

of corporal punishment, and a certain amount of apprehension among teachers that frivolous complaints may be seriously entertained by School Committees not fully alive to the necessities of school control.

The Chairman, North Canterbury Education Board.

We have, &c.,

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TABLE A.—PASS-SUBJECTS.

Classes.	Number presented.	Number absent.	Number excepted.	Number failed.	Number passed.	Proportion presented of Total Sch'l-roll.	Proportion passed of Total Sch'l-roll.	No. of Schools presenting.	Average Age of those that passed.
Above Stand. VI.	107	...	...	...	...	0.51	...	35	Yrs. m.
Standard VI. ...	677	13	29	196	439	3.26	2.11	115	14 1
" V. ...	1,428	43	60	447	878	6.87	4.23	140	13 3
" IV. ...	2,444	99	94	636	1,615	11.76	7.77	157	12 4
" III. ...	3,211	128	157	740	2,186	15.45	10.52	162	11 4
" II. ...	3,058	87	94	251	2,626	14.72	12.64	160	10 2
" I. ...	3,037	80	35	159	2,763	14.62	13.30	160	9 0
Preparatory ...	6,817	...	...	...	...	32.81	...	...	...
Totals for 1890	20,779	450	469	2,429	10,507	100.00	50.57	164	*

* Mean of average ages, 11 years 8 months.

TABLE B.—PASS-SUBJECTS: PROPORTIONS CALCULATED IN PERCENTAGES.

Classes.	Absent.	Excepted.	Failed.	Passed.	Failed of Sum of Passes and Failures: Percentage of Failures.
Standard VI. ...	1.92	4.28	28.95	64.84	30.87
" V. ...	3.01	4.20	31.30	61.48	33.74
" IV. ...	4.05	3.85	26.02	66.08	28.25
" III. ...	3.99	4.89	23.05	68.08	25.29
" II. ...	2.84	3.07	8.21	85.87	8.72
" I. ...	2.63	1.15	5.23	90.98	5.44
All classes	3.25	3.39	17.53	75.84	18.78

TABLE C.

Class-subjects.	Per- centages.	No. of Schools.	Additional Subjects.	Average Marks.	No. of Schools.
Drawing ...	46.42	90	Repetition and recitation ...	12.3	164
History ...	39.87	161	Drill and exercises ...	11.1	141
Geography ...	56.35	164	Singing ...	10.8	138
Elementary science, object- lessons, &c. ...	41.45	164	Needlework ...	14.1	157
Average of percentage on class-subjects ...	45.82	164	Subject-matter of reading- lessons ...	12.4	164
			Extra drawing ...	6.3	4
			Average of additional marks	57.0	164

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

SIR,—

Education Office, Timaru, 9th March, 1891.

I have the honour to submit my general report on the schools in this district for the year 1890.

I paid fifty-one inspection visits during the year. The Mount Gay School was being removed to the new site while I was inspecting the schools in its neighbourhood. With its change of position the school has taken the name of Hazelburn, and a side-school to accommodate the children who lived too far from the new school has been opened under the name of Waterfalls. Towards the end of the year new schools were opened at Waitaki, Seadown, and Arundel, and in