

Maori Children receiving Primary Education.

At the end of 1911 there were 4,685 Maori children receiving instruction in public schools. The total number of Maoris under instruction in all primary schools was as follows:—

At Native village schools	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,039
At Native mission schools	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	230
At public schools	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,685
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,954

This number does not include Maoris attending schools not under inspection or private schools subject to inspection; of these no separate return is made.

The classification of Maori children attending Native village schools will be found in the Native Schools' Report, E.-3. The following table shows the age, sex, and classification of the Maoris attending public schools:—

TABLE CA.—MAORI SCHOLARS ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT THE END OF DECEMBER QUARTER, 1911.

Years.	Class P.		S1.		S2.		S3.		S4.		S5.		S6.		S7.		Total.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	
5 and under	6	169	122	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	169	122
6	7	274	230	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	276	232
7	8	325	283	3	12	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	328	298
8	9	257	226	47	40	13	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	317	275
9	10	158	147	74	66	40	47	15	7	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	290	269
10	11	114	98	97	55	65	63	36	28	4	7	..	..	..	..	..	316	251
11	12	82	91	51	50	77	54	60	50	20	19	5	3	1	..	..	295	268
12	13	26	20	38	39	52	44	60	29	41	33	17	14	2	1	..	236	180	
13	14	21	24	17	19	41	25	47	24	30	27	31	16	6	8	..	193	144	
14	15	11	4	11	5	9	2	9	6	23	12	22	14	18	8	2	105	51	
15 and over	..	4	..	..	2	1	2	5	3	6	7	11	9	13	2	3	43	27
Totals	..	1,441	1,245	340	290	298	248	232	148	126	107	87	56	39	20	5	3	2,568	2,117

Average Age of Maori Pupils in Various Classes.

Class P.	..	..	..	..	8	2	Class S4	..	..	..	..	..	12	10
" S1	..	..	..	..	10	4	" S5	..	..	..	..	..	13	7
" S2	..	..	..	..	11	2	" S6	..	..	..	..	..	14	4
" S3	..	..	..	..	12	0	" S7	..	..	..	..	..	15	0

N.B.—For the purposes of this return, half-caste children and children intermediate in blood between half-caste and Maori are reckoned as Maori.

Number to whom has been granted a certificate of proficiency	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
" " " competency in S6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34

Number of schools at which Maori scholars were in attendance, 551.

In the above table it is a matter of comment that so few Maori scholars reached the higher standards. A comparison between this table and that for Native schools will at once show that Native schools compare much better in this respect. The reason, no doubt, is that in a school where there are only one or two Maori children among a hundred or more Europeans the education of a Maori is apt to be left to take care of itself. Again, if the above table is compared with Table B, appearing on page 4, it will be noticed that over a third of the pupils of, say, twelve years and upwards in preparatory classes and Standard I are Maoris. While this is no doubt due in part to the fault referred to above, it is also to a great extent accountable by the fact that many Maoris, living in remote districts, never enter the walls of a school until they are ten or eleven years of age, or even older.