

The following table shows the number of Education Board scholarships held in December, 1905, with their tenure and annual value. The total expenditure of the Boards under this head amounted to £8,013 6s. 6d. The total paid to the Board for scholarship purposes by the Department was £7,897 13s. 8d.

TABLE K2.—NUMBER AND VALUE OF EDUCATION BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS.

Education Districts.	Number held in Dec., 1905.	Boys.	Girls.	Period of Tenure.	Boards' Expenditure on Scholarships in 1905.	Annual Value, &c.
				Years.	£ s. d.	
Auckland ..	85	64	21	3	1,823 1 10	9 at £30; 25 at £25; 15 at £20; 36 at £15.
Taranaki ..	16	8	8	2	307 15 6	4 at £35; 1 at £33 13s.; 1 at £22 10s.; 1 at £14; 9 at £10.
Wanganui ..	23	10	13	Varies	641 17 6	12 at £40; 9 at £15; 2 at £10.
Wellington ..	48	24	24	2	966 3 4	10 at £35; 3 at £18 18s.; 35 at £15.
Hawke's Bay ..	29	15	14	2	490 13 0	12 at £30; 1 at £16; 1 at £15; 1 at £10; 2 at £8 8s.; 1 at £7 10s.; 8 at £2 10s.; 3 at £2 2s.
Marlborough ..	6	3	3	2	125 0 0	2 at £35; 1 at £25; 3 at £10.
Nelson ..	30	17	13	2	345 8 6	6 at £40; 1 at £25; 3 at £7; 20 at £1 5s.
Grey ..	3	2	1	2	62 4 6	1 at £26; 2 at £8.
Westland ..	5	3	2	2	68 0 0	2 at £24; 1 at £12; 2 at £4.
North Canterbury	38	20	18	2	1,121 9 5	21 at £40; 17 at £20.
South Canterbury	28	20	8	2	328 18 1	4 at £25; 4 at £22 10s.; 1 at £13 10s.; 8 at £7 10s.; 11 at £5.
Otago ..	62	41	21	Varies	1,130 5 6	4 at £40; 9 at £30; 8 at £25; 6 at £20; 3 at £12 10s.; 11 at £10; 21 at £7 10s.
Southland ..	21	15	6	Varies	602 9 4	8 at £35; 9 at £30; 1 at £15; 3 at £5.
Totals, 1905..	394	242	152	..	8,013 6 6	
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The reports of the secondary schools (subsidised or endowed) and further details in regard to district high schools and Education Board scholarships, are given in a separate paper, E.—12.

The income of these secondary schools for 1905 from school fees, not including fees for boarding, was about £23,291; from rents and interest, about £28,168; from endowments administered by the School Commissioners, about £3,952; and from payments made by Government, about £14,138. The principal item of expenditure was for salaries—£45,815. As the Moseley Commission reported, in regard to the secondary schools of the United States, that, though a marvellous amount of money is being spent on buildings and equipment, yet adequate salaries are not being paid to those who are giving the instruction, it may be of interest to make a comparison between the salaries paid in the two countries. In Indiana and New York States the average salary of a high-school teacher is £145; in New Zealand, principals—men, £468; women, £354; assistants—men, £236; women, £138. In twenty-eight large cities of the Union, where the schools are also very large, the salaries of principals range from £350 to £800. In the four chief towns in this colony, from £500 to £800 for men, and £300 to £450 for women.

SUMMARY OF THE ACCOUNTS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1905 FURNISHED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Credit balances on 1st January, 1905 ..	33,436	9	5	Liabilities on 1st January, 1905..	2,153	6	8
Endowment reserves sold and mortgage-moneys repaid .. ..	3,506	13	2	Expenses of management .. ..	3,129	13	5
Rents of reserves .. ..	24,284	6	3	School salaries .. ..	45,814	15	2
Interest on moneys invested .. ..	3,884	15	0	Boarding-school accounts .. ..	5,883	18	7
Reserves Commissioners' payments ..	3,951	15	1	Examination expenses.. ..	369	19	6
Government payments—				Scholarships and prizes .. ..	2,027	2	5
For technical instruction .. ..	898	16	1	Printing, stationery, fuel, light, &c. ..	3,987	9	11
For free places .. ..	13,238	14	3	Buildings, furniture, insurance, rent, and rates .. ..	19,743	18	7
School fees (tuition) .. ..	23,291	12	4	Expenditure on endowments .. ..	3,165	2	3
Boarding-school fees .. ..	6,283	17	7	Interest .. ..	859	4	10
Books, &c., sold, and refunds .. ..	1,128	15	9	Sundries not classified.. ..	3,210	4	6
Sundries not classified.. ..	14,756	11	4	Credit balances, 31st December, 1905 ..	38,797	13	9
Debit balances, 31st December, 1905 ..	480	3	4				
	£129,142	9	7		£129,142	9	7

It will also be noticed from the above table that the finances of the High School Boards are in a much better condition than in 1904. The debit balances had decreased from £2,153 to £480, while the credit balances had increased from £33,436 to £38,798.