

The number of teachers and pupil-teachers was increased by 113 during the year, and the number of pupils to one teacher has been reduced from 31·1 to 30·5. The number of women teachers increased both actually and relatively.

TABLE K.—SCHOOL STAFF, DECEMBER, 1897.

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 ..	..	..	133	9	..	..	98	98	38	153	51	212	320	472	792	22,613	28·6	64
Taranaki ..	1	..	21	3	..	1	14	21	5	12	5	24	46	61	107	3,018	28·2	26
Wanganui ..	..	..	*54	7	..	..	41	25	12	26	32	75	*139	133	*272	8,352	30·7	..
Wellington ..	..	..	51	11	..	..	18	51	30	59	20	151	119	272	391	11,647	29·8	9
Hawke's Bay ..	2	..	28	8	1	2	8	22	13	31	14	72	66	135	201	6,396	31·8	..
Marlborough ..	..	..	8	3	..	..	12	38	2	12	1	11	23	64	87	1,823	21·0	2
Nelson ..	..	..	†32	10	..	..	15	59	8	25	9	40	†64	134	†198	4,800	24·2	2
Grey ..	1	..	9	3	..	1	2	14	3	12	3	14	18	44	62	1,423	23·0	..
Westland ..	..	..	9	2	..	..	*4	18	3	11	2	12	*18	43	*61	1,263	20·7	1
North Canterbury ..	27	..	75	4	1	32	46	46	35	133	*38	98	*222	313	*535	17,588	32·9	36
South Canterbury ..	4	..	30	2	..	4	9	20	11	32	13	21	67	79	146	4,548	31·2	14
Otago ..	..	..	94	..	..	..	48	78	57	156	28	70	227	304	531	19,128	36·0	29
Southland ..	17	..	32	1	..	17	56	33	12	17	10	50	127	118	245	7,924	32·3	23
Totals for 1897	52	..	576	63	2	57	371	523	229	679	226	850	1,456	2,172	3,628	110,523	30·5	183
Totals for 1896	50	..	552	63	3	55	383	484	217	665	219	824	1,424	2,091	3,515	109,253	31·1	191
Difference ..	2	..	24	..	-1	2	-12	39	12	14	7	26	32	81	113	1,270	-0·6	-8

* Includes one vacancy.

† Includes one headmaster on leave without pay.

The total amount distributed in salaries to teachers, pupil-teachers, and sewing-mistresses in the last quarter of the year was £359,412, which sum divided by 3,810 gives an average salary of £94 6s. 8d., or about £1 less than the similar average of last year.

TABLE L.—SALARIES OF TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1897.

Education Districts.	Under £100.			£100 and under £200.	£200 and under £300.	£300 and under £400.	£400 and upwards (Maximum, £496).	Number of Teachers.	Total of Rates of Salary, December, 1897.
	Sewing-mistresses.	Pupil-teachers.	Other Teachers.						
Auckland ..	64	263	223	254	37	13	2	856	£ 72,159 0 0
Taranaki ..	26	29	33	42	3	..	..	133	9,943 1 0
Wanganui ..	..	107	40	100	23*	2	..	272*	28,227 17 0
Wellington ..	9	171	93	77	41	9	..	400	36,147 15 0
Hawke's Bay ..	..	86	30	64	16	4	1	201	20,212 1 0
Marlborough ..	2	12	54	17	4	..	..	89	5,843 18 2
Nelson ..	2	49	84	57	6	1	..	199	15,625 0 0
Grey ..	..	17	25	17	3	..	..	62	5,080 0 0
Westland ..	1	14	33*	12	1	1	..	62*	4,612 2 4
North Canterbury ..	36	136*	156	201	28	13	1	571*	55,603 13 0
South Canterbury ..	14	34	36	65	8	3	..	160	15,194 2 0
Otago ..	29	98	146	213	56	15	3	560	64,026 2 7
Southland ..	..	60	27	145	12	1	..	245	26,737 5 0
Totals for 1897	183	1,076	930	1,264	238	62	7	3,810	359,411 17 1
Totals for 1896		2,239		1,243	243	61	6	3,706	353,408 19 3
Difference ..		86		21	-5	1	1	104	6,002 17 10

* Includes one vacancy.

The number of teachers holding rank which properly requires a certificate (that is, all excepting pupil-teachers and sewing-mistresses) was 2,549 at the end of the year, and of these 2,244 actually held certificates; and 22 others had completed the examination for certificates, but had not fulfilled a sufficient term of service, or had not had marks awarded to them by inspectors. The remainder is made up as follows:—92 in whose favour “partial pass” was recorded, 45 who had failed at examination, and 146 who had never been examined by the department. Of these uncertificated teachers 14 held a license to teach.