

Several requests have been made by schools for help in reorganizing their libraries, but unfortunately, owing to other duties, it has been possible to carry out only one of these requests.

CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

School Library Service staff carried out the reorganization of the Education Department's Correspondence School library. Library service to the primary pupils of this school is now given from nine of the distributing centres of the School Library Service and a member of the staff has been seconded to the Correspondence School to carry out service to the post-primary pupils and to deal with staff requests. The Correspondence School book stock for these purposes has been greatly augmented by long-term loans from this Service.

This great increase in request, loan-collection work, and service to public libraries and Correspondence School pupils has been difficult to accomplish satisfactorily because of inadequate accommodation.

Below are tables showing details of the School Library Service at 31st March, 1950 :—

Education Boards.					Schools Served.	Children (Standard Classes).
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	548	53,674
Canterbury .. .. .	..	..	..	..	252	12,636
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	154	10,713
Nelson .. .. .	..	..	..	..	83	5,711
Otago .. .. .	..	..	..	..	134	5,868
Southland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	156	6,900
Taranaki .. .. .	..	..	..	..	116	8,839
Wanganui .. .. .	..	..	..	..	160	11,383
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	..	..	172	14,877
Education Department—						
Correspondence School	..	..	..	..	1	1,119
Special groups .. .. .	..	..	..	..	34	798
Maori schools .. .. .	..	..	..	..	116	7,265
Child Welfare .. .. .	..	..	..	..	19	772
Private schools .. .. .	..	..	..	..	110	8,521
Island schools .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3	582
					2,058	149,657

Additions to stock were 65,506 fiction and 25,845 non-fiction. Withdrawals were 10,492 fiction and 2,265 non-fiction. The stock now stands at 368,238 of which 244,757 are fiction and 123,481 non-fiction :—

Books.					Fiction.	Non-fiction.	Total.
Stock at 31st March, 1949 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	189,743	99,901	289,644
Accessions .. .. .	..	..	..	..	65,506	25,845	91,351
					255,249	125,746	380,995
Withdrawals .. .. .	..	..	..	..	10,492	2,265	12,757
Stock at 31st March, 1950 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	244,757	123,481	368,238