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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, 29th April, 1881.  
I have the honour to submit a statement with regard to the annual examination of candidates for teachers' certificates, which was held at the end of January in this year, and of which the results were determined by you at the end of March.  
The numbers of candidates who entered, and of those who presented themselves, as also of those who were more or less successful, are shown in the following table:—

	Auckland.	Taranaki.	Hawke's Bay.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Westland.	North Canterbury.	South Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals.
Entered for Class C (one candidate, successful) ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Entered for Class D ...	9	2	5	4	4	1	5	2	21	5	29	2	89
Of whom—present at examination ...	9	2	3	3	4	...	4	2	16	2	27	2	74
passed for Class D ...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	10	...	18
partially successful for Class D ...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	7
completed former examination for Class E ...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Entered for Class E ...	134	10	5	14	20	1	3	5	49	6	64	6	317
Of whom—present at examination ...	115	8	5	13	16	1	3	5	44	6	57	5	278
passed for Class E ...	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	10	...	12	...	29
partially successful ...	30	1	...	2	1	...	...	3	11	1	9	...	58
Entered to complete former examination ...	38	3	7	6	13	2	8	5	43	9	24	7	165
Of whom—present ...	35	2	5	4	11	...	7	3	38	9	20	3	137
successful ...	19	2	2	3	7	...	6	1	31	8	10	3	92

More concisely stated, the results are as follows:—

	Class C.	Class D.	Class E.	To complete former Examination.	Total.
Entered ...	1	89	317	165	572
Present ...	1	74	278	137	490
Passed ...	1	18	29	92	140
Partially successful...	...	7	58	...	65
Completed former examination for Class E ...	...	[3]	...	...	3

The examiner in arithmetic reports that the candidates in this subject for Class D were weaker than might have been expected, the results obtained being inferior to those of last year; and that the answering of the candidates for Class E, though showing an improvement over that of last year, was still far from satisfactory.  
The geography work for Class E was much better than it was last year; but in Class D there was no improvement, except, perhaps, in the map-drawing. The examiner says:—"In both classes geography is treated almost entirely as a matter of memory; those questions which appeal to the understanding are either not attempted, or are very badly done."  
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