

The qualifications of the teachers are steadily improving. Table M shows that in three years, among the teachers above the rank of pupil-teacher, the number of those who have passed the certificate examination has been increased by 240, while the number of those who have only obtained partial pass has been reduced by 54, and the number of the remainder by 23. The table relates to a date before the examinations of 1894; when these are taken into account the result is the transfer of 48 names from the list of the unqualified to that of the qualified. In other words, 1,988 out of 2,201 teachers have passed examinations for certificates. The annual publication of the full list of certificates in the *Gazette* will occur at the end of this month.

TABLE M.—TEACHERS CERTIFICATED AND UNCERTIFICATED, 31ST DECEMBER, 1893.
(Numbers in brackets represent licensed teachers included in other numbers.)

Education Districts.	Certificated Teachers.	Marks not yet assigned.	Required Service not yet completed.	Partial Pass.	Failed.	Never examined by Department.	Total.	Pupil-teachers having Certificates, not included in Column headed "Certificated Teachers."
Auckland	413	..	3	[1] 14	[1] 4	[1] 2	436	24
Taranaki	51	..	..	[1] 2	2	[2] 5	60	..
Wanganui	111	1	1	4	[2] 5	16	138	2
Wellington	153	[1] 1	..	[1] 7	2	9	172	22
Hawke's Bay	78	..	1	[2] 9	[2] 4	[2] 5	97	2
Marlborough	30	..	..	..	3	27	50	..
Nelson	79	..	2	[1] 11	[2] 16	27	135	2
Grey	24	..	..	2	3	7	36	5
Westland	25	1	..	[1] 3	[1] 2	13	44	1
North Canterbury	345	..	1	[2] 25	1	4	376	..
South Canterbury	84	..	2	5	[1] 2	[1] 1	94	1
Otago	386	..	7	..	[1] 1	..	394	..
Southland	135	1	5	[4] 6	3	9	159	5
Total for 1893	1,914	4	22	88	48	125	2,201	
Total for 1892	1,826	6	19	94	54	131	2,130	
Total for 1891	1,753	7	17	107	58	132	2,074	
Total for 1890	1,674	5	21	142	57	139	2,038	

The annual reports of the thirteen Education Boards are printed in the Appendix (pp. 59–91), including the statements of their accounts, which are summarised in Tables No. 4 and No. 5 (Appendix, pp. 4, 5), and the following is an abstract of them:—

TABLE N.—ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF BOARDS.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1st January, 1893..	..	51,098	17 6	By Boards' administration ..	..	11,360	10 11
Government grants—				Inspection and examination ..	..	11,882	10 3
Maintenance .. .. .	..	350,465	13 11	Teachers' salaries and allowances, and			
Buildings .. .. .	..	47,273	0 0	training .. .. .	..	828,823	13 8
Reserves revenues .. .. .	..	37,169	11 0	Incidental expenses of schools ..	..	35,802	19 6
Local receipts—				Scholarships .. .. .	..	7,073	7 10
Fees, donations, &c. .. ..	..	2,349	6 11	Interest .. .. .	..	207	9 0
Rents, sales, &c. .. ..	..	552	6 10	Buildings, sites, plans, &c. ..	..	44,387	2 4
Interest .. .. .	..	487	18 9	Refunds and sundries .. ..	..	659	2 4
Refunds, deposits, &c. .. ..	..	1,014	14 6	Balances .. .. .	..	50,709	13 7
	£490,411	9	5		£490,411	9	5

The income of the Boards for the year was on the whole (see Table N) within £400 of their expenditure; and the net value of their balances—when the total of debit balances is deducted from the total of credit balances—is, as shown in the table, £50,709 13s. 7d. It appears, however, from Tables O and P, that, if thrown into one account, these balances, amounting to £50,709 13s. 7d., would only meet liabilities and leave the small balance of £6,880 in hand. Distinguishing between Building Account and Ordinary Account, only five Boards (those of the Districts of Taranaki, Wanganui, Marlborough, Otago, and Southland) had available balances in both accounts; while Wellington and North Canterbury were deficient in both. In the following cases the surplus in one account exceeded the deficit in the other: Hawke's Bay, Nelson, Westland, and South Canterbury. In the remaining cases—Auckland and Grey—the surplus in one account was outweighed by the deficit in the other.