1887. NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION: SUBSIDIES PUBLIC LIBRARIES

(PAPERS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF).

[In Continuation of E.-10, 1886.]

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

I.-EXTRACT from the New Zealand Gazette, 2nd September, 1886.

Education Department, Wellington, 23rd August, 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of £4,000 has been voted by Parliament for distribution to public libraries.

The distribution will take place on the 8th February, 1887, and no claim will be entitled to consideration that shall not have been sent in in due form and received by the Secretary for Education, Wellington, on or before the 31st January, 1887.

A library to be entitled to a subsidy must be public in the sense of belonging to the public, and of not being under the control of an association, society, or club, whose membership is composed of a section of the community only, and if within a borough it must be open to the public free of charge. The receipts for the year must not have been less than £2, exclusive of moneys received from endowments, or from Government, or from Borough or County Councils, or for special building purposes, or as rent, hire, or consideration for the use of any room, or building, or land belonging to the institution, in respect of none of which will subsidy be allowed. The net proceeds of concerts, lectures, or other entertainments on behalf of the current expenses of the library will be regarded as voluntary contributions. A subsidy will not be given to more than one library in the same town.

A nominal addition of £25 will be made to the amount of each library's receipts, and the vote of £4,000 will be divided in proportion to the amounts as thus augmented, but so as that no institution shall receive more than £50.

Application to share in the distribution must be by means of a statutory declaration by the Chairman, or Secretary, or Treasurer of the institution on behalf of which it is made, and must be accompanied by a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1886; and such declaration must be on the form provided for the purpose, which form shall be as follows :-

DECLARATION.

I, [name], of [place of abode], [occupation], do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am Chairman [or Secretary or Treasurer] of the [name of institution]; that during the year ending on the 31st only was as follows: From rates levied by a local governing body under "The Public Libraries Act, 1869," pounds shillings and pence: from the subreviation of day of December, 1886, the receipts of the aforesaid institution for the maintenance of the library and pence; from the subscriptions of members, pence; and from voluntary contributions other than members' pounds shillings and

subscriptions, pounds shillings and pence. And I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the information hereinafter furnished by me in the Appendix hereto is correct in every particular; that the abstract of accounts is a true statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1886; and that by the rules of the

institution admission to the reading-room is open to the public free of charge. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882." (Signature.) nd qu

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[Here affi cancel a s at 2s. 6d.]

Justice of the Peace [or Solicitor, or Notary Public].

[Note.-The words relating to free admission may be struck out if the library is not in a borough. The words in brackets are not part of the form, but indicate matter to be inserted or substituted.]

Copies of the form of application may be obtained from the Secretary for Education, Wellington, and from the Secretary of any Education Board.

ROBERT STOUT.

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. $9\frac{1}{3}$ d. 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 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 :—

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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
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Southland	••		••	• •	•••		28	$526 \ 14 \ 2$	293 0 11
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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.]

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