

Scholarships in
various schools.

In addition to the scholarships provided by the Education Boards, a few scholarships for the promotion of secondary education have been established in connection with certain schools. The following is a list of these scholarships:—

Int. Rep., Appx.,
p. 38.

Wellington College—One Rhodes scholarship, £40, tenable for three years; one Moore scholarship, £40, tenable for two years.

Ibid., p. 40.

Nelson College—The Richmond, £24, tenable for three years; the Newcome, £24, tenable for two years; the Stafford, £20, tenable for three years; and the Fell, £16, tenable for three years; six foundation scholarships, tenable for one year—two of £20 each, two of £10, and two of £5; four governors' fees scholarships, tenable for one year, of £12 10s. each; Simmons prize, £6.

Ibid., p. 46.

Christ's College—Eight senior Somes scholarships, of £50 a year, tenable for four years; six junior Somes scholarships, of £15 a year each (with £20 added if the scholar's home be three miles from the College, and if he reside in one of the recognized houses); and four Sons of Clergy scholarships, £15 each, tenable for three years.

Ibid., p. 51.

Girls' High School, Christchurch—Three open exhibitions, £20 each, tenable for one year; four close exhibitions, £10 each, tenable for one year.

Free tuition in
some cases for
Board's scholars.

It should be mentioned that the authorities of Auckland College, Nelson College, and Dunedin High Schools give free tuition to the holders of Board scholarships within their respective districts. In Auckland this privilege is extended also to ex-scholars.

Maintenance
allowance in
normal schools.

We have carefully considered the question whether it is necessary to grant scholarships or maintenance allowances to the students attending normal schools. At Dunedin it was the custom, until last year, to grant a maintenance allowance of £1 a week to all students who passed the entrance examination. Last year, on account of the insufficiency of funds, the allowance was restricted to those students who had been teachers or pupil teachers. The yearly cost of these allowances has amounted to about £1,000, and has been defrayed mainly out of the Government grant of £2,000, but partly also out of the general funds of the Otago Education Board. At Christchurch no scholarships or maintenance allowances have ever been paid. We have come to the conclusion that scholarships or maintenance allowances are necessary in the case of male students, in order to secure a sufficient supply of trained teachers to fill the vacancies arising in the schools; but that in the case of female students, who present themselves in greater numbers, it is not necessary to offer such inducements, although where funds suffice it may be desirable to do so. We are not prepared to advise that the grant of £2,000 allowed for the maintenance of each normal school should be increased in order to admit of these scholarships being established on a more liberal scale. With proper management a considerable balance available for this purpose ought to remain out of the grant after payment of all necessary salaries, and any further sum that may be deemed requisite may properly be taken out of the general fund for primary instruction. In the case of female students, although there is not the same necessity for the establishment of scholarships as in the case of male students, we think it incumbent on the Boards to see that the arrangements made for boarding are satisfactory in each case; or even, if their funds permit, to provide at their own cost proper accommodation and supervision.

Scholarships
tenable at
professional and
technical schools.

With regard to scholarships tenable at professional or technical schools (except normal schools, which form part of the State machinery for primary education) we hesitate to affirm that as a rule it is the duty of the State to provide such scholarships out of public funds. These schools are designed to prepare young men for remunerative occupations, and the students attending them may therefore be fairly expected to pay the cost of their instruction. At the same time we are so far from desiring to push this principle to its extreme limit that we cordially approve of what little has been already done in the way of providing scholarships tenable at such schools. We should even gladly see this kind of assistance considerably extended, but only as a temporary measure, and with the view of fostering young institutions. As regards medical education, a travelling scholarship of £100 a year, tenable for three years, on condition that the holder is taking the necessary steps towards the obtaining of his medical degree, has been instituted by the University of New Zealand. Another scholarship, called the