

Beresford Street: 400 volumes. Concerts by teachers, £10 from Board, 1d. a week, presents of books from scholars on leaving the school.

Papakura: 2 years old. 120 books. Entertainment, £5 from Board.

Northcote: 40 books from Scripture Gift Association.

Mount Roskill: 85 books. Entertainment by pupils.

Titirangi: 280 books.

Kauaeranga Girls': 200 books. Pupils' entertainment, 2d. a month, Scripture Gift Association.

Tauranga: 400 books. Childrens' concert, Board's subsidy.

Wellesley Street: 241 books. Parents' subscriptions, Scripture Gift Association.

Wanganui.—Wanganui, Boys': 1 year old. 150 books. £15 from boys and parents, 1d. a volume.

Wellington.—Otaki: 4 years. 150 books. Contributions £6, children's collecting cards, concert.

Fernridge: 5 years. 400 books. £10 from Committee.

Masterton: 1 year. 200 books. Vote from Town Lands Trustees.

Terrace: New library. 110 books. 1s. a year.

Hawke's Bay.—Gisborne: Concerts, 150 new books given this year by the scholars.

Nelson.—Pangatotara: A library of 220 volumes managed by the teacher alone. Subscription, 6s. a year.

Otago.—Albany Street: 6 years. 400 books. Money voted by cadet corps out of Government capitation allowance.

William Street: 20 years. 1,100 books. 6d. a quarter.

North School, Oamaru: 50 books. Money obtained by children.

Tuapeka Mouth: 4 years. £7 collected in district.

The twenty-fourth letter is given in full:—

SIR,—

Spring Grove, Nelson, 22nd March, 1886.

The Waimea Circulating School Library was formed in this way: All schools wishing to join collected subscriptions in their own districts; the moneys thus collected (£33) were put together, and supplemented by a grant of £10 from the Education Board. Books were purchased by a committee of teachers, and divided equally into as many lots as there were schools belonging to the library, and lettered A, B, C, &c. The books are circulated every quarter, A passing to B and receiving J, B to C, C to D, and so on. By this system each school enjoys the privilege of reading ten times as many books as it would with a library of its own. The whole number of books is about 350, and the following are the schools comprising the association: Hope, River Terrace, Brightwater, Wakefield Boys' and Girls', Upper Wakefield, Eighty-eight Valley, Foxhill, Churchill, and Spring Grove. I have the honour to enclose a copy of rules.

The Secretary, Education Department,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,
J. W. HUMPHREYS,
Secretary.

EDUCATION RESERVES.

The reports received from School Commissioners and their accounts for the year 1885 are printed in pages of the Appendix. Their receipts and expenditure are shown in the following table:—

TABLE T.—SUMMARY OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNTS.

PROVINCIAL DISTRICTS.	Income for the Year 1885.						Arrears of Rent due on 31st December, 1885.	Liabilities or Engagements on 31st December, 1885.										
	Balance on 1st January, 1885.	Receipts during Year.				Total Income.												
		Primary Reserves.		Secondary Reserves.														
Auckland	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
Taranaki	1,084	2	8	1,447	9	4	577	3	1	3,108	15	1	975	15	2	13	15	11
Wellington	*295	11	6	684	3	3	274	10	1	1,254	4	10	871	4	10	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay	426	6	0	706	3	7	32	1	0	1,164	10	7	338	1	4	142	10	0
Marlborough	664	15	7	1,973	19	6	155	14	10	2,794	9	11	142	18	9	588	1	4
Nelson	220	5	9	129	10	0	10	0	0	359	15	9	48	15	0	..	..	..
Canterbury	202	2	8	580	2	9	202	0	0	984	5	5	119	12	9	319	14	0
Westland	150	18	6	13,063	2	6	..	..	..	13,214	1	0	679	3	4	45	0	0
Otago	43	9	11	23	12	6	45	5	0	112	7	5	181	5	9	1	5	9
Totals	568	5	8	17,248	19	6	627	4	3	18,444	9	5	4,617	6	7	..	..	..
Totals	3,655	18	3	35,857	2	11	1,923	18	3	41,436	19	5	7,974	3	6	1,110	7	0

* Last year's balance included £12 5s. for certificates of exchange of town sections held as cash. This has been omitted from the table.