

## 18. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The following table shows the roll numbers at the various schools for each of the last five years:—

| Island.                               | School.                              | Roll Numbers. |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                       |                                      | 1943.         | 1944. | 1945. | 1946. | 1947. |
| (a) GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS                |                                      |               |       |       |       |       |
| Rarotonga                             | .. Avarua (including European class) | 415           | 432   | 437   | 502   | 503   |
|                                       | Arorangi .. ..                       | 273           | 280   | 281   | 269   | 276   |
|                                       | Ngatangia .. ..                      | 209           | 216   | 205   | 230   | 230   |
|                                       | Titikaveka .. ..                     | 196           | 188   | 190   | 199   | 212   |
| Aitutaki                              | .. Araura .. ..                      | 512           | 562   | 593   | 604   | 641   |
| Atiu                                  | .. Atiu .. ..                        | 216           | 204   | 198   | 221   | 221   |
| Mangaia                               | .. Oneroa .. ..                      | 223           | 218   | 238   | 270   | 276   |
|                                       | Ivirua .. ..                         | 105           | 106   | 138   | 146   | 160   |
|                                       | Tamarua .. ..                        | 71            | 68    | 77    | 79    | 75    |
| Mauke                                 | .. Mauke .. ..                       | 161           | 172   | 189   | 177   | 185   |
| Pukapuka                              | .. Pukapuka .. ..                    | 166           | 143   | 118   | 127   | 179   |
| Totals                                | .. ..                                | 2,547         | 2,589 | 2,664 | 2,824 | 2,958 |
| (b) LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY SCHOOLS |                                      |               |       |       |       |       |
| Mitiaro                               | .. Mitiaro .. ..                     | 40            | 38    | 64    | 22    | 42    |
| Manihiki                              | .. Tukao .. ..                       | 18            | 22    | 18    | 19    | 20    |
|                                       | Tauhunu .. ..                        | 54            | 52    | 44    | 45    | 77    |
| Rakahanga                             | .. Rakahanga .. ..                   | 64            | 64    | 64    | 114   | 102   |
| Penrhyn                               | .. Omoka .. ..                       | 89            | 89    | 122   | 115   | 81    |
|                                       | Tetautua .. ..                       | 69            | 18    | 45    | 36    | 48    |
| Palmerston                            | .. Palmerston .. ..                  | 34            | 21    | 17    | 20    | 17    |
| Totals                                | .. ..                                | 368           | 304   | 374   | 371   | 387   |
| (c) ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION SCHOOLS    |                                      |               |       |       |       |       |
| Rarotonga                             | .. St. Joseph's Convent ..           | 162           | 169   | 165   | 165   | 193   |
| Atiu                                  | .. Atiu Catholic .. ..               | 61            | 58    | 59    | 71    | 68    |
| Mauke                                 | .. Mauke Catholic .. ..              | 46            | 43    | 37    | 41    | 46    |
| Manihiki                              | .. Tukao Catholic .. ..              | 22            | 20    | 20    | 22    | 20    |
|                                       | Tauhunu Catholic .. ..               | 9             | 8     | 8     | 8     | 8     |
| Rakahanga                             | .. Rakahanga Catholic ..             | 19            | 8     | 8     | 12    | 20    |
| Totals                                | .. ..                                | 319           | 306   | 297   | 319   | 355   |
| Grand totals                          | .. ..                                | 3,234         | 3,199 | 3,335 | 3,514 | 3,700 |

Attendances at Administration schools during the year have been satisfactory, although epidemics of whooping-cough and influenza necessitated the closing of schools for periods.

New Native-style class-rooms have been erected as follows: two at Ngatangia School, Rarotonga; two at Oneroa, one at Ivirua, one at Tamarua (all Mangaia); and one at Araura School at Aitutaki. Rethatching and repairs have been carried out at all schools where required.

On the equipment side the shortage of blackboards has now been overcome, and attention has also been given to providing increased seating-accommodation. Teaching aids and apparatus, carpenter's and other tools, domestic-science equipment, sewing-machines, &c., have been supplied from New Zealand free of cost to the Administration. Films received on loan from the New Zealand National Film Library were shown throughout the year, and, in addition to the children, there have been encouragingly large attendances of adults.