

examinations it is accounted for chiefly by the encouragement given to teachers to improve their status, more especially in connection with the increased facilities extended to those who desire to take a forward step towards a Class C qualification.

The expenses of the examination amounted to £3,838 11s. 6d., and the fees paid by candidates to £2,127 4s. Printing and clerical work are not included in the account of expenses. The results of the Junior National Scholarship Examination were made known on the 23rd January, those of the Civil Service Junior Examination on the 29th January, those of the Civil Service Senior Examination on the 22nd February, those of the examination for the Education Board's Senior Scholarships and for Senior Free Places on the 29th January, and those of the teachers' examinations on the 23rd February.

The total number of candidates that sat for the Junior National Scholarship and Junior Free Place Examinations was 1,458. Of this number, 1,102 were candidates for scholarships, and 356 for free places only. On the result of the examinations, 593 attained a scholarship qualification, and (including this number) 722 qualified for free places in secondary schools.

The highest percentages of marks gained in the various examination-papers were as follows: English, 89; arithmetic, 99; geography, 98; general paper, 90; drawing, 100. The highest percentage gained by any one candidate on the whole examination was 88.

Of the 2,123 candidates for the Civil Service Junior Examination, 1,114 were seeking employment in the Public Service, and 759 passed the examination, 566 of them with credit. Of the successful candidates, those that passed with credit, and such of the remainder as were not over sixteen years of age on the 1st December, 1906, have satisfied the requirements of clause 7 of the Regulations for the holding of Senior Free Places in Secondary Schools and District High Schools. There were 615 candidates for Senior Free Places only. The total number that qualified for Senior Free Places was 1,177.

Of the 183 Civil Service Senior candidates, 86 came up to complete examinations in which they had been partially successful. In all 54 passed the whole examination—1 of them with distinction—and there were 84 whose work was accepted by the Department.

The numbers of candidates that entered for different stages of the Teachers' Certificate Examinations, with their status at the time of entry, are shown in the subjoined table:—

Examinations previously passed	Candidates for the Whole or Part of the Class C Examination.	For Class D.	For Class D, with the Matriculation Examination of December, 1906.	For Completion of Partial Pass for Class D.	For Special Certificates in Single Subjects	Total.
Nil ... ..	4	193	29	...	4	230
Matriculation ... ..	19	149	...	...	...	168
Partial pass for Class E ... ..	2	18	...	...	1	21
Class E ... ..	8	19	1	...	...	28
Partial pass for Class D ... ..	77	...	5	179	...	261
Class D ... ..	209	...	...	...	...	209
Higher examinations ... ..	121	1	...	...	...	122
Totals ... ..	440	380	35	179	5	1,039

Of the whole number of 1,039 candidates, 286 have passed—92 for Class C, 194 for Class D. 263 have obtained partial pass—94 for Class C and 169 for Class D. There are 159 whose work in separate subjects of the Class C examination has been accepted by the Department, and 256 candidates, besides 137 absentees, have failed to improve their status. Appended to this report are lists of the examiners of the successful and partially successful candidates, and also criticisms and suggestions made by the examiners. The examination-papers have been printed separately.

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