

It would appear, then, that at the 1st January, 1913, this net balance of £90,789 was available for the purposes indicated. However, the combined Buildings Account shows the actual balance to be £37,294, and obviously, therefore, a sum of £53,495 has been diverted from the Maintenance Fund to other purposes. This is far more than would be warranted by the provision allowing the Boards to spend up to 7 per cent. on such items as are indicated above.

CHATHAM ISLANDS.

At the end of 1912 there were four schools in operation in the Chatham Islands—viz., those at Te One, Te Roto, Makarakau, and Owenga.

The average number of pupils on the roll was 92, the average attendance being 79.

The total expenditure on the schools for the year under review was made up as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries of teachers (including allowances and cost of removals)	732	4	5
Repairs, &c.	22	11	10
Scholarships	70	0	0
Inspection	16	16	0
Other expenses	59	14	9
Total	£901	7	0

In the table below is given the names of the teachers together with certain details of expenditure. The average roll number and average attendance for each school is also shown.

School.	Names of Teachers.	Salaries at End of 1912.	Allowance for Conveyance of Goods	Attendance.	
				Mean of Average Attendance for Four Quarters of 1912.	Mean of Weekly Roll Number for Four Quarters of 1912.
Te One	Wentzel, E.	H.M. 200 0 0	£ 25	39	47
	Seymour, Miss A.	Pt. 5 55 0 0	..	..	..
	Lanauze, Miss G.	Pt. 4 55 0 0	..	..	..
Te Roto	Seymour, Miss E.	F. 108 0 0	15	21	25
Owenga	Hutchinson, J.	M. 99 0 0	15	12	13
Matarakau	Russell, Mrs. E. A.	F. 94 10 0	..	7	7
Total	..	611 10 0	55	79	92

II.—REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

THE DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION TO THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS.

Changes of Junior Cadet Staff.—Captain A. C. C. Stevens, N.Z.S.C., lately Staff Officer in charge of Junior Cadets, was transferred to the Defence Department as from 31st August, 1912.

Junior Cadet Strength.—There were at the 31st December, 1912 (the date on which the Junior Cadets as an official organization ceased to exist), 573 primary schools in which the Junior Cadet Department had active interests, no new corps having been formed during the previous nine months. During that period 49 new appointments of Junior Cadet officers were made, and 15 resignations were accepted.

The estimated strength of the Junior Cadets at the same date was as under :—

	1912.	1910-11.	Increase.
Officers	1,349	1,315	34
Junior Cadets	29,308	29,308	Nil
Total, officers and cadets	30,657	30,623	34