

were 5 years old; 10.0 per cent., 6 years; 11.2 per cent., 7 years; 11.2 per cent., 8 years; 11.6 per cent., 9 years; 11.5 per cent., 10 years; 11.1 per cent., 11 years; 10.7 per cent., 12 years; 8.3 per cent., 13 years; 4.5 per cent., 14 years; and 2.3 per cent., over 14 years.

Of the 133,961 children under instruction in the schools, 132,197 receive instruction in reading, 132,179 in writing, 132,065 in arithmetic, 68,415 in English grammar and composition, 84,650 in geography, 65,715 in history, 47,170 in elementary science, 126,731 in drawing, 81,805 in object lessons, 107,256 in vocal music, 54,645 in needlework, 5,709 in domestic economy.

There are 1,585 public schools in the colony, and there are on an average about 70 pupils to each school. There are 241 schools with less than 25 pupils; 160 schools with between 15 and 20 scholars; and 213 with between 20 and 25 scholars. The number of schools with less than 25 pupils each was increased during the last year by 55. The teachers number 3,628 (1,456 male and 2,172 female). The average number of pupils to each teacher is 30. There are 183 sewing instructresses. The pupil teachers number 1,076; 850 of these are female. The total amount paid in salaries to teachers last year was £359,412, or an average salary of £94 6s. 8d. to each teacher. The highest salary paid any teacher is £496. Seven teachers receive salaries of £400 and upwards, 62 receive salaries of between £300 and £400; 238 receive salaries of between £200 and £300; 1,264 receive

salaries of between £100 and £200; and the remainder, which includes the sewing mistresses and pupil teachers, less than £100 each.

All the schools with the exception of 437 are supplied with teachers' residences.

There are two institutions for the training of teachers, one in Otago, the other in North Canterbury. These two institutions receive grants-in-aid of £300 each per annum.

Over £7,000 is yearly spent in scholarships. Last year 320 scholarships were given, ranging in value from £4 to £52 12s., and having a period of tenure of either two or three years.

The native village schools number 74, having 2,864 pupils in attendance. The average attendance last year was 77½ per cent. There are four boarding schools for Maoris. The 74 schools are under the charge of 60 masters and 14 mistresses, whose salaries range between £74 and £233; and there are 60 assistants and 14 sewing mistresses, with salaries between £7 and £50.

There is an institute for the blind, and also a school for deaf mutes. The high schools number 24. Last year they had an attendance of 2,709. Fees ranging from £8 to £13 per annum are collected from pupils attending these high schools.

There is one university, the University of New Zealand, situated at Otago. The colleges are Canterbury College, Auckland University College, and the Canterbury Agricultural College. The number of students at the colleges last year was 660, of whom 200 were women.