

a large proportion of our pupils remain long enough at school to complete the curriculum of instruction prescribed in the syllabus. The number of absentees has this year grown from 450 to 511, but we may fairly set off against this a decrease in the number of exceptions from 469 to 350. In passes and failures also the numbers show a decided improvement, being 11,237 and 2,065, as against 10,507 and 2,429 respectively in last year's return. The average mark assigned in class subjects has arisen from 45·8 to 47·9; in additional subjects there is no material difference.

The usual full information in regard to subjects, standards, and schools is contained in the appendices to this report.

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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 Standard VI.	139	...	...	...	...	0·67	...	45	Yrs. m.
Standard VI. ...	756	18	18	154	566	3·63	2·71	120	14 0
" V. ...	1,614	61	51	412	1,090	7·75	5·24	143	13 2
" IV. ...	2,578	105	66	530	1,877	12·38	9·02	158	12 3
" III. ...	3,253	154	124	648	2,327	15·63	11·18	162	11 3
" II. ...	3,154	105	72	221	2,756	15·15	13·24	162	10 0
" I. ...	2,808	68	19	100	2,621	13·49	12·59	159	8 10
Preparatory ...	6,514	...	...	...	...	31·29	...	...	...
Totals for 1891	20,816	511	350	2,065	11,237	100·00	53·99	165	11 7*
Totals for 1890	20,779	450	469	2,429	10,507	100·00	50·57	164	11 8*

* Mean of average ages.

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

Classes.	Absent.	Excepted.	Failed.	Passed.	Failed, of Sum of Passes and Failures: Percentage of Failures.	
					1891.	1890.
Standard VI. ...	2·38	2·38	20·37	74·87	21·39	30·87
" V. ...	3·78	3·16	25·53	67·53	27·43	33·74
" IV. ...	4·07	2·56	20·56	72·81	22·02	28·25
" III. ...	4·73	3·81	19·92	71·53	21·78	25·29
" II. ...	3·33	2·28	7·01	87·38	7·42	8·72
" I. ...	2·42	·68	3·56	93·34	3·68	5·44
All classes	3·68	2·47	14·58	79·34	15·52	18·78

TABLE C.

Class-subjects.	Per- centages.	No. of Schools.	Additional Subjects.	Average Marks.	No. of Schools.
History ...	41·58	162	Repetition and recitation ...	12·68	163
Geography ...	58·60	165	Drill and exercises ...	11·42	140
Elementary science, object- lessons, &c. ...	43·37	165	Singing ...	11·05	136
Average of percentage on class-subjects ...	47·92	165	Needlework ...	14·57	157
			Subject-matter of reading- lessons ...	12·65	165
			Extra drawing ...	7·5	4
			Average of additional marks	57·82	165