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The INSPECTOR-GENERAL of SCHOOLS to the Hon. the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Education Department, Wellington, 25th April, 1887.

I have the honour to present a statistical report on the examination of candidates for teachers' certificates, held in December, 1886. In addition to the ordinary examination for Classes D and E, a special examination for Class C was held, the candidates being three students of the Wellington Normal School, who had prepared for examination for the first section of the B.A. degree, but through some inadvertence had prepared in subjects in which the University has determined to examine no students who have not done practical work in an affiliated college. Only one of these students passed, but the other two were not very weak in the subjects in which they failed.

For the ordinary examination 786 candidates entered their names, 141 for Class D, 340 for Class E, and 305 for completion of "partial pass." Sixty-eight failed to appear, and the numbers examined were as follows: 128 for Class D, 318 for Class E, and 272 for completion. Of the candidates for completion, 128 (47 per cent.) were successful. The successes and failures for the several districts are shown in the following table:—

TABLE A.—CANDIDATES for COMPLETION of FORMER EXAMINATION.

Total Number entered.	Candidates.	Passed.	Failed.	Absent.	Auckland.	Taranaki.	Hawke's Bay.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Grey.	Westland.	North Canterbury.	South Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.
5	For Class B—Passed	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Failed	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Absent .. ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
2	For Class C—Passed	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
	Failed	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
139	For Class D—Passed	68	..	..	16	..	2	2	4	..	5	1	1	13	..	21	3
	Failed	51	..	..	14	..	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	12	3	14	2
	Absent .. ..	..	..	20	3	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	5	..	7	1
159	For Class E—Passed	57	..	..	22	3	2	1	..	..	1	2	2	10	1	10	3
	Failed	91	..	..	30	1	1	9	3	..	5	2	3	17	1	12	7
	Absent .. ..	..	..	11	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	5	..
305	Totals	128	144	33	89	6	6	14	12	1	12	6	6	60	6	70	17

Of the candidates for Class D a considerable number had already obtained "pass" or "partial pass" for Class E, and 29 of these were among the 37 who failed. The proportion of passes among the 446 examined for D and E was 19·1 per cent., 50 D candidates and 33 E candidates being successful, and 2 of the D candidates passing for Class E, though they failed for D. The proportion of failures among the 446 was 44·6 per cent. The remaining 36·3 per cent. represents those that were partially successful, that is, 36 candidates who will be admitted to Class D on passing in one or two subjects in which they were weak, 124 who will be admitted to Class E on similar terms, and 2, who though they failed for Class D, completed their title to Class E. It is not possible to make a very simple statement of successes and failures, because the candidates that fail are not all regarded simply as failing, but "partial passes" are recognised, and a bare failure for Class D is often treated as a pass for Class E, or as the completion of a "partial pass" in Class