

TABLE 2.

(1.) Expenditure on Scholarships and Free Places and on the Conveyance of Children.
 (2.) Average Attendance at Primary Schools.

	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
	£	£	£	£	£
Scholarships (A)	14,402	14,500	13,370	16,265	16,724
Free Places (B) (as per Table 3)	3,089	13,891	18,556	24,885	28,704
Total	17,491	28,391	31,926	41,150	45,428
Conveyance of children to school by rail, and board of children,—					
Elementary Schools	3,627	3,656	3,055	5,094	5,638
High Schools	1,899	2,521	2,633	4,904	3,772
Technical Classes	20	574	846	1,956	2,693
Total	5,546	6,751	6,534	11,954	12,103
Average Attendance,—					
Public Primary Schools	113,047	116,506	120,265	121,958	120,026
Native Primary Schools	3,012	3,084	3,428	3,607	3,561
Total	116,059	119,590	123,693	125,565	123,587

Note.

Scholarships are awarded in nearly all cases on the results of competitive examinations; but scholarships for Maoris, free places in secondary or technical schools, and University bursaries are awarded to all who reach certain prescribed standards of attainments in their previous work, shown either by examination or by certificate. These free places or bursaries exempt the holders from payment of tuition fees. University bursaries were instituted only in 1907; the amount is likely to increase considerably.

The allowances to students in training colleges are not included under scholarships, although they are closely akin in character. They vary from £10 to £75 in value, and are granted to all who qualify—without competition. The total amounts spent in allowances to students, (included in A I of Table 1) were as follows:—

TABLE 3.—DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, ETC.

	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8. ¹
	£	£	£	£	£
(1.) Secondary Schools and District High Schools—					
A. Education Board Scholarships	8,605	8,049	6,834	9,341	8,564
A. Junior National Scholarships	..	903	1,388	2,469	2,304
B. Free Places	3,089	13,015	16,446	21,767	22,815
A. Foundation Scholarships	3,255	2,563	2,137	1,365	1,587
	14,949	24,530	26,805	34,942	35,270
(2.) Technical Schools—					
B. Free Places	..	876	2,110	3,118	5,889
(3.) A. University Junior Scholarships	1,468	1,658	1,700	1,755	1,645
A. Senior National Scholarships	..	..	..	..	831
A. Queen's Scholarships	665	769	751	813	896
A. University Bursaries	..	..	..	..	99
	2,133	2,427	2,451	2,568	3,471
(4.) A. *Higher Scholarships and Research	409	558	560	522	798
Grand total	17,491	28,391	31,926	41,150	45,428
Scholarships (all items above except Free Places)	14,402	14,500	13,370	16,265	16,724
Free Places (two items as above)	3,089	13,891	18,556	24,885	28,704
	17,491	28,391	31,926	41,150	45,428
* Sir George Grey Scholarships	100	150	200	150	175
University Senior	..	..	..	..	..
John Tinline	309	408	360	372	623
Bowen	..	..	..	..	..