

It is expected that the application of a similar requirement next year to the Public Service Senior Examination will have the effect at first, as in other cases, of restricting the candidature; but work done in these subjects without such practical instruction can be of very little value to the students.

Candidature for the Public Service Entrance Examination was again confined to male candidates, and showed a slight increase in numbers over the previous year, but the figures are naturally much lower than they were when girls were admitted.

The results of the Junior National Scholarship Examination were made known on the 9th January, those of the Public Service Entrance Examination on the 21st January, those of the Public Service Senior Examination on the 16th February, and those of the Teachers' Examination on the 3rd March.

Of the total number of candidates that sat for the Junior National Scholarship and Junior Free Place Examinations—

The number of candidates for scholarships was	...	...	...	2,144
The number who obtained a scholarship qualification was	...	...	...	891
The number who failed was	...	...	...	1,252
The number of candidates for free places was	...	...	...	1,418
The number who qualified for a free place was	...	...	...	776
The number who failed was	...	...	...	642

The highest percentages of marks gained in the various subjects of this examination were as follows: English, 81; arithmetic, 100; geography, 80; history and civics, 88; elementary science, 96; drawing, I, 94; drawing, II, 96. The highest percentage gained by any one candidate on the whole examination was 80.

The following are details of candidature in regard to the Public Service Entrance and Intermediate Examinations in their varied applications:—

(a.) Total candidates presenting themselves for examination	...	...	...	2,739
(b.) Candidates for the competitive tests (Public Service Entrance and scholarships)	...	...	...	1,453
(c.) Candidates for the non-competitive tests (senior free places, First Examination of Pupil-teachers, and drawing only)	...	...	...	1,286

Of the Public Service Senior candidates—

The number present at examination was	...	...	...	804
The number sitting to complete, having already been partially successful	...	...	...	444
The number sitting for the first time	...	...	...	360
The number who passed the whole examination	...	...	...	200
The number who gained a pass in two or more subjects without completing the whole examination	...	...	...	326
The number who passed under regulations of 1st April, 1915	...	...	...	17
The number who failed	...	...	...	281

The number of candidates who entered for different stages of the Teachers' Certificate Examinations, with their status at the time of entry, is shown in the subjoined table. The total (1,875) includes a number of candidates who entered for both Class C and Class D examinations. The actual number of entrants is 1,825. Of these, 249 were absent from the examination-room.

Examinations previously passed.	Candidates for Whole or Part of Class C Examination.	For Class D.	For Class D with the Matriculation Examination of December, 1914.	For Completion of Partial Pass for Class D.	For Special Certificates in Single Subjects.	Totals.
Nil	14	571	69	...	6	660
Matriculation	32	163	...	...	...	195
Class E and partial pass for Class B...	1	4	...	...	...	5
Class D...	127	...	...	...	...	127
Partial success towards Class D	156	177	11	133	...	477
Partial success towards Class C—						
(i.) Alone	83	26	...	...	1	110
(ii.) With Class D	252	...	...	...	...	252
Class C and Higher Examinations	49	...	...	...	...	49
Totals	714	941	80	133	7	1,875

The following is a summary of the results of the examinations for teachers' certificates:—

Completed for Class A	...	...	...	...	Nil
" B	...	...	...	...	11
" C	...	...	...	...	131
" D	...	...	...	...	212
Completed for all classes	...	...	...	...	354