

In the next table the average attendance in each education district is shown in detail by a statement of the aggregate attendance at each group of schools under the classification in Table J.

TABLE JI.—AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER QUARTER, 1900, AT THE SCHOOLS AS GROUPED IN TABLE J.

Working Average Attendance.	Auckland.	Taranaki.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Hawke's Bay.	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Grey.	Westland.	North Canterbury.	South Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals.
	1 to 9	32	28	34	83	8	224	120	56	81	55	..	52	9
10 " 14	355	49	107	116	91	48	173	61	62	189	47	311	72	1,681
15 " 20	1,097	157	296	325	174	50	385	16	122	416	100	482	276	3,836
21 " 30	2,015	390	748	717	182	99	448	90	25	1,123	444	778	1,002	8,061
31 " 40	1,885	323	871	648	346	139	466	109	36	720	431	1,252	832	8,058
41 " 50	935	449	595	308	505	139	398	92	137	1,046	303	711	670	6,288
51 " 70	2,117	178	986	887	230	122	455	114	54	599	510	1,539	728	8,519
71 " 90	644	402	454	498	545	..	461	243	161	1,353	326	1,086	745	6,918
91 " 120	1,691	215	714	619	660	218	318	..	..	1,139	110	844	765	7,293
121 " 150	939	..	786	788	425	283	143	..	..	560	..	543	270	4,737
151 " 170	774	154	..	327	319	151	156	..	..	312	158	317	..	2,668
171 " 200	897	174	192	382	348	..	..	..	..	546	186	195	751	3,671
201 " 250	1,530	..	819	652	221	..	220	202	461	872	204	1,154	416	6,751
251 " 280	263	..	516	255	537	..	251	..	..	256	..	270	..	2,348
281 " 330	..	..	317	..	319	311	285	..	..	284	315	909	285	3,025
331 " 390	1,116	339	1,093	725	..	..	..	..	..	693	333	1,103	..	5,402
391 " 420	..	..	406	..	..	..	403	..	..	832	420	410	..	2,471
421 " 480	1,336	466	..	921	..	..	..	472	..	1,772	..	850	..	5,817
481 " 510	..	..	..	1,473	..	..	..	..	..	495	..	1,009	..	2,977
511 " 570	3,195	..	..	532	551	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,084	..	6,362
571 " 600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	588	580	1,168
601 " 660	3,147	..	..	630	626	..	..	..	..	..	624	628	627	6,282
661 " 690	..	..	..	674	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	680	..	1,354
691 " 750	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
751 " 780	..	..	..	..	755	..	..	..	..	759	..	..	..	1,514
781 " 840	..	..	..	786	..	..	..	..	..	807	..	..	..	1,593
841 " 870	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
871 " 930	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
931 " 960	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	941	..	..	..	941
961 " 1020	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	981	..	..	..	981
Total attendance	23,968	3,324	8,874	12,346	6,842	1,784	4,632	1,455	1,139	16,750	4,511	17,795	8,028	111,498

In December, 1900, there were employed in the public schools of the colony 3,586 teachers, exclusive of sewing mistresses; of these, 2,631 were adults and 955 pupil-teachers: the corresponding numbers for December, 1899, were 2,592 adults and 1,022 pupil-teachers, so that there is an improvement in the staffing to a slight extent. Of the adult teachers at the end of 1900, 1,216 were men and 1,415 were women; of the pupil-teachers, 206 were male and 749 female. The number of adult male teachers was 4 less, and of adult female teachers was 43 more than in December, 1899; and the number of male pupil-teachers was 24 less, and of females 43 less than at that period. There were, however, vacancies in the case of 8 adults and 11 pupil-teachers; adding these to the number actually employed we get 30.9 as the average number of children in attendance to one teacher in the last quarter of 1900.

TABLE K.—SCHOOL STAFF, DECEMBER, 1900.

Education Districts.	Head of School.		Head of Department.		Sole Teachers.		Assistant Teachers.		Total Number of Adult Teachers.			Pupil-teachers.		Average Attendance in Fourth Quarter.	Average Number of Pupils to One Teacher.	Sewing-mistresses.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.			
	Auckland	139	9	..	..	106	100	40	166	285	275	560	48			
Taranaki	19	3	..	1	17	26	4	14	40	44	84	7	21	3,324	29.7	24
Wanganui	58	8	..	..	39	36	11	39	108	83	<sup>a</sup> 191	31	70	8,874	30.4	..
Wellington	54	11	..	..	27	55	31	67	112	133	245	<sup>b</sup> 17	<sup>b</sup> 142	12,346	30.6	14
Hawke's Bay	32	9	1	..	12	24	13	38	58	71	129	21	66	6,842	31.7	..
Marlborough	8	2	..	..	10	45	1	11	19	58	77	1	15	1,784	19.1	6
Nelson	31	8	..	..	16	69	8	24	55	101	156	<sup>c</sup> 11	37	4,682	23.0	4
Grey	8	2	..	1	1	<sup>d</sup> 19	3	12	12	34	<sup>d</sup> 46	2	12	1,455	24.3	..
Westland	7	2	..	..	3	24	2	10	12	36	48	1	8	1,139	20.0	..
North Canterbury	<sup>e</sup> 86	4	2	30	53	55	36	<sup>e</sup> 119	177	208	<sup>e</sup> 385	21	87	16,750	34.0	44
South Canterbury	28	..	..	5	13	26	10	34	51	65	<sup>f</sup> 116	10	13	4,511	32.5	7
Otago	79	..	..	..	53	90	47	132	179	222	401	24	<sup>f</sup> 57	17,795	36.9	12
Southland	41	1	..	17	54	46	13	21	108	85	193	12	32	8,028	34.0	..
Totals for 1900	590	59	3	54	404	615	219	687	1,216	1,415	2,631	206	749	111,498	31.1	181
Totals for 1899	615	61	2	51	<sup>g</sup> 389	573	214	681	1,220	1,372	<sup>g</sup> 2,592	230	792	109,050	30.2	198
Difference	-25	-2	1	3	15	36	5	6	-4	43	39	-24	-43	2,448	0.9	-17

In the following cases there are vacancies: <sup>a</sup> Wanganui, four sole teachers; <sup>b</sup> Wellington, one male and five female pupil-teachers; <sup>c</sup> Nelson, one male pupil-teacher; <sup>d</sup> Grey, one female sole teacher; <sup>e</sup> North Canterbury, one headmaster; <sup>f</sup> South Canterbury, one sole teacher; <sup>g</sup> 1899, one sole teacher.

\* Includes one part-time teacher. † Includes one monitress.