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EDUCATION IN BARBADOS.

The Colony of Barbados, British West Indies.

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Primary education in Barbados is free, but not as yet compulsory. There are 124 public elementary schools which are entirely maintained by Government funds, and 10 government-aided secondary schools. In addition there are a number of independent schools. A nutrition scheme provides for a daily snack of milk and biscuits for each elementary school child, and some medical, dental and optical treatment is also available to pupils.

There is in the Island a teachers' training college - Erdiston College - which also trains teachers from some neighbouring islands, an evening and a technical institute. The only higher education establishment - Codrington College - is a theological seminary.

The Barbados Government provides annually five scholarships and two exhibitions to enable students to proceed to universities overseas, including the University College of the West Indies in Jamaica, which is supported by and serves all British Caribbean territories.

PICTURE SHOWS: New dormitories under construction for the Erdiston Teacher Training College, at Pine Hill, overlooking Bridgetown. This College, which was officially opened in 1948, has residential accommodation for 16 men and 16 women students, who receive a course in modern educational methods. To enable it to serve surrounding territories, which have not their own training college, increased accommodation is being provided from United Kingdom Colonial Development and Welfare funds. In the foreground are two women labourers sifting sand for mortar.

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