

TABLE B.—SCHOOL ATTENDANCE* FOR 1887.

Education Districts.	Roll Numbers.				Average Daily Attendance.						Working Average for the Year as Percentage of the Mean of Average Weekly Roll of Four Quarters—1887. 1886.	
	Pupils at Beginning of Year.	Admitted during the Year.	Left during the Year.	Pupils belonging at End of Year.	Strict Average.		Working Average.			Whole Year.		
					Fourth Quarter.	Whole Year.	Fourth Quarter.					
							Boys.	Girls.	Total.			
Auckland	18,680	10,824	8,503	21,001	17,033	16,467	8,978	8,241	17,219	16,834	79.6	79.8
Taranaki	2,204	1,064	873	2,395	1,597	1,735	961	839	1,800	1,853	75.5	73.8
Wanganui	5,671	3,256	2,248	6,679	5,139	4,894	2,783	2,482	5,265	5,025	75.5	74.0
Wellington	8,235	5,053	3,677	9,611	7,072	7,173	3,915	3,502	7,417	7,431	77.8	78.2
Hawke's Bay	4,857	3,390	2,785	5,462	4,251	4,153	2,339	2,114	4,453	4,319	78.3	78.4
Marlborough	1,604	810	680	1,734	1,238	1,247	699	612	1,311	1,296	77.3	77.5
Nelson	4,719	1,926	1,232	5,413	4,052	4,025	2,154	2,032	4,186	4,146	77.0	77.1
Grey	1,423	780	595	1,608	1,190	1,163	615	626	1,241	1,195	74.2	75.4
Westland	1,820	523	423	1,920	1,490	1,453	778	754	1,532	1,526	77.9	77.0
North Canterbury ..	18,343	9,101	7,399	20,045	15,551	15,175	8,436	7,499	15,935	15,589	77.4	75.7
South Canterbury ..	4,158	1,746	1,320	4,584	3,477	3,452	1,882	1,750	3,632	3,598	78.1	78.3
Otago	20,635	8,180	6,135	22,680	19,286	19,003	10,190	9,289	19,479	19,231	84.5	83.5
Southland	6,857	3,454	2,524	7,787	6,010	5,697	3,258	2,861	6,119	5,894	76.7	77.0
Totals for 1887 ..	99,206	50,107	38,394	110,919	87,386	85,637	46,988	42,601	89,589	87,937	79.1	78.6
Totals for 1886 ..	95,377	49,178	38,227	106,328	83,361	80,737	44,762	40,581	85,343	83,405	78.6	..
Increase in year ..	3,829	929	167	4,591	4,025	4,900	2,226	2,020	4,246	4,532	0.5	..

As usual, this table shows a very remarkable number of additions and withdrawals of pupils in comparison with the whole number on the rolls. The true explanation doubtless is that a child moving from one school to another in the course of a year, or being absent long enough to have his name taken off the roll and then returning, counts for two in the enumeration. As the roll number was 106,328 in December, 1886, and there were 50,107 apparent additions to the roll in 1887, and only 110,919 names at the end of 1887, the apparent number of pupils leaving during the year is 45,516. The increase for the year is the difference between 50,107 entries and 45,516 withdrawals. It is quite certain that there were not 50,107 new pupils during the year; if there had been so many, the number of individual scholars during the year would have been 156,445, while there were in the whole country at the end of December not more than 158,000 Europeans between the ages of 5 and 15, and about 17,000 of these were attending private and secondary and Native schools. It is not possible to ascertain precisely how many new pupils entered, and how many old scholars finally left, but it is possible to fix minimum numbers for both. Since during the year 12,209 passed the Second Standard, and were promoted to the class preparing for the Third Standard, and yet the number below Standard II. was increased by 598, there must have been a genuine addition of 12,807 to the

* Included in Table B are Maoris and half-castes to the number of 936, as follows:—

Education Districts.	Pure Maoris.			Half-castes living as Maoris.			Half-castes living among Europeans.			Total.			No. of Schools in which there were Native Children.
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
Auckland	46	38	84	4	7	11	150	139	289	200	184	384	76
Taranaki	1	..	1	..	..	..	7	4	11	8	4	12	6
Wanganui	15	14	29	2	..	2	18	13	31	35	27	62	16
Wellington	22	13	35	..	..	..	13	21	34	35	34	69	15
Hawke's Bay	46	28	74	19	12	31	38	26	64	103	66	169	18
Marlborough	..	..	..	5	6	11	..	1	1	5	7	12	3
Nelson	5	5	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	10	4
Grey	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	4	2	2	4	1
Westland	6	12	18	2	1	3	..	..	..	8	13	21	3
North Canterbury ..	2	7	9	1	..	1	7	3	10	10	10	20	6
South Canterbury ..	7	5	12	..	1	1	..	1	1	7	7	14	4
Otago	5	2	7	2	2	4	34	21	55	41	25	66	12
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	48	93	45	48	93	13
Totals for 1887 ..	155	124	279	35	29	64	314	279	593	504	432	936	177
Totals for 1886 ..	213	155	368	66	41	107	343	276	619	622	472	1,094	185
Difference	-58	-31	-89	-31	-12	-43	-29	3	-26	-118	-40	-158	-8