

It is fitting that Mr. Milner's great services to education should here be put on record. His tragic death at the end of his career has removed a remarkable personality from the educational scene.

During the year there has been much experiment in the secondary schools and the impending changes in the post-primary curriculum have been studied with much care by the great majority of teachers. There has been a happy spirit of co-operation amongst all branches on the teaching service, and this has nowhere been more evident than in the two refresher courses in social studies held in January of this year at the Feilding Agricultural High School and at St. Andrew's College, Christchurch. At these courses teachers of the secondary, technical, and primary services met and discussed the implications of proposed changes. The conduct of these courses was vested in a committee appointed by the three teachers' organizations and the Principals of the four training colleges. The thanks of all interested in education are due to the governing authorities and the Principals of the two schools at which the courses were held.

Buildings.—Although the problem of accommodation has been partially solved by the use of prefabricated class-rooms, some progress is being made towards the provision of permanent buildings.

At Epsom Girls' Grammar School, work has begun on the new school. New rooms have been provided at Auckland Girls' Grammar School and Thames High School. A block providing for domestic science and art is in progress of building at New Plymouth Girls' High School. At Wellington Girls' College the building of a block of twelve class-rooms to form part of the new school is now in progress. Christchurch and Otago Boys' High Schools have new woodwork-rooms, and at the Christchurch Girls' High School a group of four class-rooms is being added. Progress is being made in the building of the Southland Girls' High School. The hostel accommodation at Epsom Girls' Grammar School and Waitaki Boys' High School has been extended. Facilities for sewing and laundry work are being provided at Timaru Girls' High School.

The War.—The year has seen the return to teaching service of a number of teachers who have been engaged in active service overseas, particularly in the Pacific zone. There still remain on service with the Armed Forces overseas or in New Zealand 80 teachers of the secondary or combined schools. Of these, 51 are serving overseas and 29 in New Zealand.

The following have lost their lives on active service: Major W. N. Wood, King's High School; Flying Officers W. R. Baillic and R. W. Herron, both of the relieving staff of Otago Boys' High School; Sergeant T. H. Hendra, of Waitaki Boys' High School; Sergeant N. J. Hosking, Ashburton High School; and Sergeant R. J. Corkill, Correspondence School.

Teachers decorated for military service include Brigadier J. T. Burrows, D.S.O., who received a bar to the D.S.O. and the Greek Order of Valour, and Temp. Lieut-Colonel A. W. F. O'Reilly, of the Correspondence School, who was awarded the Military Cross. Lieut-Colonel H. G. Dyer, Whangarei High School, Major H. H. Craig, Rotorua High School, and Major J. H. Kempthorne, Otago Boys' High School, were mentioned in dispatches, the last-named on two occasions

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TABLE A 1. PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS BY GRADE, AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS, DECEMBER, 1944

Grade or Subgrade of School.	Roll for determining Grade of School.		Education District.									Total Number of Schools, Dec., 1944.
			Auckland.	Taranaki.	Wanganui.	Hawke's Bay.	Wellington.	Nelson.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	
I	1-8	15	5	13	9	11	18	20	18	8	117
II	9-24	159	32	64	62	63	34	110	75	51	650
IIIA	25-30	46	10	6	12	7	5	26	10	19	141
IIIB	31-70	197	42	41	33	39	23	72	41	43	531
IVA	71-110	62	15	16	16	19	6	25	14	8	181
IVB	111-150	30	7	7	4	7	6	7	12	7	87
IVC	151-190	14	6	1	5	9	4	4	4	5	52
VA	191-230	11	2	4	5	4	..	8	2	1	37
VB	231-270	11	4	1	3	5	..	8	3	2	37
VC	271-310	8	..	2	2	6	..	4	3	1	26
VD	311-350	5	..	2	3	4	3	2	3	1	23
VI	351-870	62	7	12	10	27	3	30	14	6	171
	Intermediate schools and departments		10	..	2	2	2	..	2	4	1	23
	Totals		630	130	171	166	203	102	318	203	153	2,076

NOTE.—Two half-time schools and forty-one main schools with side schools attached are counted separately and are included in the separate grades determined by the separate average attendance of each school.