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Education District.	(1) Number of Country Primary Schools to Upkeep of which Settlers have con- tributed.	(2) Educational Status possessed by Teachers where such Contribu- tions are made.		(3) Average Attendance at each School where Settlers have contributed to prevent closing School.	Remarks. (Extracts from memoranda received from Education Boards.)
		Certi- ficated.	Uncer- ticated.		
Wellington	10	..	10	(4 schools): ave- rages—3, 7, 9, and 9	At four schools in this district the settlers have been asked to guarantee a fixed salary in consideration of a teacher being appointed. There are six other schools where, besides the ordinary capitation, the teacher re- ceives lodging.
Hawke's Bay	5	1	4	Averages—7, 8, 8, 11, 18	..
Marlborough	37	..	37	3 at 2, 4 at 3, 6 at 4, 2 at 5, 13 at 6, 5 at 7, 4 at 8	In this district, where schools have a yearly average attendance of less than nine, the householders are asked to contribute to the extent of providing board and lodging free, which is estimated to be worth about £25 per annum.
Nelson	17	2	15	1 at 3, 2 at 4, 3 at 5, 3 at 6, 1 at 7, 3 at 8, 3 at 9, 1 at 10	The Board establishes household schools (i.e., schools with a yearly average attendance of less than twelve) on the parent or parents undertaking to pro- vide a suitable room and apparatus for school use, and also guaranteeing free board and lodging for the teacher, it being understood, however, that if there is a house allowance it is to be paid by the teacher to the parents of the children attending the school, towards the cost of board.
Westland	7	..	7	2 at 4, 3 at 5, 1 at 6, 1 at 8	There have been no cases where settlers have given monetary assistance in order to maintain a school. The statement furnished relates to cases where free board is provided for the teacher.
Grey	6	..	6	2 at 3, 2 at 4, 1 at 5, 1 at 6	In each case the teacher is provided by the settlers with free board and lodg- ing.
North Canterbury ..	12	..	12	1 at 7, 3 at 8, 1 at 10, 1 at 11	The contributions, as a rule, are re- stricted to such an amount as, with the capitation paid by the Board, yields a salary at the rate of £65 per annum. The exceptions are Ashbur- ton Forks and Flemington. In the case of certificated teachers the Board is of opinion that the minimum salary should be not less than £80.
South Canterbury ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	..
Otago	10	..	10	2, 5, 6, 3 at 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11	..
Southland	11	..	11	1 school with average 6	Most of these schools were established for the benefit of one or two families (in most cases one family only), and may be regarded simply as household schools.

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