

NUMBER RECEIVING FREE SECONDARY EDUCATION.

	1912.	1913.
Secondary schools	4,815	4,963
District high schools	2,048	2,073
Technical day-schools	1,375	1,507
Maori secondary schools	103	108
Totals	8,341	8,651

The estimated increase for the year in the number receiving free secondary education is therefore 310.

SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

These scholarships are of four kinds,—

- (i.) Junior National Scholarships ;
- (ii.) Education Board Scholarships ;
- (iii.) Foundation (or Governors') Scholarships, given by the governing bodies of secondary schools ;
- (iv.) Private scholarships, endowed by private owners.

(i.) *Junior National Scholarships.*

These scholarships are allotted to the several education districts practically on the basis of population, as in each district there is offered annually one scholarship for each 4,000 or part of 4,000 children in average yearly attendance at public schools. The scholarships are awarded by the Education Boards on the results of an examination conducted by the Education Department, and the Boards exercise a certain control over the holders, and pay over to them from time to time the amounts falling due.

The following summary to Table L4 shows the number and value of Junior National Scholarships current in December, 1912, and December, 1913 respectively :—

Number of scholarships,—	1912.	1913.
Boys	73	68
Girls	57	62
Totals	130	130
Number receiving boarding-allowance (included in the above total)	63	72
Number receiving travelling-allowance (similarly included) ...	2	2
Number held at secondary schools	112	114
Number held at district high schools	18	16
Total annual rate of payment	£3,236	£3,460

(ii.) *Education Board Scholarships.*

The scholarship funds of the Boards are provided by grants which, although not statutory, are of old standing, and amount to 1s. 6d. per head of the average attendance. The conditions of the scholarships are determined by regulations approved in the case of each Board by the Minister of Education. For the award of the Junior Scholarships all the Boards now use the Junior National Scholarship Examination, and for their Senior Scholarships all use the Intermediate Examination, as arranged for scholarship candidates ; but the awards themselves and the subsequent control of the holders are entirely in the hands of the Boards. The number and value of the Board scholarships in the various districts are shown in Table L5, the totals of which are for the whole of New Zealand.

	Scholarships.
At £40 per annum	127
At £35 per annum	8
At £33 per annum	1
At £30 per annum	45
Under £25 and not under £20 per annum	17
Under £15 and not under £10 per annum	210
Under £10 and not under £5 per annum	137
Under £5 per annum	31
Total... ..	576
Number of scholarships,—	
Boys	355
Girls	221
Total	576