

higher classes, more especially in the direction of giving them some instruction and training in home science, would leave less excuse for the apparent failure of parents to appreciate the fact that the sound education of girls is just as important as that of boys.

An examination of the figures published by the Department of Public Instruction in New South Wales reveals a precisely similar condition of affairs in that State.

It is interesting, in this connection, to note the proportion of girls to boys in the whole population between the ages of five and fifteen and on the rolls of the public primary schools of England, the United States, and Australia. For every hundred boys we find the number of girls to be as follows:—

	Population, 5-15.	Schools.
England	100	98
United States	98	98
Queensland	98	94
New South Wales	98	91
Victoria	98	95
Western Australia	99	91
Tasmania	98	92
New Zealand	97	91

Table C1 in E.-2 shows the age and sex of the pupils on the rolls of the public schools in the several education districts at the end of 1911.

Maori Children receiving Primary Education.

(E.-3.—Tables H5 and H5a.)

At the end of 1911 there were 4,685 Maori children receiving instruction in public schools. The total number of Maoris under instruction in all primary schools was as follows:—

At Native village schools	4,039
At Native mission schools	230
At public schools	4,685
Total	8,954

This number does not include Maoris attending schools not under inspection or private schools subject to inspection; of these no separate return is made.

The classification of Maori children attending Native village schools will be found on page 29. The following table shows the age, sex, and classification of the Maoris attending public schools:—

TABLE CA.—MAORI SCHOLARS ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT THE END OF DECEMBER QUARTER, 1911.

Years.	Class P.		S1.		S2.		S3.		S4.		S5.		S6.		S7.		Total.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
5 and under 6 ..	169	122	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	169	122
6 " 7 ..	274	230	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	276	232
7 " 8 ..	325	283	3	12	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	328	298
8 " 9 ..	257	226	47	40	13	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	317	275
9 " 10 ..	158	147	74	66	40	47	15	7	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	290	269
10 " 11 ..	114	98	97	55	65	63	36	28	4	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	316	251
11 " 12 ..	82	91	51	50	77	54	60	50	20	19	5	3	..	1	..	..	295	268
12 " 13 ..	26	20	38	39	52	44	60	29	41	33	17	14	2	1	..	..	236	180
13 " 14 ..	21	24	17	19	41	25	47	24	30	27	31	16	6	8	..	1	193	144
14 " 15 ..	11	4	11	5	9	2	9	6	23	12	22	14	18	8	2	..	105	51
15 and over ..	4	..	..	2	1	2	5	3	6	7	11	9	13	2	3	2	43	27
Totals ..	1,441	1,245	340	290	298	248	232	148	126	107	87	56	39	20	5	3	2,568	2,117

Average Age of Maori Pupils in Various Classes.

Average Age.		Average Age.	
Yrs. mos.		Yrs. mos.	
Class P.	8 2	Class S4	12 10
" S1	10 4	" S5	13 7
" S2	11 2	" S6	14 4
" S3	12 0	" S7	15 0

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.