

The proportion of boys to girls is almost the same as for 1900—52 per cent. to 48 per cent. Taking the average for the last four years, we find that for every 100 boys on the rolls of the schools there are 93·3 girls.

The number of young children enrolled having, as already stated, shown an increase, the ratio of those under ten years of age to those over that age is somewhat higher than it was last year. The actual percentages are respectively 52·4 and 47·6 of the roll-number.

INSTRUCTION AND EXAMINATION.

Table D is a summary for the whole colony of Table No. 2 in the Appendix, which shows the numbers in the several classes for the various districts. The proportion of pupils in the preparatory classes shows a large increase for the year, from 26 per cent. to 26·78 per cent. The proportions in classes S 6 and S 7 have also increased. The other classes present a slight decrease. This does not appear to indicate any change in the degree of strictness with which children are promoted from one standard class to another, as, allowing for the advance of a year, the figures for the classes S 1 to S 7 agree tolerably closely with those of the previous year.

TABLE D.—CLASSIFICATION BY STANDARDS, DECEMBER, 1901.

Standards.		Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Percentages for Five Years.				
					1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.
Preparatory classes	..	18,645	16,531	35,176	26·78	26·00	25·09	24·52	24·58
Class for Standard I.	..	7,907	7,120	15,027	11·44	11·54	12·06	12·32	12·30
" " II.	..	8,193	7,716	15,909	12·11	12·25	12·44	12·77	12·85
" " III.	..	8,817	8,233	17,050	12·98	13·45	14·00	14·15	14·30
" " IV.	..	8,749	7,973	16,722	12·73	13·38	13·65	13·67	14·10
" " V.	..	7,748	7,190	14,938	11·37	11·44	11·06	11·17	10·90
" " VI.	..	5,564	5,401	10,965	8·35	7·91	7·63	7·28	7·26
Passed Standard VI.	..	2,640	2,924	5,564	4·24	4·03	4·07	4·12	3·71
Totals..	..	68,263	63,088	131,351	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

Table E gives the passes in standards. In forming a comparison with previous years it will probably not be unfair to treat the number present at the Inspector's annual visit as practically equivalent to the number present at examination. Accordingly, for the whole colony, of those so present in Standard I. there passed 94·1 per cent. In 1900 the corresponding figures were 93·3 per cent.

TABLE E.—PASSES IN STANDARDS, 1901.

Education Districts.	Present at Inspector's Annual Visit.						Passes in Standards.					
	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.
Auckland ..	3,255	3,414	3,501	3,489	2,714	1,781	3,102	3,058	3,008	3,007	2,308	1,358
Taranaki ..	510	582	549	507	379	173	441	475	422	362	270	126
Wanganui ..	1,330	1,290	1,361	1,311	965	642	1,211	1,176	1,118	1,044	756	500
Wellington ..	1,702	1,800	1,923	1,862	1,470	1,011	1,626	1,629	1,655	1,591	1,211	831
Hawke's Bay ..	1,067	1,054	1,005	926	719	446	957	940	864	788	572	325
Marlborough ..	237	253	275	252	204	163	230	242	253	230	192	129
Nelson ..	648	647	664	723	586	428	563	524	535	549	458	314
Grey ..	165	172	168	176	162	111	150	162	147	140	134	93
Westland ..	115	121	133	136	121	99	104	112	125	108	104	85
North Canterbury ..	2,092	2,288	2,578	2,414	2,069	1,412	2,022	2,096	2,129	1,946	1,622	1,161
South Canterbury ..	562	558	614	668	568	416	537	523	541	559	457	291
Otago ..	2,127	2,384	2,493	2,414	2,094	1,399	2,039	2,204	2,145	2,047	1,764	1,099
Southland ..	1,034	1,059	1,201	1,145	967	666	982	980	1,042	952	818	542
Totals for 1901 ..	14,844	15,622	16,465	16,023	13,018	8,747	13,964	14,121	13,984	13,323	10,666	6,854
Totals for 1900 ..	14,702	15,963	17,612	16,353	12,655	8,378	13,720	14,436	14,922	13,793	10,343	6,365

The proportion of the number that passed the various standards to the total number on the rolls on the day of the Inspector's annual visit was 55·1 per cent. In 1900 the corresponding figures were 55·6 per cent.

In Table F are given the percentages of passes of those examined (or present) in the standard classes and other examination statistics for the several education districts of the colony.