

The Societies (No. 8)—The object of this Ordinance was to repeal the Societies Ordinance, 1911, which had not proved satisfactory in practice, and to substitute a simpler system based on the Triad and Unlawful Societies Ordinance, 1887.

The Plants (No. 11)—the object of which is to enable the Governor in Council to make regulations for protecting trees, shrubs, and other plants from destruction, injury or removal. Its primary object was to protect the plant known as "Azalea."

The Criminal Intimidation (No. 13).—This enactment was passed with a view to restrain a person from using threats of violence towards another person.

IV.—EDUCATION.

No important changes have taken place in the Education Department during the year under review. The Staff has been depleted by causes due to the war, but the deficiency has been met in part by the appointment of Mistresses resident in the Colony.

The total number of pupils at schools in the Colony excluding the Police School and the uncontrolled schools in the New Territories are :—

	Number of Pupils.		Total.
	English Schools.	Vernacular Schools.	
Government Schools, -	2,929	—	2,929
Military Schools, - - -	145	—	145
Excluded Private Schools,	121	26	147
Grant Schools, - - -	2,330	3,409	5,739
Controlled Private Schools, - - - -	3,679	13,719	17,398
Controlled Private Schools, New Territories, - - - -	—	1,761	1,761
Technical Institute, - -	588	—	588
Total, - - -	9,792	18,915	28,707

The most important schools, apart from the excluded schools, are *Queen's College* for Chinese, four *District Schools* its feeders, and the *Belilios Public School* for Chinese girls. There is an *Indian School* of growing importance now housed in a new building presented to the Colony by Sir Ellis Kadoorie. *Kowloon School* and *Victoria School* for children of British parentage have an average attendance of 124. There is also a school for the children of