

office contingencies—but excluding the incidental expenses of schools) was as follows : North Canterbury, 4·1 ; Hawke's Bay, 4·2 ; Auckland, 4·3 ; Otago, 4·9 ; Wellington, 5·0 ; Wanganui, 5·4 ; Southland, 5·7 ; South Canterbury, 6·0 ; Nelson, 6·2 ; Taranaki, 6·3 ; Marlborough, 7·7 ; Grey, 8·3 ; Westland, 10·3.

Table H1 is a summary of assets and liabilities compiled from returns furnished by the several Education Boards. H2 is a similar summary for the Building Account.

TABLE H1.—GENERAL ACCOUNT.—ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF BOARDS ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1905.

Education Districts.	Assets and Deficits.			Liabilities and Balances.				1904.	
	Cash.	Due from all Sources	Deficits.	Over-drafts.	Due to Government.	Other Liabilities.	Balances.	Deficits.	Balances.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Auckland ..	2,896	5,672	..	..	1,922	1,528	5,118	..	4,647
Taranaki ..	436	716	..	..	475	251	426	..	779
Wanganui ..	1,086	2,131	..	..	681	1,129	1,407	..	2,291
Wellington ..	2,322	2,777	..	..	844	3,780	475	..	824
Hawke's Bay ..	3,392	1,710	..	..	1,028	493	3,581	..	2,551
Marlborough ..	322	13	..	..	..	19	316	..	177
Nelson ..	..	1,000	323	152	635	536	..	306	..
Grey ..	..	75	364	316	88	35	..	448	..
Westland ..	19	236	..	..	..	62	193	..	209
North Canterbury ..	4,588	2,845	..	..	4,677	1,797	959	1,497	..
South Canterbury ..	1,824	1,043	..	..	1,099	455	1,313	..	764
Otago ..	5,586	1,675	..	..	3,529	548	3,184	..	2,121
Southland ..	1,177	2,084	..	..	..	1,793	1,468	..	2,355
Totals ..	23,648	21,977	687	468	14,978	12,426	18,440	2,251	16,721

TABLE H2.—BUILDING ACCOUNT.—ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF BOARDS ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1905.

Education Districts.	Assets and Deficits.			Liabilities and Balances.			1904.	
	Cash.	Due from all Sources	Deficits.	Over-drafts.	Other Liabilities.	Balances.	Deficits.	Balances.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Auckland ..	..	6,427	1,647	5,530	2,494	..	3,900	..
Taranaki ..	593	2,153	..	..	1,869	877	..	1,167
Wanganui ..	..	9,378	..	2,588	4,293	2,497	..	3,092
Wellington ..	..	14,957	1,310	2,571	13,696	..	994	..
Hawke's Bay ..	..	9,588	..	1,375	7,135	1,078	..	1,610
Marlborough ..	323	2,177	..	..	1,110	1,390	..	1,002
Nelson ..	1,143	4,180	..	..	1,074	4,249	..	4,141
Grey ..	..	978	..	103	358	517	..	1,040
Westland ..	..	1,112	..	87	106	919	..	1,068
North Canterbury ..	3,438	11,800	..	..	8,659	6,579	..	4,720
South Canterbury ..	1,350	4,731	..	..	2,659	3,422	..	2,786
Otago ..	1,122	9,877	..	..	6,365	4,634	..	7,027
Southland ..	2,077	8,201	..	..	3,559	6,719	..	4,372
Totals ..	10,046	85,559	2,957	12,304	53,377	32,881	4,894	32,025

TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

Last year Parliament appropriated two sums of £5,000 each for alterations and additions to the Wellesley Street School, Auckland, and the Thorndon School, Wellington, to adapt them for the purposes of training colleges for teachers in these centres. The training colleges at Auckland and Wellington thus provided were opened at the beginning of 1906, and now with the two training colleges already for many years in operation at Christchurch and Dunedin, but recently reorganized under more liberal conditions, complete the provision of a training college for each of the four University districts. The demand for teachers in New Zealand is still so great that many ex-pupil-teachers without adequate additional training are being employed as teachers, and the needs of many of the smaller schools are still served by persons who, whatever their attainments may be, would manifestly benefit materially by even a short period of training under proper direction. The allowances to students are, however, so liberal, and the advantages of careful practical training so obvious, that the attendance at the training colleges is fast increasing, and it is expected that before long the numbers seeking admission will tax the present accommodation to its fullest extent.