standards, and 71,422 of these passed. This number (71,422) is equal to 54.45 per cent. of the number on the rolls (131,171), and to 83.25 per cent. of the number examined. In the previous year the percentages corresponding to this 54.45 and to this 83.25 were the highest yet recorded, being 54.93 and 84.45.

TABLE F.-Inspection Statistics.

Education Districts.					Rolls on Days of Inspection.	Preparatory Classes.	Pupils above Sixth Standard.	Present in Standard Classes.	Passed.	
Auckland			••		26,774	8,883	221	17,018	13,889	
Faranaki					3,778	1,374	10	2,279	1,499	
Wanganui					9,786	3,156	80	6,239	4,873	
Wellington					13,638	4,086	349	8,977	7,559	
Hawke's Bay					7,221	2,660	29	4,449	3,628	
Marlborough					2,185	561	72	1,497	1,209	
Nelson					6,051	1,630	180	4,117	3,256	
Brey					1,671	547	56	1,040	862	
Westland					1,556	469	65	996	871	
North Canterbury			• •		21,318	5,887	308	14,602	12,212	
South Canterbury	• •				5,291	1,510	114	3,570	3,043	
Otago					22,380	6,792	585	14,708	13,217	
Southland	• •		• •	• •	9,522	2,905	153	6,303	5,304	
For the colony	•				131,171	40,460	2,222	85,795	71,422	
In 1895	•				127,962	39,823	2,006	83,230	70,287	

In 1895 the passes were 70,287, and the failures were 12,943, these numbers being in the proportion of 84·45 to 15·55; for 1896 the proportion is 83·25 to 16·75, which is not quite so favourable. The percentage of failures being from this point of view 16·75, the corresponding percentage for each standard can be ascertained from Table G, and the result is as follows: Standard I., 4·8; II., 8·2; III., 19·3; IV., 25·9; V., 26·4; VI., 21·3. These percentages are less favourable in the three highest standards than those of last year, when the percentages for the six standards from the First to the Sixth were—4·5, 8·2, 19·6, 23·5, 23·9, and 15·6.

TABLE G.-Passes.

		Passes in Standards.						Present at Examination.					
Education Districts.	I.	II.	III.	IV.	v.	VI.	I.	II.	III.	IV.	v.	vi.	
Auckland	3,018	3,157	2,921	2,328	1,536	934	3,132	3,502	3,596	3,391	2,184	121	
Taranaki	405		335	229	91	46	526	518	545	420	188	8	
Wanganui	1,219	1,199	1,089	714	430	222	1,329	1,339	1,449	1,104	671	34	
Wellington	1,597	1,581	1,533	1,338	942	568	1,656	1,717	1,856	1,675	1,266	80	
Hawke's Bay	868	865	714	601	404	176	961	983	941	759	549	256	
Marlborough	260	298	212	238	107	94	271	312			179	118	
Nelson	' 707		696	567		226	760	767				35	
Grey	198		171	131		75	206	198				10:	
Westland	175		170	155		92	190		198				
North Canterbury	2,359		2,492	2,080		1,169	2,443						
South Canterbury	650		641	505		242	657	657					
Otago	2,525		2,517			1,361	2,575		2,881		2,163	148	
Southland	1,117	1,104	1,176	905	628	374	1,155	1,169	1,424	1,256	864	438	
For the colony	15,093	15,405	14,667	12,152	8,526	5,579	15,861	$\frac{16,775}{}$	18,177	16,395	11.590	699	
In 1895	14,895						15,759						

Table H, though most of the information it contains could be ascertained by studying Table D in connection with the regulations for standard examinations, has its uses. For example, it shows that 54,088 girls are instructed in needlework, although the number of girls above the age of seven is only (vide Table C) 52,261.