

the rebuilding of such when necessary. The cost of the inspection of schools amounted to £26,000, and of the conveyance of scholars and teachers and board of the former, to £28,000. Out of the sum above stated expenditure on medical inspection and physical education amounted to £8,000.

Included in the total expenditure on education is the sum of £58,000 expended on social agencies such as the work of infant-life protection, the juvenile probation system, and schools for the blind, the deaf, the feeble-minded, and for dependent and delinquent children.

PRIMARY EDUCATION.

NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(E-2, Table A1.)

The number of public schools open at the end of 1917 was 2,368, as against 2,355 for the year 1916, an increase of 13. In the table below the schools are classified according to the yearly average attendance.

NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN EACH GRADE.

Grade of School.	Number of Schools.		Grade of School.	Number of Schools.		Grade of School.	Number of Schools.	
	1916.	1917.		1916.	1917.		1916.	1917.
O. (1-8) ..	189	177	VA. (241-280) ..	37	29	VIIc. (601-650) ..	17	24
I. (9-20) ..	665	662	VB. (281-320) ..	17	22	VIIb. (651-700) ..	10	10
II. (21-35) ..	509	536	VC. (321-360) ..	27	21	VIIe. (701-750) ..	8	7
IIIA. (36-80) ..	555	566	VD. (361-400) ..	15	14	VIIf. (751-800) ..	4	4
IIIB. (81-120) ..	127	117	VIa. (401-450) ..	5	10	VIIg. (801-850) ..	1	2
IVA. (121-160) ..	57	56	VIb. (451-500) ..	19	20	VIIh. (851-900) ..	4	..
IVB. (161-200) ..	47	43	VIIa. (501-550) ..	13	9	VIIi. (901-950) ..	1	2
IVc. (201-240) ..	20	30	VIIb. (551-600) ..	8	7	VIIj. (951-1,000) ..	..	..
Total, 1917 ..	..		..	..		2,368 schools.		
.. 1916 ..	..		..	..		2,355 ..		
Increase ..	..		..	..		13 ..		

It will be observed that of 2,368 schools, 1,764 were in Grades I-IIIa, having average attendances ranging from 9 to 80, and of these 662 had averages ranging from 9 to 20.

For the number of schools in each education district classified according to grade, reference should be made to Table A1 in E.-2, "Report on Primary Education."

The total average attendance for each grade and the average number of pupils per school in each grade is shown below; secondary departments of district high schools are excluded:—

Grade of School.	Number of Schools.	Total Average Attendance.	Average Number of Pupils per School.	Grade of School.	Number of Schools.	Total Average Attendance.	Average Number of Pupils per School.
O. (1-8) ..	177	1,039	6	VD. (361-400) ..	14	5,219	373
I. (9-20) ..	662	9,135	14	VIa. (401-450) ..	10	4,280	428
II. (21-35) ..	536	13,792	26	VIb. (451-500) ..	20	9,332	467
IIIA. (36-80) ..	566	28,093	50	VIIa. (501-550) ..	9	4,852	539
IIIB. (81-120) ..	117	11,249	96	VIIb. (551-600) ..	7	3,937	563
IVA. (121-160) ..	56	7,663	137	VIIc. (601-650) ..	24	15,155	631
IVB. (161-200) ..	43	7,611	177	VIIb. (651-700) ..	10	6,571	657
IVc. (201-240) ..	30	6,604	220	VIIe. (701-750) ..	7	5,014	716
VA. (241-280) ..	29	7,593	262	VIIf. (751-800) ..	4	3,211	803
VB. (281-320) ..	22	6,772	308	VIIg. (801-850) ..	2	1,589	795
VC. (321-360) ..	21	6,984	333	VIIi. (901-950) ..	2	1,575	787

Of 167,000 children, nearly 24,000 are in sole-teacher schools with averages ranging from 1 to 35, and over 74,000 children are in schools with an average number of pupils of 280 or more.