

TABLE S.—SUMMARY OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNTS.

Provincial Districts.	Income for the Year 1888.					Arrears of Rent due on 31st December, 1888.	Liabilities or Engagements on 31st December, 1888.
	Balances on 1st January, 1888.	Receipts during Year.		Total Income.			
		Primary Reserves.	Secondary Reserves.				
Auckland	£ s. d. 1,689 2 1	£ s. d. 1,359 5 11	£ s. d. 546 14 5	£ s. d. 3,595 2 5	£ s. d. 1,462 7 9	£ s. d. 44 8 4	
Taranaki	666 13 5	732 7 9	114 14 11	1,513 16 1	1,191 4 11	..	
Wellington	240 12 0	986 7 9	40 1 6	1,267 1 3	487 1 6	..	
Hawke's Bay	647 8 8	2,319 3 7	256 9 9	3,223 2 0	444 13 7	31 1 2	
Marlborough	43 5 4	62 0 0	..	105 5 4	189 15 0	..	
Nelson	20 14 0	712 3 0	231 16 9	964 13 9	83 12 3	..	
Westland	40 16 5	33 5 6	9 0 0	83 1 11	18 0 0	..	
Canterbury	170 17 2	14,886 6 10	..	15,057 4 0	686 4 1	45 0 0	
Otago	3,257 14 8	12,679 16 10	840 10 4	16,778 1 10	5,609 11 8	..	
Totals for 1888..	6,777 3 9	33,770 17 2	2,039 7 8	42,587 8 7	10,172 10 9	120 9 6	
Totals for 1887..	4,928 15 8	35,232 4 1	1,934 7 6	42,095 7 3	9,470 4 9	446 2 2	

Provincial Districts.	Expenditure for the Year 1888.						
	Office Expenses and Salaries.	Other Expenses of Management	Paid for Primary Education.	Paid for Secondary Education.	Deposits, Investments, and Sundries.	Balances on 31st December, 1888.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	152 17 2	138 18 5	1,600 0 0	825 11 4	7 12 6	870 3 0	3,595 2 5
Taranaki	108 5 0	183 16 2	548 0 3	103 4 6	..	570 10 2	1,513 16 1
Wellington	157 12 3	387 19 10	350 0 0	..	..	371 9 2	1,267 1 3
Hawke's Bay	110 17 4	283 0 8	2,050 0 0	..	..	779 4 0	3,223 2 0
Marlborough	31 5 0	..	..	..	..	74 0 4	105 5 4
Nelson	28 14 8	40 5 6	682 0 11	213 12 8	..	..	964 13 9
Westland	56 10 0	..	..	..	..	26 11 11	83 1 11
Canterbury	572 11 5	140 5 9	14,200 0 0	..	..	144 6 10	15,057 4 0
Otago	700 2 4	719 5 1	9,712 7 9	767 10 9	3,325 0 0	1,553 15 11	16,778 1 10
Totals for 1888 ..	1,918 15 2	1,893 11 5	29,142 8 11	1,909 19 3	33,332 12 6	4,390 1 4	42,587 8 7
Totals for 1887 ..	1,615 14 5	2,331 6 6	29,627 2 5	1,444 0 4	299 19 10	6,777 3 9	42,095 7 3

NATIVE SCHOOLS.

The village schools at Te Moari, in the Mangonui district, and at Pakia, in the Hokianga district, were transferred in 1888 to the Auckland Education Board, the population in both cases having assumed a European character. At Whakatane, in the Bay of Plenty, the school-room has been vacated by the Maori school, and is now occupied by a public school under the Auckland Board; but the Native school has been removed to the Native settlement at Poroporo, about four miles from Whakatane, where it is proposed to erect suitable buildings as soon as a satisfactory title to the site can be obtained: for the present, the school is carried on in a Maori house, and the master, with his family, lives in great discomfort.

Three schools—at Ngunguru, near Whangarei; at Waitetuna, in Raglan County; and at Ohinemutu—have been closed on account of the very small number of pupils attending them; and a subsidiary school at Lower Waihou, established in a somewhat irregular manner by the master of the neighbouring school at Whakarapa, has been closed on the ground that the results of the work done were insignificant.

The only extensions of Native school operations during the year were the opening of a side school at Ngapeke, in connection with the village school at Maungatapu, near Tauranga; and of another side school at Hawaii, in connection with the village school at Torere, in the Bay of Plenty. These side schools are held at present in Native houses; but, with respect to Ngapeke, it is expected that it will be necessary to remove thither the school buildings now at Maungatapu, from which place the Native people are migrating to Ngapeke for sanitary reasons.

By the changes recorded in the preceding paragraphs the number of village schools was reduced from 67 at the beginning of the year to 65 at the end, and the number of subsidised schools from 12 to 10. The number of boarding schools