

During the year there were 49,698 children from 2,013 public primary schools receiving instruction in elementary agriculture, 5,318 from seventy-nine public primary schools in elementary science, also from primary and secondary schools 23,201 in woodwork, 1,584 in metalwork, and 21,772 in domestic subjects. The expenditure for these classes amounts to approximately £77,650. In addition, the cost of commercial instruction in district high schools was £2,767. Handwork materials for use in 1930 were supplied at an approximate total cost of £12,850.

The cost of classes conducted by Technical School Boards is not included in the above figures.

STAFFS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The number of adult teachers employed in the primary departments of public schools at the end of 1930 was 6,433 (men 2,318; women, 4,115), a decrease of five below the previous year. Included in the foregoing figures for adult teachers are 352 probationary assistants who were employed in public schools completing their training as teachers. The number of such assistants for the previous year was 224. In addition to adult teachers there were employed in public schools at the end of 1930 542 probationers (males, 164; females, 378), compared with 547 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, 1930.

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)	..	33	187	..	..	..	..	33	187	220	
„ I (9-20)	..	343	404	1	..	..	1	344	405	749	
„ II (21-35)	..	213	207	28	26	3	56	244	289	533	
„ IIIA (36-50)	..	7	13	173	97	4	276	184	386	570	
„ IIIB (51-80)	..	1	..	197	57	2	275	200	332	532	
„ IIIC (81-120)	..	..	..	121	9	9	255	130	264	394	
„ IV (121-240)	..	..	..	133	1	109	412	242	413	655	
„ V (241-360)	..	..	..	80	1	150	414	230	415	645	
„ VI (361-480)	..	..	..	57	..	157	388	214	388	602	
„ VII (over 480)	..	..	..	101	..	396	1,036	497	1,036	1,533	
All grades	..	597	811	891	191	830	3,113	2,318	4,115	6,433	

Ratio of Men to Women Teachers.—The following table indicates the number of women for each 100 men teachers:—

—	1915.	1918.	1922.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Adult teachers—							
All schools	193	253	197	187	183	184	177
Schools with roll 1-20 ..	323	523	299	202	185	162	157
Schools with roll over 20	176	227	182	185	182	188	181
Pupil-teachers	344	425	223	*	*	*	*
Probationers	647	688	349	236	303	265	224
Training-college students ..	387	488	256	213	227	242	282

* The position of “pupil-teacher” has now been abolished.

It is interesting to note that since the Great War the proportion of women teachers to men teachers has steadily decreased. This decrease is apparent in all schools, and it shows that this branch of the teaching service provides positions of a sufficiently attractive nature to draw an increasing number of men.