GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1908.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	985	3	5
Grants from Government for—			
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers.. ..	20,017	13	11
Reserves revenue for primary education	635	4	0
Capitation at 6d. for relieving-teachers ..	119	5	6
Capitation at 11s. 3d. and grant of £250	2,933	8	0
Special capitation at 9d. for School Committees	175	11	6
Training of teachers other than at training colleges	150	0	0
Conveyance and board of school-children	96	12	6
Refund postage departmental circulars	1	10	10
Receipts from other sources—Sale of school material, £79 6s. 7d.; interest on fixed deposits, £35; hire of tables, £2 ..	116	6	7
Grants from Government for—			
Scholarships—			
Education Board	456	3	0
National	135	16	8
District high schools—Salaries of teachers	976	5	0
Receipts from other sources—			
District High School fees	3	9	6
Refund Board Scholarship Account ..	3	1	0
Grants from Government for manual and technical instruction—			
Capitation—			
On all classes	1,411	11	7
On account of free places	53	14	0
Material for class-work	11	17	4
Receipts from other sources, manual and technical—Fees, £238, 5s. 2d.; refund, £3 10s.; voluntary contributions, £66 6s. 6d.; sale of material, £4 19s. 4d.	313	1	0
Contributions from three Education Boards towards salary of Instructor in Agriculture under combined Boards ..	199	15	0
Grants from Government for—			
Maintenance of school buildings, rebuilding, rents sites, &c...	4,809	0	0
House allowances	653	12	11
New school buildings, additions, furniture, sites, &c.	1,066	0	0
Technical school buildings, furniture, fittings, apparatus, &c.	1,028	16	3
	£36,352	19	6

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Staff salaries and clerical assistance ..	1,050	7	0
Office contingencies	1,010	9	7
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers.. ..	20,570	4	1
Relieving-teachers' salaries	217	11	10
Conveyance and board of school-children ..	80	18	9
Special capitation to School Committees ..	175	11	6
Incidental expenses of schools	586	14	2
Allowance to scholarship-holders and expenses of examination—			
Board scholarships	382	2	6
National Scholarships	114	3	4
Salaries of teachers and additions to salaries of head teachers on staffs of district high schools	940	0	0
Manual and technical—			
School classes	1,024	3	4
Special classes	1,091	19	7
Maintenance of school buildings—			
Alterations, small additions, repairs, repainting, &c.	2,358	1	0
Rebuilding	1,970	17	3
Rent	50	2	0
House allowances	670	6	3
New school buildings, additional class-rooms, furniture, sites, &c.	747	10	2
Buildings, class-rooms, furniture, &c., for manual and technical purposes—			
School classes	60	16	0
Special classes	1,118	6	9
Balance at end of year	2,132	14	5
	£36,352	19	6

9th July, 1909.

A. T. MAGINNITY, Chairman.
N. R. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

GREY.

SIR,— Education Office, Greymouth, 31st May, 1909.

I have the honour to present the report of the Education Board for the District of Grey for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

BOARD.—At the beginning of the year the Board was composed of the following gentlemen: James Kerr (Chairman), William Robert Kettle (Treasurer), John Byrne, Frank White, Jeremiah McCarthy, Joseph Noble, Henry J. Bignell, John Ryall, and Hon. James Marshall. In July Mr. John Byrne resigned his seat; Messrs. Ryall and Hon. James Marshall also retired, but were re-elected. Mr. Stewart Robert Harris, an ex-member of the old Board, was elected to the seat vacated by Mr. Byrne. At the annual meeting following the election Messrs. Kerr and Kettle were unanimously reappointed Chairman and Treasurer respectively.

SCHOOLS.—During the year thirty-five schools were in operation, as against thirty-two in 1907, the new schools being Mitchell's (Lake Brunner), Slatey Creek, and Poerua (reopened). The schools were graded as follows: Grade 0, 17; Grade I, 3; Grade II, 3; Grade IV, 3; Grade V, 3; Grade VII, 1; Grade IX, 2; Grade X, 1; Grade XI, 1; and Grade XVII, 1.

ATTENDANCE.—The roll-number of pupils was 1,822, and the average attendance 1,580, as compared with 1,784 and 1,468 respectively, the corresponding figures for the previous year.

TEACHERS.—At the end of the year fifty-eight teachers—twelve male and forty-six female—were in the employ of the Board. Of the fifty-three adult teachers, twenty-seven are certificated and one licensed.

SECONDARY.—Work in this department has been of a satisfactory nature, the attendance of pupils and number of Junior Civil Service and Matriculation passes obtained being above the average.

SCHOLARSHIPS.—At the departmental examinations held in December, 1908, sixteen candidates (in all) were presented for Junior National and Board Scholarships, but of these only one, a pupil of the District High School, succeeded in obtaining the qualifying number of marks for a Junior National Scholarship. In view of this result, the Board, with the consent of the Hon. Minister, has modified its regulations so far as regards the qualifying percentage of marks for Board scholars.

CADET AND PHYSICAL DRILL.—These important subjects have received every attention during the year, and results have been of the most gratifying nature. Under Major Austin and his chief