

## II.—EXTRACT from NINTH ANNUAL REPORT of the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

Against the vote of £4,000 for aid to public libraries, there was a first charge of £27 6s. 5d. for payments made at the beginning of the financial year on account of grants deferred from the preceding year for consideration. On the 8th February, the day appointed for the distribution of the subsidy, the sum available—£3,972 13s. 7d.—was apportioned to 366 libraries, 6 of which received the maximum grant of £50, while £3,672 13s. 7d. was allotted to the remaining 360, so as to give a dividend of 4s. 9½d. for each pound of the sum on which each library's share was to be calculated. This sum in each case was the income of 1886 from subscriptions, donations, and rates, with £25 added. At the time of making the division a large number of the claims that had been made were informal or incomplete, and in every such case, if the claim appeared to be one that could probably be substantiated, a proportionate dividend was reserved. A further investigation of these claims resulted, however, in the rejection of seven of them, and the reduction of six others, by which processes £69 3s. 7d. was saved. On the other hand, it was found that two claims that had been rejected could be established by the production of better evidence, and that two others had been understated; and for these reasons £17 11s. 2d. was paid out of the £69 3s. 7d. that had been saved, so that the whole distribution amounted to £51 12s. 5d. less than the sum available. The number of libraries that received grants was 361. A list of these libraries and of the amounts granted is given in another paper (E.—10). The distribution according to education districts is as follows:—

TABLE Y.—PUBLIC LIBRARIES SUBSIDY.

Education Districts.				No. of Libraries.	Income on which Subsidy is calculated.	Amount of Subsidy.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	..	..	..	85	1,853 16 9	847 7 4
Taranaki	..	..	..	11	155 5 3	102 15 6
Wanganui	..	..	..	14	616 0 2	220 18 8
Wellington	..	..	..	16	363 0 3	182 5 4
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	25	854 16 5	334 4 0
Marlborough	..	..	..	5	175 9 3	71 15 6
Nelson	..	..	..	30	473 1 1	292 3 5
Grey	..	..	..	8	213 4 0	98 13 11
Westland	..	..	..	9	229 6 6	108 10 8
North Canterbury	..	..	..	65	1,292 12 5	658 13 5
South Canterbury	..	..	..	10	450 10 11	154 5 9
Otago	..	..	..	55	1,013 18 0	556 6 9
Southland	..	..	..	28	526 14 2	293 0 11
Totals	..	..	..	361	8,217 15 2	3,921 1 2

## III.—LIST showing DISTRIBUTION of SUBSIDY in Detail.

[The word "income" here means income from rates, subscriptions, and donations, and net proceeds of lectures, entertainments, &c., for the year 1886.]

Library.	Income.	Subsidy.	Library.	Income.	Subsidy.
AUCKLAND.			AUCKLAND—continued.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Alexandra .. .. .	18 19 2	10 10 1	Maungatapere .. .. .	12 15 0	9 0 5
Arai and Mangawai .. .. .	3 0 0	6 13 10	Maungatawhiri Valley .. .. .	3 15 0	6 17 5
Arapohue .. .. .	5 10 0	7 5 9	Maungaturoto .. .. .	5 10 0	7 5 9
Aratapu .. .. .	35 2 3	14 7 2	Mercury Bay .. .. .	78 9 9	24 14 6
Auckland .. .. .	616 0 6	50 0 0	Miranda .. .. .	3 10 0	6 16 2
Bombay .. .. .	5 10 0	7 5 9	Mongonui .. .. .	5 9 6	7 5 8
Cambridge .. .. .	76 14 6	24 6 0	Mount Eden .. .. .	15 12 6	9 14 2
Dairy Flat .. .. .	2 10 0	6 11 5	Mount Roskill .. .. .	2 0 0	6 9 0
Dargaville .. .. .	11 17 5	8 16 2	Newmarket .. .. .	12 12 6	8 19 9
Devonport .. .. .	18 18 0	10 9 9	Ngaruawahia .. .. .	5 19 6	7 8 0
Driving Creek .. .. .	5 10 0	7 5 9	Northcote .. .. .	4 17 6	7 2 9
Hamilton .. .. .	30 17 5	13 6 11	Ohinemuri .. .. .	11 1 0	8 12 3
Helensville .. .. .	4 11 6	7 1 3	Okaihau .. .. .	5 17 6	7 7 6
Hobsonville .. .. .	2 5 6	6 10 4	Omaha .. .. .	8 16 6	8 1 4
Howick .. .. .	4 3 2	6 19 4	Onehunga .. .. .	38 10 0	15 3 5
Kaeo .. .. .	4 11 6	7 1 3	Opotiki .. .. .	33 2 0	13 17 9
Kaipara Flats .. .. .	9 7 0	8 4 1	Otahuhu .. .. .	14 18 8	9 10 10
Kaitaia .. .. .	8 2 6	7 18 2	Pahi .. .. .	5 5 0	7 4 6
Kaiwaka .. .. .	2 0 0	6 9 0	Pakuranga .. .. .	3 0 0	6 13 9
Kamo .. .. .	9 2 6	8 2 11	Papakura .. .. .	13 13 0	9 4 7
Katikati .. .. .	4 5 0	6 19 9	Paparoa .. .. .	4 5 0	6 19 9
Kaukapakapa .. .. .	6 8 0	7 10 1	Parua .. .. .	7 16 0	7 16 8
Kawakawa .. .. .	37 4 6	14 17 4	Paterangi .. .. .	6 5 0	7 9 4
Kihikihi .. .. .	8 7 3	7 19 5	Pokeno .. .. .	2 10 0	6 11 5
Kumeo .. .. .	3 18 0	6 18 2	Port Albert .. .. .	13 16 0	9 5 5
Lichfield .. .. .	5 2 6	7 3 10	Pukekohe .. .. .	3 5 0	6 15 0
Lucas Creek .. .. .	3 14 0	6 17 2	Pukekohe East .. .. .	5 18 0	7 7 7
Mahurangi .. .. .	10 17 3	8 11 4	Raglan .. .. .	3 7 6	6 15 6
Mangapai .. .. .	4 17 6	7 2 9	Rodney .. .. .	6 2 0	7 8 7
Mangawai Beach .. .. .	2 15 0	6 12 7	Ruatangata .. .. .	12 7 10	8 18 8
Mangere .. .. .	2 3 9	6 9 10	Tairua .. .. .	30 18 0	13 7 1
Matakana .. .. .	8 3 0	7 18 4	Tauhoa .. .. .	3 3 0	6 14 6
Matakana Lower .. .. .	2 10 0	6 11 5	Tauranga .. .. .	69 5 6	22 10 5
Matakohe .. .. .	3 12 6	6 16 10	Te Aroha .. .. .	54 8 2	18 19 5