

science, for instance, a subject lying at the root of the development of the staple industry of the colony, is generally taught through the sole medium of a text-book. For sheer impotency this proceeding would be hard to match.

(2.) In our annual reports we have over and over again referred to the desirability of making our pupils proficient in swimming and military drill. We again urge the Board to take some decided step in these directions, especially as so much could be done at a slight cost. Regarding military drill we take leave to quote what we said in our report for 1895: "We again observe with regret the apathy shown in the district in the matter of military drill: the time may come when those in authority will marvel why such sleepiness had been shown in a concern so vital to the national existence."

(3.) In view of the introduction of handwork into the course of instruction we would recommend the Board to take steps to popularise the subject among the teachers, and also to recognise in some special way the efforts of teachers that treat the subject successfully.

(4.) The passing of the new scholarship regulations rightly marks out for a small proportion of our pupils a professional career. All, however, cannot travel by that route. If the needs of the community are to be studied there should be further specialisation into (1) a commercial course, and, (2), a mechanical course. This matter takes us beyond our special province. We merely mention it as a problem for solution.

We have, &c.,

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The Secretary, Education Board, Southland.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS for the WHOLE DISTRICT.

Classes.				Presented.	Examined in Standards.	Passed.	Average Age of those that passed.	
							Yrs. mos.	
Above Standard VI.	...	...	...	193	...	...	...	...
Standard VI.	...	...	...	588	570	490	13	9
" V.	...	...	...	924	903	713	13	0
" IV.	...	...	...	1,200	1,168	941	12	0
" III.	...	...	...	1,294	1,252	1,048	10	9
" II.	...	...	...	1,214	1,179	1,130	9	9
" I.	...	...	...	1,164	1,132	1,103	8	9
Preparatory	...	...	...	2,847	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	9,424	6,204	5,425	11	4*

* Mean of average age.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

School.	Pre-sented.	Present.	Passed.	Class Subjects.	Additional Subjects.	Order and Discipline.	Manners.
Convent, Invercargill	111	82	69	Satisfactory	Excellent	Good	Excellent.
Boys' School, Invercargill	97	82	78	Good	Good	Excellent	Good.
Convent, East Gore	55	31	26	Satisfactory	"	Good	Excellent.
" Queenstown	54	38	37	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Good.
" Arrowtown	28	21	20	Satisfactory	Good	Good	"
" Winton	54	32	20	...	"	Good	"
" Wrey's Bush	61	41	28	...	...	Satisfactory	"

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