

TABLE K.—NUMBERS AND PROPORTIONS OF PASSES IN STANDARDS.

EDUCATION DISTRICTS.				Roll (Dec., 1884).	Presented.	Passed.	Passed Standards.							
							I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	Total.	
							Per cent. of Roll Number.							
All	..	..	..	97,238	51·8 p.c. of roll number	76 p.c. of number presented	11·8	10·5	7·9	4·9	2·9	1·4	39·4	
							Per cent. of Number presented in each Standard.							
Auckland..	..	..	..	18,389	9,454	6,915	79·0	76·8	64·3	75·1	60·3	62·8	73·1	
Taranaki ..	..	..	..	2,113	978	472	71·0	34·2	30·7	35·4	27·3	27·3	48·3	
Wanganui ..	..	..	..	5,627	3,243	1,953	63·5	66·5	56·8	52·0	51·0	69·5	60·2	
Wellington ..	..	..	..	7,395	3,919	3,440	97·1	89·3	74·4	91·2	84·5	80·0	87·8	
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	4,110	2,499	1,903	84·0	76·1	77·0	64·4	55·4	69·0	76·2	
Marlborough	..	..	..	1,493	798	688	96·6	89·9	83·9	66·3	81·4	75·0	86·2	
Nelson ..	..	..	..	4,808	2,524	2,099	90·9	92·2	82·2	57·3	85·5	87·5	83·1	
North Canterbury	..	..	..	18,332	9,132	7,437	93·3	85·9	74·8	70·1	67·7	77·2	81·4	
South Canterbury	..	..	..	4,067	2,258	1,670	86·7	75·2	68·9	59·8	71·5	77·1	73·9	
Westland..	..	..	..	3,105	1,682	1,327	91·5	82·8	71·3	70·8	75·3	71·3	78·9	
Otago ..	..	..	..	21,414	10,963	8,394	91·4	85·3	69·8	56·4	70·8	79·7	76·6	
Southland	..	..	..	6,385	2,899	1,982	88·5	76·1	55·8	51·1	43·5	62·7	68·4	
Totals for 1884				..	97,238	50,349	38,280	86·4	80·8	68·6	64·6	68·3	75·1	76·0
Totals for 1883				..	92,476	46,439	34,566	86·5	78·2	64·8	64·7	66·7	79·4	74·4

It will be seen that in this table the numbers presented and passed are compared with the roll number for December. To be perfectly fair they ought rather to be compared with the sum of the roll numbers of the several schools at the several dates of their examination; but this last-described number, which would certainly be smaller than the roll number for December, has not been ascertained. As the table stands it shows that more than half the scholars were examined in standards, and that between 39 and 40 per cent. of all the scholars passed a standard. This proportion is higher than any that has been obtained in previous years.

A comparison of Table L with the corresponding tables in previous reports shows that the average ages of the pupils when they pass the several standards are subject to very little variation from year to year, the average age of passing the First Standard being 8·7, both in 1883 and 1884, and the average age of passing the Sixth being 14 in both years.

TABLE L.—AVERAGE AGE OF PUPILS AT STANDARD EXAMINATIONS.

EDUCATION DISTRICTS.				Average Ages (in Years) for Standard.						Mean of Ages.			
				I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.
Auckland	..	..	..	9·0	10·5	12·0	13·0	14·0	14·5	12·1	12·2	12·4	..
Taranaki	..	..	..	8·5	10·1	11·2	12·7	13·4	13·6	11·6	11·1	11·5	11·4
Wanganui	..	..	..	8·5	9·7	11·1	12·3	13·2	14·0	11·5	11·6	11·4	11·6
Wellington	..	..	..	8·8	9·9	11·1	12·0	13·4	14·5	11·6	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	8·8	10·4	11·3	12·4	13·1	14·1	11·7	11·7	11·6	11·8
Marlborough	..	..	..	8·7	9·6	11·1	12·1	13·1	14·0	11·6	11·2	11·2	11·4
Nelson	..	..	..	8·3	9·4	10·7	12·1	13·0	14·1	11·2	11·3	11·3	11·1
North Canterbury	..	..	..	8·6	10·0	11·3	12·6	13·3	14·3	11·6	11·9	11·9	11·8
South Canterbury	..	..	..	8·5	9·5	11·0	12·2	12·9	13·4	11·2	11·0	11·2	..
Westland	..	..	..	8·4	9·8	11·3	12·0	12·1	13·7	10·9	13·3	11·0	11·2
Otago	..	..	..	9·1	10·2	11·6	12·5	13·1	14·0	11·7	11·5	11·9	12·0
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11·7
Mean of the eleven returns	..	..	..	8·7	9·9	11·3	12·3	13·1	14·0	11·5	11·5	11·5	11·5
Range (difference between highest and lowest)	..	..	..	0·8	1·1	1·3	1·0	1·9	1·1	1·2	2·3	1·4	0·9
1883—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mean of the ten returns	..	..	..	8·7	9·7	11·2	12·3	13·2	14·0	..	..	..	..
Range (difference between highest and lowest)	..	..	..	1·6	1·1	1·6	1·2	1·4	2·0	..	..	..	..