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EDUCATION: EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

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Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The Inspector-General of Schools to the Hon. the Minister of Education. Sir, Wellington, 18th April, 1883.

I have the honour to submit my report on the examination of teachers held on the 22nd January and the following days. The principal results as ascertained by you were published in the *Gazette* of the 29th March. On the whole I think they may be regarded as more satisfactory than those of any previous examination, the proportion of complete failures, and especially of very

bad failures, being much smaller than in former years.

The total number of candidates entered was 549, but only 465 presented themselves, and, of these, 266 were more or less successful (last year 533 were entered, and 461 attended, but only 155 achieved any success). For Class D there were 93 entries, and 84 candidates sat: 15 passed, 18 were "partially successful," 10 completed the examination for Class E while failing for Class D, 2 completed the examination for Class E and were "partially successful" for Class D, and 3 are credited with "partial success" for Class E. The "partially successful" are those who, having done good work in most subjects but failing in one or two, are to be allowed the privilege of sitting again in the subjects in which they were unsuccessful. For Class E 299 entered and 255 were present: only 10 passed, but 147 were "partially successful." Of candidates "partially successful" in former years 157 sent in their names, and 126 attended: 61 of them succeeded in completing their examination. Last year less than 34 per cent. of the candidates did anything to improve their position; this year the proportion is over 57 per cent. In the following table the numbers of candidates from the several education districts are stated, with details of complete and partial success:—

	Auckland.	Taranaki.	Hawke's Bay.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Westland.	N. Canterbury.	S. Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals.
Entered for Class D Of whom—Present at examination	21 19 5 5 3 			3 2 	12 11 1 1 	1 1 1 	1 1	3 3	33 32 6 9 	1 1 1 	15 13 1 3 2	3 1	93 84 15 18 3 2 10
Entered for Class E	85 71 1 30 43 40 19	4 4 2 1 1	15 13 7	14 13 6 9 3 2	14 13 1 9 10 7 4	3 2 2 2 2 2	13 10 4 10 8 3	8 6 2 4 4 2	45 39 2 26 35 26 11	4 3 2 5 4 3	79 67 6 49 31 25 11	15 14 8 6 5 3	299 255 10 147 157 126 61