

The classification of Maori children attending Native schools is given in the special report on Native schools (E. 3). The following table shows the age, sex, and classification of those attending public schools:—

TABLE CA.—CLASSIFICATION OF MAORI CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1909.

By Ages.				By Standard Classes.			
Years.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Classes.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
5 and under 6 ...	169	170	339	Class P ...	1,316	1,136	2,452
6 " 7 ...	238	222	460	" S1 ...	345	274	619
7 " 8 ...	299	250	549	" S2 ...	272	214	486
8 " 9 ...	318	265	583	" S3 ...	231	163	394
9 " 10 ...	298	231	529	" S4 ...	153	99	252
10 " 11 ...	289	246	535	" S5 ...	90	57	147
11 " 12 ...	270	206	476	" S6 ...	47	27	74
12 " 13 ...	236	174	410	" S7 ...	7	3	10
13 " 14 ...	196	122	318				
14 " 15 ...	106	59	165				
15 years and over ...	42	28	70				
Totals ...	2,461	1,973	4,434	Totals ...	2,461	1,973	4,434

N.B.—For the purposes of this return, half-caste children and children intermediate in blood between half-caste and Maori are reckoned as Maori.

The number of Maori children in the public schools, as compared with those in Native schools, continues to show an increase, owing principally to the fact that the policy has been steadily followed of handing over Native schools to the Education Boards as soon as the pupils have become, educationally at least, so far European in character that they can be conveniently taught with European children. This point is reached when the Maori can use English fluently in his ordinary conversation. It is part of the same policy to assimilate the programme of work in Native schools as nearly as possible to that in public schools, and to make no distinction in point of salary between teachers in the two classes of schools.

Europeans in Native Schools.

There are 391 European children—206 boys and 185 girls—attending Native schools. Under this head those children who are intermediate in blood between half-caste and European are reckoned as European. The age, sex, and classification of these children is as follows:—

TABLE CB.—CLASSIFICATION OF EUROPEAN CHILDREN ATTENDING NATIVE SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1909.

By Ages.				By Standard Classes.			
Years.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Classes.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
5 and under 6 ...	16	15	31	Class P ...	67	72	139
6 " 7 ...	32	16	48	" S1 ...	20	15	35
7 " 8 ...	17	29	46	" S2 ...	19	18	37
8 " 9 ...	17	22	39	" S3 ...	27	25	52
9 " 10 ...	24	30	54	" S4 ...	29	24	53
10 " 11 ...	19	12	31	" S5 ...	21	18	39
11 " 12 ...	22	27	49	" S6 ...	17	9	26
12 " 13 ...	25	17	42	" S7 ...	6	4	10
13 " 14 ...	20	10	30				
14 " 15 ...	10	6	16				
15 years and over ...	4	1	5				
Totals ...	206	185	391	Totals ...	206	185	391