

to the actual positions of the teachers named. The amounts necessary to bring those salaries up to such a scale are indicated opposite the names of the teachers affected. The total of all such increases for your district is £ : :

The Minister is, however, aware that the systems of staffing vary in the several education districts, and that therefore in some cases a scale of salaries drawn up on the basis of a uniform system of staffing may act unequally in the different districts. Accordingly, if your Board should have any suggestions to make in regard to the readjustment of the increases among the several teachers concerned, the Minister will give such suggestions his full consideration.

A copy of the Act is enclosed herewith.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE HOGBEN, Secretary.

SWIMMING.

(Circular Memorandum to Secretaries of Education Boards.)

Education Department, Wellington, 25th February, 1901.

I AM directed to inform you that it has been decided to distribute amongst Education Boards, in proportion to average attendance, the sum of £300 voted last session for encouragement of swimming in public schools. Your Board's share of the vote is £ , for which sum a payment voucher is being sent on.

The money is to be devoted towards the cost of providing instruction in swimming, or increased facilities for swimming, to pupils of public schools. This direction may at the option of your Board be held to authorise the giving of prizes.

I shall be able to send you shortly a supply of copies of the "Handbook of Instruction of the Life-saving Society of England."

G. HOGBEN, Secretary.