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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.

SIR,—

Education Department, Wellington, 3rd April, 1900.

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 8th and 16th days of the month, at the thirteen towns which are the seats of Education Boards, and also at Whangarei, Thames, Tauranga, Opotiki, Gisborne, Masterton, Westport, Oamaru, Palmerston South, and Lawrence.

The number of candidates that entered was 1,245, made up as follows: For the Junior Civil Service examination, 490; for the Senior Civil Service examination, 112; for certificate examinations, 632; for drawing (pupil-teachers only), 11.

The expenses of the examinations amounted to £807 10s. 11d., and the fees paid by candidates to £1,014. Printing and clerical work are not included in the account of expenses.

The results of the Senior Civil Service examination were made known on the 19th February, the results of the Junior Civil Service examination on the 22nd, and those of the teachers' examinations on the 27th of the same month.

Of the 112 Senior Civil Service candidates, 26 came up to complete examinations in which they had already been partially successful. In all, 48 passed the examination. (See *Gazette*, 1st March, 1900.)

The names of 309 of the Junior Civil Service candidates were published, in the order of marks, in the *Gazette* of the 1st March; and the remaining 181 failed to reach the minimum required, which is one-third of the possible total.

Of the 11 pupil-teachers who availed themselves of the regulation which allows them to come up for one branch of drawing at a time, 7 satisfied the examiner.

At the teachers' examination, 4 were candidates for Class C (University status being taken into account), 203 were candidates for the whole examination for Class D, and 137, having been credited with "partial success" for Class D, came up to complete their examination; 189 were candidates for the whole examination for Class E, and 99 came up to complete the examination for that class. Among these 632 candidates were 172 candidates who had already passed for Class E, and were seeking promotion to Class D; and of the remainder—460 in number—70 were teachers in the service of the Boards, 245 were pupil-teachers, and 57 were normal-school students in training; while 36 were persons who had ceased to be teachers, pupil-teachers, or normal students, and 52 had never sustained any such relation to the public schools.

Of the whole number of 632 candidates, 190 have "passed" (104 for D, and 86 for E), and 146 have achieved "partial success" (79 for D, and 67 for E), while 284 have failed to improve their status. Of the candidates that have achieved "success" or "partial success," 21 had previously failed. As the result of the examination, 148 new certificates will be issued (62 for Class D, and 86 for Class E), and 42 certificates of Class E will be raised to Class D.

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