

reading, and—although history and grammar are both required first in the class preparing for the Third Standard—about 4,500 pupils that learn grammar are not learning history. The advocates of technical instruction will be glad to notice that, out of 115,456 pupils on the school rolls, there are but 9,115 that do not learn drawing.

TABLE H.—NUMBER OF PUPILS INSTRUCTED IN EACH SUBJECT.

Education Districts.	Numbers belonging at End of Year.	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	English Grammar and Composition.	Geography.	History.	Elementary Science.	Drawing.	Object-lessons.	Vocal Music.	Needlework (Girls).	Domestic Economy.
Auckland .. ..	21,684	21,684	21,684	21,684	11,734	14,333	9,322	7,778	20,707	16,073	19,177	9,677	4,993
Taranaki .. ..	2,565	2,565	2,565	2,565	1,002	1,410	986	614	2,424	1,904	1,417	988	35
Wanganui .. ..	7,275	7,275	7,275	7,170	3,232	4,212	2,747	1,780	6,039	5,570	3,863	1,666	260
Wellington .. ..	10,419	10,419	10,419	10,369	5,451	6,501	5,083	2,613	10,001	7,750	8,791	4,130	111
Hawke's Bay .. ..	5,969	5,969	5,969	5,969	2,523	3,389	2,431	1,747	5,437	4,249	5,316	2,491	87
Marlborough .. ..	1,854	1,854	1,846	1,736	822	1,032	710	444	1,608	1,439	612	605	166
Nelson .. ..	5,749	5,749	5,707	5,565	2,827	3,623	2,750	2,096	4,715	3,880	3,227	2,303	145
Grey .. ..	1,748	1,748	1,748	1,748	842	1,055	705	495	1,642	1,371	1,158	639	..
Westland .. ..	1,696	1,696	1,696	1,696	756	994	636	451	1,272	1,037	985	592	14
North Canterbury .. ..	20,709	20,709	20,709	20,709	8,906	11,912	8,741	4,133	19,834	15,623	18,855	9,271	1,773
South Canterbury .. ..	4,804	4,804	4,790	4,748	1,988	2,674	1,953	1,074	4,114	3,560	4,061	1,770	149
Otago .. ..	22,741	22,741	22,741	22,741	10,522	13,433	10,074	7,330	19,569	15,333	20,826	8,370	527
Southland .. ..	8,243	8,243	8,161	8,030	3,457	4,608	3,405	2,056	6,983	5,928	6,402	2,805	96
Totals for 1889 .. ..	115,456	115,456	115,310	114,730	54,062	69,176	49,543	32,611	104,345	83,717	94,690	45,907	8,356
Totals for 1888 .. ..	112,685	112,685	112,414	111,946	53,720	67,970	47,763	30,919	99,912	81,362	92,621	42,203	8,240
Increase .. ..	2,771	2,771	2,896	2,784	342	1,206	1,780	1,692	4,433	2,355	2,069	3,104	116

The increase in the number of schools—from 1,128 to 1,155—is, as might be reasonably expected, not exactly proportional to the increase of attendance; the mean average attendance for a school having risen during the year from 80·5 to 81·7. It is satisfactory to notice that the number of schools having less than 50 pupils each is less than it was a year ago, and that within that group of schools the number of very small schools (with less than 15 each) is conspicuously smaller than it was. In Table J the schools are classified according to their size.

TABLE J.—NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1889.

(In this enumeration every couple of half-time schools is reckoned as one school, except in the column for number of such schools.)

Education Districts.	Schools open.	Average Attendance in Fourth Quarter.	Mean Average for one School.	Number of Schools in which the Average Attendance for the Quarter was—										Number of Half-time Schools.	Number of Subsidised Schools.	Schools abolished in 1889.
				Under 15 Pupils.	15 and under 20 Pupils.	20 and under 25 Pupils.	25 and under 50 Pupils.	50 and under 75 Pupils.	75 and under 100 Pupils.	100 and under 150 Pupils.	150 and under 300 Pupils.	300 and under 500 Pupils.	500 Pupils and upwards.			
				Auckland .. ..	231	17,779	77·0	9	27	26	89	26	13			
Taranaki .. ..	39	1,895	48·6	3	6	7	9	9	2	2	..	9	1	2 as 1	..	..
Wanganui .. ..	84	5,510	65·6	6	6	10	33	6	5	8	9	1	..	2 as 1	11	2
Wellington .. ..	74	8,275	111·8	3	2	15	18	8	7	6	5	7	3	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay .. ..	47	4,850	103·2	2	1	6	10	7	6	7	6	..	2	..	..	..
Marlborough .. ..	36	1,412	39·2	14	3	4	6	4	2	2	..	1	..	..	19	1
Nelson .. ..	91	4,489	49·3	15	13	9	23	19	2	3	2	..	..	..	35	..
Grey .. ..	21	1,453	69·2	4	1	3	6	4	..	..	2	..	1	..	1	1
Westland .. ..	28	1,420	50·7	12	2	1	5	2	3	1	1	1	..	4 as 2	8	..
North Canterbury .. ..	161	17,131	106·4	8	9	13	49	30	14	15	11	7	5	..	2	..
South Canterbury .. ..	51	3,850	75·5	1	5	5	25	6	3	..	4	1	1	..	11	..
Otago .. ..	190	19,542	102·9	10	14	16	67	24	15	16	9	8	11	..	1	1
Southland .. ..	102	6,702	65·7	4	3	15	40	14	11	8	5	..	2	8 as 4	7	..
Totals for 1889 .. ..	1155	94,308	81·7	91	92	130	380	159	83	87	67	36	30	64 as 32	113	13
Totals for 1888 .. ..	1128	90,849	80·5	102	87	123	333	147	69	88	66	34	29	60 as 30	129	16
Difference .. ..	27	3,459	1·2	-11	5	7	-3	12	14	-1	1	2	1	4 as 2	-16	-3

The number of teachers, which is 2,894 when sewing-mistresses are not reckoned, has more than recovered from the decline of the preceding year; but in proportion to the number of pupils there is a decrease, the average number of pupils to one teacher being 32·6, whereas at the end of 1888 it