

APPENDIX.
EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

Classes.	Presented.	Examined in Standards.	Passed.	Average Age of those that passed.
				Yrs. mos.
Above Standard VI.	8	...	...	...
Standard VI.	33	31	30	14 4
" V.	56	53	43	13 7
" IV.	89	84	78	12 6
" III.	108	102	78	11 4
" II.	99	94	90	10 8
" I.	88	84	83	8 11
Preparatory	240	...	...	...
Totals	721	448	402	11 11*

* Mean of average age.

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SIR,—

Education Office, Dunedin, 1st March, 1899.

We have the honour to submit the following general report for the year 1898.

All the schools were examined, and all but a few were also inspected. In addition to the public schools, nine Catholic schools were examined and three inspected. In July and December we examined 171 scholarship competitors, fifty-three pupil-teachers, and 122 pupil-teacher candidates.

The first of the following tables contains a summary of the results of the examination of the public schools of the district, so far as standard passes are concerned. It is a summary of our annual report to the department on each school examined; but it is not presented as our judgment on the efficiency of the schools, or even on the condition of the pass-subjects. It shows how many pupils had qualified for promotion in the standards, and how many passed Standard IV., the compulsory standard, and Standard VI., the standard qualifying for employment in several branches of the public service. Comparison of this table with those of 1896 and 1897 will show that the number of pupils in Standard VI. and the class above Standard VI. has considerably increased, that the number of pupils in the preparatory class has seriously decreased, and that the mean of the average ages of the pupils who passed the standards has decreased. The average ages of the pupils in Standards I. and II., for the passes of whom head-teachers are responsible, have not altered for the last two years; but the mean of the average ages of the pupils from Standard III. to Standard VI., for the passes of whom Inspectors are responsible, has, since 1897, decreased by nearly three months.

TABLE A.

Classes.	Presented.	Examined in Standards.	Passed.	Average Age of those that passed.
				Yrs. mos.
Above Standard VI.	665	...	...	...
Standard VI.	1,601	1,559	1,420	13 6
" V.	2,198	2,126	1,700	12 9
" IV.	2,778	2,657	2,117	11 11
" III.	2,773	2,689	2,235	10 9
" II.	2,639	2,580	2,480	9 9
" I.	2,422	2,381	2,363	8 8
Preparatory	6,340	...	...	...
Totals	21,416	13,992	12,315	11 3*

* Mean of average age.

TABLE B.—SHOWING EFFICIENCY-MARKS IN SUBJECTS.

Pass-subjects.

Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Drawing.	Arithmetic.	Composition.	Geography.
Satisfactory.	Good.	Satisfactory.	Satisfactory.	Satisfactory.	Fair.	Satisfactory.

Class and Additional Subjects.

Grammar.	History.	Object- lessons and Science.	Mental Arithmetic.	Recitation.	Drill and Exercises.	Singing.	Needlework.	Comprehen- sion.
Fair.	Fair.	Fair.	Weak.	Satisfactory.	Good.	Fair.	Very good.	Satisfactory.