GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1902.

| *Receipts.* | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Credit balance at beginning of year— | | | |
| On Building Account .. .. | 377 | 11 | 11 |
| On General Account .. .. | 561 | 2 | 4 |
| Government grant for buildings .. | 4,035 | 8 | 6 |
| Subscriptions and donations for buildings | 60 | 2 | 8 |
| Other receipts for buildings— | | | |
| Bluff: Balance of sale, school-site .. | 352 | 0 | 0 |
| Flints and Groper's Bush: Sale of sites | 61 | 13 | 3 |
| Groper's Bush: Balance, sale of site .. | 156 | 19 | 9 |
| Other Grants from Government— | | | |
| Capitation for relieving-teachers .. | 176 | 0 | 8 |
| Allowance, £250, and capitation at 11s. 3d. .. .. .. .. | 4,692 | 18 | 6 |
| Addition to Statutory Capitation—Balance for 1901 .. .. .. | 323 | 10 | 9 |
| Salaries and allowances of teachers and pupil-teachers— | | | |
| Net amount paid by Government .. | 26,226 | 16 | 6 |
| Paid by School Commissioners—reserves revenue .. .. .. | 3,889 | 5 | 8 |
| Scholarship grant .. .. .. | 613 | 1 | 11 |
| District High Schools—Capitation .. | 156 | 0 | 0 |
| Manual and technical instruction— | | | |
| Capitation for— | | | |
| School Classes .. .. .. | 107 | 14 | 8 |
| Special Classes— | | | |
| Continuation .. .. .. | 16 | 15 | 3 |
| Manual and technical instruction .. .. .. | 99 | 14 | 7 |
| Associated Classes— | | | |
| Continuation .. .. .. | 46 | 19 | 5 |
| Manual and technical instruction .. .. .. | 36 | 2 | 6 |
| Grants for— | | | |
| Apparatus .. .. .. | 199 | 17 | 1 |
| Instruction of teachers .. .. | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Railway fares of teachers .. | 21 | 2 | 0 |
| Other receipts for manual and technical instruction— | | | |
| Fees .. .. .. .. | 205 | 11 | 6 |
| Voluntary contributions .. .. | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Other receipts— | | | |
| Interest on fixed deposits .. .. | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| Rents of school-sites .. .. | 83 | 2 | 9 |
| Refunds .. .. .. .. | 17 | 5 | 0 |
| | £42,738 | 17 | 2 |

| *Expenditure.* | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Office staff—Salaries and clerical assistance .. .. .. .. | 562 | 1 | 5 |
| Departmental contingencies .. .. | 433 | 18 | 2 |
| Inspectors' salaries and travelling-expenses | 966 | 8 | 5 |
| Truant Officer's salary and expenses .. | 192 | 12 | 3 |
| Instructor in gymnastics .. .. | 68 | 11 | 0 |
| Examination of pupil-teachers .. .. | 8 | 12 | 6 |
| Scholarships— | | | |
| Paid to scholars .. .. .. | 655 | 13 | 4 |
| Examination expenses .. .. | 10 | 14 | 6 |
| Teachers' salaries .. .. .. | 30,424 | 18 | 7 |
| Teachers' house allowances .. .. | 222 | 12 | 8 |
| Pupil-teachers' lodging allowances .. | 105 | 9 | 4 |
| Incidental expenses of schools .. .. | 2,207 | 18 | 6 |
| School buildings— | | | |
| New buildings .. .. .. | 1,805 | 1 | 6 |
| Improvements of buildings .. .. | 2,061 | 16 | 3 |
| Furniture and appliances .. .. | 80 | 19 | 3 |
| Sites .. .. .. .. | 34 | 4 | 9 |
| Plans, supervision, and fees .. .. | 369 | 15 | 10 |
| Advertising tenders .. .. .. | 32 | 1 | 6 |
| Manual and technical instruction— | | | |
| Salaries .. .. .. .. | 414 | 19 | 1 |
| Travelling-expenses of students .. | 21 | 2 | 0 |
| Payments to committees .. .. | 31 | 5 | 3 |
| Apparatus .. .. .. .. | 172 | 10 | 0 |
| Material .. .. .. .. | 56 | 8 | 1 |
| Rent .. .. .. .. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Incidentals .. .. .. .. | 54 | 12 | 8 |
| Other expenses— | | | |
| Members' travelling-expenses .. | 178 | 18 | 4 |
| Interest on overdraft .. .. | 7 | 5 | 0 |
| Rent of buildings used for school purposes .. .. .. .. | 39 | 0 | 0 |
| Credit balance at end of year— | | | |
| On Building Account .. .. | 659 | 17 | 0 |
| On General Account .. .. | 858 | 10 | 0 |
| | £42,738 | 17 | 2 |

J. C. THOMSON, Chairman.
JNO. NEILL, Secretary and Treasurer.

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

## HAWKE'S BAY.

SIR,— Education Office, Napier, 20th March, 1903.

I have the honour to forward the following report of proceedings of the Hawke's Bay Education Board for the year 1902:—

THE BOARD.—The Board consists of the following members: T. Tanner (Chairman), C. A. Fitzroy, Rev. A. Grant, S. Johnson, C. Hall, M.H.R., S. McLernon, J. J. Patterson, J. C. Westall, and Sir William Russell, M.H.R.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—The average attendance for 1902 was 7,042, while the roll-number was 8,332.

SCHOOLS.—Motu and Whakarau were closed for three months of the year, but they are again in working order. Rakauroa School, lying between the above districts, was opened on the 1st April; Patoka was opened as an aided school on the 1st November; Wakarara was reopened on the 1st February. Additions have been made to a number of schools and teachers' residences. Contracts have been accepted for the erection of new schools at Hatuma, Mangatoro, Mangateretere, and Mangapapa, and teachers' residences at Weber and Umutaoroa.

In regard to grants for schools at Mohaka and Waipiro, the Board represented to the Department the inutility of erecting schools when proper accommodation for a teacher could not be obtained in either place, but advocating a grant be given for a teacher's residence; but without avail. And these two schools are almost entirely for the benefit of Native children, a few Europeans attending. The Department only give a grant of from £400 to £435 to the Board—considering the same object is sought for—the education of the children of New Zealand.

The system of making special grants by the Department the Board considers is not satisfactory. The Board would call attention to Mahora application made by resident settlers and supported by the Board. The Government refused to grant the application. Some months afterwards the Department stated they would reconsider their decision, and one of the officers of the Department would shortly visit the district and report. On the report of the Department's officer a sum was granted—but the system, the Board is of opinion is objectionable.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT has been brought into prominence during last year. Whilst the Board agrees that sanitary reforms may be and are necessary in some of the schools, the Department should furnish the Board with the means to meet such an expenditure, and not compel the Board to expend money granted for erection of teachers' residences, repairs, desks, maps, and all apparatus and appliances necessary to carry on the work of the schools, on sanitary works.