

children in attendance at all public schools; the Junior and Senior Scholarships awarded are in the proportion of nine to five, so that there is one Junior Scholarship among approximately every 750 pupils in attendance at the schools, or among every fifty-five S6 pupils. In the case of pupils from sole-teacher schools—*i.e.*, schools with an average attendance of under thirty-six—the standard of award is made 10 per cent. lower than the general standard. The standard of qualification fixed for the 1921 examinations was $64\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for Junior Scholarships (general standard) and 63 per cent. for Senior Scholarships.

The results of the examination were as follows: 216 candidates qualified for Junior National Scholarships, of which number ten were pupils of sole-teacher schools, and fifty-one were pupils of secondary schools. The number of successful pupils from sole-teacher schools was greater than in the previous year, and the number from secondary schools smaller. The number of candidates qualifying for Senior National Scholarships was 124, of which number only two qualified on the alternative programme provided specially to suit the needs of those taking a rural or domestic course.

Junior and Senior National Scholarships are tenable at secondary schools and district high schools, each for three years, provided that the total tenure of the two scholarships in the case of one person must not exceed five years. The holder receives £5 per annum if a junior scholar, or £10 per annum if a senior scholar, with a further sum of £35 per annum in each case if obliged to live away from home.

The figures below indicate the number and the value of scholarships current in December, 1921. The number of scholarship-holders is, of course, included in the number of free-place holders shown in the preceding section.

Number of scholarship-holders—								1921.
Boys	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	426
Girls	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	273
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	699
Number receiving boarding-allowance (included in the above total)								172
Number receiving travelling-allowance (similarly included)								47
Number held at public secondary schools								569
Number held at other registered secondary schools								24
Number held at district high schools								75
Number held at technical high schools								31
Total annual rate of payment								£11,693

Private Scholarships.

Private scholarships are derived from funds provided at certain schools by private donors, by bequest or otherwise. The number of foundation and private scholarships in the last term of 1921 was 188. Of the holders 114 were also Government free pupils under the regulations.

WAR BURSARIES FOR SOLDIERS' DEPENDANTS.

Regulations provide for the award of bursaries to dependants of killed or disabled members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. To qualify for a war bursary a child must be eligible for—

- (a.) Free education at technical classes; or
- (b.) A free place at a secondary school, district high school, or technical high school; or
- (c.) A University or educational bursary at a University college.

A bursary entitles the holder to an allowance, in addition to free tuition, of £1 10s. or £3 per annum in the case of those qualified under (a), £5 for those under (b), or £10 for those under (c). Lodging-allowance is also paid to bursars who are obliged to live away from home to attend school, at the rate of £15 per annum under (a) and £30 under (b) and (c); travelling-allowances varying from £5 to £10 per annum are also made when travelling is necessary.

During 1921 the number of bursaries held at secondary schools was thirty, the expenditure thereon being £565.