

SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR THE WHOLE DISTRICT.

Classes.	Total presented.	Presented in Standards.	Present.	Passed.	Average Age of those that passed.
					Yrs. mos.
High School class ...	18	...	...	...	...
Above Standard VI. ...	39	...	...	...	...
Standard VI. ...	85	85	82	72	14 1
" V. ...	169	169	162	121	13 5
" IV. ...	195	195	183	151	12 3
" III. ...	200	200	194	170	10 6
" II. ...	202	202	200	181	9 0
" I. ...	169	169	169	148	8 6
Preparatory ...	485	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	1,562	1,020	990	843	11 4*

NORTH CANTERBURY.

SIR,—

Education Office, Christchurch, 31st January, 1896.

We have the honour to submit the annual return of the year 1895 for the schools of the North Canterbury District, as required in section 12 of the regulations under the Education Act.

The lists appended contain practically all the information in regard to individual schools required by the regulation. In addition, summary tables are here furnished, presenting the general statistics in a form convenient for comparison with past results, and, as far as figures go, providing a means of estimating what is done in the chief groups of subjects.

The routine of inspection and examination has very closely followed the lines of the previous year. The schools have never been more fully inspected, and examinations have been conducted in all but one small aided school, where shearing operations suspended school work at the time the Inspector gave notice of his intended visit. In addition, the usual examination of children in the Burnham Industrial School was conducted for the Department of Education, and four small schools in an outlying part were examined a second time to make the annual date more convenient for the local residents. The second examination of these schools is not included in the statistics.

In the 185 schools examined, 21,227 children were presented, the highest total yet reached, and 20,028 were present. In the standard classes, 12,373 were reported as satisfying the tests at the different stages, and 2,239 failed. Of the latter number, 314 had made less than half attendances during the three quarters preceding, and under the old regulations would have been returned as "excepted."

I.—PASS-SUBJECTS: NUMBERS.

Classes.	Presented.	Present.	Did not Pass.		Passed.	Schools presenting.	Average Age of those that passed.
			Excepted as under old Rule.	Failed.			Yrs. mos.
Above Standard VI. ...	256	...	...	...	...	74	...
Standard VI. ...	1,342	1,309	26	150	1,133	142	13 10
" V. ...	2,156	2,061	44	401	1,616	170	13 1
" IV. ...	2,904	2,813	73	536	2,204	180	12 1
" III. ...	3,222	3,132	103	611	2,418	177	10 11
" II. ...	2,821	2,746	53	144	2,549	181	9 9
" I. ...	2,621	2,551	15	83	2,453	174	8 8
Preparatory ...	5,905	5,232	...	...	...	...	...
Totals for 1895 ...	21,227	20,028	314	1,925	12,373	185	11 5*
Totals for 1894 ...	21,095	19,795	397	2,030	11,814	179	11 5

* Mean of average age.