

two which form part of a comprehensive series dealing with British history; fifty-six illustrating the countries of Europe geographically and historically; and also a coloured wall-sheet illustrating the lives of Lord Nelson and Captain Cook.

During the year the Department has issued to schools a chart showing a method of restoring animation to the apparently drowned (prepared by the Health Department), and published a special report on the teaching of English in secondary schools (a reprint of a circular issued by the Board of Education, England) and also a pamphlet entitled "An account of the education system of the Dominion." Among the publications of general interest that will be issued shortly are "A Manual of New Zealand Mollusca," by H. Suter; "Geology of New Zealand,"\* by Dr. P. Marshall; and plates of New Zealand flora, published in connection with Cheeseman's "Manual of New Zealand Flora."

The departmental library contains a large number of educational books and papers, most of which are available on loan to Inspectors, teachers of primary or secondary schools, and others interested in education.

#### *Staffs of Public Schools.*

The number of teachers in the public schools, exclusive of those employed in the secondary departments of district high schools, in December, 1910, and December, 1911, respectively, was as follows:—

TABLE E.—NUMBER OF TEACHERS EMPLOYED.

|                 |    |    |    |    |    |       |       |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|-------|
| Adults—         |    |    |    |    |    | 1910. | 1911. |
| Men             | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,456 | 1,493 |
| Women           | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,252 | 2,351 |
| Total           | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3,708 | 3,844 |
| Pupil-teachers— |    |    |    |    |    |       |       |
| Male            | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 174   | 179   |
| Female          | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 526   | 528   |
| Total           | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 700†  | 707‡  |
| All teachers—   |    |    |    |    |    |       |       |
| Male            | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,630 | 1,672 |
| Female          | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,778 | 2,879 |
| Total           | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4,408 | 4,551 |

The number of adult teachers may be further summarized thus:—

|                     |    |    |    |    |    |       |       |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|-------|
| Heads of schools—   |    |    |    |    |    | 1910. | 1911. |
| Men                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 712   | 728   |
| Women               | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 72    | 85    |
|                     |    |    |    |    |    | 784   | 813   |
| Sole teachers—      |    |    |    |    |    |       |       |
| Men                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 445   | 452   |
| Women               | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 793   | 814   |
|                     |    |    |    |    |    | 1,238 | 1,266 |
| Assistant teachers— |    |    |    |    |    |       |       |
| Men                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 299   | 313   |
| Women               | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,387 | 1,452 |
|                     |    |    |    |    |    | 1,686 | 1,765 |

Of the sole teachers, 102 men and 370 women, total 472, were employed in schools of less than 16 in average attendance; the average number of children per teacher being 10·05. The average number of children per teacher in the remaining sole-teacher schools—that is, schools with 16 to 35 in average attendance—was 23·77. It will be seen on referring to the remarks in this report under the head, "Number of Schools" (page 2), that there were 1,336 sole-teacher schools. The difference (70) between this number and the number of sole teachers shown above is accounted for by the fact that 116 half-time schools (in charge of 58 sole teachers) and 12 side schools have been counted separately as sole-teacher schools.

\* This book is now published (Education Department, 30/10/12).  
 † Exclusive of 41 male and 178 female probationers.

‡ Exclusive of 32 male and 151 female probationers.