

It is interesting to note the position at the four constituent colleges of the University of New Zealand with regard to the salaries of professors. The following table shows the number of professors in each salary group at the four colleges in 1927 :—

			£750 and under.	£751-£800.	£801-£850.	£851-£900.	£901-£950.	£951-£1,000.
Auckland University College	..		4	1	1	4	2	6
Victoria University College	..		..	..	..	14	1	..
Canterbury College	..	..	1	2	11	..	..	1
University of Otago	..	..	7	..	10	3	2	3
Totals	..	..	12	3	22	21	5	10

In the foregoing table account has been taken of only the actual salary paid by the college authorities. Nearly all the professors, however, receive, in addition to salary, varying sums from the University of New Zealand for services performed in examining the work of candidates at the annual examinations conducted by the University. In many cases such sums amount to over £100 per annum. Taking annual salaries and examining fees together, the following table shows the number of professors in the various groups in the year 1927 :—

			£750 and under.	£751-£800.	£801-£850.	£851-£900.	£901-£950.	£951-£1,000.	£1,001-£1,050.	£1,051-£1,100.	£1,101-£1,150.	£1,151 and over.
Auckland University College			1	2	3	1	3	3	1	1	1	2
Victoria University College	..		..	..	..	1	5	3	4	2	..	..
Canterbury College	..	..	1	1	5	1	4	1	2	..	..	..
University of Otago	..	..	7	..	1	3	3	5	3	2	1	..
Totals	..	..	9	3	9	6	15	12	10	5	2	2

GENERAL.

SCHOOL MUSIC.

The Supervisor of Musical Education reports that there is at present every indication that a new spirit is being aroused and a new viewpoint reached with regard to school music. During the year the Supervisor delivered lectures to teachers in summer schools and at meetings throughout the country. In addition personal visits were made to more than fifty schools, and an article on musical matters has been prepared each month for the *Education Gazette*. A handbook of school music, entitled “Scheme of School Music related to Human Life,” has been prepared, and this, it is thought, should be a distinct aid in unifying aims and in supplying a sound and sympathetic scheme of instruction. As some testimony to the strong interest that is being shown in musical education in the schools, it might be mentioned that in 1927 ninety pianos, 245 gramophones, and many hundreds of records were obtained by schools from the firms with whom the Department had special contracts.

The musical instruction at Auckland and Christchurch Training Colleges has been placed on a sound footing by the appointment of full-time lecturers in music. In addition to their work at the colleges, these lecturers are also visiting certain of the neighbouring schools, and they intend later to commence special classes for teachers from the surrounding districts who desire help in the teaching of school music.

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

The annual examinations conducted by the Department are as follows : (1) An examination to determine the grant of Junior Scholarships and junior free places, held in November ; (2) a main series of Public Service Entrance, Senior National Scholarships, senior free place purposes ; (3) an August series for teachers’ certificates of Classes D and C and Handicraft, and incidentally to some extent of Class B.