

The number of European children attending Native schools (set out in Table H4 of the appendix) shows a slight increase.

Number attending at end of 1909	..	..	..	..	..	391
Number attending at end of 1910	..	..	..	..	..	427
In the preparatory and lower standards (up to Standard V)	..	..	..	..	..	386
In the higher standards (Standards VI and VII)	..	..	..	..	..	41
Number of certificates issued,—						
Competency	..	..	..	..	..	5
Proficiency	..	..	..	..	..	7

As regards Maoris attending public schools, the following particulars are set out in Tables H5 and H5A.

Number attending at end of 1909	..	..	..	..	..	4,434
Number attending at end of 1910	..	..	..	..	..	4,462
In the preparatory and lower standards (up to Standard V)	..	..	..	..	..	4,409
In the higher standards (Standards VI and VII)	..	..	..	..	..	53
Number of certificates issued—						
Competency	..	..	..	..	..	1
Proficiency	..	..	..	..	..	18

Tables H6, H6A, and H6B give full information as regards the race of the 4,280 children on the rolls of the Native schools in December, 1910. As will be seen, 87·6 per cent. were Maoris speaking Maori in their homes, 2·4 were Maoris speaking English, and 10 per cent. were Europeans.

The total number of children of Maori or of mixed race on the rolls of primary Native schools, public schools, Native mission schools, and secondary Native schools, together with such pupils as were receiving special technical training at the end of the year 1910, is shown in the schedule below. The numbers do not include Maori children attending public secondary schools or Maoris at schools not under Government inspection: of these no separate return is made.

				Actual Number.	Number per 10,000 of Maori Population at Census of 1906 (47,731).
I. Primary schools—					
(a.) Government Native schools	...	...	...	4,280	896·6
(b.) Mission schools	...	...	...	221	46·3
(c.) Public schools	...	...	...	4,462	934·8
				8,963	1,877·7
II. Secondary schools	...	...	...	378	79·1
III. Special technical training	...	...	...	14	2·9
Totals	...	...	...	9,355	1,959·7

CLASSIFICATION OF PUPILS.

At the end of the year the standard classification of the children in the village schools was as follows:—

	Number.	Per Cent. of the Roll.
Class P ..	2,018	47·1
Standard I ..	534	12·5
Standard II ..	460	10·8
Standard III ..	416	9·7
Standard IV ..	373	8·7
Standard V ..	299	7·0
Standard VI ..	148	3·4
Standard VII ..	32	0·8

Detailed information in regard to the above table will be found in Table H7 of the appendix. See also Tables H6B and H8.

RESULTS OF INSPECTION.

Table H9 of the appendix gives full information as to the results of the annual inspection.

STAFFS AND SALARIES.

As shown in Table H, the staffs of the village schools included 78 masters, 21 mistresses in charge, 109 assistants, and 4 sewing teachers. The total amount paid in salary during the year was £23,184, the average salary of the head teachers being £171—males £175, and females £156. The average salary of assistants was £60.