

PUBLIC LIBRARIES SUBSIDY.

The sum of £4,000, voted for public libraries, has been distributed in accordance with the resolution of the General Assembly, the maximum amount given to any library being limited to £50. A separate parliamentary paper (E.—10) contains a copy of the notification, showing the principles upon which the distribution of the vote is made, and a list, arranged according to the education districts, of all the libraries that participated in the grant, with their several incomes, and the amounts paid to them respectively. The only income recognised as entitling to subsidy was that derived from subscriptions and voluntary contributions; receipts from endowments and Borough or County Councils, rents of buildings or rooms, and moneys obtained for building purposes, being excluded from the calculation. The following is a summary of the distribution of the vote in the different education districts:—

TABLE Z.—DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES SUBSIDY ACCORDING TO EDUCATION DISTRICTS.

Education District.					Number of Libraries.	Income.	Amount of Subsidy.
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	..	..	..	..	93	2,007 10 7	904 15 6
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	8	116 10 6	71 7 3
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	14	675 6 7	231 3 7
Wellington	..	..	..	..	15	410 18 1	177 4 1
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	31	989 10 0	387 16 1
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	5	108 1 6	52 10 11
Nelson	..	..	..	..	30	568 16 2	297 7 6
North Canterbury	..	..	..	..	78	1,407 3 11	715 0 9
South Canterbury	..	..	..	..	9	507 0 7	153 17 0
Westland	..	..	..	..	16	449 15 0	191 11 10
Otago	..	..	..	..	61	1,242 16 5	601 13 1
Southland	..	..	..	..	25	325 1 7	214 4 4
Totals	..	..	..	..	385	8,808 10 11	3,998 11 11

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In last column, "Totals for 1884," for "£399,564 13s.," read £389,564 13s."