

Recommendation 18.—“ When salary scales affecting technical teachers are being drawn up, due regard should be paid to the remuneration of similarly qualified persons in industry.” (This was done during the considerations of the recent Teachers’ Salaries Committee, the recommendations of which have now been approved by Cabinet and given effect to.)

Recommendation 26.—“ The Education Department’s Technological Examinations should be revised and more extensively used.” (The Department, towards the end of the year, set up a Consultative Committee to inquire into these examinations under the Chairmanship of the Chief Inspector of Post-primary Schools.)

Recommendation 31.—“ There should be an extension of correspondence courses in technical education for the benefit of country apprentices.” (Early in the year the Department set up a Technical Correspondence School which is now operating and which is doing exactly what was asked—that is, is providing technical correspondence courses in engineering, building construction, and the like.)

(22) BUILDINGS

The following major works were completed during 1946–47 :—

Kaikohe Technical High School: New school and hostel.
 Epsom Girls’ Grammar School: First portion of the new building.
 Petone Technical School: Addition to workshops.
 Wellington Girls’ College: First portion of the new building.
 Rangiora High School: Workshops.

Major works are in progress at the following schools :—

Auckland Girls’ Grammar School: Four rooms and remodelling.
 Thames High School: Assembly hall ex-Army.
 Hamilton Technical School: Assembly hall ex-Army.
 Tauranga College: Workshop block and assembly hall ex-Army.
 Stratford Technical School: Assembly hall ex-Army.
 Hastings High School: Domestic science block and additions to workshop.
 Dannevirke High School: Assembly hall ex-Army and additions to rectory.
 Wairarapa College: Gymnasium ex-Army.
 Petone Technical School: Assembly hall ex-Army.
 Wellington College: Gymnasium ex-Army.
 Rangiora High School: Boys’ hostel.
 Christchurch Technical School: Remodelling workshops.
 Timaru Girls’ High School: Additions to hostel.
 Dunedin Technical School: Home science block.
 Otago Boys’ High School: Remodelling science laboratory.
 Southland Girls’ High School: New building.
 Southland Technical School: Additions.

(23) SCHOOL HOSTELS

The number of pupils in residence at school hostels continues to increase, but the demand is still unsatisfied, with waiting-lists at many schools. The number of pupils resident in 1945 and 1946 is shown in the following table :—

	1945.	1946.
Secondary	1,523	1,583
Technical	294	323
Combined	906	967
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	2,723	2,873