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No. 1.

(REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF NATIVE SCHOOLS.)

SIR,—

I have the honour to present the following report on Native schools for the year 1931 :—

1. ATTENDANCE.

At the end of 1931 there were 139 Native schools maintained and controlled by the Education Department, with a total roll of 7,503. The average attendance was 6,803·5, while the average weekly roll number was 7,499·5, the percentage of regularity being 90·7. Although within recent years means of communication have been much improved, the regular attendance of these children is most creditable.

At the end of the year fourteen conveyance systems were in operation, the total cost of which for the year was £2,850. In addition, £826 was expended during the year in boarding-allowance on account of children living away from home for the purpose of attending school.

2. STAFF.

Of the head teachers and class teachers appointed during the past three years, 88 per cent. have been certificated. At the 31st December, 1931, there were 323 teachers employed in the Service, of whom 166 were certificated and 157 uncertificated. Included in the uncertificated group are 76 junior assistants whose status is akin to that of a probationer.