

The next table groups certificated teachers according to their salaries. This table shows that 37 per cent. of the certificated male teachers receive salaries over £400 per annum and 57 per cent. receive salaries over £350. Of the certificated women teachers 40 per cent. receive salaries in excess of £250.

Salaries (including Allowances and Value of Residences).	Certificated Male Teachers.		Certificated Female Teachers.	
	Sole and Head Teachers.	Assistants.	Sole and Head Teachers.	Assistants.
Not exceeding £180	12	31	31	428
£181 to £250	102	167	122	1,639
£251 „ £300	217	89	348	333
£301 „ £350	167	103	151	330
£351 „ £400	241	181	155	126
Over £400	630	125	29	8
Totals	1,369	696	836	2,864

APPLICANTS FOR PROBATIONERSHIPS.

In 1927 there was no dearth of young people desiring to enter the teaching service ; in fact, the supply of qualified applicants exceeded the demand. It was therefore possible for Education Boards to select young people with high academic attainments. A few years ago it was possible for candidates who possessed no higher qualification than a pass in the Public Service Entrance Examination to secure appointment. Now no less than 60 per cent. of those appointed possessed higher leaving certificates or a full pass in the teachers' Class D examination, while 39 per cent. had either matriculated or secured a partial pass for Class D. Of the 976 qualified applicants for appointment, positions could be found for only 582. The number of vacant positions is fixed strictly in accordance with the estimated wastage in the teaching staff. The number of entrants to the profession is therefore controlled year by year so that in the future unemployment among teachers may be avoided.

TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

The numbers of students in training in the four training colleges during 1927 were as follows, the figures for the previous year being also given for comparison :—

College.	1926.			1927.		
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.
Auckland	119	247	366	138	285	423
Wellington	89	193	282	77	187	264
Christchurch	99	187	286	83	199	282
Dunedin	105	159	264	86	145	231
Totals	412	786	1,198	384	816	1,200

Students may be admitted to the training colleges under one or other of the following divisions : Division A, students who, having obtained the necessary educational qualifications, have completed a course of training as probationers, or have completed a course of training at a recognized kindergarten school, or have 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 leaving 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 1927 were : Division A, 1,085 ; Division B, 76 ; Division C, 18 ; and Division D, 21 ; total, 1,200. The numbers for the previous year were : Division A, 1,041 ; Division B, 123 ; Division C, 18 ; and Division D, 16 : total, 1,198.