

completed a full-time course as student teachers in a technical school ; Division B, other students who, being over seventeen years of age, have obtained higher learning certificates or partial passes in the Class D Examination or have obtained equivalent or higher qualifications ; Division C, University graduates admitted for one year ; Division D, teachers entering on short-period studentships. The numbers of students under the several divisions in 1926 were : Division A, 1,041 ; Division B, 123 ; Division C, 18 ; and Division D, 16 : total, 1,198. The numbers for the previous year were : Division A, 1,085 ; Division B, 160 ; Division C, 17 ; and Division D, 9 : total, 1,271.

The number of students who completed their course in 1926 was 549, and their examination status was as under : Class A certificate, 4 ; Class B certificate, 90 ; Class C certificate, 304 ; Class D with partial success towards C, 127 ; Class D, 9 ; credited with some subjects towards a teacher's certificate, 15 ; no examination, nil.

STATUS OF TEACHERS IN REGARD TO CERTIFICATES.

The table below gives a summary of the position with regard to the number of primary-school teachers holding teachers' certificates in the last three years :—

PRIMARY TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.						
	1924.		1925.		1926.	
	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.
I. Certificated teachers	4,891	84	5,301	88	5,559	90
II. Uncertificated teachers—						
(1) Holding licenses	68	1	73	1	61	1
(2) Unlicensed	863	15	628	11	563	9
Total uncertificated	931	16	701	12	624	10
Totals of I and II.. ..	5,822	100	6,002	100	6,183	100

The numbers of teachers holding certificates of the various classes in 1925 and 1926 were as follows :—

Class of Certificate.				1925.			1926.		
				M.	F.	Total.	M	F.	Total.
A	53	10	63	48	9	57			
B	369	222	591	431	250	681			
C	976	1,903	2,879	1,047	2,064	3,111			
D	417	1,220	1,637	402	1,202	1,604			
E	17	114	131	13	93	106			
Total	1,832	3,469	5,301	1,941	3,618	5,559			

The following figures indicate the very marked decrease in recent years in the numbers of uncertificated teachers employed in public primary schools :—

				Uncertificated Teachers.	
Year.				Number.	As percentage of Adult Teachers.
1920	1,472	..	28		
1921	1,336	..	25		
1922	1,234	..	22		
1923	1,100	..	19		
1924	931	..	16		
1925	701	..	12		
1926	624	..	10		