

In this table are included nine teachers (four men and five women) on staffs of junior high schools and one supervisor of needlework in primary classes.

The average rates of salary on the 30th June, 1927, were as follows: Men, £352; women, £222; both, £297.

The following are some particulars of the number of schools and the number of pupils receiving instruction in manual training during 1927:—

Agriculture: The number of public primary schools at which instruction in elementary agriculture was given was 1,927, and the number of pupils receiving instruction was 40,578.

Woodwork: Total number of pupils who received instruction, 19,409.

Metalwork: Total number of pupils who received instruction, 799.

Domestic subjects: Total number of pupils who received instruction, 18,890.

Elementary Science: Total number of pupils who received instruction, 5,545.

Private schools: 3,148 pupils from 114 private schools received instruction in manual-training subjects.

FINANCIAL.

The total amount due by the Department to the Education Boards for the salaries and incidental expenses for the year 1927 was approximately £66,662, made up as follows:—

Salaries—						£
Full-time assistants	..	..	..	..	..	41,469
Full-time student teachers	..	..	..	..	..	230
Overtime	..	..	..	..	..	130
Capitation for part-time teachers	..	..	..	..	..	579
						£
Incidental allowances	..	..	..	..	..	42,408
Capitation grants	..	..	..	..	..	9,734
						14,520
Total						£66,662

In addition, the Department provided handwork materials costing some £9,060, and also refunded to Education Boards the actual receiving and distributing charges, amounting approximately to £1,320, involving a total expenditure of £10,380.

STAFFS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The number of adult teachers employed in the primary departments of public schools at the end of 1927 was 6,230 (men, 2,167; women, 4,063), an increase of 47 over the previous year. There were, in addition, 567 probationers (males, 169; females, 398), compared with 700 at the end of the previous year. The following table shows the number of teachers in the schools of the various grades:—

NUMBER OF ADULT TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN PRIMARY DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1927.

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)	..	21	190	..	..	..	..	21	190	211	
„ I (9-20)	..	298	452	..	..	..	1	298	453	751	
„ II (21-35)	..	218	265	14	12	2	26	234	303	537	
„ IIIA (36-50)	..	18	14	169	91	5	255	192	360	652	
„ IIIB (51-80)	..	..	1	227	34	1	276	228	311	539	
„ IIIC (81-120)	..	..	..	118	7	3	245	121	252	373	
„ IV (121-240)	..	..	..	122	1	91	393	213	394	607	
„ V (241-360)	..	..	..	65	1	105	322	170	323	493	
„ VI (361-480)	..	..	..	66	..	164	455	230	455	585	
„ VII (over 480)	..	..	..	98	..	362	1,022	460	1,022	1,482	
All grades	..	555	922	879	146	733	2,995	2,167	4,063	6,230	