

Table D—continued.

—	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.
NELSON.											
Superior schools, 5 to 15 years	..	75	100	100	61	61	114	117	89	61	73
Public schools, 5 to 15 years	4,279	3,967	4,069	4,290	4,495	4,665	5,020	5,308	5,473	5,702	5,945
Private schools, all ages ..	411	470	522	450	426	525	728	656	768	961	975
Total at above schools..	4,690	4,512	4,691	4,840	4,982	5,251	5,862	6,081	6,324	6,724	6,993
Not accounted for ..	1,692	1,970	1,891	1,842	1,801	1,783	1,423	1,455	1,463	1,314	1,252
No. living at 5 to 15 years	6,382	6,482	6,582	6,682	6,783	7,034	7,285	7,536	7,787	8,038	8,245
WESTLAND.											
Superior schools, 5 to 15 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Public schools, 5 to 15 years	2,245	2,048	2,113	2,336	2,408	2,384	2,487	2,510	2,644	2,683	2,811
Private schools, all ages ..	296	426	871	790	790	890	866	876	865	883	760
Total at above schools..	2,541	2,474	2,984	3,126	3,198	3,274	3,353	3,386	3,509	3,566	3,571
Not accounted for ..	1,304	1,371	859	715	642	629	613	643	583	592	686
No. living at 5 to 15 years	3,845	3,845	3,843	3,841	3,840	3,903	3,966	4,029	4,092	4,158	4,257
CANTERBURY.											
Superior schools, 5 to 15 years	..	173	184	228	336	325	352	359	381	322	350
Public schools, 5 to 15 years	14,804	15,347	17,223	18,649	19,102	20,317	21,175	21,849	22,640	23,151	23,929
Private schools, all ages ..	1,683	1,912	2,017	3,274	2,363	2,144	2,885	3,273	2,775	2,769	3,009
Total at above schools..	16,487	17,432	19,424	22,151	21,801	22,786	24,412	25,481	25,796	26,242	27,288
Not accounted for ..	6,513	7,177	6,794	5,676	7,636	7,590	6,903	6,773	7,397	7,892	7,656
No. living at 5 to 15 years	23,000	24,609	26,218	27,827	29,437	30,376	31,315	32,254	33,193	34,134	34,944
OTAGO.											
Superior schools, 5 to 15 years	262	224	296	276	349	354	330	330	320	274	305
Public schools, 5 to 15 years	14,203	18,465	21,088	22,975	23,776	24,546	25,902	27,209	27,950	28,816	29,704
Private schools, all ages ..	2,318	1,783	1,984	1,888	1,710	1,763	1,831	1,715	2,012	2,090	2,131
Total at above schools..	16,783	20,472	23,368	25,139	25,835	26,663	28,063	29,254	30,282	31,180	32,140
Not accounted for ..	12,353	10,179	8,798	8,542	9,361	9,549	9,165	8,970	8,978	9,097	9,074
No. living at 5 to 15 years	29,136	30,651	32,166	33,681	35,196	36,212	37,228	38,224	39,260	40,277	41,214
TOTALS.											
Superior schools, 5 to 15 years	580	921	925	1,101	1,187	1,232	1,534	1,630	1,529	1,274	1,274
Public schools, 5 to 15 years	54,559	62,571	71,587	78,372	81,998	85,532	90,666	95,398	100,411	104,138	108,478
Private schools, all ages ..	9,992	9,206	10,234	11,238	9,987	10,002	11,255	12,203	11,989	12,497	13,437
Total at above schools..	65,131	72,698	82,746	90,711	93,172	96,766	103,455	109,231	113,929	117,909	123,189
Not accounted for ..	38,687	37,161	33,154	31,230	34,815	36,541	35,172	34,696	35,338	36,687	35,072
No. living at 5 to 15 years	103,818	109,859	115,900	121,941	127,987	133,307	138,627	143,927	149,267	154,596	158,261

Included in the numbers not accounted for are—(1) Children at industrial schools and orphanages (831 in 1887); (2) European children attending Native village schools (416 in 1887); (3) children receiving tuition at home (7,567 at the census of 1886, and 9,706 at the census of 1881, the number decreasing gradually).

NOTE.—The returns for private schools do not state the ages of the pupils. For the purposes of this table all have been treated as between five and fifteen years of age. Denominational schools, such as Roman Catholic and Anglican, are included as private schools. A statement of the attendance at the Roman Catholic schools in December, 1887, is appended:—

STATEMENT of the NUMBER of PUPILS attending ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS in each Provincial District in December, 1887.

Auckland	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,805
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	146
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,312
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	425
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	234
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	731
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	657
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,958
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,641
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,909

From the totals "not accounted for" shown in the table above (Table D) it will be observed that in 1877, when the Education Act came into operation, 38,687 out of a total of 103,818 children of school-age (five to fifteen) were not attending school, or were not accounted for. In 1887, the total number of children living, of age from five to fifteen, having increased from 103,818 in 1877 to 158,261 in 1887, 35,072 only are returned as not attending school, and (as explained in the note