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TEACHERS' AND CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

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

SIR,—

Education Department, Wellington, 26th March, 1896.

I have the honour to report upon the annual examinations of candidates for teachers' certificates, and for admission to or promotion in the Civil Service. The examinations were held in January, between the 6th and the 15th days of the month, at the thirteen towns which are the seats of Education Boards, and also at Thames, Tauranga, Whakatane, Gisborne, Westport, Kumara, Oamaru, and Palmerston South.

The number of candidates was 1,297, made up as follows: For the Junior Civil Service examination, 494; for the Senior Civil Service examination, 102; for certificate examinations, 685; for drawing (pupil-teachers only), 16.

The expenses of the examinations amounted to £794 12s. 6d., and the fees paid by candidates to £1,052 15s. 6d.

The results of the Senior Civil Service examination were made known on the 19th of February, and the rest on the 20th of the same month.

Of the 102 Senior Civil Service candidates, two came up for shorthand only, and 32 came up to complete examinations in which they had been only partially successful: 47 passed the examination, and one of the shorthand candidates was successful. (See *Gazette*, 20th February, 1896.)

The names of 263 of the Junior Civil Service candidates were published, in the order of marks, in the *Gazette* of the 25th February; the remaining 231 failed to reach the minimum required, which is one-third of the possible total.

Of the 16 pupil-teachers who availed themselves of the regulation which allows them to come up for one branch of drawing at a time, 11 satisfied the examiner.

At the teachers' examination, 242 were candidates for Class D, and 124 others came up to complete a "partial pass" for Class D; 198 were candidates for Class E, and 121 came up to complete a "partial pass" for that class. Among these 685 candidates were 179 who had already passed for Class E and were seeking promotion to Class D: and of the remainder—506 in number—102 were teachers in the service of the Boards, 252 pupil-teachers, and 54 normal-school students in training; while 33 were persons who had ceased to be teachers, pupil-teachers, or normal students, and 65 had never sustained any such relation to the public schools.

Of the whole number of 685 candidates, 219 have "passed" (115 for D, and 104 for E), and 200 have obtained "partial pass" (72 for D, and 128 for E), while 266 have failed to improve their status. Only 37 have been added to the list of absolute failures, the rest of the 266 being either absent candidates or candidates who were unsuccessful in attempting to complete "partial pass." The names removed from the "failure" list by this examination number 27, and, as 37 names have been added to it, the list is increased by 10 (from 676 to 686). This list contains the accumulations of eighteen years, and 10 is a very small addition in comparison with the magnitude of the total. As the result of the examination, 158 new certificates will be issued (54 for Class D, and 104 for Class E), and 61 certificates of Class E will be raised to Class D.

The following table exhibits some of these statistics, and shows besides that normal students are the most successful class of candidates:—

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