

that a great deal remains to be done before the school accommodation can be regarded as quite satisfactory. There are ten schools where the floor-space is less than 8 square feet for each unit of average attendance, and fifty others where the space is less than 10 square feet; and there are 391 schools without dwelling-houses, and 123 schools accommodated in temporary premises.

TABLE Q.—DEFICIENCY OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Education Districts.	Schools in Operation (omitting those with less than Ten Pupils each).	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 1897 for Buildings. (Tables O and P.)
						£ s. d.
Auckland	337	44	102	16	1	2,031 9 7
Taranaki	54	3	16	5	2	1,886 19 10
Wanganui	121	11	40	2	2	[—515 11 7]
Wellington	107	26	53	6	2	[—98 5 6]
Hawke's Bay	64	9	20	..	3	2,660 3 3
Marlborough	29	2	6	2	..	[—850 12 5]
Nelson	96	5	44	2	..	1,980 14 1
Grey	24	..	12	1	..	82 6 9
Westland	25	2	8	3	..	109 10 9
North Canterbury	187	7	29	4	..	303 18 0
South Canterbury	65	1	20	1	..	96 19 11
Otago	212	5	12	3	..	[—2,283 17 3
Southland	137	8	29	5	..	587 16 10
Totals for 1896 ..	1,458	123	391	50	10	Net 5,991 12 3
Totals for 1895 ..	1,413	105	406	51	12	" 4,334 16 6

The grants distributed out of the ordinary vote of 1896 for school buildings and two extraordinary votes (of £2,000 each) for schools in special settlements and in improved farm settlements, are as follows:—

Auckland, £9,450; Taranaki, £1,940; Wanganui, £4,060; Wellington, £5,860; Hawke's Bay, £3,020; Marlborough, £930; Nelson, £2,050; Grey, £900; Westland, £750; North Canterbury, £6,780; South Canterbury, £1,630; Otago, £7,320; Southland, £3,420: total, £48,110.

On account of scholarships the Boards received £7,434 under the provisions of the fifty-first section of the Education Act, and expended £7,665, as shown in Table R.

TABLE R.—SCHOLARSHIPS.

Education Districts.	Number held in Dec., 1896.	Boys.	Girls.	Period of Tenure.	Boards' Expenditure on Scholarships in 1896.	Annual Value, &c.
				Years.	£ s. d.	
Auckland.. ..	66	43	23	3	1,557 18 8	1 at £40; 14 at £30; 6 at £25; 29 at £20; 16 at £15.
Taranaki	3	1	2	2	171 12 0	2 at £35; 1 at £10.
Wanganui	12	9	3	Varies.	491 7 9	11 at £40; 1 at £15; 3 for 3 years, 9 for 2 years.
Wellington	35	16	19	2	662 7 9	7 at £30; 28 at £15.
Hawke's Bay	27	20	7	2	467 11 0	7 at £30 4s.; 20 at £10 4s.
Marlborough	3	1	2	2	120 0 0	£40 each.
Nelson	6	3	3	2	366 9 10	£52 12s. each.
Grey	8	1	7	3	115 13 0	—, £25 and free tuition; —, free tuition.
Westland.. ..	7	7	..	2	104 0 0	2 at £23; 1 each at £16, £15 10s. £10 10s., £8, £5 10s.
North Canterbury ..	33	23	10	2	1,186 17 8	19 at £40; 14 at £20.
South Canterbury ..	25	10	15	2	429 9 9	7 at £34; 1 at £24; 1 at £14; 1 at £9; 15 at £4.
Otago	62	42	20	Varies.	1,492 1 0	9 at £40; 6 at £35; 1 at £24; 3 at £22; 21 at £20; 4 at £17; 18 at £15: 33 for 3 years, 29 for 2 years.
Southland	18	13	5	Varies.	500 1 6	8 at £35; 10 at £20: 3 for 3½ years, 9 for 3 years, 6 for 1 year.
Totals, 1896..	305	189	116	..	7,665 9 11	
Totals, 1895..	298	178	120	..	7,449 6 6	

The Boards of North Canterbury and Otago have institutions for the training of teachers. To each of these institutions the department made a grant of £300 in the year under review.