

NUMBER OF TEACHERS ON THE STAFFS OF THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WHO HAVE ATTENDED
PHYSICAL-TRAINING CLASSES.

District.	Number of Teachers.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.
(1.) To 31st March, 1914 :—			
Auckland	293	408	701
Wanganui	38	67	105
Hawke's Bay	108	173	281
Wellington	39	24	63
Southland	112	207	319
Totals	590	879	1,469
(2.) 1st April, 1914, to 31st March, 1915 :—			
Auckland	186	202	388
Taranaki	53	157	210
Wanganui	163	248	411
Wellington	105	328	433
Nelson	20	68	88
Grey	10	60	70
Westland	8	43	51
North Canterbury	139	277	416
South Canterbury	48	144	192
Totals	732	1,527	2,259
(3.) 1st April, 1915, to 31st July :—			
Auckland	6	16	22
Marlborough	26	73	99
Nelson	43	129	172
North Canterbury	43	87	130
Otago	237	443	680
Totals	355	748	1,103
Grand totals	1,677	3,154	4,831

The instructors, of whom there are eleven (seven men and four women), have since the completion of the classes been employed in visiting the schools to inspect the work being done by the teachers, and to assist with advice when and where necessary, in regard to the proper conduct of the children's classes in physical exercises.

The time devoted at the schools to the exercises is by regulation to be not less than fifteen minutes daily. Breathing exercises, on which much stress is laid in the Department's scheme, are also to be given at the conclusion of lessons, when convenient in the course of ordinary school routine.

In the four chief centres (Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin) an instructor and instructress have been stationed, in order that the students attending the respective training colleges—of whom there are over a hundred at each college—should receive instruction at such convenient intervals and for such periods during the year as may be arranged with the Principals of the colleges.

The reports of the instructors show that very satisfactory progress is being made generally by the teachers, many of whom have expressed their appreciation of the value of the exercises, and evince an anxiety to make their classes thoroughly proficient with the view of obtaining the very best results for the children under their care.

In order to mark their appreciation of the work done at the training classes held in the South Island during the current year the Education Boards forwarded copies of resolutions passed at their meetings. The resolutions were to the following effect, viz. :—

Marlborough.—"The Board's hearty appreciation was expressed of the manner in which the recent classes in Blenheim were conducted and of the splendid results obtained. The Board feels that if the scheme is properly carried out there should soon appear a marked improvement in the physique of the children in the Dominion."

Nelson.—"The Board was very pleased with the manner in which the classes at Nelson were carried out. The teachers, without exception, made reference to the good work and interest shown by the departmental instructors."

North Canterbury.—"The Board expresses satisfaction with the excellence of the instruction, supervision, and general management of the teachers' physical-training classes in the North Canterbury District, and is satisfied that many of its teachers will now be qualified to impart to the children the benefits of physical training."