

that requires careful consideration by the Department. It is well known there are dozens of places where a teacher cannot obtain even the semblance of a dwelling for love or money. If we are to keep our teachers, proper dwellings must be found for them. House-allowance grants do not meet the requirements.

APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES.—The syllabus of instruction as provided for in the new regulations makes it compulsory to supply new apparatus and appliances to meet the requirements.

SCHOLARSHIPS.—There are 38 scholarship holders under the Board in this district—32 junior, 4 national, and 2 senior—not to mention 2 Victoria Scholarships gained by children in this district.

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.—Four district high schools are established in the district; the average attendance for the December quarter was 184. The Board is of the opinion that provision should be made to accommodate pupils in the Hastings district. The average attendance for the December quarter was 184.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—The work shows an advance on the work of 1904. Classes in woodwork, dressmaking, and cookery are being carried on throughout the district by special instructors, who devote their whole time to the work, with every promise of good results. The Department is to be thanked for the liberal grants for fitting up cookery rooms at Napier and Hastings. The Board has purchased a site on which to erect a technical school at Napier. The plans for the proposed building will be submitted for the Department's approval, and it is hoped that the coming year will see the classes in Napier enjoying the advantage of suitable accommodation.

TEACHERS' SATURDAY CLASSES.—These classes are carried on in Dannevirke, Gisborne, and Napier in subjects of drawing, dressmaking, woodwork, and cookery, and are well attended. A teachers' winter class was taken during the holidays to allow of teachers in outlying districts who, on account of distance, were unable to attend the weekly Saturday classes. Some sixty-five students attended over a two weeks' course of instruction. The work taken was similar to the programme set down for the Saturday classes, and the teachers returned home well pleased with the training they had received.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES.—It is a matter of congratulation that the Board continues to be on such friendly terms with the School Committees of the district. Some expressions of discontent have been made that the Board does not fulfil all demands; but the Board's resources do not permit them to meet all requests. The Board has always endeavoured to meet the wishes of School Committees, and several of them have subsidised the Board's grants. Several beautiful gardens around some of the schools show what interest the School Committees and teachers take in the establishment of school gardens, for nature study as well as ornamentation.

FINANCE.—The amount paid for teachers' salaries is £25,833 5s. 6d.; to School Committees, £2,594 19s. 5d.; and an extra grant by the Government of £278 4s. 3d.; total, £2,873 3s. 8d. The amount expended (exclusive of technical) on the purchase of sites, erection of school buildings, and repairs was £4,749 5s. 10d.

The Right Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

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THOS. TANNER, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1905.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	4,052	15 2	Staff salaries and clerical assistance	1,071	18 4
Grants from Government for—			Office contingencies	551	14 11
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers	21,142	12 2	Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers	25,833	5 6
Reserves revenue for primary education	4,975	0 0	Relieving-teachers' salaries	174	4 3
Capitation at 11s. 3d., and grant of £250	4,525	8 6	Incidental expenses of schools, School Committees	2,594	19 5
Capitation for relieving-teachers	190	0 9	Special grant to School Committees	278	4 3
Grants for School Committees at 9d.	278	4 3	Transfer to Technical Fund	105	0 3
Receipts from other sources—			Travelling-expenses member and Inspector attending conference at Wellington	15	12 6
Sale of certificates	3	10 0	Scholarships and expenses of examination	631	16 6
Miscellaneous	8	3 4	Salaries of staffs of district high schools	1,256	10 0
Grants from Government for—			Other expenses—		
Scholarships	495	10 3	Printing, &c., £22 12s. 3d.; furniture, £10 11s.	33	3 3
District high schools	1,010	0 0	Manual and technical instruction—		
Refund, Gisborne High School Governors	275	7 9	School classes	676	1 3
Grants from Government for manual and technical instruction—			Special classes	735	18 10
Capitation (general and scholarship)	699	6 5	Other expenses—		
Instruction of teachers	157	0 0	Material for special classes	88	15 3
Refunds, railway fares, winter classes	18	19 4	Maintenance of school buildings—		
Receipts from other sources—			Rebuilding and alteration	1,994	12 4
Fees	231	4 8	Rents	314	15 4
Miscellaneous	14	0 0	House allowances	656	12 7
Transfer from School Fund	105	0 3	New schools, additions, furniture, sites, &c.	2,341	16 11
Grants from Government for—			Buildings, class-rooms, furniture, &c., for manual and technical purposes—		
Maintenance of buildings, rebuilding, &c.	1,653	0 0	School classes	234	4 2
Grant to cover damage by earthquake	250	0 0	Special classes	109	12 9
House allowances	644	16 6	Purchase of site for technical school, Napier	760	15 10
New schools, additions, furniture, &c.	1,050	0 0	Other expenses—		
Technical-school buildings, fittings, &c.	289	14 2	Waipiro Bay	44	2 6
Donation towards purchase site for technical school, Napier	387	10 3	Mohaka	48	18 9
Miscellaneous rents, £16 5s.; refund, £3 11s. 6d.	19	16 6	Balance at end of year	2,017	5 10
Other receipts—					
Government grant, Waipiro Bay	44	2 6			
Donation purchase site, Mohaka	48	18 9			
	£42,570	1 6		£42,570	1 6

THOS. TANNER, Chairman.
G. T. FANNIN, Secretary.

30th April, 1906.