

TABLE A1.—SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

EDUCATION DISTRICTS.	On School-rolls.				Average Daily Attendance.							Year's Average Attendance as Percentage of Mean of the Roll-numbers for the Four Quarters.
	Number of Scholars belonging at Beginning of Year.	Number admitted during the Year.	Number who left during the Year.	Number belonging at End of Year.	Strict Average.		Working Average.					
					Fourth Quarter.	Whole Year.	Fourth Quarter.			Whole Year.		
							Males.	Females.	Total.			
Auckland	14,118	10,019	7,017	17,120	12,716	12,491	6,941	6,407	13,348	13,079	77.6	
Taranaki	1 741	1,246	927	2,060	1,306	1 317	749	709	1,458	1 446	70.4	
Wanganui	4,640	2,894	2,088	5,446	4,045	3,837	2,181	1 974	4,155	3 967	75.2	
Wellington	5,767	4,139	3,066	6,840	5,240	5 058	2,878	2,466	5,344	5,204	76.8	
Hawke's Bay	3,028	2 120	1 451	3,697	2,840	2,623	1,608	1,332	2 940	2,755	77.2	
Marlborough	1,331	577	422	1,486	1,060	990	611	530	1,141	1,059	73.7	
Nelson	3,579	2,390	1,419	4,550	3 301	3 103	1,774	1,650	3,424	3 247	73.0	
North Canterbury	15,363	9,532	7 098	17 797	13,181	12,238	7 128	6,334	13,462	12,753	73.0	
South Canterbury	3,644	1 797	1,521	3,920	2,956	2,827	1,589	1,456	3,045	2,955	75.0	
Westland	2 798	960	718	3,040	2,192	2,263	1,130	1 159	2,289	2 319	76.9	
Otago	18,216	9,592	7,263	20,545	16,881	16,407	8,905	8,165	17,070	16,659	81.3	
Southland	5 191	2,588	1,804	5,975	4,359	4,219	2,396	2,142	4,538	4,400	75.7	
Totals for 1883	79,416	47,854	34,794	92,476	70,077	67,373	37 890	34,324	72,214	69,843	76.7	
Totals for 1882	76,309	47,053	36,183	87 179	66,426	63,709	35,909	32,379	68,288	66,145	76.4	
Increase in year	3,107	801	-1,389	5,297	3,651	3,664	1 981	1 945	3,926	3,698	0.3	
Totals for 1877	.	.	..	55,688	.	.	.	.	41 773	40,837	.	
Increase in 6 years	.	.	.	36 788	.	.	.	.	30,441	29,006	.	
Average yearly increase	.	.	.	6,131	.	.	.	.	5,074	4,834	.	

The following table contains a summary of the total number of enrolments, the average daily attendance, and the increase, in each year since 1877 :—

TABLE A2.—SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND YEARLY INCREASE FOR SIX YEARS.

YEAR.	School Attendance.						Yearly Increase on					
	Number belonging at Beginning of Year.	Number belonging at End of Year.	Average Attendance.				Number belonging at Beginning of Year.	Number belonging at End of Year.	Average Attendance.			
			Strict Average.		Working Average.				Strict Average.		Working Average.	
			Fourth Quarter.	Whole Year.	Fourth Quarter.	Whole Year.			Fourth Quarter.	Whole Year.	Fourth Quarter.	Whole Year.
1877	..	55,688			41 773	40,837						
1878	50,849	65,040	49,435	45,521	50,639	47,996		9,352			8,866	7,159
1879	59,707	75,566	57 301	53,067	58,738	54,724	8,858	10,526	7,866	7,546	8,099	6,728
1880	68,124	82,401	62,946	60,625	64,407	62,234	8,417	6,835	5,645	7,558	5,669	7,510
1881	74,359	83,560	63,009	61 822	64,744	63 735	6,235	1,159	63	1,197	337	1,501
1882	76,309	87 179	66,426	63,709	68,288	66,145	1,950	3,619	3 417	1,887	3,544	2,410
1883	79,416	92,476	70,077	67 373	72,214	69,843	3,107	5,297	3,651	3,664	3,926	3,698

The returns show a larger increase in the school attendance for 1883 than was the case in the two previous years. This larger attendance may be attributed not only to the natural increase of population, but also to the enlarged school-room accommodation, and to the absence of epidemics to the extent that prevailed in a number of localities during the years 1881 and 1882. A comparison of Table A1 with the corresponding table in the report for 1882 shows considerable difference in the proportional increase of attendance for 1883 in the several Board districts. The average attendance had only increased in Marlborough from 1,049 to 1,059, and in Westland from 2,313 to 2,319; while there was an increase in Taranaki from 1,332 to 1,446, in Wanganui from 3,613 to 3,967, and in Hawke's Bay from 2,447 to 2,755. In the three largest districts the increase was as follows Auckland, from 12,223 to 13,079, North Canterbury, from 12,186 to 12,753, and Otago, from 16,163 to 16,659 or 856, 567, and 496 respectively

The number of pupils on the school roll at the end of the quarter may be regarded as fairly representing the actual number belonging to the school for the quarter, although its accuracy depends very much upon the care with which redundant or useless names are removed as soon as possible from the roll. The numbers returned as belonging to all the Board schools in the colony for each of the four quarters of 1883, give an average for the four quarters of 91,011. The average attendance (69,843) was therefore at the rate of 76.7 per cent. of the average number (91,011) belonging to the schools during the year, being a very