

PERCENTAGES OF PUPILS LEAVING PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN 1928-30 WHO PROCEEDED TO THE VARIOUS DESTINATIONS AND OCCUPATIONS.

Destination.	Boys.			Girls.		
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Post-primary	51	51	53	51	53	53
Commercial occupations—						
(a) Clerical (including typing) ..	1	1	1	1	1	1
(b) Shop and warehouse assistants	4	4	2	3	3	1
Trades—						
(a) Engineering.. .. .	2	1	1	*	*	*
(b) Building	1	2	1	*	*	*
(c) Other	4	4	2	1	*	*
Agricultural and pastoral	20	20	22	1	2	2
Other occupations	6	7	6	6	5	4
Home	8	7	9	34	33	36
Not known	3	3	3	3	3	3
Total number of children leaving	100	100	100	100	100	100

* No significant percentage.

REGISTERED PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The following table summarizes the returns furnished by registered private primary schools with respect to the year 1930 :—

				Undenomi- national Schools.	Catholic Church Schools.	Other Church Schools.	Total.
Number of schools				40	209	57	306
Roll—Boys				804	10,367	1,110	12,281
Girls				849	11,351	1,970	14,170
Total				1,653	21,718	3,080	26,451
Average attendance				1,497·2	19,588·1	2,830·3	23,915·6
Teachers—Men				30	48	36	114
Women				77	648	123	848
Total				107	696	159	962

The number of schools at the end of the previous year was 302 and the total enrolment 26,977.

CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS.

The applications before the Department during the year in connection with school consolidation and the consequent closing of isolated small schools have been carefully examined. In view of the costs of suggested schemes, they have been held over in the meantime, as, although each application would, no doubt, if proceeded with, provide undoubted educational advantages, these are outweighed by the need for reduction in expenditure.