

Tokomairiro District High School.—Examined 7th and 8th November, 1882.

Subject.	Class.	Number taught.	Number examined.	Work done.
Latin ...	I.	4	4	Virgil's <i>Æneid</i> , Book II.; Cæsar, Book II.; and Grammar.
	II.	8	8	<i>Principia Latina</i> , Part I., 87 pages; Part II., Book IV. of the History to Chapter 36.
French ...	I.	3	3	De Jardin's Class-Book to page 60, and Reader to Gaspard Hauser.
	II.	2	2	De Jardin's Class-Book, regular and irregular verbs, and Reader as above.
English ...	III.	11	11	De Jardin's Class-Book, 27 pages.
	I.	17	17	Richard II. (Royal School Series); and Dr. William Smith's Grammar and Analysis.
Geometry ...	I.	6	6	Euclid, Books I., II., III., and IV., with exercises on Book I.
	II.	5	5	Euclid, Books I. and II.
Algebra ...	III.	5	5	Euclid, Book I.
	I.	5	5	Todhunter's for Beginners.
Trigonometry ...	II.	6	6	To end of quadratics.
	III.	6	6	To end of simple equations.
	I.	5	5	Hamblin Smith's, except the last chapter.
	II.	6	6	Hamblin Smith's, Chapters I. to X., and solution of triangles.

Lawrence District High School.—Examined 9th and 10th November, 1882.

Latin ...	I.	3	3	Cæsar, Books I. and II., with grammar.
	II.	9	8	<i>Principia Latina</i> , Part II., the fables and anecdotes and Part I. to the end of the irregular verbs.
French ...	III.	11	11	<i>Principia Latina</i> , Part I., to the end of the pronouns.
	I.	5	5	De Jardin's Class-Book.
	II.	1	1	De Jardin's, 213 exercises.
English ...	III.	4	3	Ahn's, Book I.
	I.	9	9	Richard II. (Royal School Series).
	II.	17	17	The Merchant of Venice (Royal School Series).
Geometry ...	I.	2	2	Euclid, Books I., II., III., and IV., with exercises on Book I.
	II.	8	7	Euclid, Books I. and II.
Algebra ...	III.	8	8	Euclid, Book I.
	I.	8	8	To the end of quadratics.
	II.	8	8	To the end of fractions.
	III.	12	12	The simple rules.

At the Oamaru District High School the Latin classes made a creditable appearance. The translation into English was well done, and the parsing and syntax were fairly answered, but none of the classes were well grounded in the inflections. The French Classes I. and II. read with fair fluency, translated with great facility and accuracy, and showed a good acquaintance with the grammar. Class III. had begun the subject very recently; but a brief examination of the work read showed that they had been intelligently taught. In English the class answered with fair intelligence, but few of the papers were good all round. The explanation of difficult words and passages was better done than any other part of the work set. In geometry a few of the pupils answered well, but most did moderately. In algebra most of the pupils showed a fair grasp of the subject. The questions given to the beginners were well answered by all. In trigonometry two of the three examined showed a very good knowledge of the chapters read.

At the Port Chalmers District High School the Latin classes gave proof of careful and thorough teaching. The progress made by the highest class was very satisfactory. In French all the pupils but one gained more than 75 per cent. of the marks. They read with considerable fluency, translated with readiness and accuracy, and showed a creditable knowledge of the accidence. In English the examination revealed a thorough and appreciative study of the work read. All the classes in geometry passed a good examination, very few of the pupils gaining less than 80 per cent. of the marks; and the method of demonstration adopted was very clear. In algebra both classes made a fair appearance. None gained 75 per cent. of the marks, but only one fell below 50.

The extra work at the Tokomairiro District High School was, as in former years, of an advanced and generally excellent character. The Latin classes passed, on the whole, a very good examination, the only point in which they were weak being the inflections of the verb. The work in French was well known in both classes. In English the analysis and the incidents of the story were well known; the other questions were moderately answered. In geometry most of the pupils passed an excellent examination. In algebra good results were gained in nearly every case. Most of the pupils in trigonometry showed a good grasp of the subject, and passed a highly satisfactory examination.