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NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION:

REPORTS OF INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS.

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Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

[It has not been thought necessary to print in all cases the tables, and those portions of the reports that relate only to particular schools.]

AUCKLAND

SIR,—

Auckland, March, 1884.

I have the honour to submit, in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, the report for the year ended 31st December, 1883. The following table shows the number of primary schools in the education district, and the attendance of pupils:—

Quarter ending	Number of Schools.	Roll-Number.			Average Attendance.		
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
March 31	204	8,468	8,023	16,491	6,656	6,164	12,820
June 30	210	8,637	8,209	16,846	6,742	6,283	13,025
September 30	213	8,671	8,290	16,961	6,781	6,341	13,122
December 31	217	8,785	8,335	17,120	6,941	6,407	13,348

It will be seen that the number of pupils attending the schools is steadily increasing.

Twelve scholarships were advertised for competition in December. Six of these scholarships were won by girls, who do not receive so large a money allowance as boys. This enabled the Board to award four other scholarships, making sixteen in all. The Board have decided to hold the examination for scholarships in August, instead of December, of 1884. This will enable the winners to enter the secondary schools at the beginning of their first term, instead of their second as hitherto. The teachers' examination will most likely take place in December, and it is of advantage that the two examinations should not be held at the same time. The following table shows the result of the standard examinations for the past year:—

—	Examined.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of Passes.	Average Age at Time of Passing.
Standard I.	2,513	1,851	662	73·6	Years. 9·2
Standard II. ..	2,266	1,543	723	68	10
Standard III. ..	1,796	967	829	53·8	11·98
Standard IV ..	1,026	620	406	60·4	12·8
Standard V ..	542	351	191	64·7	14
Standard VI. ..	184	117	67	63·5	15
Totals	8,327	5,449	2,878	65·4	

The Board's regulation that all pupils who had reached the age of eight years, and had made 250 attendances or more from the date of the previous examination, should be presented for examination, came into force in January, 1883. This regulation has, of course, to some extent affected the percentage of passes.