

Avele School, Upolu.—This school has progressed most satisfactorily but suffered somewhat in attendance earlier in the year, owing to the boys from certain districts being forbidden to return to school. About 35 acres are now under cultivation, producing sufficient taro, bananas, breadfruit, ta'amu, manioca, and coconuts to render the school self-supporting despite the fact that 1,300 banana trees had been destroyed by strong winds in January last. The large breadfruit area has come into bearing and will prove an asset to the school.

School work progressed most satisfactorily, the subjects of the curriculum embracing so far as possible instruction in agriculture.

Vaipouli School, Savai'i.—This school, with a roll number of eighty-five boys, is in a flourishing condition, and is now fully established. Very much heavy work has been accomplished by the head-master and boys, and the plantations, not only of food plants but also of coconuts, are in splendid order. The year has been a record one in every way. Despite the fact of hindrance of other schools in Savai'i, no opposition whatsoever in this regard has been experienced in Vaipouli. The health of the boys has been excellent. The examination results were most satisfactory.

Malifa School, Upolu.—The senior school, with a roll number of eighty-eight, has done excellent work throughout the year, especially in the New Zealand Proficiency Examination held in December last, when eighteen candidates were presented successfully.

Ifi Ifi School (European).—Very good work has been accomplished in all classes throughout the year, and the standard of attainment increased. The roll number has increased, and the attendance has been most satisfactory. Eight candidates were successfully presented for the New Zealand Proficiency Examination. The classes in cookery still render valuable assistance to those pupils leaving school.

EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations for the Accountancy qualifications of Australia and New Zealand, New Zealand Proficiency, and Teachers, were supervised by the Superintendent of Schools during the year.

ROLL NUMBERS AND AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1929.

Roll Numbers.

Date.	Ifi Ifi.			Malifa (Senior).			Vai-pouli.	Malifa Training-school.			Avele.	Total.		Grand Total.
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys only.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys only.	Boys.	Girls.	
Mar. 31, 1928 ..	113	100	213	95	1	96	86	146	102	248	72	512	203	715
June 30, 1928 ..	118	102	220	80	1	81	74	140	118	258	55	467	221	688
Sept. 30, 1928 ..	121	104	225	70	1	71	81	128	131	259	79	479	236	715
Dec. 31, 1928 ..	121	104	225	70	1	71	87	138	131	269	84	500	236	736
Mar. 31, 1929 ..	122	105	227	88	..	88	85	171	182	353	86	552	287	839

Average Attendance.

Date.	Ifi Ifi.	Malifa (Senior).	Vaipouli.	Malifa Training-school.	Avele.	Total.	
31st March, 1928 ..	..	184	77	70	170	64	565
30th June, 1928 ..	..	192	75	70	175	55	567
30th September, 1928 ..	..	190	60	74	174	65	563
31st December, 1928 ..	..	199	65	75	194	70	603
31st March, 1929 ..	..	191	75	75	280	72	693

Grade II Roll Numbers (including Malifa Training-school, which is a Grade II (but not a mission) school).—31st March, 1928, 1,908; 30th June, 1928, 1,815; 30th September, 1928, 2,078; 31st December, 1928, 2,445; 31st March, 1929, 2,561.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

The crippling of the Court authority indicated in the last annual report still exists, but to a very much less extent. There is evidence of a steady return to usual conditions, as far as the Court is concerned; trouble continues, but chiefly with Court processes dealing with the collection of Native taxes. The increase in the Police Force has helped very considerably to bring the functions of the Court back to normal.

HIGH COURT OF WESTERN SAMOA, AT APIA.

Return of Criminal Cases for the Year ended 31st March, 1929.—Sitting-days, 203; persons charged, 708; convictions recorded, 639; dismissed on merits, 28; withdrawn by leave of Court, 41.

Return of Civil Cases for the Year ended 31st March, 1929.—Sitting-days, 89; actions filed, 610; actions heard, 525; judgments given, 449; withdrawn or struck out, 76.

LAND REGISTRATION.

Return of Documents registered by the Land Registrar at Apia for the Year ended 31st March, 1929.—Conveyances, 35; mortgages, 15; releases of mortgages, 16; leases, 30; Crown grants, 8; Miscellaneous, 10: total, 114.