

The special grants to Education Boards for the training of teachers have been increased this year. The grants have, on the whole, been well and wisely used, and most of the classes established for the benefit of teachers have been well attended. Special courses in the shape of summer and winter sessions have again been arranged for in some districts with very satisfactory results. These classes, together with the opportunities provided by the training colleges in the four large centres, should enable those taking up the profession of teaching in public schools to provide themselves with a not altogether inadequate equipment for their work. At the examinations of the City and Guilds of London Institute, twenty-one teachers passed the examination in cookery and five that in woodwork.

The total expenditure by the Government on manual and technical instruction for 1907 was £71,754 16s. 11d. The details are as follows: Capitation on all classes, £26,764 7s. 10d.; grants for material for class use, £1,008 11s. 2d.; grants for buildings, rent, and equipment, £22,862 11s. 1d.; subsidies on voluntary contributions, £13,482 11s. 6d.; free places, £4,131 11s. 2d.; railway fares of free-place holders, £784 18s. 3d.; railway fares of instructors and students, £869 12s. 2d.; inspection, £996 7s. 6d.; expenses in connection with the examinations of the Board of Education, South Kensington, and of the City and Guilds of London Institute, £840 3s. 6d.; sundries, £14 2s. 9d. The sum of £161 6s. 4d. was recovered by way of examination fees and from sale of material used at examinations, leaving a net expenditure of £71,593 10s. 7d. (Note: This total includes a subsidy of £10,000 on the contribution of the Auckland Savings-bank to the funds of the Auckland Technical College.)

Full information on the subject of manual and technical instruction appears in a separate paper (E.-5).

#### UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGES.

The report of the Chancellor of the University of New Zealand is a separate paper (E.-6). The number of graduates admitted or qualified for admission now amounts to 1,183 admitted, and 145 qualified for admission—1,328 in all. Of the 1,183 admitted, 451 have the degree of B.A. alone, 30 B.Sc. alone, 76 LL.B. alone, 16 B.Sc. in Engineering alone, 21 M.B. alone, 84 M.B. and Ch.B. alone, 3 Mus. Bac. alone, 327 M.A. alone, 4 LL.D. alone, 6 M.D. alone, 3 D.Sc. alone, 12 M.Sc. alone, 2 LL.M. alone, 1 Litt.D. alone. The graduates upon whom degrees in more than one faculty have been conferred are: B.A. and B.Sc. 9; B.A. and LL.B., 29; B.A. and LL.M., 1; B.A. and LL.D., 1; B.A. and M.B., 1; B.A., M.B., and Ch.B., 5; B.A., B.Sc., and M.B., Ch.B., 2; B.Sc. and M.B., Ch.B., 5; B.Sc. and M.D., 1; M.A. and B.Sc., 42; M.A. and LL.B., 27; M.A. and M.Sc., 13; M.A. and D.Sc., 5; M.A. and M.B., Ch.B., 2; M.A., B.Sc., and M.B., Ch.B., 1; M.A. and LL.D., 3.

The number of degrees authorised to be conferred after the examination of 1907 was 145—B.A., 59; B.Sc., 13; B.Sc. in Engineering (alone), 8; LL.B., 20; M.B. and Ch.B., 8; B.Com., 1; M.A., 28; M.Sc., 5; M.D., 2; D.Sc., 1.

As appears by the Chancellor's report (E.-6), the number of candidates who were examined at the usual examinations in November and December, 1907, and in January and April, 1908, in the faculties of arts, science, medicine, law, and music, and for admission to the legal profession, was 2,240.

The number of students at affiliated colleges in 1907 was 1,325, an increase of 37 over that for the previous year. Of these students, 521 were women. The number of matriculated students was 990, that of unmatriculated 335. The numbers attached to the several colleges were as follows: University of Otago, 173 men and 107 women matriculated, 34 men and 9 women unmatriculated; Canterbury College, 153 men and 100 women matriculated, 44 men (exclusive of the School of Engineering) and 45 women unmatriculated; Auckland University College, 110 men and 56 women matriculated, 55 men and 63 women unmatriculated; Victoria College, 184 men and 107 women matriculated, 51 men and 34 women unmatriculated. The reports of these colleges are papers E.-7, E.-8, E.-9, and E.-10 respectively.