

Commerce, Otago University School of Domestic Science and School of Commerce, the total capitation earnings for these classes for the year being £2,720.

The School of Domestic Science in Otago University was attended by sixty-four students taking either the course for the degree or that for the diploma. Sixteen Government bursaries were awarded in 1923, making a total of thirty-two tenable during the year. Eight degree and fifteen diploma students completed their courses. Graduates from this school are now filling important positions throughout the Dominion as instructors in home science, and their influence in this important phase of the training of girls is already very marked.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FREE EDUCATION AT TECHNICAL SCHOOLS OTHER THAN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

	1922.			1923.		
	Males.	Females.	Totals.	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Junior free pupils {						
First year ..	1,009	673	1,682	1,047	712	1,759
Second year ..	615	439	1,054	734	426	1,160
Senior free pupils {						
First year ..	454	317	771	517	399	916
Second year ..	287	267	554	373	250	623
Third year ..	172	172	344	210	190	400
Totals	2,537	1,868	4,405	2,881	1,977	4,858

The following technical schools had a roll of more than 500, exclusive of the technical high schools carried on in connection with some of them :—

	Number on Roll.	
	1922.	1923.
Christchurch Technical School	1,670	1,751
Wellington Technical School	1,175	1,321
Dunedin Technical School	1,117	1,170
Auckland Technical School	772	928
Palmerston North Technical School	810	742
Christchurch School of Art	513	654
Invercargill Technical School	583	565

Technological examinations were conducted by the Department on behalf of the City and Guilds of London Institute at eighteen centres in the Dominion. The total number of entries was 401, an increase of 24 over the number for the previous year, and the number of passes was 189, or 47·1 per cent.

TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

The number of students in attendance at technical high schools in 1923 was 5,054, compared with 4,202 in the previous year.

The numbers of pupils taking up the various courses provided were as follows :—

Course.	Number of Pupils.			Increase over 1922.
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
Industrial	1,469	32	1,501	267
Commercial and general	1,087	1,471	2,558	504
Domestic	663	663	52
Agriculture	296	..	296	8
Art	13	23	36	21
Totals	2,865	2,189	5,054	852