

SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

Numbers as at 31st December, 1913:—

	M.	F.
In residence	69	..
Boarded out	..	4
Total of both sexes	..	73

Of the above number under control ten were over twenty-one years of age. The procedure in regard to the retention of control beyond that age is similar to that already described in respect of inmates of industrial schools.

	1912-13. £	1913-14. £
Salaries	2,127	2,471
Maintenance of pupils	2,119	2,426
Maintenance of buildings	524	315
Farm and stock	485	270
Additional buildings, furniture, &c.	160	121
	5,415	5,603
Less—		
Amount collected from parents by way of maintenance contributions	862	777
Amount collected from Charitable Aid Boards	810	857
Sundry other recoveries	207	83
	1,879	1,717
Net expenditure	£3,536*	£3,886*

* Including for 1912-13 £225, and for last year £274 from national endowment revenue.

MANUAL AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

MANUAL INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(E.—5.—Tables J1 and J2).

Recognized classes were held in connexion with 70 per cent. of the public schools, an increase of 2 per cent. The percentages for the various education districts were as follows:—

District.	Percentage of Schools at which instruction was given.	
	1912.	1913.
Auckland	52	56
Taranaki	72	76
Wanganui... .. .	92	95
Wellington	76	71
Hawke's Bay	74	81
Marlborough	65	48
Nelson	50	52
Grey	27	57
Westland	41	24
North Canterbury	74	75
South Canterbury	58	59
Otago	75	77
Southland... .. .	97	97

Classes were held at 1,572 schools, an increase of 64. The number of classes was 6,441, as compared with 6,297 for the previous year.

Payments by way of capitation and subsidies on voluntary contributions in money or kind totalled £30,691, an increase of £6,000. The average rate of payment per class was £4·7.

Special grants in aid of buildings and equipment totalling £4,538 were made to controlling authorities during the year. New buildings or additions to buildings for manual instruction have been erected during the year, or are in course of erection, at Waihi, Waipawa, Sydenham, Lawrence, Tokomairiro, Balclutha, and Invercargill, while necessary equipment has been provided for classes at Helensville, Pukekohe, Waihi, Eketahuna, Otaki, Tapanui, Mosgiel, Tokomairiro, Lawrence, Balclutha, and Invercargill.