

have obtained some educational qualification approved by the Director of Education ; (3) give satisfactory evidence as to moral character and health ; and (4) pay fees at the rate of £7 7s. per term for tuition and training.

Of the 1,183 students in attendance at training colleges in 1929, 591 were in their first year, 542 in the second, and 50 in the third year. Each of the 50 third-year students was aiming to qualify as a specialist teacher in some particular subject. Eleven were qualifying as teachers of science ; 1, mathematics ; 9, drawing and handwork ; 3, mathematics and science both ; 14, music and eurhythmics ; and 12, physical training : total, 50.

The number of students who left training colleges in 1929 was 592, and their examination status was as follows : Class A certificate, 1 ; Class B certificate, 96 ; Class C certificate, 405 ; Class D with partial success towards Class C, 78 ; Class D, 1 ; credited with some subjects towards a teacher's certificate, 11.

GRADING OF TEACHERS.

The total number of teachers graded as at the 31st December, 1929, was 7,348, including 38 New Zealand teachers employed in Island Schools (Fiji, Western Samoa, and Cook Islands). The total for the previous year was 7,203. Appeals against grading were lodged by 200 teachers, as compared with 148 for the previous year. Of the latter number, 61 appeals were withdrawn, 56 were disallowed, and 31 were upheld.

STATUS OF TEACHERS IN REGARD TO CERTIFICATES.

The table below gives a summary of the position with regard to the number of primary-school teachers holding teachers' certificates in the last three years :—

PRIMARY TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

	1927.		1928.		1929.	
	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.
I. Certificated teachers	5,730	92	5,916	93	5,969	93
II. Uncertificated teachers—						
(1) Holding licenses	35	1	14	*	8	*
(2) Unlicensed	465	7	411	6	461	7
Total uncertificated	500	8	425	7	469	7
Totals of I and II	6,230	100	6,341	100	6,438	100

* No significant percentage.

The numbers of teachers holding certificates of the various classes in 1928 and 1929 were as follows :—

Class of Certificate.	1928.			1929.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
A	50	9	59	42	10	52
B	570	339	909	630	391	1,021
C	1,127	2,311	3,438	1,140	2,359	3,499
D	371	1,063	1,434	342	987	1,329
E	10	66	76	10	58	68
Total	2,128	3,788	5,916	2,164	3,805	5,969