

The following table shows the number of schools, with the enrolment, as at the 1st July, 1935, and 1st July, 1936 :—

	1935.		1936.	
	Schools.	Roll.	Schools.	Roll.
Native village schools	138	7,852	140	9,098
Mission and boarding schools (primary) ..	11	577	12	674
Public schools with Native children enrolled	814	9,422	851	10,534
Totals	963	17,851	1,003	20,306

European children to the number of 1,099 were in attendance at Native schools at 1st July, 1936, and are included in the above figures. If these be deducted, the total enrolment of Native children in all primary schools at 1st July becomes 19,207 compared with 16,897 in 1935.

The average attendance at Native schools was maintained at a creditably high percentage, 90 per cent. of the average weekly roll.

Boarding schools for the secondary education of the Maoris have been established by religious denominations, and the Government provides a number of scholarships tenable at these schools, which are inspected by the Department's officers. There were eight schools at the end of last year with an enrolment of 408 pupils, of whom 139 held Government scholarships. The Maori child who has obtained a proficiency certificate is also entitled to the usual facilities for secondary education provided at a post-primary school. In addition, five Maori boys held University scholarships, two at Victoria University College, and three at Auckland University College, each taking a course in arts, and four Maoris held Agricultural Scholarships, two being tenable at St. Stephen's College, one at Wesley College, and one at Te Aute College.

One nursing scholar was in training at Napier Hospital.

24. REGISTERED PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The following table summarizes the returns furnished by registered private primary schools with respect to the year 1936 :—

TABLE S.

	Undenomi- national Schools.	Catholic Church Schools.	Other Church Schools.	Total.
Number of schools	30	224	55	309
Roll at December—				
Boys	362	11,611	1,425	13,398
Girls	591	12,117	1,603	14,311
Total	953	23,728	3,028	27,709
Average attendance	818	21,222	2,703	24,743
Teachers (inclusive of head teachers)—				
Men	9	49	57	115
Women	59	706	112	877
Total	68	755	169	992

The number of schools at the end of the previous year was 310, and the total enrolment 26,869.

There has been a decrease of 1 in the number of registered private primary schools when compared with the number at the end of 1935.