

the service) have obtained their Student Teachers' Certificates. Fifteen Native teachers have obtained their Cook Island Teachers' Certificates, while five more have only one subject left to complete this examination.

A mutual Improvement Club for Native teachers and a Cook Islands Native Teachers' Guild have been formed during the year.

Instruction in the Native language is to be added to the school syllabus, and reading material is now in course of preparation.

All school buildings throughout the Group have been kept in repair and minor improvements and additions have been made. At Atiu, three Native-built class-rooms have been rethatched, and screens have been provided for use in windy weather. At Aitutaki, three new class-rooms with cement walls and thatched roofs have been constructed to replace a large Native-built class-room which was destroyed by fire.

IX. JUDICIAL ORGANIZATION

The Cook Islands Act, 1915, prescribes the judiciary for the group.

There are a Judge and a Commissioner of the High Court in Rarotonga, and these officers also hold similar positions in the Native Land Court. The Resident Agents of the outer islands are Commissioners of the High Court.

High Court actions are summarized hereunder :—

—	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Civil judgments : Rarotonga	46	34	50	60	35
Divorces granted : Whole	20	10	26	15	13
Group					
Criminal convictions : Rarotonga	1,572	1,197	1,360	1,401	1,195

Native Land Court proceedings were as follows :—

—	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Applications heard	121	153	165	124	169
Orders made	88	158	161	115	159
Applications outstanding—					
Rarotonga	367	389	389	401	454
Outer islands	673	685	702	738	838

X. POLICE

Details of police establishment as at 31st March, 1946 :—

—	Chief Officer.	Senior Sergeant.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Total.
Rarotonga	1	1	1	7	10
Aitutaki	1	6	7
Mangaia	1	5	6
Atiu	1	5	6
Mauke	1	3	4
Mitiaro	1	2	3
Manihiki	3	3
Rakahanga	1	..	2	3
Penrhyn	3	3
Pukapuka	3	3
Ten islands	1	2	6	39	48

The conduct of the Force has been good, and there are no special problems. Statistics appear under the preceding heading IX, and are contained in the separate reports on outer islands in the following pages.