

## 25. ENDOWED SCHOOLS AND REGISTERED PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

The following table summarizes the returns furnished by endowed schools and registered private secondary schools with respect to the years 1934 and 1935 :—

TABLE T.

	1934.	1935.
Number of schools .. .. .	55	56
Roll at 1st July .. .. .	4,339	4,636
Average attendance .. .. .	4,039	4,394
Teachers (inclusive of principals)—		
Men .. .. .	130	140
Women .. .. .	172	173
Total .. .. .	302	313

## 26. CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL.

The Correspondence School provides a continuous education from the primer classes to the Sixth Form of a post-primary school.

The fact that correspondence teaching is organized on the basis of the pupils' absence has necessitated the development of special measures to ensure adequate practical work in scientific subjects and to provide some medium for social education. The former difficulty has been met in a large measure through the co-operation of a number of high and technical high schools, situated in convenient centres, at which the Correspondence School pupils are assembled from time to time for a week's intensive laboratory practice. The latter has been met by the organization of a considerable number of school clubs and societies. A regular monthly circular, issued to all families represented on the roll, serves the place of the usual school assembly and affords a medium for all announcements. An experimental series of four broadcast lessons in French pronunciation was given from Station 2YA during the latter part of 1935, the results of which established the definite usefulness of the radio as an aid to correspondence teaching.

Interest in the school is also stimulated by visits thereto of pupils and parents and by the publication annually of the school magazine, *The Postman*. An Ex-pupils' Association has been formed.

## 27. KINDERGARTEN SCHOOLS.

The number of schools, pupils on the roll, and average attendance at schools conducted in 1935 by recognized kindergarten associations were as follow :—

TABLE U.

Association.	Number of Schools.	Pupils on Roll at End of 1935.	Average Attendance, 1935.
Auckland .. .. .	8	467	376
Hastings .. .. .	1	44	37
Hutt Valley .. .. .	1	51	39
Wellington .. .. .	7	307	248
Christchurch .. .. .	7	509	356
Dunedin .. .. .	5	300	248
Invercargill .. .. .	4	158	143
Totals, 1935 .. .. .	33	1,836	1,447
Totals, 1934 .. .. .	33	1,827	1,469
Difference.. .. .	..	+9	—22