

Regular classes for all Maori teachers are held in Rarotonga in an effort to raise the general standard of the teaching service.

In September a week's refresher course in physical education and music was held, the instructors being members of the European teaching staff.

The temporary plan for manual training, pending the completion of Tereora Training College, is almost complete, and the domestic-science courses at Aorangi have commenced. This latter course provides instruction in cooking, laundry, and housecraft for 132 girls in Grades 7 and 8 from five Rarotongan village schools and 16 female student teachers. The scheme will be extended to other schools as soon as transport arrangements can be made.

The tools necessary for the woodwork scheme have arrived, and preparations for this instruction are being made. It is anticipated that a start will be made in June, 1949.

The statistics of enrolments show an increase in the school population of 277 and are given below:—

Island.	School.	Roll Numbers.					
		1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	
(a) GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS							
Rarotonga ..	..	Avarua (including European class)	432	437	502	503	558
		Arorangi	280	281	269	276	323
		Ngatangia	216	205	230	230	266
		Titikaveka	188	190	199	212	217
Aitutaki ..	..	Araura	562	593	604	641	679
Atiu	..	Atiu	204	198	221	221	255
Mangaia ..	..	Oneroa	218	238	270	276	288
		Ivirua	106	138	146	160	172
		Tamarua	68	77	79	75	95
Mauke ..	..	Mauke	172	189	177	185	218
Pukapuka ..	..	Pukapuka	143	118	127	179	166
Totals ..	..		2,589	2,664	2,824	2,958	3,237
(b) LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY SCHOOLS							
Mitiaro ..	..	Mitiaro	38	64	22	42	56
Manihiki ..	..	Tukao	22	18	19	20	31
		Tauhunu	52	44	45	77	65
Rakahanga ..	..	Rakahanga	64	64	114	102	62
Penrhyn ..	..	Omoka	89	122	115	81	48
		Tetautua	18	45	36	48	55
Palmerston ..	..	Palmerston	21	17	20	17	14
Totals ..	..		304	374	371	387	331
(c) ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION SCHOOLS							
Rarotonga ..	..	St. Joseph's Convent ..	169	165	165	193	222
Atiu	..	Atiu Catholic	58	59	71	68	71
Mauke ..	..	Mauke Catholic	43	37	41	46	41
Manihiki ..	..	Tukao Catholic	20	20	22	20	17
		Tauhunu Catholic	8	8	8	8	18
Rakahanga ..	..	Rakahanga Catholic ..	8	8	12	20	20
Penrhyn ..	..	Omoka Catholic	..	..	..	..	20
Totals ..	..		306	297	319	355	409
Grand totals ..	..		3,199	3,335	3,514	3,700	3,977