MIGRATION.

The following return shows the migration to and from Rarotonga for the period 1st April, 1938, to 31st March, 1939:—

			Arri	vals.	Depa	rtures.
-			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Europeans			 67	74	55	49
Europeans Natives	••	• •	 16	20	11	16
Total			 83	94	66	65

EDUCATION.

Schools.—The number of schools in the Cook Islands remains the same as at 31st March, 1938—twenty-four; twelve directly administered by the Administration, and six in the Northern Group being L.M.S. subsidized schools, and six Roman Catholic Mission schools.

The following are the schools, with the number of children attending each:-

Island.				School.		Roll Number.
		 (a	ı) Gover	nment Schools.		
Rarotonga	••	• •	••	Avarua (including Euro Side School)	pean	391
				Arorangi		237
				Ngatangiia		198
				Titikaveka		166
Aitutaki				Araura		510
Atiu	••	• •		Atiu		236
Mangaia	• •	• •		Oneroa		232
mangara	• •	• •	• •	Ivirua		119
				Tamarua		75
Mauke				Mauke		92
Mitiaro	• •	••		Mitiaro		51
Pukapuka	· ·			Pukapuka		145
		(b) Londo	on Mis.	sionary Society Schools.		
Palmerston				Palmerston		34
Penrhyn				Omoka		66
V				Tetautua		60
Manihiki				Tauhunu		64
				Tukao		22
Rakahanga	••	• •	• •	Rakahanga	• •	65
		(c) Rom	an Cat	holic Mission Schools.		
Rarotonga				St. Joseph's Convent		154
Atiu				Atiu Catholic		48
Mauke				Mauke Catholic		87
Mitiaro				Mitiaro Catholic		25
Manihiki				Manihiki Catholic		32
Rakahanga	• •		. ••	Rakahanga Catholic		35
		Total				3,144

The total school population is 3,144, an increase of 130. The attendance has been very satisfactory, the average for the three terms being 93.4 per cent.

Staff: European.—In April last Mr. E. L. Breach arrived from New Zealand and commenced

his duties as Head Teacher of the Ngatangiia School.

Miss R. V. Callander also arrived at the same time as Organizing Infant-mistress, which is a new position. Miss Callander organizes the work of the lower classes in the four Rarotongan schools and also takes afternoon classes in teaching practice at Avarua and Titikaveka.

In December Mr. and Mrs. J. McGruther retired from Oneroa School, Mangaia, where they had

served for the past fifteen years.