

STAFFS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The number of teachers employed in the primary departments of public schools in 1918 was 5,464, including 4,818 adult teachers and 646 pupil-teachers, the corresponding figures for the previous year being 4,707 and 649 respectively. The increase in numbers took place entirely in the female staff, the number of male adult teachers being seventeen less than in 1917 and the number of male pupil-teachers nine less. Of the adult teachers, 1,323 were sole teachers, 934 were head teachers, and 2,561 were assistant teachers. Classified according to sex, there were 1,366 males and 3,452 females among the adult teachers, and 123 male and 523 female pupil-teachers. In addition to the staff of adult teachers and pupil-teachers, 378 probationers (including 48 males and 330 females) were employed, the number being 32 less than in the preceding year.

The number of primary-school teachers (including training-college students) who left the teaching service to take up military duty was about 900. Of this number 155 have given their lives for their country. Although some returning teachers are not again taking up the work of teaching, a large number are resuming their profession. The names of all teachers who joined the Expeditionary Forces may be found in Appendix B of this report.

The following table shows the number of adult teachers in each grade of school classified under the headings of sole, head, or assistant teachers.

NUMBER OF ADULT TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN PRIMARY DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
DECEMBER, 1918.

Grade of School.				Sole Teachers.		Head Teachers.		Assistant Teachers.		Total Adult Teachers.		
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.
Grade	0. (1-8)	..	..	5	136	..	..	..	..	5	136	141
"	I. (9-20)	..	..	114	487	..	..	..	..	114	487	601
"	II. (21-35)	..	..	145	373	3	8	..	11	148	392	540
"	IIIA. (36-80)	..	..	31	32	344	166	1	514	376	712	1,088
"	IIIB. (81-120)	..	..	..	..	99	7	4	205	103	212	315
"	IV. (121-240)	..	..	..	..	111	1	24	288	135	289	424
"	V. (241-400)	..	..	..	..	87	6	83	418	170	424	594
"	VI. (401-500)	..	..	..	..	24	1	43	148	67	149	216
"	VII. (over 500)	..	..	..	..	77	..	170	652	247	652	899
All grades				295	1,028	745	189	325	2,236	1,365	3,453	4,818

NOTE.—The numbers of sole and head teachers do not agree with the numbers of schools in each grade as shown in the summary on page 5, for the reason that all half-time schools and side schools are placed in that summary in the grades strictly according to the average attendance of each school counted separately, while for salary purposes in the case of half-time schools, and for salary and staffing purposes in the case of main schools with side schools attached the grade is determined in the one case by the average attendance of each school group, and in the other by the combined average attendance of the main and side schools together.

The number of pupils per teacher in the several grades or groups of schools is shown below, two pupil-teachers being counted as equivalent to one adult teacher, and probationers being disregarded :—

Grade of School.	Total Average Attendance.	Average Number of Children per Teacher.	Grade of School.	Total Average Attendance.	Average Number of Children per Teacher.
0. (1-8) ..	1,013	7	VI A. (401-450) ..	4,516	47
I. (9-20) ..	9,438	15	VI B. (451-500) ..	7,019	
II. (21-35) ..	13,356	25	VII A. (501-550) ..	5,111	
III A. (36-80) ..	28,679	26	VII B. (551-600) ..	6,735	
III B. (81-120) ..	10,254	32	VII C. (601-650) ..	11,581	42
IV A. (121-160) ..	7,968	46	VII D. (651-700) ..	9,224	
IV B. (161-200) ..	7,917		VII E. (701-750) ..	5,018	
IV C. (201-240) ..	6,150		VII F. (751-800) ..	4,515	
VA. (241-280) ..	7,580		VII G. (801-850) ..	801	
VB. (281-320) ..	6,863	VII H. (851-900) ..	1,390		
VC. (321-360) ..	7,170	VII I. (901-950) ..	906		
VD. (361-400) ..	5,952				
			Total Average Attendance.		Average Number of Children per Teacher.
Grades III-VII (two or more teachers)			..	145,349	38
Grades V-VII (six or more teachers)			..	84,381	42
All schools			..	169,156	33