

Higher Leaving Certificate

This certificate was awarded for the last time in 1945. Under the Education (Post-primary Instruction) Regulations 1945 the certificate will be replaced by the endorsement of the School Certificate of pupils who subsequently do satisfactory work for another year. Pupils who complete a five years' course of study in a recognized post-primary school will, under certain conditions, be eligible for the award of a new certificate called the Higher School Certificate.

Higher Leaving Certificates were awarded as follows :—

	1945.	1944.
Secondary and combined schools	1,296	1,158
Technical high schools	156	108
District high schools	129	128
Endowed and registered private secondary schools	430	382
Correspondence School	9	10
	2,020	1,786

Educational Bursaries

The total expenditure on national bursaries and special bursaries during the financial year was £52,124, as compared with £45,667 for the previous year. In addition, the sum of £7,953 was expended on secondary-school bursaries, as against £4,835 during the previous year.

The number of bursaries current during 1945 and the awards at the close of the year are given in the following table :—

	Current in—		Awards at Beginning of—	
	1945.	1944.	1946.	1945.
Agriculture	25	21	20	15
Architecture	5	4	2	2
Engineering	27	20	15	15
Fine arts	14	13	4	4
Home science	60	61	20	20
Science	31	14	20	20
National boarding	210	197	65	65
Ordinary national	1,969	1,738	*	926
Total	2,341	2,068	..	1,067
Secondary-school bursaries	222	149	218	193
Grand total	2,563	2,217	..	1,260

* Not available.

Changes in the Schools

Mr. F. M. Rennér, M.A., Headmaster of Rongotai College, retired at the end of 1945 after eighteen years' service as Principal, and was succeeded by Mr. H. A. Heron, M.A., of Horowhenua College. Mr. J. Stewart, M.A., Headmaster of Marlborough College, has resigned, his resignation to take effect from September, 1946. Dr. G. H. Uttley, Headmaster of Southland Boys' High School, resigned at the end of the year, and Mr. M. Leadbetter, M.A., Headmaster of Waimate High School, was appointed in his place.