

The following are some of the passes recorded for 1949 :—

School Certificate	..	..	..	{ 34 full passes. 3 completions.
University Entrance	..	..	..	{ (a) By accrediting, 18. (b) By examination, 21.
Diploma in Fine Arts (preliminary)	..	..	..	3.
" C " Certificate	..	..	..	{ 35 completed the examination. 226 obtained partial passes.
Public Service Senior	..	..	..	46.
Public Service temporaries	..	..	..	{ 35 completed. 31 partial passes.
Post Office students	..	..	..	{ 199 completed. 136 partial passes.

District high school pupils taking one or more subjects by correspondence :—

University Entrance	..	..	..	..	10 passes.
School Certificate	..	..	..	..	43 passes.

A residential school for post-primary boys was held at Massey College from 2nd to 30th November. It was attended by 60 boys from Forms III to VI with 8 teachers in residence. Other teachers and departmental instructors visited the school periodically. Formal instruction was interspersed with visits to places of interest, including a trip to Wellington. From all points of view, but perhaps more particularly from the social angle, the experiment was an outstanding success.

TECHNICAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

The Technical Correspondence School has continued to develop and has outgrown the temporary premises in which it is accommodated. At 30th November, 1949, the roll was 933 and the total staff 22 (14 teachers and 8 clerical workers). The number of sets of work received from students during the 1949 session was 75 per cent. higher than in 1948 and more than double the number for 1947. Approximately 45 per cent. of the roll consists of trade apprentices ; the remainder is made up of students of engineering, surveying, textiles, agriculture, and horticulture. The recently instituted textile courses began with an enrolment of over 50. The preparation of courses in dairy manufactures to cover the requirements of the Dairy-factory Managers' Registration Examination has been authorized. The stimulus given to trade education by the organizing work of the Commissioner of Apprenticeship and his staff, the setting-up of national Apprenticeship Committees, and the instituting of new examinations by the New Zealand Trades Certification Board have caused increased demands to be made on the School, which has an obligation to provide for the needs of country apprentices.

Over 150 students were successful at public examinations in 1949. Of 82 candidates presented for various stages of the Certification Board examinations in motor engineering, 57 passed, the percentage of passes (70 per cent.) being appreciably higher than the New Zealand average. Sixty-nine students gained successes in the examinations of the New Zealand Survey Board, the majority of them passing in three, four, or five subjects. Smaller numbers were successful in subjects of departmental examinations for survey draughtsmen and computers, or passed the Electrical Wiremen's Registration Examination or the Plumbers' Board Examination. Ten apprentices of the State Hydro-electric Department who were enrolled with the School passed the preliminary or the intermediate technological examination for electrical fitters.

THE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

Figures quoted below show that the School Certificate Examination has come to play an important part in the life of our schools. The number of candidates will continue to increase with the inevitable increase of the post-primary school population. The