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EDUCATION:  
TEACHERS' AND CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

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*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

The INSPECTOR-GENERAL of SCHOOLS to the Hon. the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Wellington, 30th April, 1891.

I have the honour to report that, according to regulation, the annual examination of candidates for teachers' certificates was held in the month of January, and the junior and senior examinations for the Civil Service took place at the same time. The examination centres were eighteen in number,—Thames, Hamilton, Tauranga, Gisborne, and Westport, and the thirteen places in which Education Boards have offices.

The number of candidates of all classes was 1,001. The expenses of the examinations amounted to £652 9s. 7d., and the fees to £659 8s. 6d. The fees therefore paid for the examination, and left a balance of £6 18s. 11d. towards paying for the prizes (amounting to £18) given to the three best candidates in Elementary Experimental Science for Class D, and the three best in Drawing.

There were 54 candidates for the senior Civil Service examination, of whom 4 passed with distinction, 14 simply passed, 11 secured "partial pass," and 2 passed in shorthand, being candidates for that subject only.

For the junior Civil Service examination 192 candidates entered, and 80 obtained marks not less than one-third of the maximum, and consequently had their names published in the *Gazette*. Of the 80 candidates whose names were so published, there are 36 who do not desire to enter the public service; leaving 44 whose names are recorded in the office of the Colonial Secretary as the persons to whom, in the order in which their names appear in the list, vacancies occurring in the Service in 1891 are to be offered.

Five pupil-teachers presented themselves for examination in one or other of the four parts into which the Drawing prescribed for teachers is divided, and all passed. Seven teachers holding provisional certificates entered to complete their qualification for full certificates: five passed, one failed, and one did not attend.

For the ordinary certificate examinations the number of candidates was 743: these are classified in the following table—(1) with respect to the examinations for which they entered (the whole examination for Class D, so much of that examination as was required to complete their qualification for that class, the whole examination for Class E, or so much as was required for completion); and (2) with respect to their relation to the public-school system as certificated teachers, uncertificated teachers, uncertificated pupil-teachers, normal-school students, ex-teachers (including ex-pupil-teachers and ex-students), and persons not connected in any way with the public schools (except, perhaps, as past pupils):—

	For D.	For D Completion.	For E.	For E Completion.	Totals.
Certificated	63	96	...	...	159
Teachers not certificated	13	13	47	103	176
Pupil-teachers	20	4	135	56	215
Normal-students	40	9	32	5	86
Ex-teachers	4	4	28	27	63
Unconnected	14	1	22	7	44
	154	127	264	198	743

Out of the 743 candidates, 62 were absent, and 233 of those who sat failed to obtain any status, or any improvement of their status, with respect to classification. Of those that failed, 127 merely failed to "complete"—that is, to change their status from "partial pass" to "certificate;" and, of the remaining cases of failure (24 for Class D, and 82 for Class E), only 6 cases for D and 51 for E