

Average attendance for all districts in 1912	146,282
" 1913	151,242
Increase in 1913	4,960
Increase per cent. in average attendance, 1913	3.4

Otago, with the excellent percentage of 91·8, a record for the Dominion, comes first, Grey, showing a percentage of 90·4 is second, and Wellington, with 90·3 per cent. is third.

The following figures indicate the attendance per cent. of roll for the last six years :—

						Attendance per Cent. of Roll.
1908	..	..	..	..	..	87.1
1909	..	..	..	..	..	87.8
1910	..	..	..	..	..	87.7
1911	..	..	..	..	..	89.3
1912	..	..	..	..	..	88.9
1913	..	..	..	..	..	89.2

The percentage of regularity of attendance continues to be greater in the South Island than in the North. The following comparison is of interest :—

					Attendance per Cent. of Roll.	
					North Island.	South Island.
1908	..	..	..	..	86·7	87·6
1909	..	..	..	..	87·8	87·8
1910	..	..	..	..	87·4	88·1
1911	..	..	..	..	88·7	90·0
1912	..	..	..	..	88·7	89·2
1913	..	..	..	..	89·0	89·4

The following figures are taken from the latest reports in the possession of the Department :—

					Attendance per Cent. of Roll.
New Zealand	..	..	..	..	89.2
Scotland	..	..	..	..	89.7
England and Wales	..	..	..	..	88.7
United States	..	..	..	..	72.5
Ireland	..	..	..	..	71.3

Conditions in the Australian States closely resemble those obtaining in New Zealand. For this reason a comparison is of more than ordinary interest :—

					Attendance per Cent. of Roll
New Zealand	..	..	..	..	.. 89·2
Western Australia	..	..	..	..	.. 86·3
New South Wales	..	..	..	..	.. 80·0
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	.. 78·0
Queensland ..	..	..	..	..	.. 75·5*
Victoria ..	..	..	..	..	.. 72·0*
South Australia	..	..	..	..	.. 70·3*

* Based on average daily attendance as a proportion of net enrolment, or number of distinct children on rolls during year.