

for the Principal alone. I feel that the necessity for approval by the Department is a very necessary requirement in order to ensure that the standard of those going on to the University may be satisfactory.

(14) ENDORSED AND HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

These were awarded for the first time in 1946, replacing the old Higher Leaving Certificate. An Endorsed School Certificate is awarded to a candidate who satisfactorily completes a course of instruction of one year in advance of School Certificate; a Higher School Certificate to a pupil who satisfactorily completes at least two years' work in advance of School Certificate or one year's work in advance of University Entrance. In each case, at least two of the subjects presented must be advanced subjects. The numbers of certificates awarded in the three years, 1945, 1946, and 1947, are as follows:—

	1945.	1946.		1947.	
	Higher Leaving Certificates.	Endorsed School Certificates.	Higher School Certificates.	Endorsed School Certificates.	Higher School Certificates.
Secondary and combined schools ..	1,296	1,550	367	1,638	469
Technical schools	156	250	34	330	31
District high schools	129	131	15	142	9
Endowed and registered private secondary schools	430	492	87	592	132
Correspondence school	9	12	..	19	3
Totals	2,020	2,435	503	2,721	644

(15) EDUCATION BURSARIES

The total expenditure on national bursaries and special bursaries during the financial year was £73,694—again a considerable increase upon the amount spent during the previous financial year, £60,003. In addition, a sum of £16,962 was expended on secondary-school and technical bursaries, as against £11,307 for the previous year. It will be remembered that 1947 was the first year of the operation of technical bursaries. The number of bursaries current during 1947 and the awards at the close of the year are given in the following table:—

	Current in		Awarded at beginning of	
	1947.	1946.	1948.	1947.
Agriculture	42	38	20	20
Architecture	10	6	5	5
Engineering	47	38	15	15
Fine arts	20	14	10	10
Home science	63	66	20	20
Science	57	50	20	20
National boarding	218	210	65	65
Ordinary national	2,593	2,342	*	995
Total	3,050	2,764	..	1,150
Secondary-school bursaries	321	289	*	257
Technical bursaries	156	..	*	156
Grand total	3,527	3,053	..	1,563

* Not available.