

TABLE M.—SCHOLARSHIPS.

EDUCATION DISTRICTS.	Number held in Dec., 1883.	Open to		Annual Value.	Period of Tenure.	Expended on Scholarships in 1883.	Remarks.
		Pupils of Board Schools.	All Comers.				
Auckland .	27	22	5	£ s. d. 30 0 0	Years. 2 to 4	£ s. d. 1,025 12 7	With free tuition at Auckland College and Grammar School, or the Girls' High School. Three at £40.
Taranaki	10		10		1	260 14 0	No scholarships instituted. Five at £20; three at £25 two at £30 (one girl).
Wanganui	14	13	1		2	399 5 10	Two at £10; four at £15; three at £20; five at £30.
Hawke's Bay	2	2			2	98 2 3	One at £40; one at £20.
Marlborough	2	2		40 0 0	2	86 6 0	Free tuition at Nelson College.
Nelson	7	7				204 2 6	Three at £40; one at £14 10s. three at £2.
North Canterbury	19		19	40 0 0	2	864 18 5	
South Canterbury	10	10			1 and 2	224 16 8	Nine at £18; one at £43 (four boys and six girls).
Westland	4	4			2	180 0 0	Two at £50; two at £40.
Otago	41		41	40 0 0	2 3	1,261 7 6	£20 if holder resides at home. Junior tenable for two years, senior for three years, with free tuition at the High School.
Southland	8		8	40 0 0	2 and 3	266 12 3	Same as in Otago.
	144	60	84			4,87. 18 0	

Thirty-nine of the 144 holders of scholarships are girls.

Free tuition is given to the holders of Board scholarships by the authorities of the Auckland College and Grammar School, the Auckland Girls' High School, Nelson College, and the Otago High Schools. The Auckland institutions also admit without fee those competitors who, failing to obtain scholarships, acquit themselves so well as to receive "Certificates of Proficiency" from the examiners. Such certificates are held by 15 boys and 3 girls, who avail themselves of the privilege. Wellington College, from funds placed at its disposal for the purpose, grants four scholarships, tenable from the age of twelve or more to the age of sixteen, to boys from the public schools. The Otago High Schools also grant free education to all candidates for senior scholarships who make over 50 per cent. of the attainable marks. In addition to the 10 who gained scholarships last year, 11 competitors made over 50 per cent. of the marks, and were thus entitled to free education at the High Schools for three years. No scholarships were instituted by the Taranaki Board until the present year.

The departmental regulations respecting scholarships are of a very general character, each Board being left to make its own rules, subject to the approval of the Minister. The Board's regulations must set forth—(1) Whether the scholarships are open to all children of the prescribed age, or are to be competed for by pupils attending public schools only, (2) any other conditions of candidature (for example, as to age), (3) the annual value of each scholarship, the term for which it is to be held, and the conditions of tenure (as to good conduct, diligence, &c.), (4) the subjects of examination, and (5) the minimum proportion of marks in each subject, and of total marks, which will be necessary to qualify for a scholarship.

NORMAL SCHOOLS OR TRAINING COLLEGES.

The annual reports of the Principals of the training colleges at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin are given in the Appendix, pages 89-93. The more important particulars are contained in the following table:—

TABLE N.—NORMAL SCHOOLS.

	Auckland.			Wellington.			Christchurch.			Dunedin.			The Four Schools.		
Date of opening	1881.			1880.			1877.			1876.			—		
Students in 1883—	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Remaining from 1882	8	17	20	2	32	34	14	27	41	16	36	52	35	112	147
Admitted in 1883 ..	6	14	20	2	10	12	8	21	29	19	19	38	35	64	99
Left during 1883	2	12	14	2	24	26	8	19	27	8	22	30	20	77	97
On the books, December, 1883	7	19	26	2	18	20	14	29	43	27	33	60	50	99	149