

*Superannuation.*

There is now a Public Schools Teachers' Superannuation Fund. Persons employed by the Education Department may subscribe to it, any such subscriber receiving an annuity on retiring. The subscriptions are 4*l.*, 8*l.*, 12*l.*, or 16*l.* a year for men, and 3*l.*, 6*l.*, 9*l.*, or 12*l.* a year for women. Head or assistant teachers appointed in future must, if under 32 years of age, subscribe at least 8*l.* a year if a man, and at least 3*l.* a year if a woman. A man who subscribes 16*l.* a year for 10 years is entitled to a superannuation allowance of 65*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and a woman who subscribes 12*l.* a year for 10 years is entitled to one of 46*l.* 10*s.*, and so in like proportion, according to the sum subscribed annually, and the number of years served. A person retiring on the ground of age must have subscribed for 20 years, and be, on retiring, 60 years old if a man, and 50 years if a woman. (Teachers' Superannuation Act, 1890.) (Reg. in Government Gazette, 27th August 1891.)

During 1890 there were 395 male and 672 female teachers, or 14 less male, and 5 more female teachers than in 1889. Hardly any of these were receiving less than 100*l.* a year; there were four more schools. There was also a large number of private schools and teachers.

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Primary education is free, and teachers are paid entirely by the State. Schools with an average attendance from 12 to 29 are called provisional schools. Of these there were 272 in December 1890. The salaries of provisional school teachers range from 80*l.* to 120*l.* for males, and from 65*l.* to 90*l.* for females. Provisional school teachers are not necessarily certificated. Schools with an average attendance above 30 are called State schools. Of these there were 329 in December 1890. State school teachers must be certificated. Certificated teachers are of three classes, the salaries being:—Class I., males, 180*l.* to 204*l.*, females, 156*l.* to 180*l.*; Class II., males, 144*l.* to 168*l.*, females, 114*l.* to 138*l.*; Class III., males, 102*l.* to 126*l.*, females, 72*l.* to 96*l.* In addition to the salaries attached to their classification, head teachers in State schools are paid sums ranging from 36*l.* to 276*l.* per annum for males, and from 18*l.* to 184*l.* per annum for females, according to the size of their schools, and married men in charge of State schools are provided with residences, or rent. Principal assistant teachers get additional emoluments, ranging from 24*l.* to 72*l.* for males, and from 12*l.* to 48*l.* for females. Ordinary assistants receive classification salary only. Male pupil teachers are paid from 30*l.* to 65*l.*, and females from 20*l.* to 50*l.* All teachers on their first admission into the service are appointed on probation at salaries specially fixed by the Minister. Their classification is determined by their attainments, as testified by examinations passed before examiners appointed by the Minister, or by the standards of the examinations passed in the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the British Dominions, together with their skill in practical school management, as exhibited while on probation. British certificates below Class II. are not recognised as qualifying for any classification under the Queensland regulations. The