

31. PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

The sound physical development of their pupils continues to be the aim of teachers in all types of schools. Not only is physical training regularly given in the schools, but children have the opportunity of taking part in organized games and sports. Steps are being taken to appoint a Superintendent of Physical Education, whose duty it will be to promulgate, organize, and control a comprehensive scheme for primary and post-primary schools and for teachers' training colleges.

32. SCHOOL MUSIC.

As a result of the greater emphasis placed upon the teaching of cultural subjects a higher standard of attainment is being reached in the teaching of music. School bands, orchestras, and choirs have been formed in a number of schools. Music festivals, on a non-competitive basis, are held in an increasing number of centres, and prove very popular with the adults and very inspiring to the performers and the schools they represent.

33. TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

The following tables summarize the position regarding the training of teachers at the end of 1937 and 1938 :—

TABLE W 1.—NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN TRAINING.

			Training-college Students.				Total.
			Division A.	Division B.	Division C.	Division D.	
1938	..	..	1,469	..	56	..	1,525
1937	..	..	1,268	..	76	..	1,344

TABLE W 2.—NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE VARIOUS TRAINING COLLEGES.

College.				1937.			1938.		
				Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.
Auckland	..	..	..	198	262	460	220	336	556
Wellington	..	..	..	99	184	283	101	196	297
Christchurch	..	..	..	134	207	341	135	213	348
Dunedin	..	..	..	98	162	260	117	207	324
Totals	..	..	..	529	815	1,344	573	952	1,525

34. HIGHER (UNIVERSITY) EDUCATION.

The number of students on the books of the four University colleges affiliated to, and the two agricultural colleges established in connection with, the University of New Zealand at the end of 1938 was 5,707, as against 5,238 at the end of 1937.

The figures for each of the colleges were as under :—

					1937.	1938.
Auckland	..	..	..	..	1,247	1,340
Victoria	..	..	..	..	1,161	1,308
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	1,151	1,153
Otago	..	..	..	..	1,451	1,418
Massey	..	..	..	..	184	383
Lincoln	..	..	..	..	44	105
					5,238	5,707