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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.

Education Department, Wellington, 30th April, 1902.

SIR.— I have the honour to report upon the annual examinations for teachers' certificates, and for admission to or promotion in the Civil Service. The examinations were held in January, between the 7th and the 15th days of the month, at the thirteen towns which are the seats of Education Boards, and also at Whangarei, Thames, Tauranga, Opotiki, Gisborne, Palmerston North, Masterton, Westport, Oamaru, Lawrence, and the Chatham Islands.

The number of candidates was 1,248, and of entries 1,279, made up as follows: For the Civil Service Junior Examination, 467; for the Civil Service Senior Examination, 143; for certificate examinations, 655; for drawing only (pupil-teachers), 14. Of the 467 candidates for the Junior Examination 27 entered for the Senior Examination as well, and 4 for certificate examinations. The number of candidates absent from examination was 112.

The expenses of the examinations amounted to £872 Ss. 2d., and the fees paid by candidates to £1,018 15s. Printing and clerical work are not included in the account of expenses.

The results of the Civil Service Junior Examination were made known on the 19th February, those of the Senior Examination on the 21st, and those of the teachers' examinations on the 25th of the same month.

Of the 143 Civil Service Senior candidates 118 entered under the old regulations and 25 under the new; 42 coming up to complete examinations in which they had already been partially successful. In all 23 passed the whole examination, 44 achieved partial success at the whole examination, and 6 passed the first of the two sections into which the examination may be divided under the new regulations. (See Gazette, 27th February, 1902.)

The names of 294 of the Civil Service Junior candidates were published in the order of their marks in the Gazette, and 153 failed to reach the minimum required, which was 40 per cent. of the possible total.

Of the 14 pupil-teachers who entered under the regulation which allows them to come up for one division of drawing at a time, 6 satisfied the examiners.

At the teachers' examination, 6 were candidates for Class C (University examinations being taken into account), 187 were candidates for the whole examination for Class D, and 150, having been credited with "partial success" for Class D, came up to complete their examination; 227 were candidates for the whole examination for Class E, and 85 came up to complete the examination for that class. Among these 655 candidates were 153 candidates who had already passed for tion for that class. Among these 655 candidates were 155 candidates who had already passed for Class E, and were seeking promotion to Class D; and of the remainder—502 in number—135 were teachers in the service of the Boards, 275 were pupil-teachers, and 46 were normal-school students in training; while 18 were persons who had ceased to be teachers, pupil-teachers, or normal students, and 28 had never sustained any such relation to the public schools.

Of the whole number of 655 candidates, 231 have "passed" (4 for C, 103 for D, and 124 for E), and 210 have achieved "partial success" (97 for D, and 113 for E), while 235 have failed to improve their status. As the result of the examination, 140 new certificates have been issued

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