

of large schools, while Marlborough represents the other extreme, with Nelson next, and Taranaki not far off. In Marlborough nearly one-half and in Nelson nearly one-third of the schools are in the category of subsidised schools.

The number of teachers increases in almost exact proportion to the number of pupils. The proportional increase is greatest in the classes of pupil-teachers (especially male pupil-teachers) and women in sole charge of small schools. Considerable variations in the numbers of principal teachers and heads of schools or of departments are apparent rather than real, and arise from a want of consistency in defining the powers and positions of such teachers. Including 996 pupil-teachers and 182 sewing-mistresses, there were 3,045 teachers at work at the end of the year, as shown in the following table:—

TABLE K.—NUMBER OF TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1887.

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	..	..	108	8	..	..	71	34	34	146	28	194	241	382	623	17,219	27.6	60
Taranaki	1	..	13	5	..	1	8	8	1	7	4	22	27	43	70	1,800	25.7	15
Wanganui	..	..	24	3	..	..	40	9	8	19	12	39	84	70	154	5,265	34.2	..
Wellington	..	..	30	7	..	..	20	14	20	42	14	95	84	153	242	7,417	30.6	15
Hawke's Bay	..	..	24	3	..	..	8	10	10	28	15	47	57	88	145	4,453	30.7	1
Marlborough	1	..	8	2	1	1	14	6	..	7	2	11	26	27	53	1,311	24.7	..
Nelson	..	..	24	16	..	..	18	30	8	27	3	28	53	101	154	4,186	27.2	†1
Grey	2	..	6	..	3	3	7	5	1	4	3	14	22	26	48	1,241	26.0	..
Westland*	..	..	8	..	..	..	8	8	3	9	9	18	28	34	63	1,532	24.3	2
North Canterbury	15	..	78	6	1	20	45	9	22	122	61	153	232	310	532	15,935	30.0	48
South Canterbury	4	..	19	1	..	4	15	10	7	22	16	24	61	61	122	3,632	29.8	14
Otago	..	..	79	..	..	..	72	32	53	111	54	95	258	238	496	19,479	39.3	15
Southland	10	..	20	..	..	10	52	14	7	13	7	28	96	65	161	6,119	38.0	11
Totals for 1887 ..	33	..	441	51	5	39	378	189	174	557	228	768	1259	1603	2863	89,589	31.3	182
Totals for 1886 ..	46	1	405	47	3	53	380	168	176	525	196	721	1206	1515	2721	85,343	31.4	173
Difference ..	-13	-1	36	4	2	-14	-2	21	-2	31	32	47	53	88	142	4,246	-0.1	9

* Eight monitors reckoned as pupil-teachers. † Paid by Committee.

In the next table the salaries are stated, at the rates current in December.

TABLE L.—SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Education Districts.	Under £100.			£100 and under £200.	£200 and under £300.	£300 and under £400.	£400 and upwards (maximum, £480).*	Number of Teachers.	Total of Rates of Salary, December, 1887.		
	Sewing-mistresses.	Pupil-teachers.	Other Teachers.								
Auckland	60	222	169	192	29	8	3	683	£	s.	d.
Taranaki	15	26	22	21	1	..	..	85	57,800	0	0
Wanganui	..	51	19	67	15	3	..	†155	5,415	5	0
Wellington	15	109	39	61	26	8	..	†258	17,461	2	11
Hawke's Bay	1	62	27	41	10	4	1	146	23,656	0	0
Marlborough	..	13	22	16	1	1	..	53	14,174	7	0
Nelson	..	31	59	58	5	1	..	154	4,109	12	0
Grey	..	17	12	15	3	..	1	48	13,435	0	0
Westland	2	27	16	15	3	1	..	†64	4,310	0	0
North Canterbury	48	214	91	175	40	10	2	580	5,047	19	9
South Canterbury	14	40	27	47	6	2	..	136	51,883	17	0
Otago	15	149	55	197	74	12	9	511	12,194	0	0
Southland	11	35	12	101	11	2	..	172	64,395	0	0
Totals for 1887	181	996	570	1,006	224	52	16	3,045	19,826	11	0
Totals for 1886	1,747			968	215	48	16	2,894	280,117	17	2
Difference ..	100			38	9	4	..	151	13,590	17	6

* One principal teacher, with £400, has received an addition of £100 as vice-principal of a training college. † Including a vacancy. ‡ Excludes one whose salary has not been settled.

About one-third of the whole body of teachers received salaries of between £100 and £200, and about one-tenth were paid salaries of £200 and upwards, the highest rate being £480. The average salary of all teachers (£293,708 14s. 8d. ÷ 3,045) was £96 9s. 1d.; for 1886 it was £96 15s. 9d. As the working average for the quarter was 89,589, and the strict average 87,386, the expenditure in