

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 1937 and 1938 :—

TABLE T.

					1937.	1938.
Number of schools	..	..	..	..	57	57
Roll at 1st July	..	..	..	..	5,419	5,834
Average attendance	..	..	..	..	5,167	5,315
Teachers (inclusive of head teachers)—						
Men	..	..	..	..	154	157
Women	..	..	..	..	204	215
Totals	..	..	..	..	358	72

26. CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL.

On the 1st July, 1938, there were 1,793 primary pupils and 949 secondary pupils on the roll of the Correspondence School. These figures represent an increase of 92 and a decrease of 12 respectively when compared with the figures for the previous year. When the roll at 1st December is considered, however, an increase of 76 pupils is recorded over that of the previous year. The work of the school proceeded satisfactorily during the year, and the school continues to bring to its pupils the benefits of instruction in subjects of a varied curriculum.

27. KINDERGARTEN SCHOOLS.

The number of schools, pupils on the roll, average attendance and average weekly roll at schools conducted in 1938 by recognized kindergarten associations were as follows :—

TABLE U.

Association.	Number of Schools.	Pupils on Roll at End of 1938.	Average Attendance, 1938.	Average Weekly Roll, 1938.
Auckland	11	497	380	475
Hastings	1	48	37	47
Hutt Valley	1	48	37	45
Wellington	7	299	257	300
Christchurch	7	401	306	384
Dunedin	6	314	249	307
Invercargill	4	149	114	139
Totals, 1938	37	1,756	1,380	1,697
Totals, 1937	36	1,687	1,323	1,582
Difference..	+1	+69	+57	+115

28. CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS.

The consolidation of small schools on a central school was continued during the year. As stated in the Introduction to this report, 113 small schools were consolidated on seventy-three centres, which represents considerably increased progress when compared with the number of schemes for consolidation approved in previous years.