

In a previous section, entitled "Elimination of Large Classes," reference was made to steps that had been taken to staff the primary schools more liberally. The following figures give further evidence of what has been done in this direction during the last few years:—

Year.	Average Attendance.	Number of Adult Teachers.	Number of Pupils per Adult Teacher.
1925	194,741	6,002	32·4
1926	192,588	6,183	31·1
1927	192,284	6,230	30·8
1928	195,411	6,341	30·8
1929	195,359	6,438	30·3
1930	195,340	6,433	30·4

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The total amount of all salaries and allowances for the year ending on the 31st March, 1931, was £1,812,020, or £1,408 more than in the previous year. These figures do not include the equivalent of house allowance where residences are provided, estimated at £50,091, nor the additional amounts paid to head teachers for the supervision of secondary departments of district high schools. The total cost of salaries, allowances, and the equivalent of house allowance mentioned above is therefore £1,862,111. This is £8 11s. 10d. per head of the total roll number. The corresponding amount in 1929 was £8 10s. 9d.

The average salaries of adult teachers (including house allowances and value of residences) in 1914 and for the last five years are shown in the following table:—

AVERAGE SALARIES OF PRIMARY-SCHOOL TEACHERS.

	1914.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
(1) Teachers in all schools—						
(a) Men and women	163	280	279	280	281	281
(b) Men	224	359	356	354	356	351
(c) Women	128	239	238	240	240	242
(2) Teachers in schools with average attendance over eight—						
(a) Men and women		285	286	287	287	288
(b) Men		361	359	358	359	354
(c) Women		244	246	247	246	249
(3) Teachers in schools with average attendance over twenty—						
(a) Men and women		295	290	291	290	291
(b) Men		384	375	370	376	370
(c) Women		248	245	246	245	248
(4) Head teachers—						
(a) Men		443	445	444	443	441
(b) Women		380	375	374	368	381
(5) All sole teachers—						
(a) Men		273	278	276	279	282
(b) Women		244	239	241	242	243
(6) Assistants—						
(a) Men		318	310	309	313	304
(b) Women		230	231	233	232	233

Salaries (including Allowances and Value of Residences).	Certificated Male Teachers.		Certificated Female Teachers.	
	Sole and Head Teachers.	Assistants.	Sole and Head Teachers.	Assistants.
Not exceeding £180	25	29	80	347
£181 to £250	84	133	92	1,645
£251 ,, £300	314	85	314	329
£301 ,, £350	171	121	140	378
£351 ,, £400	240	222	197	150
Over £400	623	135	41	9
Totals	1,457	725	864	2,858