

SUMMARY OF OCCUPATIONS OF STUDENTS.

	Number of Students.	Percentage of Totals.
Clerical pursuits	2,146	11.52
Professional pursuits	2,997	16.09
Students	3,722	19.99
Domestic pursuits	2,851	15.30
Agricultural pursuits	768	4.12
Various trades and industries	5,583	29.97
Other occupations not stated	561	3.01
Totals	18,628	100.00

NUMBER OF CLASSES IN CERTAIN SUBJECTS OF TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION HELD IN 1919 AND 1920.

	1919.	1920.
Art and arcrafts	232	238
Mechanical and electrical engineering, theoretical and practical	238	239
Building-construction, carpentry, plumbing, and other trades	201	252
Experimental and natural science, practical mathematics, &c.	120	143
Agriculture, wool-sorting, dairy-work, &c... ..	95	103
Domestic subjects	371	405
Commercial subjects	380	346
Subjects of general education	377	353
Totals	2,014	2,079

The total number of classes shows an increase over that for 1919, though there is a slight reduction in classes for subjects of general and commercial education, the increases being mainly in trade classes, other than engineering, and classes for domestic science, agriculture, sciences, and mathematics.

The School of Domestic Science in Otago University was attended by seventy-two students taking either the course for the degree or that for the diploma. 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