

youngest pupils are learning to write, and are receiving elementary instruction in the use of numbers. It is much to be regretted that of the girls there are more than 11,000 that do not learn needlework—although these are probably the very young ones.

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	22,379	22,379	22,379	22,379	11,877	14,711	9,382	7,841	21,265	15,979	19,646	9,792	4,609
Taranaki	2,629	2,629	2,629	2,629	1,040	1,393	994	604	2,476	1,895	1,647	1,154	32
Wanganui	7,738	7,738	7,738	7,716	3,301	4,564	3,002	2,073	6,568	5,549	3,731	1,786	296
Wellington	10,653	10,653	10,653	10,570	5,563	6,779	5,477	3,574	10,340	7,555	9,032	4,033	311
Hawke's Bay ..	6,012	6,012	6,012	6,012	2,571	3,503	2,531	1,761	5,672	4,357	4,798	2,352	140
Marlborough ..	1,947	1,947	1,947	1,947	848	1,066	757	530	1,596	1,493	1,037	587	82
Nelson	5,835	5,835	5,782	5,630	2,860	3,693	2,682	2,218	4,854	4,010	3,395	2,384	230
Grey	1,770	1,770	1,770	1,770	913	981	674	553	1,515	1,073	1,338	702	29
Westland	1,665	1,665	1,665	1,665	786	1,002	647	417	1,214	987	913	515	11
North Canterbury ..	21,240	21,240	21,240	21,240	9,731	12,630	9,318	4,761	20,475	15,149	19,534	9,732	1,911
South Canterbury ..	4,930	4,930	4,928	4,878	2,131	2,829	2,063	1,215	4,511	3,423	4,186	1,780	175
Otago	22,782	22,782	22,782	22,782	10,677	13,698	10,455	7,353	20,596	15,182	21,533	8,179	1,022
Southland	8,332	8,332	8,273	8,222	3,720	4,824	3,388	2,208	7,374	6,012	6,949	2,728	160
Totals for 1890 ..	117,912	117,912	117,798	117,440	56,018	71,678	51,370	35,108	108,396	82,614	97,789	45,724	9,008
Totals for 1889 ..	115,456	115,456	115,310	114,730	54,062	69,176	49,543	32,611	104,345	83,717	94,690	45,307	8,356
Difference	2,456	2,456	2,488	2,710	1,956	2,502	1,827	2,497	4,051	-1,103	3,049	417	652

There was a large increase in the number of schools during the year. Eleven schools were finally closed, but fifty-six new ones were opened, and the number in operation at the end of the year was 1,200. This extension of operations has been attended by a slight reduction in the number of pupils per school—from 81·7 to 80·6, reckoning by average attendance. In 1889 there was a slight diminution of the number of schools with an average attendance of less than 50 each; in 1890 the number of such schools increased from 693 to 741. The number of schools with more than 50 each declined from 462 to 459. There is a large increase—from 113 to 148—in the number of schools described as “subsidised.” The classification of schools according to their size is shown in Table J.

TABLE J.—NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1890.

(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 in Fourth Quarter.	Mean Average for one School.	Number of Schools in which the Average Attendance for the Quarter was—										Number of Half-time Schools.	Number of Subsidised Schools.	Schools abolished in 1890.
				Under 15 Pupils.	15 and under 20 Pupils.	20 and under 25 Pupils.	25 and under 50 Pupils.	50 and under 75 Pupils.	75 and under 100 Pupils.	100 and under 150 Pupils.	150 and under 300 Pupils.	300 and under 500 Pupils.	500 Pupils and upwards.			
				11	32	35	87	26	13	20	8	9	5	40	as 20	25
Auckland	246	18,235	74·1	11	32	35	87	26	13	20	8	9	5	40	as 20	25
Taranaki	40	1,943	48·6	2	6	10	10	6	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	1
Wanganui	87	5,761	66·2	8	2	12	33	7	7	9	8	1	..	..	..	10
Wellington	82	8,598	104·9	6	6	10	23	9	6	7	5	8	..	..	..	12
Hawke's Bay ..	47	4,843	103·0	2	1	8	11	6	4	6	7	..	2	..	..	11
Marlborough ..	36	1,500	41·7	13	4	5	5	6	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	19
Nelson	94	4,482	47·7	14	17	13	20	16	5	2	7	..	..	..	..	40
Grey	21	1,441	68·6	4	2	1	7	4	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1
Westland	28	1,376	49·1	11	3	2	4	2	3	..	3	..	..	6 as 3	..	7
North Canterbury ..	163	17,869	109·6	9	6	14	52	26	17	11	16	6	6	..	..	2
South Canterbury ..	56	4,113	73·4	2	2	10	27	4	4	1	4	1	1	..	..	14
Otago	193	19,760	102·4	9	14	17	69	27	14	14	10	8	11	..	..	..
Southland	107	6,749	63·1	3	3	15	49	12	8	10	5	..	2	8 as 4	..	6
Totals for 1890 ..	1200	96,670	80·6	94	93	152	397	151	85	84	74	35	30	54 as 27	148	11
Totals for 1889 ..	1155	94,308	81·7	91	92	130	380	159	83	87	67	36	30	64 as 32	113	13
Difference	45	2,362	-1·1	3	6	22	17	-8	2	-3	7	-1	..	-10 as 5	35	-2

Exclusive of sewing-mistresses (of whom there are two less than there were a year ago), there were 2,970 teachers and pupil-teachers engaged at the end of the year. The number given in Table K is 2,978, four casual vacancies being taken into account in order to show the normal provision made for the instruction