

The next table (H) is not of any great value, seeing that the table (D) of classification according to standards expresses nearly all the same facts in a more convenient form. It is interesting, however, to notice that music, which cannot be made compulsory in all cases, is very widely taught, and that a very large proportional number of girls are learning needlework. The prominence now given to drawing also appears in the table.

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 ..	21,001	21,001	21,001	21,001	11,685	14,055	8,993	7,161	19,923	16,733	19,101	9,265	4,610
Taranaki ..	2,395	2,395	2,395	2,395	892	1,321	887	449	2,329	1,857	1,546	1,037	43
Wanganui ..	6,679	6,679	6,679	6,561	2,827	3,899	2,421	1,502	5,575	5,448	3,933	1,622	253
Wellington ..	9,611	9,611	9,611	8,051	5,178	5,466	3,792	2,217	8,711	6,287	8,241	3,553	74
Hawke's Bay ..	5,462	5,462	5,462	5,334	2,288	3,103	2,165	1,097	4,554	3,652	4,383	2,102	173
Marlborough ..	1,734	1,734	1,717	1,660	751	996	619	489	1,495	1,270	654	564	97
Nelson ..	5,413	5,413	5,303	5,159	2,787	3,437	2,610	1,723	4,278	3,479	2,073	2,167	131
Grey ..	1,608	1,608	1,608	1,608	671	910	638	335	1,138	1,093	1,202	547	38
Westland ..	1,920	1,920	1,920	1,920	967	1,155	780	484	1,218	1,068	1,245	705	..
North Canterbury ..	20,045	20,045	20,045	20,045	8,899	11,606	8,222	3,882	18,500	15,270	17,928	8,686	1,524
South Canterbury ..	4,584	4,584	4,572	4,572	1,935	2,561	1,983	958	4,001	2,322	3,832	1,525	155
Otago ..	22,680	22,680	22,680	22,680	10,185	12,989	10,029	7,253	19,387	16,271	19,725	7,895	242
Southland ..	7,787	7,787	7,643	7,536	2,920	4,124	2,842	1,541	6,018	5,654	5,840	2,458	175
Totals for 1887	110,919	110,919	110,636	108,522	51,985	65,622	45,981	29,091	97,127	80,404	89,703	42,126	7,515
Totals for 1886	106,328	106,327	105,710	105,106	47,484	61,615	41,979	25,953	90,407	79,525	83,772	39,710	7,064
Increase ..	4,591	4,592	4,926	3,416	4,501	4,007	4,002	3,138	6,720	879	5,931	2,416	451

The number of schools continues to increase almost in proportion to the number of pupils. At the end of 1886 there were 1,054 schools, with a mean average attendance of 81; and in December, 1887, there were 1,093 schools, with a mean average attendance of 82. In this enumeration two half-time schools taught by one master are counted as one school; otherwise the number of schools would be stated at 1,123. The mean average attendance corrected for the difference between strict average and working average is 80, with which the corresponding number for future years will have to be compared. The following table exhibits the characteristic differences of the districts with respect to the average size of a school.

TABLE J.—NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1887.

(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.	Mean Average for one School.	Number of Schools in which the Attendance for the Quarter was—										Number of Half-time Schools.	Number of Subsidised Schools.	Schools abolished in 1887.
				Under 15 Pupils.	15 and under 20 Pupils.	20 and under 25 Pupils.	25 and under 30 Pupils.	30 and under 35 Pupils.	35 and under 40 Pupils.	40 and under 45 Pupils.	45 and under 50 Pupils.	50 and under 55 Pupils.	55 and under 60 Pupils.			
				Under 15 Pupils.	15 and under 20 Pupils.	20 and under 25 Pupils.	25 and under 30 Pupils.	30 and under 35 Pupils.	35 and under 40 Pupils.	40 and under 45 Pupils.	45 and under 50 Pupils.	50 and under 55 Pupils.	55 and under 60 Pupils.			
Auckland ..	221	17,219	77.9	12	20	23	91	22	17	13	11	7	5	50 as 25	16	3
Taranaki ..	35	1,800	51.4	4	2	5	12	7	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	..
Wanganui ..	76	5,265	69.3	5	3	7	31	11	0	9	9	1	..	2 as 1	12	1
Wellington ..	71	7,417	104.5	6	4	6	23	8	4	4	8	6	2	..	8	..
Hawke's Bay ..	45	4,453	99.0	4	1	5	12	5	4	6	5	1	2	..	8	..
Marlborough ..	31	1,311	42.3	9	5	4	4	5	2	1	..	1	..	..	14	1
Nelson ..	88	4,186	47.6	11	14	9	21	18	6	5	4	..	..	..	27	2
Grey ..	20	1,241	62.0	4	4	1	5	2	1	2	..	1	..	..	2	..
Westland ..	24	1,532	63.8	8	2	2	5	..	4	..	2	1	..	..	5	..
North Canterbury ..	154	15,935	103.5	4	15	16	43	24	14	16	12	5	5	..	2	1
South Canterbury ..	49	3,632	74.1	2	4	5	25	3	3	1	4	1	1	..	12	..
Otago ..	183	19,479	106.4	6	11	22	59	30	13	11	12	9	10	4 as 2	..	1
Southland ..	96	6,119	63.7	1	10	14	35	14	9	5	6	..	2	4 as 2	11	1
Totals for 1887	1093	89,589	82.0	76	95	119	366	149	80	74	73	34	27	60 as 30	118	10
Totals for 1886	1054	85,343	81.0	71	96	106	371	129	83	72	67	35	24	62 as 31	119	11
Difference	39	4,246	1.0	5	-1	13	-5	20	-3	2	6	-1	3	-2 as 1	-1	-1

It will be seen that Otago—followed closely by Wellington, and North Canterbury, and at no great distance by Hawke's Bay—has the largest proportion