

In December, 1902, regulations were published offering to the governing bodies of secondary schools on certain conditions as to age and other qualifications grants at the rate of £6 a head for pupils admitted without payment of fees for tuition, provided that one free place was already given for each £50 of the net income from endowments. Fifteen out of the twenty-five secondary schools have so far accepted the conditions, and up to May of the present year (1903) 588 pupils were thus receiving free secondary education in these schools; out of this number grants were being paid for 400, the remainder being those admitted at the rate of one for each £50 of such net income.

TABLE Y1.—NUMBER OF PUPILS RECEIVING SECONDARY EDUCATION AT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1902.

Education District.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.							Total Number of Pupils, 1901.	Amount paid by Government to Education Boards during the Year.								
		Passed Standard VI.			Others.			Total.		Capitation.	Grants in Aid.	Total.						
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.											
										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ..	7	88	82	170	..	..	..	170	59	306	10	0	82	10	0	389	0	0
Taranaki ..	1	22	10	32	1	1	2	34	32	127	10	0	30	0	0	157	10	0
Wanganui ..	7	169	158	327	38	13	51	378	168	1,133	0	0	147	10	0	1,280	10	0
Wellington ..	1	31	49	80	..	..	..	80	..	115	13	4	17	10	0	133	3	4
Hawke's Bay ..	1	25	24	49	..	..	..	49	26	158	10	0	30	0	0	188	10	0
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	3	65	59	124	..	..	..	124	33	320	0	0	52	10	0	372	10	0
Grey ..	1	22	20	42	..	..	..	42	22	186	5	0	30	0	0	216	5	0
Westland ..	1	13	21	34	..	..	..	34	22	131	0	0	30	0	0	161	0	0
North Canterbury ..	1	12	18	30	..	..	..	30	19	113	10	0	30	0	0	143	10	0
South Canterbury ..	3	71	53	124	..	..	..	124	70	502	5	4	82	10	0	584	15	4
Otago ..	9	172	143	315	..	..	..	315	196	1,177	0	0	240	0	0	1,417	0	0
Southland ..	3	55	44	99	..	..	..	99	15	111	0	0	45	0	0	156	0	0
Totals for the colony	38	745	681	1,426	39	14	53	1,479	662	4,382	3	8	817	10	0	5,199	13	8
Totals for 1901 ..	21	324	281	605	44	13	57	662	..	1,261	0	0	300	0	0	1,561	0	0

At the end of 1902 there were 1,426 pupils in the district high schools who, having passed Standard VI., were receiving free instruction in secondary subjects. The number of such schools, which during 1901 had increased from thirteen to twenty-one, rose to thirty-eight at the end of 1902.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Table Z shows the number of Education Board scholarships held in December, 1902, with their tenure and annual value. The total expenditure of the Boards under this head amounted to £8,395 11s. 5d.; the total paid to the Boards for scholarship purposes by the Department was £8,197 9s. 7d.

TABLE Z.—SCHOLARSHIPS.

Education Districts.	Number held in Dec., 1902.	Boys.	Girls.	Period of Tenure.	Boards' Expenditure on Scholarships in 1902.	Annual Value, &c.
				Years	£ s. d.	
Auckland ..	83	59	24	3	1,747 4 0	4 at £30; 21 at £25; 24 at £20; 34 at £15.
Taranaki ..	14	9	5	2	278 13 10	4 at £35; 2 at £14; 6 at £10; 1 at £4 13s. 4d.; 1 at £3 6s. 8d.
Wanganui ..	18	11	7	Varies	635 18 3	13 at £40; 1 at £32 10s.; 1 at £32; 1 at £15; 2 at £5.
Wellington ..	39	20	19	2	929 3 6	12 at £35; 27 at £15.
Hawke's Bay ..	25	11	14	2	493 7 1	8 at £30 4s.; 2 at £16 4s.; 15 at £10 4s.
Marlborough ..	12	3	9	2	163 0 0	3 at £35; 9 at £10.
Nelson ..	9	5	4	2	371 17 6	7 at £50 10s.; 1 at £25; 1 at £10.
Grey ..	4	3	1	2	100 0 0	£25.
Westland ..	7	3	4	2	101 11 0	1 at £23; 2 at £17 10s.; 4 at £8.
North Canterbury ..	36	18	18	2	1,183 11 7	19 at £40; 17 at £20.
South Canterbury ..	31	13	18	2	335 9 8	11 at £22 10s.; 1 at £8; 2 at £6; 17 at £2 10s.
Otago ..	54	36	18	Jun. 2 Sen. 3	1,383 7 2	13 at £40; 4 at £35; 1 at £24; 2 at £22; 17 at £20; 17 at £15.
Southland ..	23	15	8	2 for 3 21 for 2	666 7 10	13 at £35; 1 at £20; 1 at £18; 8 at £15.
Totals, 1902..	355	206	149	..	8,395 11 5	
Totals, 1901..	358	201	157	..	8,331 10 5	