

of 96,670 children—the average attendance for the last quarter of the year. The provision made allows one teacher for an average attendance of 33, the precise number being 32·8—to be compared with 32·6 for the year 1889. The increase in the number of teachers is 84; and the tendency to favour the employment of women as teachers is very conspicuous, the number of women—including pupil-teachers—having been augmented by 74, while the additional number of men is only 10.

TABLE K.—SCHOOL STAFF, DECEMBER, 1890.

Education Districts.	Principal.		Head of School.		Head of Department.		Sole Teachers.		Assistant Teachers.		Pupil-teachers.		Total.			Average Attendance in Fourth Quarter.	Average Number of Pupils to One Teacher.	Sewing-mistresses	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	All.				
Auckland .. ..	..	..	97*	8	..	..	80	61	30	167	33	117	240	353	593	18,235	30·8	54	
Taranaki .. ..	..	1	14	2	..	1	16	7	3	6	4	19	38	35	73	1,943	26·7	27	
Wanganui .. ..	..	..	30	3	..	..	40*	14	8	21	16	43	94	81	175	5,761	32·9	..	
Wellington .. ..	..	..	36*	7	..	..	22	17	23	46	13	103	94	173	267	8,598	30·0	11	
Hawke's Bay ..	..	2	24	1	..	2	11	9	10	26	9	58	56	96	152	4,843	31·9	..	
Marlborough ..	..	1	8	1	..	1	13*	13	1	10	3	8	26	33	59	1,500	25·4	1	
Nelson .. ..	..	1	27	12†	..	1	15	39	7	28	10	32	60	112	172	4,482	26·1	..	
Grey .. ..	..	1	7	1	..	1	7	5	2	9	5	12	22	28	50	1,441	28·8	..	
Westland .. ..	..	..	9	1	..	..	7	11	3	9	7‡	119	26	40	66	1,376	20·8	2	
North Canterbury	..	22	..	75	8	1	27	38	20	32	123	57	131	225	309	534	17,869	33·5	42
South Canterbury	..	4	..	21	3	..	4	16	13*	9*	19	8	31	58	70	128	4,113	32·1	13
Otago .. ..	..	..	81	..	..	..	62	50	54	121	63	88	260	259	519	19,760	38·1	12	
Southland .. ..	..	13	..	24	..	..	13	48	22	8	16	9	37	102	88	190	6,749	35·5	..
Totals for 1890 ..	45	..	453	47	1	50	375	281	190	601	237	698	1301	1677	2978	96,670	32·8	162	
Totals for 1889 ..	41	..	458	38	2	47	366	252	185	590	239	676	1291	1603	2894	94,308	32·6	164	
Difference .. ..	4	..	-5	9	-1	3	9	29	5	11	-2	22	10	74	84	2,362	0·2	-2	

\* Includes one vacancy.

† Excludes one on leave.

‡ Including monitors.

|| Includes two vacancies.

In the analysis of salaries (Table L), along with the 2,978 teachers and pupils engaged at the end of the year are included two teachers on leave, three relieving teachers, and the teachers of sewing—162 in number. The salaries of which the teachers were in receipt at the end of the year amounted to £297,265 16s. 9d. per annum, showing an increase of only £2,028 16s. 3d. in the year, while the number of teachers increased by 82. It follows that the average salary of a teacher declined in twelve months from £96 10s. 11d. to £94 10s. 5d. The increase of attendance for the year—1,258—carried with it an increase of income to the Boards of only £4,717 10s., and this was, of course, quite insufficient to maintain the average of salary when the number of teachers was increased by between 80 and 90. Another reason for the diminution of average salary is that the expenditure for buildings has far exceeded the grant for building purposes: the grant was £25,000, and the expenditure was more than £39,000.

TABLE L.—SALARIES OF TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1890.

Education Districts.	Under £100.			£100 and under £200.	£200 and under £300.	£300 and under £400.	£400 and upwards (maximum, £487 6s.).	Number of Teachers.	Total of Rates of Salary, December, 1890.
	Sewing-mistresses.	Pupil-teachers.	Other Teachers.						
Auckland .. ..	54	150	219	179	33	10	2	647	£ 55,141 0 0
Taranaki .. ..	27	23	29	20	1	..	..	100	5,893 15 0
Wanganui .. ..	..	59	30	65	20	1	..	175	18,371 10 3
Wellington .. ..	11	116	53	*61	30	8	..	279	24,984 15 0
Hawke's Bay ..	..	67	20	52	10	2	1	152	15,265 11 0
Marlborough ..	1	11	30	15	2	1	..	60	4,498 2 0
Nelson .. ..	..	42	69	*57	4	1	..	173	14,196 0 0
Grey .. ..	..	17	16	14	3	..	..	50	4,283 0 0
Westland .. ..	2	†26	24	14	1	1	..	68	4,707 7 9
North Canterbury	42	188	125	178	31	11	1	576	52,390 4 0
South Canterbury	13	39	25	60	1	3	..	141	12,607 0 0
Otago .. ..	12	151	69	210	72	18	2	534	63,555 3 9
Southland .. ..	..	46	11	119	13	1	..	190	21,372 8 0
Totals for 1890	162	*935	720	1,044	221	57	6	3,145	297,265 16 9
Totals for 1889		1,817 1,756		1,022	215	59	6	3,058	295,237 0 6
Difference .. ..		61		22	6	-2	..	87	2,028 16 3

\* One on leave.

† Includes monitors.

‡ Includes three relieving teachers.