

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.
									Yrs. m.
Above Standard VI.	144	...	...	...	...	0.70	...	59	...
Standard VI. ...	905	16	16	135	738	4.42	3.60	131	14 1
" V. ...	1,744	48	51	362	1,283	8.51	6.26	151	13 1
" IV. ...	2,559	120	89	565	1,785	12.48	8.71	162	12 2
" III. ...	3,352	113	164	565	2,510	16.35	12.25	167	11 2
" II. ...	2,921	84	79	163	2,595	14.25	12.66	168	9 11
" I. ...	2,716	70	26	127	2,493	13.25	12.16	167	8 9
Preparatory ...	6,156	...	...	...	...	30.03	...	171	...
Totals for 1892	20,497	451	425	1,917	11,404	100.00	55.64	171	11 6*
Totals for 1891	20,816	511	350	2,065	11,237	100.00	53.99	165	11 7*

* Mean of average age.

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

Classes.	Absent.	Excepted.	Failed.	Passed.	Failed, of Sum of Passes and Failures: Percentage of Failures.	
					1892.	1891.
Standard VI. ...	1.77	1.77	14.92	81.55	15.46	21.39
" V. ...	2.75	2.92	20.76	73.57	22.01	27.43
" IV. ...	4.69	3.48	22.08	69.75	24.04	22.02
" III. ...	3.37	4.89	16.86	74.88	18.37	21.78
" II. ...	2.88	2.70	5.58	88.84	5.91	7.42
" I. ...	2.58	0.96	4.68	91.79	4.85	3.68
All classes	3.18	2.99	13.50	80.33	14.39	15.52

TABLE C.

“Class”-subjects.	Average Marks.	No. of Schools.	Additional Subjects.	Average Marks.	No. of Schools.
Grammar ...	46.57	167	Repetition and recitation ...	12.68	170
History ...	44.39	168	Drill and exercises ...	10.99	146
Geography ...	55.51	169	Singing ...	11.16	129
Elementary science, object-lessons, &c. ...	43.83	170	Needlework ...	14.58	167
Average of percentage on “class”-subjects ...	47.79	170	Subject-matter of reading-lessons ...	12.49	170
			Average of additional marks	57.20	170

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SIR,—

Education Office, Timaru, 7th March, 1893.

I have the honour to present my report on the schools in this district for the year 1892.

At the beginning of the year there were fifty-nine schools open, and during the year new schools were opened at Blackburn and Ashwick Flat. The Redcliff School was closed for the greater part of the year, but was reopened after being removed to a site approved by a majority of the householders as being more convenient for their children than the old site. The Otaio School, which has had a very small attendance for several years, was closed at the end of the year.

The scholarship examination, the preparation of statistics and reports relating to the previous year's work, the annual inspections of the schools, and the pupil-teachers' examination occupied my time till the end of July; and from the beginning of August to the end of December every school-day was taken up with work connected with the standard examinations. The results of the examinations were forwarded to the teachers within a day or two of my visit to each school.

The following table shows the results of the examinations for the whole district:—