

TABLE G.—AVERAGE AGE OF PUPILS AT STANDARD EXAMINATIONS IN 1902.

Education Districts.				Average Ages of the Pupils in each Class.						Mean of Ages.	
				I. Yrs. mos.	II. Yrs. mos.	III. Yrs. mos.	IV. Yrs. mos.	V. Yrs. mos.	VI. Yrs. mos.	1902. Yrs. mos.	1901. Yrs. mos.
Auckland	..	..	..	9 3	10 6	11 4	12 4	13 2	14 0	11 9	11 7
Taranaki	..	..	..	9 1	10 6	11 5	12 5	13 4	14 2	11 10	11 11
Wanganui	..	..	..	8 11	10 0	11 2	12 1	13 1	13 11	11 6	11 6
Wellington	..	..	..	8 6	9 10	10 11	11 10	12 7	13 8	11 3	11 3
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	8 7	9 9	10 10	12 1	13 0	14 0	11 5	11 3
Marlborough	..	..	..	8 8	9 6	10 11	11 11	13 1	14 2	11 5	11 5
Nelson	..	..	..	8 11	9 11	11 1	12 0	13 0	13 9	11 5	11 5
Grey	..	..	..	8 7	9 11	10 9	12 0	13 1	14 0	11 5	11 4
Westland	..	..	..	9 0	9 9	11 0	12 0	13 1	13 9	11 5	11 5
North Canterbury	..	..	..	8 9	9 10	10 10	12 0	12 11	13 9	11 4	11 4
South Canterbury	..	..	..	8 10	9 9	10 9	11 9	12 9	13 9	11 3	11 2
Otago	..	..	..	8 8	9 7	10 6	11 8	12 2	13 4	11 0	11 3
Southland	..	..	..	8 11	9 11	10 10	11 11	12 9	13 8	11 4	11 4
Mean of all districts	..	..	..	8 10	9 11	10 11	12 0	13 0	13 10	11 5	11 5
Range (difference between highest and lowest)	..	..	..	0 9	1 0	0 11	0 9	1 2	0 10	0 10	0 9
Mean in 1901	..	..	..	8 10	9 10	11 0	12 1	13 0	13 11	11 5	11 5
Range in 1901	..	..	..	0 7	1 3	0 10	1 3	0 11	0 8	0 9	0 9

The difference between the average ages at which Standard I. and Standard VI. are passed is five years; but it must be remembered that only a little more than half of those who pass Standard I. afterwards pass Standard VI., and those who do pass the latter standard include a large number of those who have passed the earlier standards at an age below the average passed. Probably, teachers do not very often use the discretion they have of promoting pupils through more than one class in a year. It should not, however, be forgotten that just as there are some children who will take more than six years to do the work of the six standards, so also there are others who without any strain or difficulty are able to do that work in a shorter time.

TABLE H.—NUMBER OF PUPILS INSTRUCTED IN EACH SUBJECT, DECEMBER, 1902.

Education Districts.	Numbers being at end of year.	Reading.	Spelling and Dictation.	Writing.	Composition.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Drawing.	Grammar.
Auckland	28,584	28,583	28,584	28,583	13,979	28,584	17,027	28,491	13,979
Taranaki	4,634	4,634	4,634	4,634	2,039	4,634	2,645	3,605	2,039
Wanganui	11,257	11,257	11,257	11,257	5,842	11,257	7,141	10,150	5,842
Wellington	14,895	14,895	14,895	14,895	8,088	14,895	7,759	6,033	14,718
Hawke's Bay	8,266	8,266	8,266	8,266	4,048	8,238	5,251	8,198	4,048
Marlborough	2,007	2,007	2,007	2,007	1,068	2,007	1,291	1,955	1,068
Nelson	5,657	5,657	5,657	5,657	3,209	5,657	3,728	5,142	3,209
Grey	1,602	1,602	1,602	1,602	776	1,602	895	1,440	776
Westland	1,121	1,121	1,121	1,121	569	1,121	674	922	569
North Canterbury	19,451	19,451	19,451	19,451	9,881	19,451	12,073	19,325	9,881
South Canterbury	5,128	5,128	5,128	5,128	2,752	5,128	3,305	5,022	2,735
Otago	20,047	20,047	20,047	20,047	10,425	20,047	12,681	19,405	10,676
Southland	9,613	9,613	9,613	9,613	4,861	9,613	5,886	9,212	4,861
Totals for 1902	132,262	132,261	132,262	132,261	67,520	132,234	80,357	118,900	74,401
Totals for 1901	131,351	131,351	131,244	131,244	67,488	131,289	81,742	127,862	67,488
Difference	911	910	1,018	1,017	32	945	-1,385	-8,462	6,913

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