Taylor, Stratford, took second place in the examination for Queen's Scholarships in connection with the Victoria College, Wellington, and that Ada Powell, also of Stratford, took a high place in the same examination.

COMMITTEES.—New school districts have been formed at Ngariki, Egmont Village, Durham Road, and Dudley Road, and Committees for these districts will be elected in due course.

FINANCE.—The income of the Board from all sources, including £1,233 14s. 7d. balance on the 31st December, 1897, was £16,085 9s. 9d., and the expenditure £15,074 12s. 10d., leaving a credit balance of £1,010 16s. 11d. Against this balance are liabilities which fully cover the same.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

ROBERT G. BAUCHOPE, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1898.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance—			By Office staff—salaries	175	0 0
On Building Account	341	9 11	Clerical assistance	18	16 9
On Scholarship Account	1	9 8	Departmental contingencies	173	8 9
On General Account	883	11 5	Inspector's salary	350	0 0
On Land Fund Account	6	3 7	" travelling-expenses	100	0 0
Cash in hand	1	0 0	Examination of pupil teachers	8	3 6
Government grant for buildings	2,120	0 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances (including rent, bonus, &c.)	10,191	16 5
Other receipts for buildings—			Incidental expenses of schools	1,280	3 4
Payments by Committees	9	0 0	Training of teachers	156	16 8
Sale of old material	2	10 0	Scholarships—		
Government statutory capitation	11,200	1 11	Paid to scholars	227	10 0
Scholarship grant	233	7 6	Examination expenses	5	7 6
Inspection subsidy	200	0 0	School buildings—		
Payments by School Commissioners	991	7 9	New buildings	1,456	19 6
District High School fees	74	10 0	Improvements of buildings	538	0 5
Rents of school sites	20	18 0	Furniture and appliances	234	9 6
			Sites	3	0 6
			Plans, supervision, and fees	80	0 0
			Truant Inspectors	75	0 0
			Balance—		
			On Building Account	149	0 0
			On Scholarship Account	4	14 8
			On General Account	985	14 5
			On Land Account	6	3 7
			Cash in hand	0	15 0
				1,146	7 8
			Less outstanding cheques	135	10 9
					1,010 16 11
					<u>£16,085 9 9</u>
					<u>£16,085 9 9</u>

ROBERT G. BAUCHOPE, Chairman.

E. VEALE, Secretary.

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

REPORT ON THE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 29th March, 1899.

I have the honour to forward to you a report on the District High School, Stratford, for the year 1898.

Subject.	Division.	Pupils examined.	Work done.
Latin ..	I.	12	Via Latina, to exercise 45.
	II.	4	Via Latina, to exercise 24.
French ..	I.	9	Chardenal, Part I., to exercise 148.
	II.	1	Chardenal, Part I., to exercise 50.
English ..	I.	10	Abbott's "How to Write Clearly," to exercise 50. Mason, to page 48. "Merchant of Venice," Act IV.
Euclid ..	I.	13	Book I.
	II.	5	Book I., to Proposition XV.
Algebra ..	I.	14	To simple equations.

As this is the first year the District High School has been established, and as only eight of the pupils had been at secondary work for a full year, the progress on the whole has been very fair. Better educational results would, however, have been obtained had somewhat less work been attempted in some of the subjects, but prepared more thoroughly, to insure a good grounding in the elementary work, and a more rapid progress in the advanced work. I regret that three ex-pupils of the school who had been taking secondary subjects with the morning class did not present themselves for examination.

I have, &c.,

The Chairman, Education Board.

W. E. SPENCER, Inspector.