

drawing for girls was not taken advantage of, and the plan is not, apparently, very popular among the teachers.

I have not yet had opportunity to consider the use made of home lessons in this district. Experience proves that when moderate in amount, and confined chiefly to the preparation of memory work following lessons given by the teacher, the setting of home lessons is, with parents, rather popular than otherwise.

The conditions under which household schools were carried on received severe criticism in the last annual report. No doubt as a result of these strictures the conditions have evidently improved, as a separate room, fairly comfortable, though plain to a degree, is provided in each case for the school work, to which it seems to be devoted entirely.

I have, &c.,  
A. J. MORTON, B.A., Inspector.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR THE WHOLE DISTRICT.

| Classes.           |     |     | Presented. | Absent. | Excepted. | Failed. | Passed. | Average Age of those that passed. |
|--------------------|-----|-----|------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|
|                    |     |     |            |         |           |         |         | Yrs. mos.                         |
| Above Standard VI. | ... | ... | 39         | ...     | ...       | ...     | ...     | ...                               |
| Standard VI.       | ... | ... | 89         | 7       | 2         | 16      | 65      | 14 4                              |
| " V.               | ... | ... | 140        | 7       | 4         | 21      | 107     | 12 7                              |
| " IV.              | ... | ... | 202        | 10      | 5         | 36      | 151     | 12 6                              |
| " III.             | ... | ... | 226        | 5       | 7         | 29      | 185     | 11 8                              |
| " II.              | ... | ... | 204        | 2       | 3         | 8       | 191     | 10 4                              |
| " I.               | ... | ... | 212        | 4       | 5         | 22      | 181     | 8 11                              |
| Preparatory        | ... | ... | 523        | ...     | ...       | ...     | ...     | ...                               |
| Totals             | ... | ... | 1,635      | 35      | 26        | 132     | 880     | 11 9*                             |

\* Mean of average age.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

Sir,—  
Christchurch, 29th January, 1894.  
We have the honour, in accordance with the regulations for the inspection of schools, to submit the annual return of the results of examination in the schools of the North Canterbury District for the year 1893.  
The following tables and the detailed appendices annexed contain in the customary form the information which Inspectors are directed to furnish for the schools of their districts. The tables include also, as usual, a number of proportions which have been calculated as likely to prove interesting or useful for purposes of comparison.

TABLE A.—PASS-SUBJECTS.

| Classes.           | Number presented. | Number absent. | Number excepted. | Number failed. | Number passed. | Proportion presented of Total Sch'l-roll. | Proportion passed of Total Sch'l-roll. | No. of Schools presenting. | Average Age of those that passed. |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Above Standard VI. | 174               | ...            | ...              | ...            | ...            | 0.83                                      | ...                                    | 51                         | Yrs. m.                           |
| Standard VI.       | 1,079             | 43             | 14               | 153            | 869            | 5.12                                      | 4.13                                   | 134                        | 13 11                             |
| " V.               | 1,806             | 104            | 47               | 323            | 1,332          | 8.58                                      | 6.33                                   | 155                        | 13 1                              |
| " IV.              | 2,879             | 259            | 94               | 600            | 1,926          | 13.67                                     | 9.15                                   | 170                        | 12 3                              |
| " III.             | 3,233             | 222            | 153              | 514            | 2,344          | 15.35                                     | 11.13                                  | 171                        | 11 1                              |
| " II.              | 2,911             | 225            | 59               | 145            | 2,482          | 13.82                                     | 11.79                                  | 175                        | 9 10                              |
| " I.               | 2,764             | 254            | 22               | 98             | 2,390          | 13.13                                     | 11.35                                  | 165                        | 8 9                               |
| Preparatory        | 6,213             | ...            | ...              | ...            | ...            | 29.50                                     | ...                                    | 178                        | ...                               |
| Totals for 1893    | 21,059            | 1,107          | 389              | 1,833          | 11,343         | 100.00                                    | 53.86                                  | 179                        | 11 6*                             |
| Totals for 1892    | 20,497            | 451            | 425              | 1,917          | 11,404         | 100.00                                    | 55.64                                  | 171                        | 11 6                              |

\* Mean of average age.