

As a result of the conference the following classification of schools was made :—

Grade I (Missions' Pastor Schools).—These to be under the sole control of the missions. The instruction to be in Samoan. All children from five to ten years of age will attend.

Grade II (Mission Schools).—These schools to be established gradually in each district. The Samoan teacher will be selected by the missions and paid by the Administration. A common syllabus to be followed, in which English will be a subject. In these schools the Samoan child will qualify for his Samoan proficiency certificate, and from these schools will be selected the scholarship boys who will proceed to Grade III schools.

Grade III (Government Schools—Malifa (Upolu) and Vaipouli (Savai'i)).—These schools are under the direct control of the Administration, and are taught by white teachers with the assistance of Native teachers. The teaching is in English only, and higher education is provided for. Technical instruction is given in plumbing, carpentry, wireless, typewriting, and engineering.

WORK CARRIED OUT DURING YEAR.

Student and Pastor Classes.

The travelling teacher devoted the whole of his time to these classes until the commencement of the vacation in December. The respective missions have expressed their appreciation of the assistance thus given them, and have expressed a desire for this form of help to be continued.

Teachers' Classes for Grade II Schools.

In January last a training-class was established at Malifa (Government) School for the purpose of giving special training to the recently selected Samoan teachers about to proceed to the Grade II Schools in Upolu and Savai'i. Thirty-two teachers attended and went through a course of training in the various subjects of the syllabus decided upon for these schools.

Avele Agricultural School.

This school was established during the year for the purpose of affording Samoan youths an opportunity of receiving instruction in agriculture. Boys before entering Malifa and Vaipouli Grade III Schools will be required to undergo a course of training at Avele. The site selected for this school is well suited for the purpose for which it is intended, and comprises an area of some 120 acres. It is intended to carry out experimental work at the school with a view to testing the possibilities of introducing new products to the Natives.

Examinations.

During the year proficiency examinations were conducted by Mr. J. Caughley, Director of Education, New Zealand, at the Marist Brothers' School and at Ifi Ifi (Government) School. At the former eight proficiency and one competency certificates were gained, and at the latter seven proficiency certificates.

ROLL NUMBERS AND AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1924.

Roll Numbers.

| Date. | Ifi Ifi. | | Malifa. | | Vaipouli. | Total. | | Grand Total. |
|----------------------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|--------------|
| | Boys. | Girls. | Boys. | Girls. | Boys. | Boys. | Girls. | |
| 30th June, 1923 | 106 | 94 | 182 | 59 | 84 | 372 | 153 | 525 |
| 30th September, 1923 | 99 | 95 | 222 | 60 | 182 | 449 | 155 | 604 |
| 31st December, 1923 | 94 | 94 | 228 | 60 | 128 | 444 | 154 | 598 |
| 31st March, 1924 | 105 | 103 | 218 | 65 | 89 | 412 | 168 | 580 |

Average Attendance.

| Date. | Ifi Ifi. | Malifa. | Vaipouli. | Total. |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|--------|
| 30th June, 1923 | 172.2 | 210 | 75 | 457.2 |
| 30th September, 1923 | 154 | 244 | 96 | 494 |
| 31st December, 1923 | 162 | 255 | 120 | 537 |
| 31st March, 1924 | 181 | 241 | 92 | 504 |
| Annual average | 167 | 238 | 93 | 498 |

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

STAFF.

A redistribution of duties on the appointment of the present Chief Judge in September last, and the addition of a Samoan-born officer to the staff, has enabled the Department's work to be carried on efficiently with two officers from New Zealand, instead of three as previously.