

4. POST-PRIMARY EDUCATION

In 1946 the development of post-primary education among the Maori children was continued. The number of district high schools remained the same as for the previous year—that is, 4—but Form III classes were started in three other schools—Rangitahi, Ruatoki, and Te Kaha—preparatory to the establishment of district high schools as soon as the required roll should be obtained. In the district high schools already established the curriculum has been developed along practical lines, leading at the same time up to School Certificate. These schools are beginning to develop in numbers, and although the actual increase in enrolment last year was not great—from 81 to 95—there was evidence that the schools are going to increase rapidly in size in the next two or three years. The schools were successful in getting their first candidates through the School Certificate Examination last year.

It was decided at the end of the year to increase the number of junior scholarships held by Maori scholars at certain private and public secondary schools from 174 to 200 over a two-year period. The value of the scholarships was increased from £35 per annum to £55 per annum for boys and to £50 per annum for girls. This increase was necessitated by the increase in the cost of upkeep in both boys' and girls' secondary schools. The rates were fixed accordingly after due consideration had been given to income derived from original endowments.

The following table shows the number of scholarship-holders enrolled at the public and private secondary schools in the month of December, 1946 :—

Boys.		Girls.	
School.	Num-ber.	School.	Num-ber.
Te Aute College, Pukehou	55	Te Wai Pounamu College, Christchurch ..	4
St. Stephen's College, Bombay	..	Hukarere College, Napier	44
Wesley College, Paerata	17	St. Joseph's College, Greenmeadows ..	33
St. Patrick's College, Silverstream ..	10	Turakina College, Marton	32
Sacred Heart College, Auckland	7	Queen Victoria College, Auckland ..	40
St. Peter's College, Northcote	3		
Gisborne High School	4		
Napier Boys' High School	10		
New Plymouth Boys' High School ..	3		
Dannevirke High School	8		
Feilding Agricultural High School ..	4		
Total	121	Total	153

The Junior Te Makariri Scholarship was awarded to Rangi Morete, of Whakarewarewa Native School.

5. HIGHER EDUCATION

I have already commented on the increased number of Maori students entering training college. Three University scholarships were awarded to Edward Tauroa, Tuakau (veterinary science), Ranfurly Jacob, Otaki (medicine), and James Tukaioa Turoa, Tirau (civil engineering). Seven other University scholarships were current in 1946.

6. MAORI BATTALION MOBILE CANTEN

During the year the mobile canteen presented by the Native-school children to the Maori Battalion in 1941 was returned to New Zealand, and, thanks to the opportunity provided by the Government, arrangements were made for it to make a comprehensive tour of all schools that contributed to its cost and that were accessible by road. This canteen had a unique record of service during the war and had a warm place in the hearts of the Maori soldiers not only because of the service it gave, but also because of the spirit behind the gift.