

education districts where the Boards and their officers have taken an interest in the matter, and have put themselves to some trouble to direct and assist the School Committees.

The following statement is a summary of the Committees' receipts and expenditure for the year :—

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
1. From Education Boards	28,472	14	10
2. From donations, subscriptions, &c.	2,608	16	2
3. From other sources	1,776	11	8
4. From balances	7,555	8	11
	<u>£40,413</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
1. Cleaning of schools and outhouses, fuel, &c.	11,055	0	4
2. Repairs to buildings, fences, and furniture	10,141	19	6
3. Books, maps, and furniture	2,736	4	6
4. Contributions towards teachers' salaries... ..	1,323	6	11
5. Committees' business expenses—Salaries, stationery, &c.	1,712	9	1
6. Sundries	6,129	17	5½
7. Balances	7,314	13	9½
	<u>£40,413</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>

SCHOOL-BUILDINGS.

The Boards' general statements of accounts appended to their annual reports include information respecting the grants received from the special vote for school-buildings, and the amounts expended by them during the year 1880. A summary of these accounts is contained in Tables 1 and 2 of the Appendix. The total receipts for buildings amounted to £104,436 16s. 8d., and the expenditure to £117,410 1s. 10d. The excess of expenditure over the amount of the special grants was £12,973 5s. 2d., made up for the most part, as already shown, of moneys in hand at the close of the previous year, and of payments out of the ordinary Board fund by one or two of the Boards.

The following table, compiled from the Boards' statements of expenditure, shows, under different heads, the amounts expended on school-buildings by the different Boards during the year 1880 :—

TABLE M.—SCHOOL-BUILDINGS EXPENDITURE.

EDUCATION DISTRICTS.	No. of Schools in Dec. Quarter.	No. of Residences attached.	Number of School-Buildings not belonging to Boards.	Expenditure in 1880 upon												Total.					
				New Buildings.			Improvements, Enlargements, Repairs, &c.			School Furniture and Appliances not included in the preceding.			Purchase of Sites.		Plans, Supervision, and other Expenses.						
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Auckland	193	81	49	16,637	3	11	5,137	0	10	3,290	10	2	497	0	2	1,180	9	9	26,742	4	10
Taranaki	31	11	...	2,770	1	0	654	15	9	116	12	6	...	...	...	118	16	6	3,660	5	9
Wanganui	55	39	2	2,580	3	5	2,115	19	5	12	5	6	195	1	5	287	18	10	5,191	8	7
Wellington	43	26	2	8,234	5	7	812	9	6	598	2	11	...	...	...	415	3	9	10,060	1	9
Hawke's Bay	36	21	9	4,876	12	9	745	2	2	551	3	11	232	0	0	254	0	6	6,658	19	4
Marlborough	16	13	2	711	0	0	569	16	6	229	0	3	...	...	...	70	7	3	1,580	4	0
Nelson	65	29	8	4,284	9	2	1,122	15	8	...	...	...	350	10	0	391	15	6	6,149	10	4
North Canterbury	122	120	3	5,923	7	3	9,802	18	1	1,067	15	2	68	0	0	1,337	19	11	18,200	0	5
South Canterbury	29	31	...	1,845	15	10	819	6	0	224	3	8	30	0	0	126	15	5	3,046	0	11
Westland	34	7	3	2,601	0	6	2,609	7	9	872	1	9	...	...	...	280	3	8	6,362	13	8
Otago	152	140	9	16,930	18	8	5,468	5	2	897	0	1	460	0	0	985	17	7	24,742	1	6
Southland	60	51	2	4,046	11	4	618	10	6	351	8	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,016	10	9
Totals for 1880	836	569	89	71,441	9	5	30,476	7	4	8,210	4	10	1,832	11	7	5,440	8	8	117,410	1	10
Totals for 1879	817	535	94	106,321	15	8	36,602	4	5	11,236	3	7	12,801	2	7	5,906	8	0	172,867	14	3
Decrease	...	...	...	34,880	6	3	6,125	17	1	3,025	18	9	10,968	11	0	456	19	4	55,457	12	5

The foregoing table shows that, while the sum of £71,441 9s. 5d. was expended on new buildings, no less a sum than £30,476 7s. 4d. was devoted to the enlarge-