

tive district and to publish yearly audited accounts of income and expenditure to the people's superintendent. The salary of each superintendent is \$1620. He has to pay his own travelling expense, office rent, etc., out of this amount.

The Superintendent is ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Examiners appointed to grant certificates of qualification to teachers. There are no Normal Schools in the Island, so the teachers receive their training at the various colleges. Each male teacher in training is allowed by Government \$100 per year, and each female teacher \$80 a year, towards defraying their college expenses. Examinations are held at stated periods and certificates granted. There are three grades of certificates, I., II., and III.

The average salaries paid male teachers of the first grade are: Church of England, \$434.96; Methodist, \$391.95; Roman Catholic, \$264.00; teachers of second grade: Church of England, \$274.09; Methodist, \$281.75; Roman Catholic, \$202.00; teacher of third grade: Church of England, \$198.96; Methodist, \$247.57; Roman Catholic, \$166.10. The average salaries paid female teachers of the first grade are, Church of England, \$308.26; Methodist, \$265.14; Roman Catholic, \$218.00; teachers of second grade, Church of England, \$191.81; Methodist, \$219.98; Roman Catholic, \$156.00; teachers of third grade, Church of England, \$152.76; Methodist, \$197.90; Roman Catholic, \$125.00.

There is no system of school tax, but pupils are required to pay quarterly, in advance, to the teacher certain fees. Each pupil in standard I. and II. pays \$2 per year; each pupil in standard III., IV. and V. pays \$1.50 per year; each pupil in standard VI. pays \$2 per year,

and each student studying navigation pays \$4 per year. The School Boards have the power to remit these fees or any part of them to such pupils as may be unable from poverty to pay them.

The total amount of the annual Legislative grant for Elementary and Secondary schools is \$154,085.17, or about 70 cents per head for the entire population.

Grant for Elementary Schools..	\$102,351 19
“ “ Augmentation of Teachers' Salaries..	25,297 87
“ “ Training Teachers ...	5,610 84
“ “ Inspection, Office and incident'als.....	6,060 00
“ “ Colleges.....	9,565 29
“ “ Council of Higher Education.....	4 000 00
“ “ Pension to Retired Teachers	700 00
“ “ Pension Schemes	500 00

Total..... \$154,085 19

This grant is divided among the different religious denominations according to population :

Church of England	\$51,732 93
Methodist	39,468 79
Roman Catholic.....	54,085 04
Presbyterian	1,073 54
Congregationalist.....	579 39
Reformed Episcopalians.	360 81
Salvation Army and others	1,584 69
Council of Higher Education...	4,000 00
Pensions to Retired Teachers ...	700 00
Pension Schemes	500 00

Total.....\$154,088 .

There are 628 schools and colleges, with an attendance of 34,531 pupils. So the cost per pupil to Government is about \$4.30, and the percentage of the entire population attending school is seventeen. There is no compulsory attendance law. The total amount of school fees collected in 1897 was \$24,122.19, and the people voluntarily contributed \$13,068.66; so the total amount paid towards education by the people was \$37,190.85, about 18 cents per