

30. MANUAL INSTRUCTION.

During the year the usual instruction was given by class teachers in primary schools in the subjects elementary science and agriculture under the supervision of twenty-three itinerant agricultural instructors, one more than in the previous year.

The extent to which classes in other manual subjects were taken by pupils from the different types of schools may be summarized as follows :—

	Number of Schools from which Pupils attended.	Number of Pupils attending Centres.	
		Boys.	Girls.
Public primary and Native schools	762	15,495	14,857
Intermediate schools and departments	16	2,424	2,045
Secondary departments of district high schools	71	1,560	1,725
Private schools	160	1,963	2,059
Totals	1,009	21,442	20,686

There were 143 manual-training centres during 1937.

31. PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

This subject of the school curriculum receives regular attention in all types of schools and plays an important part in the development of the physique and the maintenance of the health of the children. In organized games, in the more formal exercises, and in dancing and marching very great interest is manifest by teachers and pupils alike, with the result that the greatest benefit accrues from the instruction.

As a result of the reinstatement of the policy of allowing training-college students to remain for a third-year course to specialize in a particular subject it is hoped that a number of students specializing in physical education qualified to give instruction will be available to go out into the schools next year.

32. SCHOOL MUSIC.

The teaching of singing and of the wider subject, school music, continues to receive adequate attention in all schools.

Several training-college students are specializing in this subject in the training colleges during their third-year course, and their assistance will be a distinct advantage when they secure appointments in the primary schools.

33. TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

The following tables summarize the position regarding the training of teachers at the end of 1936 and 1937 :—

TABLE W 1.—NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN TRAINING.

	Training-college Students.				Total.
	Division A.	Division B.	Division C.	Division D.	
1936	1,057	..	121	..	1,178
1937	1,268	..	76	..	1,344