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EDUCATION: TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

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No. 1.

EXTRACT FROM THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.
TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

IN the beginning of 1906 the training colleges at Auckland and Wellington were opened, and, with the two training colleges which had been for many years in operation, but which had been recently reorganized under more liberal conditions, adequate provision has been made for the training of teachers in each of the four University centres. Practically no change was needed in the buildings at Christchurch. Wellington was altered and added to at a cost of £5,419. Auckland has been to some extent remodelled, and a further sum of £8,000 has been authorised to be spent to fit it still further for training-college purposes, and a similar sum has been authorised to be spent in erecting a training college for Dunedin to replace the old and unsuitable structure at present in use. When the buildings at Auckland and Dunedin are completed the provision for the training of teachers in the colony will be put on a highly satisfactory basis as far as buildings and equipment are concerned.

The number of students during the current year attending the various training colleges is as follows: Auckland, 19 women, 17 men, total 36; Wellington, 61 women, 16 men, total 77; Christchurch, 54 women, 15 men, total 69; Dunedin, 61 women, 18 men, total 79. The total for the whole is 195 women and 66 men, as compared with 174 women and 47 men for the corresponding period of last year. It is gratifying, in view of the dearth of male teachers in the colony, to notice that the proportion of male teachers to women teachers has risen from 27 to 34 per cent.

The amount paid during 1906 for the training of teachers was £33,747, made up as follows: Salaries of staffs of four training colleges, £11,006; students' allowances and University fees, £11,032; grants for special instruction in handwork, £2,415; railway fares of teachers in training, £4,307; alterations to buildings, Wellington, £4,787; apparatus, furniture, &c., Auckland, £200. It must be remembered, however, that £22,038 of this total provides not only for the efficient training of over two hundred teachers, but the instruction of over sixteen hundred children in attendance at the practising schools.

The reports of the several training colleges are printed in a separate paper, E.-1c.

No. 2.

TRAINING COLLEGES.

From the INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS to the MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

At the close of 1906 the number of students in attendance at the four training colleges of Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Wellington was 216—48 males and 168 females. Of this number, 160, or 74 per cent. of the total, were admitted under Division A, having already completed a period of pupil-teacher service, and 47 under Division B, without pupil-teacher service, on the