

TABLE H.—NUMBER OF PUPILS INSTRUCTED IN EACH SUBJECT, DECEMBER, 1900.

Education Districts.	Numbers belonging at End of Year.	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	English Grammar and Composition.	Geography.	History.	Elementary Science.	Drawing.	Object-lessons.	Vocal Music.	Needlework.	Domestic Economy.
Auckland ..	28,045	28,045	28,045	28,045	14,088	17,035	13,452	10,192	27,865	18,219	23,503	11,970	352
Taranaki ..	4,061	4,061	4,061	4,061	1,860	2,389	1,847	1,263	4,061	2,688	2,962	1,824	61
Wanganui ..	10,629	10,629	10,629	10,629	5,245	6,688	4,986	4,015	9,153	6,321	4,287	3,317	107
Wellington ..	14,658	14,658	14,658	14,658	8,016	9,441	7,760	5,743	14,541	8,990	13,818	6,518	1,180
Hawke's Bay ..	7,997	7,997	7,997	7,997	3,954	5,003	3,822	3,482	7,994	4,948	7,661	3,346	38
Marlborough ..	2,146	2,146	2,146	2,146	1,116	1,362	1,088	705	2,081	1,327	1,356	863	172
Nelson ..	5,691	5,691	5,691	5,691	3,301	3,825	3,078	2,354	5,131	3,366	3,455	2,309	114
Grey ..	1,654	1,654	1,654	1,585	790	941	651	451	1,465	932	890	619	3
Westland ..	1,278	1,278	1,278	1,278	732	886	720	501	1,081	692	806	521	43
North Canterbury	19,850	19,850	19,850	19,850	19,400	12,692	10,348	6,084	19,687	12,023	17,945	9,324	1,735
South Canterbury	5,148	5,148	5,148	5,148	2,853	3,408	2,838	2,156	5,043	2,992	4,672	2,191	180
Otago ..	20,150	20,150	20,150	20,150	10,782	12,947	10,150	7,841	19,714	12,145	19,611	8,063	361
Southland ..	9,417	9,417	9,417	9,417	4,783	5,942	4,643	3,390	9,125	5,837	8,715	3,250	230
Totals for 1900	130,724	130,724	130,724	130,655	64,920	82,559	65,383	48,177	126,941	80,480	109,671	54,115	4,576
Totals for 1899	131,315	131,315	131,315	131,231	68,432	83,081	65,775	47,750	126,833	81,092	106,381	52,910	5,296
Difference ..	-591	-591	-591	-576	-3,512	-522	-392	427	108	-612	3,290	1,205	-720

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

The number of schools open at the end of 1900 was 1,674, or 29 more than were open in December, 1899. The total average attendance for the fourth quarter of 1900 was 111,493, against 109,050 in the corresponding quarter of 1899. The mean average attendance per school, therefore, rose from 66·3 to 66·6.

In Table J the schools are classified, as heretofore, according to their average attendance for the December quarter, but in the much fuller detail likely to be required in the consideration of the current topic of a Colonial scale of staffs and salaries for the public schools.

TABLE J.—NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1900.

Working Average Attendance, December Quarter.	Auckland.	Taranaki.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Hawke's Bay.	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Grey.	Westland.	North Canterbury.	South Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Total Number of Schools.
1 to 9	5	4	5	14	1	39	24	8	14	7	..	7	1	129
10 " 14	29	4	9	9	7	4	15	5	5	15	4	25	6	137
15 " 20	63	9	13	19	10	3	22	1	7	24	6	28	16	221
21 " 30	80	15	30	28	7	4	18	4	1	45	18	31	40	321
31 " 40	54	9	25	18	10	4	13	3	1	21	12	36	25	231
41 " 50	21	10	13	7	11	3	9	2	3	23	7	16	15	140
51 " 70	36	3	17	15	4	2	8	2	1	10	9	26	12	145
71 " 90	8	5	6	6	7	..	6	3	2	17	4	14	9	87
91 " 120	16	2	7	6	6	2	3	..	..	11	1	8	7	69
121 " 150	7	..	6	6	3	2	1	..	..	4	..	4	2	35
151 " 170	5	1	..	2	2	1	1	..	..	2	1	2	..	17
171 " 200	5	1	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	4	20
201 " 250	7	..	4	3	1	..	1	1	2	4	1	5	2	31
251 " 280	1	..	2	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	9
281 " 330	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	3	1	10
331 " 390	3	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	..	15
391 " 420	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	1	..	6
421 " 480	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	2	..	13
481 " 510	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	6
511 " 570	6	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	12
571 " 600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
601 " 660	5	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	10
661 " 690	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
691 " 750	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
751 " 780	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
781 " 840	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
841 " 870	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
871 " 930	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
931 " 960	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
961 " 1020	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals of Schools	354*	65	143†	147	77	65	124	30	36	201†	68	222	142‡	1,674

* This includes 54 half-time schools, which are reckoned as 27. † This includes 2 half-time schools, which are reckoned as 1. ‡ This includes 3 half-time schools, which are reckoned as 4.

During the year 1900, 22 schools were closed—viz., in Auckland, 6; Wanganui, 1; Wellington, 5; Hawke's Bay, 1; Marlborough, 2; Nelson, 3; North Canterbury, 2; South Canterbury, 1; and Southland, 1.