

a year previously. It is satisfactory to note that the ratio of certificated teachers employed in the schools is yearly increasing. There were 1,164 teachers holding senior positions, and 411 assistant teachers, employed at the close of the year. Since the publication of the last official list at the end of June, 1882, there have been 105 new certificates issued, and of this number 69 were granted to teachers who had satisfied the literary requirements by passing the department's examination. The number of teachers at present (14th June, 1883) registered as certificated is 1,225, and, in addition to these, about 43 hold the "license to teach," and 24 have been granted the "district license to teach." There are also 91 persons who have fulfilled the literary requirements for a certificate, but who have either not had two years' experience in actual teaching, or have not had their work reported on by a New Zealand Inspector of Schools; and 115 candidates who have satisfied the literary requirements except in two or three subjects, and who will receive certificates on passing in the subjects in which they proved weak.

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF BOARDS.

In addition to the statutory grant of £3 15s. for every child in average daily attendance at the public schools, the General Assembly last session voted moneys for the following purposes:—

1. For supplementary grants to Boards, at the rate of 5s. for each child in average daily attendance.

2. For grants to Boards, at the rate of 1s. 6d. for each child in average daily attendance, for the support of scholarships established by them under the provisions of the Act. These are the only payments from the consolidated revenue which Boards can make applicable to scholarships.

3. For the distribution amongst Boards of the sum of £4,000 by way of subsidy, with a view to aid and encourage them to make sufficient provision for the efficient inspection of the public schools.

4. For grants to Boards for the training of teachers. The amount voted was £7,500.

5. For special grants to Boards for school-buildings.

The capitation grants are paid to the Boards monthly, in strict accordance with the ascertained average daily attendance of the preceding three months, as shown by the summary statements of the quarterly attendance furnished by the Boards in terms of the Order in Council of the 28th May, 1878. In the Appendix a general statement of the income and expenditure of each Board for the year follows its report. Tables Nos. 1 and 2 of the Appendix give a summary of the accounts of the different Boards. A summary of the Boards' income and expenditure for the past year and for the five preceding years is contained in Tables G and H, which show at a glance the accounts for the period of six years during which the schools have been maintained by grants from the colonial revenue.

TABLE G.—SUMMARY OF BOARDS' INCOME.

Principal Heads.	Year 1877.			Year 1878.			Year 1879.			Year 1880.			Year 1881.			Year 1882.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st January, 1877...	32,490	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Parliamentary grants,—																		
Maintenance ...	157,392	15	10	216,666	4	0	217,876	2	0	241,555	14	0	233,587	0	9	250,853	10	9
Buildings ...	46,812	7	6	101,257	2	11	150,581	4	7	104,436	16	8	64,318	0	0	45,265	10	9
Education reserves ...	16,604	4	3	8,862	3	9	21,330	7	1	19,749	0	4	23,533	6	7	21,258	13	4
Local receipts,—																		
School fees, &c. ...	*41,955	11	4	3,005	0	6	1,799	5	9	924	8	6	1,415	8	5	2,354	13	6
For buildings ...	1,190	7	1	1,284	14	3	1,231	7	9	1,965	12	3	599	1	2	1,411	10	0
Interest ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,048	17	2	1,739	5	0	380	0	0	439	3	5
Ordinary income ...	296,445	13	6	331,075	5	5	395,867	4	4	370,370	16	9	323,832	16	11	321,583	1	9
Deposits, refunds, &c. ...	2,798	10	11	6,361	1	4	2,708	13	10	2,893	9	5	2,269	8	11	5,425	11	9
Total receipts ...	299,244	4	5	337,436	6	9	398,575	18	2	373,264	6	2	326,102	5	10	327,008	13	6
Add, public libraries ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	+6,179	2	1	4,945	8	0	453	10	9	258	13	5
Secondary schools† ...	9,025	7	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balances, 1st January ...	...	...	...	23,323	0	9	58,173	3	11	42,437	1	6	32,419	10	9	37,400	15	9
Totals ...	308,269	11	10	360,759	7	6	462,928	4	2	420,646	15	8	358,975	7	4	364,668	2	8

\* Including sums raised by School Committees and expended on education without going through the Boards' books, as follows: New Plymouth, £750 ls.; Hawke's Bay, £814 4s. 5d.; Otago, £20,828 3s. 2d.

† Including balances excluded from summaries of former years.

‡ The Auckland College and Grammar School and the Otago High School were under the charge of the Education Boards during the year 1877.