

have a credit balance in the Building Account, but a debtor balance in the Maintenance Account; with five Boards the reverse case holds; and one Board has a deficiency on both accounts. On the whole, the credit balances (£23,273 18s. 2d.) exceed the debit balances (£5,653 13s. 5d.) by £17,620 4s. 7d. As the corresponding balance of the preceding year was only £4,587, it follows that the Boards have improved their financial position during the year to the extent of more than £13,000.

Grants were made from the School Buildings votes of 1895 as follows: Auckland, £7,800; Taranaki, £1,700; Wanganui, £3,900; Wellington, £4,700; Hawke's Bay, £2,600; Marlborough, £1,000; Nelson, £2,200; Grey, £1,000; Westland, £750; North Canterbury, £6,850; South Canterbury, £1,700; Otago, £6,600; Southland, £2,850. The Boards continue to find the grants for school buildings inadequate to their needs. Ten Boards out of the thirteen refer to this question in their reports (Appendix, pp. 61-94). Table Q shows that there is an increase in the number of overcrowded schools (from 42 to 51), and that the numbers of schools without residences, and of schools that meet in buildings that do not belong to Boards, have been reduced. Schools with average attendance below ten have not been taken into account in compiling this table.

TABLE Q.—DEFICIENCY OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

| Education Districts. | Schools in Operation (omitting those with less than Ten Pupils each). | Schools not belonging to Boards. | Schools without Residences. | Schools with less than 10 sq. ft. for each Child (but not less than 8 sq. ft.). | Schools with less than 8 sq. ft. for each Child. | Available in 1895. (Tables O and P.) |
|------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | £ s. d. |
| Auckland | 324 | 44 | 135 | 12 | 1 | [-1,033 14 5] |
| Taranaki | 53 | 2 | 18 | 5 | 1 | [-190 9 1] |
| Wanganui | 113 | 13 | 58 | 8 | .. | 512 8 11 |
| Wellington | 99 | 11 | 41 | 2 | 5 | [-225 1 8] |
| Hawke's Bay | 59 | 6 | 28 | 3 | .. | [-566 9 11] |
| Marlborough | 30 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | [-193 15 0] |
| Nelson | 101 | 3 | 34 | 2 | .. | 201 12 6 |
| Grey | 22 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 603 14 10 |
| Westland | 25 | 1 | 5 | 1 | .. | 139 0 9 |
| North Canterbury | 182 | 10 | 28 | 5 | .. | 3,079 7 1 |
| South Canterbury | 65 | 2 | 20 | 1 | .. | [-88 3 4] |
| Otago | 208 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 716 6 6 |
| Southland | 132 | 7 | 21 | 5 | .. | 1,379 19 4 |
| Totals for 1895 .. | 1,413 | 105 | 406 | 51 | 12 | Net 4,334 16 6 |
| Totals for 1894 .. | 1,346 | 117 | 446 | 42 | 14 | " 430 1 10 |

The payments made to the Boards in 1895 on account of scholarships under the fifty-first section of "The Education Act, 1877," amounted to £7,247 13s. 4d. Their expenditure on the same account amounted to £7,449 6s. 6d., as shown in the following table:—

TABLE R.—SCHOLARSHIPS.

| Education Districts. | Number held in Dec., 1895. | Boys. | Girls. | Period of Tenure. | Boards' Expenditure on Scholarships in 1895. | Annual Value, &c. |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-------|--------|-------------------|--|--|
| | | | | Years. | £ s. d. | |
| Auckland | 54 | 29 | 25 | 3 | 1,457 14 11 | 3 at £40; 23 at £30; 28 at £20. |
| Taranaki | 7 | 7 | .. | 2 | 203 2 0 | 5 at £35; 1 of £16; 1 of £10. |
| Wanganui | 13 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 446 16 6 | 9 at £40; 4 at £20. |
| Wellington | 37 | 18 | 19 | 2 | 685 15 0 | 6 at £30; 31 at £15. |
| Hawke's Bay | 23 | 15 | 8 | 2 | 416 15 6 | 6 at £30 4s.; 17 at £10 4s. |
| Marlborough | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 120 0 0 | £40 each. |
| Nelson | 14 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 349 13 6 | 6 at £52 12s.; 2 at £4; 6 at £2. |
| Grey | 8 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 100 0 0 | 4 at £35; 4 at £10. |
| Westland | 7 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 111 14 0 | 2 at £23; 1 of £15 10s.; 1 of £13 4s.; 1 of £10 10s.; 2 at £8. |
| North Canterbury | 31 | 24 | 7 | 2 | 1,154 13 7 | 17 at £40; 14 at £20. |
| South Canterbury | 23 | 11 | 12 | 2 | 411 3 5 | 7 at £34; 1 of £24; 15 at £4. |
| Otago | 61 | 40 | 21 | Varies. | 1,479 16 7 | 8 at £40; 6 at £35; 1 each at £24 and £30; 2 at £22; 23 at £20; 7 at £17; 13 at £15; 35 for 3 years, 26 for 2 years. |
| Southland | 17 | 9 | 8 | Varies. | 512 1 6 | 10 at £35; 7 at £20; 9 for 3½ years, 5 for 3 years, 3 for 1 year. |
| Totals, 1895 .. | 298 | 178 | 120 | .. | 7,449 6 6 | |
| Totals, 1894 .. | 297 | 174 | 123 | .. | 7,023 3 1 | |