

There were fifty-seven holders of Government bursaries. Six degree and five diploma students completed their course during the year. Payments totalling £3,554 were made in respect of fifty-seven bursars, an average of over £62 for each.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FREE EDUCATION UNDER THE REGULATIONS FOR FREE PLACES.

			1919.			1920		
			Males.	Females.	Totals.	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Junior free pupils	First year	..	982	739	1,721	757	518	1,275
	Second year	..	543	463	1,006	558	426	984
Senior free pupils	First year	..	424	461	885	449	410	859
	Second year	..	253	323	576	252	284	536
	Third year	..	124	176	300	118	194	312
Totals	..	..	2,326	2,162	4,488	2,134	1,832	3,966

Twenty-one per cent. of the total number of students in attendance at classes held free places under the Government regulations. The total number of junior free pupils shows a decrease of 468 as compared with the number for 1919, and the total number of senior free pupils shows a decrease of 54. 322 students held scholarships or free places provided locally. Included in the return of junior free pupils there is a number of young persons not otherwise qualified for a free place who have been recommended by an Inspector of Schools for free places in industrial classes.

In certain districts the regulations for compulsory attendance at continuation classes were in operation during the year, the number of students in attendance being as follows :—

Auckland Education District	..	..	586 students in 13 school districts.
Taranaki Education District	..	..	270 „ 4 „
Wanganui Education District	..	..	551 „ 5 „
Hawke's Bay Education District	..	..	149 „ 1 „
Canterbury Education District	..	..	80 „ 1 „
Totals	..	..	1,636 24

During the year 943 returned soldiers attended as free students at technical classes in twenty-seven centres. Instruction was provided in the following subjects: Electrical, motor, and mechanical engineering; plumbing; wool-classing; sheep-shearing; art; carpentry and joinery; and commercial subjects. The Repatriation Board, as in 1919, provided the funds for additional instructors and equipment wherever necessary.

The following technical schools had a roll of more than 500, exclusive of the technical high schools carried on in connection with some of them :—

School.	Number on Roll.	
	1919.	1920.
Christchurch Technical School	.. 1,368	1,598
Dunedin Technical School	.. 1,377	1,302
Auckland Technical School	.. 1,285	1,236
Wellington Technical School	.. 1,202	1,146
Palmerston North Technical School	.. 580	695
Wanganui Technical School	.. 619	677
Invercargill Technical School	.. 630	542

Capitation earnings for the year amounted to approximately £39,240, as against £42,802 earned in 1919. In addition to the class capitation earned, however, payments totalling £3,239, representing capitation on account of part-time teachers and increases in salaries of full-time instructors, were made, making a grand total of £42,479.

Technological examinations were conducted by the Department on behalf of the City and Guilds of London Institute at fourteen centres in the Dominion. The total number of entries was 292, an increase of 124 on the number for the previous year, and the number of passes was 185, or 63·3 per cent. A bronze medal was awarded to one candidate for electrical installation work, Grade I.