

Under the scheme thus introduced junior and senior scholarships, in the proportion of nine to five, are to be awarded, the standard of qualification in any year for the respective grades being determined beforehand in such manner as approximately to provide one scholarship for every five hundred in yearly average attendance. For pupils of schools below Grade III a slightly lower standard is to be provided.

The qualifications of candidates for Junior National Scholarships will be tested in an examination of somewhat greater difficulty than the certificate of proficiency examination. For the testing of the qualifications of applicants for the new Senior National Scholarships there will be, alternative to the examination based on the Public Service Entrance Examination, an examination of equal difficulty provided to suit the needs of those candidates who are being instructed on the lines of the rural or domestic courses now adopted in many schools.

The following summary to Table L 4 in E.-6, showing the number and value of Junior National Scholarships current in December, 1913, and December, 1914, respectively, deals only with the Junior National Scholarships of the older conditions. The first award of scholarships under the new conditions will be made as from the beginning of next year :—

Number of scholarships,—							1913.	1914.
Boys	..	..	..	..	..	..	68	76
Girls	..	..	..	..	..	..	62	59
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	130	135
Number receiving boarding-allowance (included in the above total)							72	77
Number receiving travelling-allowance (similarly included)							2	3
Number held at secondary schools							114	117
Number held at district high schools							16	18
Total annual rate of payment							£3,460	£3,650

(ii.) *Education Board Scholarships.*

The scholarship funds of the Boards have for many years up to the present been provided by grants which amounted to 1s. 6d. per head of the average attendance. The conditions of the scholarships have been determined by regulations approved in the case of each Board by the Minister of Education. For the award of the junior scholarships all the Boards have now for some years used the Junior National Scholarship Examination, and for their senior scholarships the Intermediate Examination as arranged for scholarship candidates; but the awards themselves and the subsequent control of the holders have been entirely in the hands of the Boards. The number and the value of the Board scholarships in the various districts are shown in Table L 5 of E.-6, the totals of which are for the whole of New Zealand, as follows :—

							Scholarships.
At £40 per annum	..	..	..	..	..	..	118
At £35 per annum	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
At £33 per annum	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
At £30 per annum	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
Under £30 and not under £20 per annum	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Under £20 and not under £10 per annum	..	..	..	..	..	..	239
Under £10 and not under £5 per annum	..	..	..	..	..	..	159
Under £5 per annum	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	626
Number of scholarships,—							
Boys	..	..	..	..	..	..	388
Girls	..	..	..	..	..	..	238
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	626
Total expenditure of Boards on scholarships,—							£
In 1910	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,232
In 1911	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,244
In 1912	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,976
In 1913	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,924
In 1914	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,466