

The percentage accredited has dropped steadily since 1945 (55.5 per cent.), but this appears to be due to an increase in the number sitting for the examination, and not to a decrease in the number accredited.

SUPPLY AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS

Recruitment of teachers for the post-primary schools has not hitherto been well organized. The majority of teachers probably entered the service after a University training with or without a period at a teachers' training college. More recently large numbers have been recruited from the primary branch of the service. Many others required for the practical courses in the post-primary schools have been recruited direct from trade, industry, or commerce. It is clear that this method of recruitment is not entirely satisfactory, and the aim must be kept in view of developing training courses for all types of teachers, including part-time teachers.

A beginning was made several years ago by recruiting graduates and giving them a one-year training-college course. Since 1944 these Division "C" students, as they are called, have been concentrated in the Auckland Training College. The following table shows the numbers enrolled each year according to the University college from which they graduated:—

Year.	Auckland.	Victoria.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Total.
1944 ..	19	11	7	7	44
1945 ..	20	7	7	3	37
1946 ..	31	10	9	4	54
1947 ..	19	9	9	8	45
1948 ..	35	6	9	11	61
1949 ..	21	16	23	17	77

The 77 students enrolled in 1949 include 38 men and 39 women, and the following faculties are represented:—

	M.	W.
Arts	21	35
Science	13	2
Home science .. .. .	..	2
Agriculture	2	..
Music	1	..
Fine arts	1	..

The increasing numbers entering this training course and the satisfactory spread through the four districts of New Zealand hold out some hope for an improvement in the supply of teachers. There has also been a marked and very pleasing change in the proportion of these students qualified in science, as the following figures show:—

Analysis of Division "C" Students According to Degree Held

Year.	Arts.	Science.	Agriculture.	Music.	Commercial.	Fine Arts.	Total.
1944 ..	42	1	..	1	..	..	44
1945 ..	31	6	..	..	..	..	37
1946 ..	46	6	..	..	2	..	54
1947 ..	36	9	..	..	..	..	45
1948 ..	42	15	1	1	2	..	61
1949 ..	56	17	2	1	..	1	77