

The standard passes for 1892 number 63,113, and this number is 52·6 per cent. of the number of pupils belonging to the schools at the time of inspection. The percentage of passes has been steadily rising from 35·1 in 1882 to 50·2 in 1891 and 52·6 in 1892. The percentage of failures—14·1—is the lowest yet recorded. In 1886 the analysis of the school-rolls on inspection days was as follows: In preparatory classes, 37·1 per cent.; above the Sixth Standard, 0·6; absent, 3·7; "excepted," 3·2; failed, 12·9; passed, 42·5. The corresponding analysis for 1892 is—Preparatory, 32·7; above Standard VI., 1·1; absent, 2·3; "excepted," 2·7; failed, 8·6; passed, 52·6.

TABLE G.—PASSES AND FAILURES IN 1892.

Education Districts.	Passes in Standards.						Failures in Standards.					
	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.
Auckland .. .. .	3,092	2,613	2,443	1,989	1,228	702	221	266	493	549	372	144
Taranaki .. .. .	278	272	283	147	106	32	36	32	87	86	47	14
Wanganui .. .. .	938	847	659	446	273	156	143	114	282	240	149	44
Wellington .. .. .	1,464	1,491	1,386	1,241	979	520	3	50	120	103	91	46
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	801	719	618	421	266	145	143	114	145	194	139	45
Marlborough .. .. .	240	247	168	139	90	59	42	21	78	54	41	4
Nelson .. .. .	671	599	652	606	418	313	30	55	63	42	113	35
Grey .. .. .	184	169	179	141	125	71	30	16	16	39	23	15
Westland .. .. .	167	149	172	123	90	48	33	26	69	47	45	21
North Canterbury .. .. .	2,493	2,595	2,510	1,785	1,283	738	127	163	565	565	362	135
South Canterbury .. .. .	589	589	556	415	276	174	54	46	142	127	84	25
Otago .. .. .	2,542	2,534	2,413	1,947	1,498	1,074	131	146	450	519	317	88
Southland .. .. .	1,193	1,028	942	704	536	318	42	63	267	258	161	36
For the colony .. .. .	14,652	13,852	12,981	10,104	7,174	4,350	1,035	1,112	2,777	2,823	1,944	652
				63,113						10,343		

The general percentage of failures in the several standards is as follows: Standard I., 6·5; Standard II., 7·4; Standard III., 17·6; Standard IV., 21·8; Standard V., 21·2; Standard VI., 13 per cent. The percentage of failures is very low in Wellington and in Nelson. As in former years, the Fourth and Fifth Standards seem to have presented the greatest difficulty to the pupils.

The figures in Table H supply very little information that is not implicitly contained in Table D. There are only two districts that have any pupils not yet learning to write, and only four that have any not learning arithmetic. The number of girls not learning needlework is less than the number of girls below the class preparing for Standard I. The number of children not receiving instruction in drawing is less than 7 per cent. of the number attending. Military drill is taught by officers of the Permanent Artillery at the large schools in the principal towns.

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 .. .. .	23,471	23,471	23,471	23,471	12,308	15,208	10,579	8,838	22,785	15,964	20,180	10,328	3,324
Taranaki .. .. .	3,148	3,148	3,148	3,148	1,251	1,637	1,202	876	2,943	2,200	1,846	1,322	141
Wanganui .. .. .	8,294	8,294	8,294	8,289	3,613	4,888	3,237	2,282	7,002	5,844	3,889	2,153	217
Wellington .. .. .	11,840	11,840	11,840	11,840	6,293	7,598	6,079	5,004	11,669	8,480	10,384	4,812	452
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	6,523	6,523	6,523	6,523	2,845	3,807	2,696	1,835	6,200	5,122	5,594	2,743	277
Marlborough .. .. .	2,069	2,069	2,069	2,069	974	1,204	847	590	1,908	1,539	1,040	756	67
Nelson .. .. .	5,888	5,888	5,853	5,671	3,169	3,820	2,933	2,459	4,755	3,734	3,650	2,354	154
Grey .. .. .	1,766	1,766	1,766	1,766	833	964	702	533	1,454	1,199	1,209	692	14
Westland .. .. .	1,614	1,614	1,614	1,614	840	1,033	786	502	1,351	967	1,122	607	50
North Canterbury .. .. .	21,230	21,230	21,230	21,230	10,343	13,328	10,284	5,496	20,525	14,352	19,078	9,866	1,936
South Canterbury .. .. .	5,110	5,110	5,110	5,086	2,244	3,014	2,162	1,448	4,860	3,516	4,411	2,013	155
Otago .. .. .	22,668	22,668	22,668	22,668	10,982	13,488	10,579	7,859	20,695	14,801	21,250	8,207	1,074
Southland .. .. .	8,999	8,999	8,982	8,866	4,123	5,264	3,868	2,825	8,328	6,021	7,733	3,013	182
Totals for 1892 .. .. .	122,620	122,620	122,568	122,241	59,818	75,253	55,954	40,547	114,475	83,739	101,386	48,866	8,043
Totals for 1891 .. .. .	119,523	119,500	119,414	119,084	57,587	73,007	53,565	37,010	110,884	82,150	98,101	46,671	8,012
Difference .. .. .	3,097	3,120	3,154	3,157	2,231	2,246	2,389	3,537	3,591	1,589	3,285	2,195	31