

In addition to the Maori children mentioned as receiving secondary education at special institutions, five others held free places at European secondary schools. The total number of Maoris receiving secondary education in 1914 was therefore 440.

*Staffs and Salaries.*

The staffs of the village schools as in December, 1914, included eighty-seven masters, twenty-seven mistresses in charge, 126 assistants, and three sewing-mistresses. The average salaries of head teachers was £171 10s. 11d.—males £180 0s. 9d. and females £144 3s. 8d. The average salary of assistants was £66 13s. 1d. if lodging-allowances are included, and £57 1s. 10d. if they are excluded. Lodging-allowances at the rate of £30 per annum were paid to forty assistants, and at the rate of £5 per annum to one. The total amount expended on teachers' salaries and allowances for the year ended the 31st March, 1915, was £29,010. This expenditure has been practically doubled in the last ten years. As a result of the provisions of the Education Act, 1914, an improved scale of salaries comes into force from the beginning of the current year.

*Expenditure.*

A reference to Table H 9 in E.—3 will show that the total net expenditure on Native schools during the year ended the 31st March, 1915, was £37,133, included in which amount is a sum of £2,757 paid out of revenue from endowment reserves. The chief items of expenditure are teachers' salaries and house allowances, £29,010 ; new buildings and additions, £537 ; maintenance of buildings, repairs, &c., £1,012 ; secondary-school fees, £2,184.

The income accrued under the Tauranga Educational Endowments Reserve Act, 1896, amounted on the 31st March, 1915, to £758 18s. 1d.

*Cook Islands.*

Arrangements for the establishment of the Native-school system in the Cook Islands were made during the year, and a beginning has since been made. It has been decided to open three schools in the Island of Rarotonga and one in Aitutaki, each school having a prospective attendance of from one hundred to two hundred pupils.

CHATHAM ISLANDS.

At the end of 1914 there were four schools in operation in the Chatham Islands—viz., those at Te One, Te Roto, Matarakau, and Owenga.

The average number of pupils on the roll was 98, the average attendance being 85.

The total expenditure on the schools for the year 1914–15 was made up as follows :—

							£
Salaries of teachers (including allowances and cost of removals)	..	..	..	..	..	..	637
Buildings, repairs, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Scholarships ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
Inspection ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Other expenses ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£716

In the table below are given the names of the teachers together with certain details of expenditure. The average roll number and average attendance for each school are also shown.

School.	Names of Teachers.				Salaries at End of 1914.	Allowance for Conveyance of Goods.	Attendance.	
							Mean of Average Attendance for Four Quarters of 1914.	Mean of Weekly Roll Number for Four Quarters of 1914.
Te One ..	Wentzel, E. S. B.	..	H.M.	210	0	0	25	39
	Renwick, Miss F.	..	Pt. 2	*55	0	0	..	..
	Lanauze, Miss G.	..	Pt. 5	55	0	0	..	..
Te Roto ..	Seymour, Miss A.	..	F.	†117	0	0	15	22
Owenga ..	Hutchinson, J.	..	M.	108	0	0	15	13
Matarakau ..	Russell, Mrs. E. A.	..	F.	108	0	0	..	11
Totals ..	..	..	..	653	0	0	55	85

\* Includes lodging-allowance, £15 per annum. † Also house allowance, £15 per annum.