

fifteen. They are below 48·2 per cent. in the preparatory and First-Standard classes; in the Third-Standard class they are nearly equal in number to the boys (as 49·61 to 50·39); and in the class above the Sixth Standard they are to the boys as 51·87 to 48·13. They are between 48 and 49 per cent. at all ages except between 5 and 6, between 9 and 10, between 12 and 13, in all which cases they fall below 48 per cent.; but among the pupils above the age of 15 they are 50·29 per cent.

The figures contained in Table E differ but little from the corresponding figures of the preceding year. They show that the average age of the pupils at the time of their passing the First Standard is about nine, and that at the time of their passing the Sixth Standard their age is about fourteen, the intermediate ages from ten to thirteen corresponding very nearly to the passing of the intermediate standards from the Second to the Fifth.

TABLE E.—AVERAGE AGE OF PUPILS AT STANDARD EXAMINATIONS IN 1895.

Education Districts.					Average Ages for Standards.						Mean of Ages.	
					I. Yrs. mos.	II. Yrs. mos.	III. Yrs. mos.	IV. Yrs. mos.	V. Yrs. mos.	VI. Yrs. mos.	1895. Yrs. mos.	1894. Yrs. mos.
Auckland	..	..	..	..	9 1	10 3	11 5	12 6	13 5	14 4	11 10	12 0
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	9 5	10 9	11 10	12 11	13 10	14 4	12 2	12 2
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	9 4	10 5	11 10	12 9	13 8	14 2	12 0	12 0
Wellington	..	..	..	..	8 9	9 10	10 11	11 11	12 11	13 9	11 4	11 1
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	8 11	10 0	11 0	12 4	13 1	14 0	11 7	11 7
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	9 0	10 7	11 3	12 4	13 2	14 2	11 9	11 1
Nelson	..	..	..	..	8 10	9 7	11 1	11 3	13 2	13 10	11 3	11 4
Grey	..	..	..	..	8 10	10 2	11 2	12 6	13 5	14 6	11 9	11 5
Westland	..	..	..	..	8 6	9 0	10 6	12 3	13 5	14 1	11 4	11 7
North Canterbury	..	..	..	..	8 8	9 9	10 11	12 1	13 1	13 10	11 5	11 5
South Canterbury	..	..	..	..	8 9	9 9	11 0	12 1	13 1	13 11	11 5	11 5
Otago	..	..	..	..	8 10	9 11	11 1	12 3	13 2	14 1	11 7	11 6
Southland	..	..	..	..	8 9	9 7	11 5	12 3	13 3	13 11	11 6	11 7
Mean	..	..	..	..	8 11	10 0	11 2	12 3	13 3	14 1	11 7	11 7
Range (difference between highest and lowest)	..	..	..	..	0 11	1 9	1 4	1 8	0 11	0 9	0 11	1 1
Mean in 1894	..	..	..	..	8 10	10 0	11 3	12 3	13 3	14 1	11 7	..
Range in 1894	..	..	..	..	1 6	1 2	1 4	1 3	1 1	1 6	1 1	..

As shown in Table F, the total of the numbers of the children on the rolls at the time of the examinations of their several schools was 127,962. There were 39,823 (31·1 per cent.) in classes below the First Standard class, and 2,006 (1·6 per cent.) who had previously passed the Sixth Standard; 83,230 (65 per cent.) were present in the standard classes at examination time, and 2,903 (2·3 per cent.) were absent from those classes; of the pupils (83,230) present in the standard classes, 70,287 passed and 12,943 failed. The number of passes (70,287) is 54·93 of the number (127,962) on the rolls, and 84·45 per cent. of the number (83,230) of the examined; these percentages are the highest yet recorded.

TABLE F.—INSPECTION STATISTICS.

Education Districts.					Rolls on Days of Inspection.	Preparatory Classes.	Pupils above Sixth Standard.	Present in Standard Classes.	Passed.
Auckland	..	..	..	..	25,884	8,392	221	16,555	14,184
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	3,714	1,374	12	2,198	1,453
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	9,503	3,067	55	6,010	4,745
Wellington	..	..	..	..	13,236	4,107	344	8,592	7,185
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	7,086	2,623	30	4,336	3,456
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	2,169	599	48	1,460	1,288
Nelson	..	..	..	..	6,033	1,669	147	4,069	3,239
Grey	..	..	..	..	1,684	604	33	1,007	829
Westland	..	..	..	..	1,562	485	57	990	843
North Canterbury	..	..	..	..	21,227	5,905	256	14,612	12,373
South Canterbury	..	..	..	..	5,223	1,587	93	3,439	2,959
Otago	..	..	..	..	21,158	6,581	555	13,728	12,554
Southland	..	..	..	..	9,483	2,830	155	6,234	5,179
For the colony	..	..	..	..	127,962	39,823	2,006	83,230	70,287
In 1894	..	..	..	..	126,532	40,318	2,004	81,089	65,707