

In the reports of the several Boards (see Appendix) some schools not here named are mentioned as being over-crowded. The inconvenience in such cases may be due to some peculiarity in the plans of the schools, or to some want of relation between the numbers in particular classes and the sizes of the rooms occupied by them: it is not indicated by the returns of area and attendance. The following table (P) is compiled from the returns:—

TABLE P.—DEFICIENCY OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Education Districts.	Schools in Operation.	Schools not belonging to Boards.	Schools without Residences.	Schools with less than 10 sq. ft. for each Child (but more than 8 sq. ft.).	Schools with less than 8 sq. ft. for each Child.	Available in 1888. (Tables N and O.)
Auckland	221	31	97	7	3	£ s. d. 3,799 14 11
Taranaki	35	1	16	5	..	766 16 7
Wanganui	76	4	20	3	1	[-493 11 9]
Wellington	71	12	36	5	1	6,232 19 1
Hawke's Bay	45	5	14	12	2	95 3 9
Marlborough	31	9	11	5	..	459 0 11
Nelson	88	7	49	1	..	1,166 6 2
Grey	20	..	7	2	..	299 7 7
Westland	24	4	11	1	..	772 18 4
North Canterbury	154	5	11	1	..	3,997 19 5
South Canterbury	49	1	9	1,542 1 3
Otago	183	4	6	15	3	2,733 4 0
Southland	96	6	27	5	3	2,834 9 7
Totals.. ..	1,093	89	314	62	13	..

In November a circular was issued requesting the Boards to send in estimates of the value of their school buildings and apparatus, taken as at the end of October. The returns have been received, and they show that the estimated value was £719,269 11s. 9d., being—for schoolhouses, £512,237 5s.; for school apparatus, £48,534 2s. 9d.; for residences, £158,198 4s.; and for an office and store, £300.

The following table (Q) shows for each district the number of schools and residences included in the estimates, the amounts received by Boards for building purposes during eleven years (1877 to 1887, inclusive), and the amounts expended on the same purposes during the same time. As this table is in some respects a continuation of Table No. 4A, contained in the Appendix to the report issued in 1882, three errors which have been discovered in the table of 1882 are here indicated. In column 5, £48,530 is a misprint for £48,350, and in column 1 a deduction of £62 is to be made in the case of North Canterbury, and an addition of £2,590 in the case of Southland. The alterations in column 1 must be repeated in column 4, and the totals of columns 1 and 4 changed accordingly.