

The number of students who left the training colleges in 1927 was 656, and their examination status was as under : Class A certificate, nil ; Class B certificate, 148 ; Class C certificate, 383 ; Class D with partial success towards C, 107 ; Class D, 3 ; credited with some subjects towards a teacher's certificate, 15 ; no examination, nil.

During the past five years a gratifying improvement has taken place in the examination status attained by students on the completion of their course at the training college. The following table shows the status of those students who left college in the years 1922 and 1927 :—

Year of Leaving.	Teachers Certificate Examination Status.							Total.
	Class A.	Class B.	Class C.	Class D with partial C.	Class D.	Credited with some Subjects towards Teacher's Certificate.	No Examination Status.	
1922 ..	1	50	363	77	17	82	3	593
1927 ..	..	148	383	107	3	15	..	656

GRADING OF TEACHERS.

The total number of teachers graded in 1927 was 7040, including forty-three New Zealand teachers employed in the Island Schools (Fiji, Samoa, and Cook Islands). Appeals against grading were lodged by 132 teachers. Of these fifty-four were withdrawn, fifty-nine were disallowed, and nineteen were upheld. From the gradually diminishing number of appeals it would appear that the grading is now based upon firm ground, and the vast majority of teachers accept the judgment of the grading officers without question.

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.

	1925.		1926.		1927.	
	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.
I. Certificated teachers	5,301	88	5,559	90	5,730	92
II. Uncertificated teachers —						
(1) Holding licenses	73	1	61	1	35	1
(2) Unlicensed	628	11	563	9	465	7
Total uncertificated	701	12	624	10	500	8
Totals of I and II	6,002	100	6,183	100	6,230	100

The numbers of teachers holding certificates of the various classes in 1926 and 1927 were as follows :—

Class of Certificate.				1926.			1927.		
				M.	F.	Total.	M	F.	Total.
A	..	..	..	48	9	57	48	10	58
B	..	..	..	431	250	681	494	292	786
C	..	..	..	1,047	2,064	3,111	1,090	2,181	3,271
D	..	..	..	402	1,202	1,604	401	1,127	1,528
E	..	..	..	13	93	106	11	76	87
Total	..	..	..	1,941	3,618	5,559	2,044	3,686	5,730