

TABLE M 3.—AVERAGE SALARIES (INCLUDING HOUSE ALLOWANCES, VALUE OF RESIDENCES, AND ALL OTHER ALLOWANCES) OF ADULT TEACHERS IN NATIVE SCHOOLS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER.

						1936. £	1937. £
1. Teachers in all schools—							
(a) Men and women ..	..	..	..	..	..	296	297
(b) Men ..	..	..	..	..	..	358	359
(c) Women ..	..	..	..	..	..	237	237
2. Head teachers—							
(a) Men ..	..	..	..	..	..	379	386
(b) Women ..	..	..	..	..	..	357	356
3. Sole teachers—							
(a) Men ..	..	..	..	..	..	256	263
(b) Women ..	..	..	..	..	..	233	232
4. Assistants—							
(a) Men ..	..	..	..	..	..	214	211
(b) Women ..	..	..	..	..	..	208	209

13. PUPILS LEAVING PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

In 1937 20,689 pupils (10,636 boys and 10,053 girls) left public primary schools. Of these, 17,218 (83 per cent.) had passed Form II. In the last five years the numbers leaving have been as follow :—

Year.					Total Number leaving.	Number who passed Form II.	Percentage who passed Form II.
1933	..	..	..	..	21,935	17,434	79
1934	..	..	..	..	22,665	17,980	79
1935	..	..	..	..	22,108	17,708	80
1936	..	..	..	..	21,819	17,600	81
1937	..	..	..	..	20,689	17,218	83

14. PUPILS COMMENCING POST-PRIMARY COURSE IN STATE SCHOOLS.

In 1937 13,848 pupils (7,298 boys and 6,550 girls) commenced post-primary education in State post-primary schools. In the last five years the numbers commencing post-primary education in these schools have been as follow :—

Year.					Total Number commencing Post-primary Course.	Number of these coming from Public Primary Schools.	Percentage coming from Public Primary Schools.
1933	..	..	..	..	12,214	11,637	95
1934	..	..	..	..	12,686	12,143	96
1935	..	..	..	..	13,177	12,632	96
1936	..	..	..	..	13,466	12,849	95
1937	..	..	..	..	13,848	13,342	96

No return is made giving the number of pupils commencing a post-primary course who in the previous year gained a proficiency certificate as pupils in a public school. It will be observed, however, that the great majority of pupils who enter post-primary schools do so from public schools.

To arrive at some approximate estimate as to the extent to which the gaining of a proficiency certificate influences the question as to whether a post-primary course is to be followed or not, the following figures have been grouped as a basis for comparison.

It will be observed that the number of pupils who commence a post-primary course expressed as a percentage of the pupils who pass for a proficiency certificate in a previous year is variable, the factors contributing to this variation no doubt being the availability of suitable avenues of employment for boys, especially on completion of their primary-school course.

The annual Proficiency Examination was held for the last time in 1936