

In the next table the average attendance in each education district is shown in detail by a statement of the aggregate attendance at each group of schools under the classification in Table E1. The substituted average authorised by clause 2 (b) of the regulations relating to staffs and salaries has been taken in all cases where the Boards decided to avail themselves of it.

The number of small schools with an average attendance not exceeding twenty shows a further increase of 7 for 1905; the number, which was 555 for 1904, was 562 for 1905. The number of pupils attending these schools has increased by 249—namely, from 6,813 to 7,062.

TABLE E2.—AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR 1905 AT THE SCHOOLS AS GROUPED IN TABLE E1.

Grade.	Auckland.	Taranaki.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Hawke's Bay.	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Grey.	Westland.	North Canterbury.	South Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals.
0	244	15	156	124	98	145	189	82	81	87	14	133	102	1,470
1	1,329	214	601	414	245	137	402	86	123	709	218	582	532	5,592
2	1,502	279	289	406	159	49	260	30	48	547	379	733	435	5,116
3	3,028	764	1,200	857	373	182	537	159	87	1,172	441	1,162	1,559	11,322
4	1,976	385	843	540	318	99	420	..	52	1,059	565	907	502	7,666
5	1,723	396	955	844	557	186	314	198	110	942	178	1,277	756	8,436
6	1,281	..	1,037	533	773	..	494	..	..	563	326	1,023	440	6,470
7	962	531	626	832	683	194	112	92	..	1,198	101	739	760	6,830
8	791	..	724	423	412	394	137	155	..	634	168	772	666	5,279
9	2,004	188	480	1,142	470	..	164	139	155	679	165	666	377	6,629
10	1,188	..	668	..	261	237	706	..	232	1,133	225	428	712	5,810
11	1,433	528	821	886	268	..	551	..	..	527	..	1,597	252	6,863
12	975	..	323	669	299	..	..	..	..	..	305	286	..	2,857
13	771	..	725	370	717	..	..	..	..	318	346	1,054	..	4,301
14	..	..	381	375	..	..	467	..	..	782	..	811	422	3,238
15	462	464	440	818	..	..	..	443	..	1,374	426	872	..	5,299
16	466	..	..	591	..	..	..	..	..	561	..	504	..	2,122
17	2,238	513	550	544	588	..	..	..	..	1,233	..	1,581	514	7,761
18	1,854	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,152	..	3,006
19	2,080	1,381	633	654	607	669	6,024
20	707	662	..	1,369
21	758	2,379	808	393	4,338
22	941	941
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25	898	898
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27	1,175	1,175
Totals, 1905	27,775	4,277	10,819	14,128	7,662	1,624	4,753	1,384	908	16,925	4,511	17,548	8,498	120,812
Totals, 1904	25,922	4,141	10,480	13,517	7,419	1,635	4,750	1,394	925	16,703	4,469	17,439	8,338	117,132
Difference	1,853	136	339	611	243	-11	3	-10	-17	222	42	109	160	3,680

During the year 1905, 70 schools were closed—viz., in Auckland, 16; Taranaki, 3; Wanganui, 9; Wellington, 3; Hawke's Bay, 6; Marlborough, 6; Nelson, 11; Grey, 1; Westland, 2; North Canterbury, 3; Otago, 7; Southland, 3. As was the case in previous years, several of these schools, although reckoned as closed in their original form, were reopened in another; thus some were amalgamated whilst others which had been joined as half-time schools became full-time schools. Including such reopened schools, the total number opened during the year was 91, distributed as follows: Auckland, 31; Taranaki, 3; Wanganui, 15; Wellington, 5; Hawke's Bay, 8; Marlborough, 7; Nelson, 5; Westland, 2; North Canterbury, 4; Otago, 5; Southland, 6. The net increase in the number of schools opened at the end of the year is thus 21, as shown in Table E1.

PUBLIC-SCHOOL TEACHERS.

In December, 1905, there were employed on the primary staffs in the public schools of the colony 3,816 teachers, of whom 3,137 were adults and 679 pupil-teachers: the corresponding numbers for December, 1904, were 3,069 adults and 649 pupil-teachers. Of the adult teachers at the end of 1905, 1,302 were men and 1,835 women; of the pupil-teachers 151 were male and 528 female. The number of adult male teachers was 30 more, and of adult female teachers 38 more than in December, 1904; and the number of male and female pupil-teachers increased by 7 and 23 respectively. The average number of children to one teacher for 1905 was 31.5.