

successful for Class E. (In this enumeration 39 who were partially successful in Class D, and passed in Class E, are not included.)

To sum up—24 candidates gained promotion, 150 qualified for certificates (so far as they could do so by examination), and 151 obtained partial success, which is recorded in their favour, while 371 failed to improve their status, and 94 did not attend the examination. It appears, therefore, that only 325 out of 698 present (that is, 46·4 per cent.) succeeded in improving their status. The percentage in January, 1885, was 64·6, and the year before it was 56·2.

The three tabular statements appended to this report will furnish more minute information as to the status, success, and failure of the candidates, and as to the several education districts in which they reside.

The failures in English in the examination for Class D were very numerous. The examiner in that subject (Professor J. M. Brown, Canterbury College) has written some advice on this subject, which I now submit to your notice, recommending that it be printed.

A list of the successful and partly successful candidates, and copies of the papers set at the examination, are attached.

I have kept back this report because I wished to include in it a statement of a more complete kind than I have hitherto been able to furnish as to the number of persons seeking to obtain certificates as teachers, and because it is most convenient to make such a statement at the time of the annual revision of the list of certificates. I have ascertained that the total number of persons who have at any time applied for certificates, or made inquiry as to the terms on which they could obtain them, is 3,370. More than half (1,795) of them now hold certificates, while 88 others hold licenses, and 2 others hold district licenses, and there are 12 who have had the offer of certificates but have not as yet accepted the offer. There are 102 who can have certificates as soon as an Inspector is able to award marks as the expression of his estimate of their practical skill and efficiency; and there are 71 who have completed their examination but have not yet served for two years in public schools. There are also 246 (of whom 32 have licenses) who have passed the greater part of the examination, and are to be allowed to sit for those subjects only in which they have failed. In a very similar position are 42 persons who have shown certificates of examinations that give them a claim to exemption from examination except in certain special subjects. The number of candidates who have presented themselves at one or more of the examinations conducted by the Department, and have as yet failed altogether, is 527; 23 of those who have failed have licenses, and 1 has a district license. Ten certificates have been cancelled or surrendered, and 64 teachers have died. The number 467 required to complete the total of 3,370 names includes cases of mere inquiry, of rejection, of incomplete information, and so on. Put into a more compact form, the statement is as follows:—

Certificated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,795
Licenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
District licenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Candidates waiting for "marks"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102
" whose service is incomplete	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
" who have not accepted certificate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
"Partial" passes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	246
Equivalent to "partial" passes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Failures	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	527
Surrender or cancellation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	467
								<u>3,426</u>
Deduct 32 cases of "partial" pass and 24 cases of "failure," enumerated also among "Licenses" and "District licenses"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>3,370</u>

A very large proportion of persons holding certificates have ceased to follow the profession of teaching, or are teaching in schools not subject to the control of Boards of Education. As many as 527 of the certificated teachers, and 10 of the licensed teachers, are in the list of those not known to be in the service of the Boards. The number of certificated teachers known to be in the service is 1,269, while the number of teachers employed (excluding pupil-teachers) is about 1,800. The following table shows the number of certificates and licenses in force on the 30th June for each year since the regulations affecting classification were made:—

Rank.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
1st rank (A 1) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2
2nd rank (A 2, B 1)	6	9	10	13	15	16	21	27
3rd rank (A 3, B 2, C 1)	24	37	45	49	61	69	80	81
4th rank (A 4, B 3, C 2, D 1)	55	69	74	95	106	125	148	167
5th rank (A 5, B 4, C 3, D 2, E 1)	99	138	176	193	231	250	274	292
6th rank (B 5, C 4, D 3, E 2)	159	225	275	313	348	384	428	510
7th rank (C 5, D 4, E 3)	239	299	307	323	344	378	447	467
8th rank (D 5, E 4)	148	138	114	124	117	161	192	223
9th rank (E 5)	10	7	4	11	13	18	22	26
Total	740	922	1,005	1,121	1,235	1,403	1,614	1,795
License	11	29	71	92	82	80	90	88
District license .. .. .	..	..	10	35	26	3	3	2