

The total of the salaries of all teachers (adult teachers, pupil-teachers, and sewing-mistresses) at the rates paid at the end of the year 1898 was £364,273; the average salary per teacher was £94 9s. 10d. The slight apparent increase (3s. 2d.) in average salary is evidently traceable, to a certain extent, to the substitution of adult teachers for pupil-teachers, a step that makes for greater efficiency.

TABLE L.—SALARIES OF TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1898.

Education Districts.	Under £100.			£100 and under £200.	£200 and under £300.	£300 and under £400.	£400 and upwards (Maximum, £504).	Number of Teachers.	Total of Rates of Salary, December, 1898.
	Sewing-mistresses.	Pupil-teachers.	Other Teachers.						
Auckland	77	250	220	266	39	14	1	867	£ 74,256 0 0
Taranaki	24	33	38	39	3	..	..	137	10,303 7 0
Wanganui	..	116	45	100*	26	2	..	289*	29,655 14 0
Wellington	9	176	102*	80	46	9*	..	422†	38,677 15 0
Hawke's Bay	..	87	29	68	18	5	1	208	20,882 18 3
Marlborough	3	14	54	19	2	..	..	92	5,916 2 0
Nelson	1	53	90	56	5	1	..	206	15,777 19 0
Grey	..	15	29	15	2	..	..	61	5,008 4 0
Westland	1	12	35	12	1	1	..	62	4,586 5 9
North Canterbury	32	129	162*	204	28	12	1	568*	55,446 11 4
South Canterbury	12	33	32	71	5	3	..	156	15,091 4 0
Otago	32	89	143	211	51	16	1	543	61,673 9 0
Southland	..	53*	26	151*	13	1	..	244†	26,997 17 0
Totals for 1898	191	1,060	1,005	1,292	239	64	4	3,855	364,273 6 4
				2,256					
Totals for 1897		2,239		1,264	238	62	7	3,810	359,411 17 1
Difference ..		17		28	1	2	-3	45	4,861 9 3

* Includes one vacancy. † Includes two vacancies.

Exclusive of pupil-teachers and sewing-mistresses, the total number of teachers actually employed was 2,599. Table M shows that, of these, 2,325 were holders of certificates, 31 others had passed the certificate examination, 55 had gained a partial pass, 42 had failed, and 145 had never been examined by the department. The proportion of certificated teachers is still rising, and the large increase in the number of pupil-teachers having certificates—175, as against 111 in 1897—may be taken as another sign of progress.

TABLE M.—TEACHERS, CERTIFICATED AND UNCERTIFICATED, 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

(Numbers in brackets represent licensed teachers included in other numbers.)

Education Districts.	Certificated Teachers.	Marks not yet assigned.	Required Service not yet completed.	Partial Pass.	Failed.	Never examined by Department.	Total.	Pupil-teachers having Certificates, not included in Column headed "Certificated Teachers."
Auckland	507	1	8	12	5[1]	7[1]	540	95
Taranaki	73	..	2	1	1	3	80	1
Wanganui	145	1	..	5[1]	4[1]	17	172	17
Wellington	203	..	..	5	5	22	235	34
Hawke's Bay	108	..	..	4	2[1]	7[3]	121	8
Marlborough	34	1	1	3	2	34	75	1
Nelson	107*	..	2	5	11[2]	27	152	5
Grey	32	..	1	3[1]	5	5	46	2
Westland	28	..	2	2[1]	3[1]	14	49	..
North Canterbury	391	..	..	10	2	3	406	1
South Canterbury	108	..	2	1	..	..	111	3
Otago	413	..	6	2	..	1	422	1
Southland	176	..	4	2	2	5	189	7
Total for 1898	2,325	3	28	55[3]	42[6]	145[4]	2,598	175
Total for 1897	2,244	2	20	92[5]	45[6]	146[3]	2,549	111
Total for 1896	2,179	1	17	96[15]	42[5]	134[5]	2,469	106
Total for 1895	2,084	5	24	90[14]	36[4]	127[5]	2,366	..
Total for 1894	1,984	5	24	85	42	120	2,260	..
Total for 1893	1,914	4	22	88	48	125	2,201	..
Total for 1892	1,826	6	19	94	54	131	2,130	..
*Total for 1891	1,753	7	17	107	58	132	2,074	..

* Includes one general kindergarten instructor.

In January, 1899, 22 teachers not previously holding certificates passed for D or E, thus raising the number of teachers qualified by examination to 2,378.