$8\tilde{5}$ $\mathbf{E}_{i}=1$

Committees have in the course of the year taken advantage of the offer of the Board to pay pound for pound to defray expenses of repairs, improvements, additions, &c., to schools, residences, and grounds. The Board has in this way expended over £700, representing an equal amount contributed by the Committees and the people of their districts.

The Board has pleasure in placing on record the most satisfactory manner in which the whole of its officers have discharged their duties. I have, &c., Wm. Snow, Chairman.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

| GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & | nd Ex | PE | NDI | TURE for the Year ending 31st December, | 190 | 02. |
|---|-------------------|-----|-----|--|------------|---------------|
| Receipts. | £ | 6. | d. | Expenditure. £ | S. | d. |
| Credit balance at beginning of year— | | | | Office Staff—Salaries | 10 | 0 |
| On General Account, Cr. £4,005 3 11 | | | | Departmental contingencies 338 | 3 18 | |
| On Building Account, Dr. 2,442 13 9 | | | | Inspectors' salaries and travelling-expenses 2,225 | | |
| | 1,562 | 10 | 2 | | 3 17 | |
| | 7,270 | | ō | | 13 | |
| Local contributions for buildings | | | 1 | | | |
| Local contributions for buildings Capitation for relieving teachers | 369 | | | | 6 0 | O |
| Allowance, £250, and capitation at 11s. 3d | 10.110 | | | | 3 7 | |
| Salaries and allowances for teachers and | | ~ | ~0 | Training of toachers 886 | 3 | |
| pupil-teachers | | | | Teachers' salaries 62,63° Teachers' house allowances 23° Pupil-teachers' lodging allowances 20° Incidental expenses of schools 5,01° | | |
| Net amount paid by Government | 50. 379 | 8 | 3 | Teachers' house allowances 231 | $\hat{13}$ | |
| Amount paid by School Commissioners | | | | Pupil-teachers' lodging allowances 204 | 1 | |
| | | | | Incidental expenses of schools 5.017 | | |
| Scholarship grant at 1s. 6d. District High School—Capitation | 1 /17 | 70 | ō | School buildings— | 10 | U |
| Grant for training of teachers | | ñ | ő | New buildings 4,668 | 2 6 | 10 |
| Manual and technical instruction— | 300 | O | v | Improvements of buildings 3,417 | | |
| Capitation for— | | | | | 8 | |
| * · · · · | 259 | E | 1 | | 3 13 | |
| | $\frac{259}{227}$ | | | | 10 | |
| Special classes | 221 | 1 | 3 | T01 11 31 0F | 10 | |
| Grants for— | ~00 | ^ | 0 | | . 1 | 9 |
| Buildings Apparatus and material | 500 | | | Manual and technical instruction— | . 10 | |
| Apparatus and material | 115 | | | | 18 | |
| Grants for instruction of teachers | 270 | 4 | 5 | Payment to Committees | 12 | |
| Grants for rebuilding schools destroyed by | 000 | - 4 | | Dundings bot | 0 | |
| fire | 200 | | | Apparatus and material 85 | 15 | |
| | | 10 | 0 | Instruction of teachers 120 | 6 | |
| Grant for Pomahaka School | 20 | 0 | 0 | | 14 | |
| School of Art and Design - Fees (five | | _ | _ | Gymnastic instruction 136 | 19 | |
| quarters) | 332 | 8 | 0 | | 4 | |
| Other receipts (manual and technical in- | | _ | | Inspection expenses 19 | 4 | |
| struction) | | 3 | | | . 12 | |
| Rent of offices | 65 | | | Conveyance of children | 0 | |
| Reserve rents | | 14 | | | 14 | |
| Deposit forfeited Truancy fines | | 6 | | Rent of buildings used for school purposes 49 | 16 | 3 |
| Truancy fines | | 1 | | · | | - 21 |
| Books sold | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Dr. balance at end of year— | | | | | | |
| Building Account, Dr . £4,935 7 10 | | | | | | |
| General Account, Cr. 3,346 10 9 | | | | | | |
| | 1,588 | 17 | 1 | w | | |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | | | | - |
| | 386,599 | 17 | 11 | £86,599 | 17 | 11 |
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P. G. PRYDE, Secretary and Treasurer.

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

TRAINING COLLEGE REPORT.

I HAVE much pleasure in presenting my report on the work of the Training College for the year 1902.

I shall content myself with a very brief statement of the position and progress of the training classes. The session was opened with an attendance of twenty-five students, classified in the following way: Second-year students, females 6; first-year students, males 7, females 12, total 19. Number left during the year, females 8; number in attendance at the close of the session, males 7, females 10, total 17. The number in attendance at the close of the session was smaller than usual, as several who would otherwise have continued their training at the College were appointed to smaller country schools. There has been a great demand for teachers of this class, and several schools have been closed, I understand, for want of teachers. The exigencies of the public service may, perhaps, be some excuse for withdrawing students from the College who have not completed their period of training, just as imperfectly trained teachers are better than no teachers at all; but it seems to me an unwise policy all the same, and one that will prove ultimately detrimental both to the schools and to education.

THE TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL COURSE OF TRAINING.—All the classes of the Normal School are utilised for the purpose of giving the students training in the art of teaching. To enable as many students as possible to practice at the same time, the classes are subdivided into smaller sections and the lessons are given the usual conditions of a public-school time-table. Whilst the students have the principles upon which the lesson must be conducted laid down with some attention to detail, they are at liberty at all times to apply these principles in any way their own individual powers of resource may suggest. The students are encouraged to give their lessons as if the lesson were a living and spontaneous expression of their mind rather than a stereotyped or formal method of imparting instruction. I have in the course of the year's work always borne