

TABLE A.—PASS-SUBJECTS.

Classes.				Presented.	Examined in Standards.	Passed.	Schools presenting.	Average Age of those that passed.
								Yrs. mos.
Above Standard VI.	...	...	...	326	189	...	96	...
Standard VI.	...	...	...	1,460	1,390	1,153	169	13 9
" V.	...	...	...	2,299	2,174	1,654	189	12 11
" IV.	...	...	...	2,778	2,632	2,069	188	11 11
" III.	...	...	...	2,923	2,796	2,238	192	10 11
" II.	...	...	...	2,505	2,417	2,240	191	9 8
" I.	...	...	...	2,233	2,174	2,112	188	8 7
Preparatory	...	...	...	5,904	5,264	...	196	...
Totals for 1899	...	...	...	20,428	19,036	11,466	200	11 3*
Totals for 1898	...	...	...	20,890	19,538	11,691	200	11 3*

* Mean of average age.

TABLE B.—PASS-SUBJECTS (Numbers reduced to Percentages).

Classes.				School-roll.	Class-roll.	Passed, 1899.		Passed, 1898.	
				Presented.	Present.	School-roll.	Class-roll.	School-roll.	Class-roll.
Above Standard VI.	...	...	...	1·5	58·0	...	...	...	...
Standard VI.	...	...	...	7·2	95·2	5·6	79·0	5·5	79·0
" V.	...	...	...	11·2	94·5	8·1	71·9	7·6	69·6
" IV.	...	...	...	13·6	94·7	10·1	74·4	10·5	72·9
" III.	...	...	...	14·3	95·6	10·9	76·6	10·6	73·7
" II.	...	...	...	12·3	96·5	11·0	89·4	11·0	90·4
" I.	...	...	...	10·9	97·3	10·3	94·5	10·8	95·1
Preparatory	...	...	...	28·9	89·2	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	100·0	93·2	56·1	80·8	56·0	79·8

CLASS AND ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS.

Class-subjects.						Additional subjects.	
Degree of Proficiency.	Number of Schools.					Name of Subject.	Number of Schools repre- sented.
	Grammar.	History.	Geo- graphy (Standard II. only).	Science and Object- lessons.	Mental Arith- metic.		
Excellent	4	14	24	7	2	Repetition of poetry Drill ... Singing ... Sewing ... Comprehension of reading-matter	200
Good	17	44	50	50	19		154
Satisfactory	41	71	56	69	44		149
Fair	62	40	38	40	49		189
Moderate	22	8	15	5	24		200
Inferior	52	21	8	29	62		
Total schools in- cluded in estimate	198	198	191	200	200		

NOTE.—The above terms expressing degrees of proficiency are used in the sense in which they are directed to be used in Departmental Form No. 24.

In the schools examined there were present on the dates of examination 19,036 children out of a roll-number of 20,428. The standard classes (Standards I. to VI.) were represented by 14,197 (present, 13,583), and of these 11,466 succeeded in passing their respective standards, the proportion of the roll-number of the schools so succeeding being 56·1 as compared with 56 of the previous year. The total number of schools is not altered, being just 200, as in the past two years, but the enrolment shows a further decline, for which the older settled parts of the district are chiefly