

As a result of the examination of January, 1895, the number qualified by examination has been raised to 2,144, or 90½ per cent.; the amended statement showing 68 cases of "partial pass," 34 of "failure," and 120 of "unexamined." In 1890 the proportion of the duly qualified by examination was less than 83½ per cent.

The report of the last January examination (1896) is in a separate paper, E.—1A.

EDUCATION BOARDS.

The reports and accounts of the several Boards are hereto appended (Appendix, pp. 61–94). A conspectus of the accounts appears in the Appendix (pp. 4, 5). The following is a summary of them:—

TABLE N.—ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF BOARDS.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1st January, 1895..	42,396	18	8	By Boards' administration ..	11,481	19	3
Government grants—				Inspection and examination ..	13,127	5	10
Maintenance ..	379,610	16	10	Teachers' salaries and allowances, and			
Buildings ..	44,603	1	4	training ..	342,369	8	1
Reserves revenues ..	39,928	11	1	Incidental expenses of schools ..	32,687	10	7
Local receipts—				Scholarships ..	7,449	6	6
Fees, donations, &c. ..	2,369	2	3	Interest.. ..	82	7	3
Rents, sales, &c. ..	856	11	11	Buildings, sites, plans, &c. ..	45,251	0	2
Interest.. ..	348	8	0	Refunds and sundries ..	4,651	0	6
Refunds, deposits, &c. ..	326	14	4	Balances	53,240	6	3
	£510,340	4	5		£510,340	4	5

The total of the cash balances is a matter of less importance than the balance of money assets and liabilities.

TABLE O.—MONEY ASSETS (AND DEFICITS), DECEMBER, 1895.

Education Districts.	Cash.	Due from		Deficit on Account of		Totals.
		Government.	Other Sources.	Buildings.	Other Purposes.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	7,009 10 0	368 9 9	17 0 0	1,033 14 5	..	8,428 14 2
Taranaki ..	2,738 18 6	..	..	190 9 1	..	2,929 7 7
Wanganui ..	4,758 10 2	110 0 0	..	..	..	4,868 10 2
Wellington ..	..	..	..	225 1 8	1,179 1 3	1,404 2 11
Hawke's Bay ..	5,630 4 11	..	..	566 9 11	..	6,196 14 10
Marlborough ..	1,740 9 2	..	..	193 15 0	..	1,934 4 2
Nelson ..	3,069 16 5	..	..	..	..	3,069 16 5
Grey ..	1,021 12 8	..	..	..	..	1,021 12 8
Westland ..	663 11 10	..	4 0 0	..	118 15 8	786 7 6
North Canterbury ..	8,851 11 2	..	..	..	2,058 15 8	10,910 6 10
South Canterbury ..	2,481 12 3	..	..	88 3 4	..	2,569 15 7
Otago ..	10,824 17 4	..	57 3 6	..	..	10,882 0 10
Southland ..	5,061 0 10	20 1 6	..	..	..	5,081 2 4
Totals ..	53,851 15 3	498 11 3	78 3 6	2,297 13 5	3,356 12 7	60,082 16 0

TABLE P.—MONEY LIABILITIES (AND BALANCES), DECEMBER, 1895.

Education Districts.	Liabilities for		Balances for		Totals.
	Buildings.	Other Purposes.	Buildings.	Other Purposes.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	5,848 10 8	1,508 0 3	..	1,072 3 3	8,428 14 2
Taranaki ..	1,950 5 0	755 3 6	..	223 19 1	2,929 7 7
Wanganui ..	1,678 7 5	349 6 0	512 8 11	2,328 7 10	4,868 10 2
Wellington ..	225 1 8	1,179 1 3	..	..	1,404 2 11
Hawke's Bay ..	2,420 10 0	850 0 0	..	2,926 4 10	6,196 14 10
Marlborough ..	270 4 6	16 19 6	..	1,647 0 2	1,934 4 2
Nelson ..	2,131 0 0	95 0 0	201 12 6	642 3 11	3,069 16 5
Grey ..	245 5 0	80 0 0	603 14 10	92 12 10	1,021 12 8
Westland ..	604 3 9	43 3 0	139 0 9	..	786 7 6
North Canterbury ..	2,265 6 10	5,565 12 11	3,079 7 1	..	10,910 6 10
South Canterbury ..	..	1,245 9 4	..	1,324 6 3	2,569 15 7
Otago ..	3,136 6 7	2,600 8 9	716 6 6	4,428 19 0	10,882 0 10
Southland ..	1,160 7 4	585 4 7	1,379 19 4	1,955 11 1	5,081 2 4
Totals ..	21,935 8 9	14,873 9 1	6,632 9 11	16,641 8 3	60,082 16 0

Distinguishing the ordinary Maintenance Account from the Building Account it is found that five Boards have each a credit balance in each account; two