

In the previous section, entitled “Elimination of Large Classes,” reference was made to steps that had been taken to staff the primary schools more liberally. The following figures give further evidence of what has been done in this direction during the last few years :—

Year.						Average Attendance.	Number of Adult Teachers.	Number of Pupils per Adult Teacher.
1925	..	..	..	..	..	194,741	6,002	32·4
1926	..	..	..	..	..	192,588	6,183	31·1
1927	..	..	..	..	..	192,284	6,230	30·8
1928	..	..	..	..	..	195,411	6,341	30·8

TEACHERS’ SALARIES.

The total amount of all salaries and allowances for the year ending on the 31st March, 1929, was £1,781,389, or £17,541 more than in the previous year. These figures do not include the equivalent of house allowance where residences are provided, estimated at £51,204, nor the additional amounts paid to head teachers for the supervision of secondary departments of district high schools. The total cost of salaries and allowances (including the sum saved in house allowances) works out at £8 7s. 6d. per head of the total roll number, the corresponding amount in 1927 was £8 5s. 1d.

The average salaries of adult teachers (including house allowances and value of residences) in 1914 and for the last five years are shown in the following table :—

AVERAGE SALARIES OF PRIMARY-SCHOOL TEACHERS.

	1914.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
(1) Teachers in all schools—						
(a) Men and women	163	276	280	280	279	280
(b) Men	224	358	364	359	356	354
(c) Women	128	236	238	239	238	240
(2) Teachers in schools with average attendance over eight—						
(a) Men and women	..	283	286	285	286	287
(b) Men	..	361	366	361	359	358
(c) Women	..	242	244	244	246	247
(3) Teachers in schools with average attendance over twenty—						
(a) Men and women	..	291	292	295	290	291
(b) Men	..	380	384	384	375	370
(c) Women	..	245	244	248	245	246
(4) Head teachers—						
(a) Men	..	436	442	443	445	444
(b) Women	..	365	359	380	375	374
(5) All sole teachers—						
(a) Men	..	251	264	273	278	276
(b) Women	..	226	240	244	239	241
(6) Assistants—						
(a) Men	..	326	329	318	310	309
(b) Women	..	230	231	230	231	233

The next table groups certificated teachers according to their salaries. This table shows that 35 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	14	18	55	472
£181 to £250	100	195	108	1,630
£251 „ £300	248	87	369	338
£301 „ £350	162	100	134	537
£351 „ £400	250	209	175	134
Over £400	624	132	27	12
Totals	1,398	741	868	2,923