

TABLE Q.—DEFICIENCY OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.  
(In this table schools with less than ten pupils have not been counted.)

Education Districts.	Schools in Operation.	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 1900 for Buildings. (Tables O and P.)
						£ s. d.
Auckland .. ..	370	33	181	12	1	[—866 13 10]
Taranaki .. ..	61	4	19	4	1	619 12 5
Wanganui .. ..	*139	14	51	1	..	2,074 7 2
Wellington .. ..	134	..	89	9	5	1,931 16 8
Hawke's Bay .. ..	76	16	26	2	1	1,163 14 8
Marlborough .. ..	†27	2	4	1	1	[—556 2 2]
Nelson .. ..	100	6	49	1	..	1,008 15 11
Grey .. ..	22	..	13	1	1	26 3 7
Westland .. ..	22	..	8	1	..	881 2 4
North Canterbury .. ..	194	3	36	3	..	3,102 10 9
South Canterbury .. ..	68	2	15	1	..	2,258 9 3
Otago .. ..	215	4	9	3	..	624 3 3
Southland .. ..	143	4	25	6	..	1,890 14 9
Totals for 1900 ..	1,571	88	525	45	10	14,158 10 2
Totals for 1899 ..	1,544	77	517	32	10	12,894 10 6

\* Floor-space of four schools omitted.

† Floor-space of one school omitted.

During the last few years a considerable amount of attention has been given in all parts of the civilised world to the physical conditions under which school-children work, and the general tendency of medical and school authorities is to demand greater care in providing for the healthiness of school buildings. Considerable difference of opinion among experts still exists, however, even in regard to such points as the amount of space necessary to secure a proper supply of pure air for each child in an ordinary class-room. The floor-space allotted per child varies in different English-speaking countries from 8 or 9 to 15 square feet, and the cubical space from 120 to 300 cubic feet. Some medical authorities who have written on such matters demand, indeed, as much as 400 or even 600 cubic feet per child. Considering that in most parts of New Zealand the windows of class-rooms may be kept open during most of the year, care being taken to guard against draughts, probably a reasonable standard to set up for new schools would be such as would allow not less than 12 square feet of floor-space per child, and from 200 to 300 feet of cubic space.

There are, in the whole colony, 525 schools without residences, about two-thirds of them being schools with twenty or more in average attendance. As in some districts no house-allowance is paid to teachers of such schools, it is obvious that their salaries, although nominally equal to, are in effect really less than those of teachers of similar schools with residences attached.

## SCHOLARSHIPS.

Table R shows the number of Education Board scholarships held in December, 1900, with their tenure and annual value. The total expenditure of the Boards under this head amounted to £8,142 10s. 9d.; the total paid to the Boards for scholarship purposes by the Department was £8,076 15s. 8d.

TABLE R.—SCHOLARSHIPS.

Education Districts.	Number held in Dec., 1900.	Boys.	Girls.	Period of Tenure.	Boards' Expenditure on Scholarships in 1900.	Annual Value, &c.
				Years	£ s. d.	
Auckland .. ..	77	45	32	3	1,611 5 5	5 at £30; 20 at £25; 19 at £20; 33 at £15.
Taranaki .. ..	15	8	7	2	269 6 5	2 at £35; 1 at £19; 1 at £17; 1 at £16; 2 at £14; 7 at £10; and 1 at £7 6s.
Wanganui .. ..	18	9	9	Varies	583 7 0	11 at £40; 1 at £32; 6 at £15.
Wellington .. ..	44	27	17	2	951 0 0	11 at £35; 33 at £15.
Hawke's Bay .. ..	26	14	12	2	483 13 6	7 at £30 4s.; 3 at £12 4s.; 16 at £10 4s.
Marlborough .. ..	5	1	4	2	186 13 4	5 at £40.
Nelson .. ..	9	4	5	Varies	377 7 6	6 at £50 10s.; 1 at £25; 2 at £5.
Grey .. ..	8	3	5	3	112 10 0	4 at £35; 4 at £10.
Westland .. ..	7	3	4	2	99 5 6	2 at £23; 1 at £8 18s.; 4 at £8.
North Canterbury .. ..	38	19	19	2	1,266 5 0	18 at £40; 20 at £20.
South Canterbury .. ..	30	16	14	2	346 17 6	Varies from £2 10s. to £26 10s.
Otago .. ..	51	35	16	Varies	1,242 3 4	8 at £40; 4 at £35; 1 at £24; 1 at £22 20 at £20; 4 at £17; and 13 at £15.
Southland .. ..	21	13	8	Varies	612 16 3	12 at £35; 9 at £20.
Totals, 1900..	349	197	152	..	8,142 10 9	
Totals, 1899..	341	201	140	..	8,424 4 2	