this year, and which may fairly be regarded (as it is for the purposes of the following tables—O and P) as coming under the head of assets; but there were also liabilities amounting to about £32,400, so that the balance of assets over liabilities was only about £26,000. The state of the case with respect to the several Boards is shown in Tables O and P:—

TABLE O .- Money Assets (and Deficits), December, 1889.

Education Districts.			Due :	from	Deficit o			
		Cash.	Government.	Other Sources.	Buildings.	Other Purposes.	Totals.	
Auckland Taranaki Wanganui Wellington Hawke's Bay Marlborough Nelson Grey Westland North Canterbury South Canterbury Otago		£ s. d. 9,566 2 8 350 5 9 3,052 9 6 1,301 4 9 3,670 7 1 251 18 4 6,898 14 6 1,722 8 6 4,369 10 1	733 9 3 1,718 18 9 2,406 10 9 1,120 16 0 1,764 8 2 1,066 11 2 603 6 0 531 6 0 17 10 4 4,450 0 0	£ s. d. 315 0 0 8 0 0 150 0 0 22 8 2 3 0 0 101 6 8	£ s. d. 2,255 0 10 13 8 9 18 10 9 2,681 5 6	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 13,522 10 11 1,083 15 0 7,026 9 1 3,707 15 6 1,142 4 9 1,764 8 2 4,736 18 3 810 11 7 805 12 6 6,901 14 6 1,841 5 6 11,500 15 7	
Southland Totals		1,661 10 8 32,844 11 10	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	599 14 10	4,968 5 10	38 14 10	4,014 13 2 58,858 14 6	

TABLE P.-Money Liabilities (and Balances), December, 1889.

TOTAL CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER			Lia	bili	ities for	Balar				
Education Districts.				Buildings.		Other Purposes.	Buildings.	Other Purposes.	Totals.	
Auckland Taranaki Wanganui Wellington Hawke's Bay Marlborough Nelson Grey Westland North Canterbury South Canterbury Otago Southland				£ s. 4,309 7 529 12 1,451 17 1,225 3 307 9 596 8 664 19 610 11 50 11 1,379 11 714 3 3,464 0 260 16	d. 4 0 3 6 8 3 8 9 4 6 0 0	£ s. d. 5,129 4 4 151 13 6 1,740 15 3 199 12 4 1,852 6 10 199 19 10 35 10 0 2,041 18 1 64 15 0 260 0 0 567 1 7	£ s. d. 2,903 16 3 294 19 9 1,163 2 4 213 2 0 541 11 10 516 11 2 1,314 9 5 750 0 0 819 16 9	£ s. d. 1,180 3 0 107 9 9 3,833 16 7* 1,319 9 8 834 15 1 755 5 7 1,677 19 11 203 0 0 2,165 15 6† 312 7 6 7,776 15 7 2,366 18 10	1,142 4 9 1,764 8 2 4,736 18 3 810 11 7	
Total	s	••	• •	15,564 11	3	12,242 16 9	8,517 9 6	22,533 17 0	58,858 14 6	

^{*} Not including the Rees Bequest, £3,562 0s. 10d.

The only Board with an amount of liabilities in excess of assets is the Board of the District of Grey, and in that case the deficit is less than £60. No other Board has a deficit on account of expenses of maintenance, but there are three that show a deficit in the special account for buildings.

The sum of £25,000 for school buildings, granted by the House of Representatives last session, has been distributed to the Boards, in proportion partly to population and partly to special needs, as follows:—

								£	s.	d.	
$\mathbf{Auckland}$								4,568	11	0	
Taranaki								733	9:	3	
Wanganui				1				1,718	18	9	
Wellington								2,406		9	
Hawke's Bay								2,120	16	0	
Marlborough								359	10	3	
Nelson								974	14	9	
Grey								592	1	0	
Westland					• • •			531	6	0	
North Canterb	oury							3,765	6	9	• •
South Canterb	ury	÷,						1,164	3.	0	
Otago								4,096	10	0	
Southland					💂			1,968	2	6	
		m . 1						005 000			
		Τc	otal					£25,000	0	0	

 $[\]dagger$ Including a special fund of £1,000.