

Grants from Maori Land Boards.—A total of £550 was received from the various Maori Land Boards to be applied towards the erection or repair of specific tribal buildings and amenities, and a sum of £50 was received out of a total of £250, which is to be contributed by the Boards to assist towards the cost of revising the Bible in the Maori language. A grant of £250 was also received from the Government for this purpose.

Finance.—As a result of the receipt of £13,000 from Consolidated Fund to reimburse the Board for sums expended in rebuilding Maori secondary schools some years ago the Board's financial position has improved considerably. In consequence of the receipt of this sum the Board at the last annual meeting resolved that the corpus of the fund be stabilized and maintained at £57,500, instead of £40,000 as provided in 1936. This increased corpus will provide the Board with a higher income and will permit of an expansion of its activities. Members of the Board have been asked to submit for consideration any suggestions they have for research or for publication of historical or cultural material worthy of record by the Board.

The following is a statement of receipts and expenditure for the year ended the 31st March, 1947 :—

<i>Receipts</i>		£	<i>Payments</i>		£
Cash balance as at 1st April, 1946	..	48,517	Administration expenses	..	164
Grant from Consolidated Fund	..	375	Grants—		£
Grant from Consolidated Fund (Schools)	13,000		Ex Maori Land Boards	..	675
Grant from Civil List (Native purposes)			Education	..	1,500*
Funds (Maori Bible)	..	250	Polynesian Society	..	600*
Interest	..	1,580			2,775
Grants from Maori Land Boards for			Cash balance with Native Trustee		
specific purposes	..	625	at 31st March, 1947	..	61,541
Miscellaneous receipts (Sales, &c.)	..	133			
		<u>£64,480</u>			<u>£64,480</u>

* Includes grants for the previous year not paid until after 31st March, 1946.

BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1948

<i>Expenditure</i>		£	£	<i>Income</i>		£
Administration expenses—				Interest from Native Trustee	..	1,800
Audit fee	..	9		Grant from Consolidated Fund	..	375
Native Trustee's Commission	..	60		Profit on sale of publications	..	25
Freight	..	2		Grants received during 1946–47 from		
Insurance	..	7		Maori Land Boards for specific purposes		
Printing and stationery	..	5		not yet expended	..	400
Rent, repairs, &c.	..	105				
Salary	..	35				
Travelling-expenses	..	30				
Sundries	..	7				
		<u>260</u>				
Purchase of carving-equipment	..	60				
Grant for carving students	..	200				
Education grants	..	750				
Publishing (including grant to Polynesian Society)	..	700				
Grants received from Maori Land Boards but not yet expended	..	400				
Balance available for miscellaneous grants, &c.	..	230				
		<u>£2,600</u>				<u>£2,600</u>

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