

is every reason to believe that the actual number is about 13,000, and that the difference is to be accounted for by removals from one school to another, and by temporary absences long enough to lead to the removal of names from the school-rolls, and the restoration of the names when the absentees resume their attendance.

The reports in which the Inspectors state the number of passes and failures, and assign marks to indicate their judgment with respect to the efficiency of instruction given in the subjects in which individual "pass" is not required, afford evidence of decided progress. Of the pupils on the roll, 49·21 passed one standard each in 1890; in 1889 the percentage was 48·45, and in 1888 it was 47·15. The percentage of failures was 17·14 in 1890, against 17·45 in 1889, and 19·5 in 1888. The percentage of efficiency in class-subjects rose from 49·6 in 1888, and 52·1 in 1889, to 54·3 in 1890; and the mean of the additional marks from 49 in 1888, and 49·8 in 1889, to 51·9 in 1890. Table F is a general summary of the results of inspection.

TABLE F.—INSPECTION STATISTICS.

Education Districts.	Rolls on Days of Inspection.	Preparatory Classes.	Pupils above Sixth Standard.	Absent.	Excepted.	Failed.	Passed.	Percentage of Failures.	Percentage of Passes.	Percentage on Class-subjects.	Additional Marks.
Auckland .. ..	22,403	8,176	86	762	747	2,500	10,132	19·8	45·2	56·9	60·0
Taranaki .. ..	2,609	962	..	135	103	336	1,073	23·8	41·1	54·9	49·7
Wanganui .. ..	7,633	2,866	41	283	270	772	3,401	18·5	44·5	49·5	43·2
Wellington .. ..	10,654	3,207	127	216	350	460	6,334	6·8	59·2	68·6	71·0
Hawke's Bay .. ..	5,732	2,000	47	86	126	685	2,788	19·9	48·6	62·8	52·0
Marlborough .. ..	No returns.										
Nelson .. ..	5,714	1,807	124	136	192	737	2,718	21·3	47·6	57·1	37·5
Grey .. ..	1,729	568	26	81	16	126	912	12·1	52·7	55·2	35·1
Westland .. ..	1,685	564	44	53	26	170	828	17·0	49·1	37·0	38·2
North Canterbury .. ..	20,779	6,817	107	450	469	2,429	10,507	19·1	50·6	45·8	57·0
South Canterbury .. ..	4,789	1,585	66	139	132	595	2,272	20·4	47·4	55·0	53·0
Otago .. ..	22,430	7,961	198	356	495	2,021	11,399	15·1	50·8	54·0	69·0
Southland .. ..	8,899	3,184	51	205	304	884	4,271	17·1	48·0	55·0	57·0
For the colony* ..	115,096	39,697	917	2,902	3,230	11,715	56,635	17·14	49·21	Mean 54·3	Mean 51·9
In 1889 .. ..	113,366	39,946	846	2,825	2,949	11,863	54,937	17·75	48·45	52·1	49·8

\* Exclusive of Marlborough.

In the next Table (G) an analysis of the inspection returns is given in such a form as to show success and failure with respect to the several standards. The percentage of failures computed from this table in the manner prescribed in the regulations is highest in Standard V. and lowest in Standard I.: for the several standards, beginning with Standard I., it is 7·45, 11·58, 21·49, 24·90, 29·08, 21·15.

TABLE G.—PASSES AND FAILURES.

Education Districts.	Passes in Standards.						Failures in Standards.					
	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.
Auckland .. ..	2,608	2,510	2,147	1,668	817	382	202	352	611	624	527	184
Taranaki .. ..	310	307	240	125	68	23	16	43	115	92	55	15
Wanganui .. ..	846	866	801	488	275	125	108	123	200	215	91	35
Wellington .. ..	1,330	1,377	1,456	997	727	447	16	114	152	60	43	75
Hawke's Bay .. ..	861	640	583	403	211	90	130	130	150	117	114	44
Marlborough .. ..	No returns.											
Nelson .. ..	635	539	575	405	332	232	53	135	109	218	134	88
Grey .. ..	192	193	226	159	83	59	13	8	32	27	42	4
Westland .. ..	182	187	158	130	102	69	11	41	38	31	30	19
North Canterbury .. ..	2,763	2,626	2,186	1,615	878	439	159	251	740	636	447	196
South Canterbury .. ..	601	525	476	340	191	189	29	78	174	156	116	42
Otago .. ..	2,533	2,561	2,301	1,931	1,227	846	204	265	559	451	392	150
Southland .. ..	1,100	1,071	863	708	350	179	67	74	309	220	175	39
For the colony* ..	13,961	13,402	12,012	8,969	5,261	3,030	1,008	1,614	3,189	2,847	2,166	891

\* Exclusive of Marlborough.

Table H shows that there are still some pupils who are learning nothing but reading; to such children attendance at school must be very uninteresting and irksome, and probably it is doing them positive harm. In most districts the