

The increase of the numbers in S6 and S7 is probably due in part to the increase in the number of district high schools.

Table E gives the passes in standards. The proportion of the number who passed in standards to the number present at the Inspectors' annual visits was 94·2 per cent. In 1901 the corresponding figures were 94·1 per cent.

TABLE E.—PASSES IN STANDARDS, 1902.

Education Districts.	Present at Inspector's Annual Visit.						Passes in Standards.					
	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.
Auckland ..	3,151	3,457	3,442	3,226	2,779	1,971	3,075	3,191	3,020	2,815	2,300	1,496
Taranaki ..	577	576	578	518	400	226	498	470	416	341	257	164
Wanganui ..	1,321	1,367	1,426	1,279	1,045	671	1,232	1,224	1,239	1,052	883	570
Wellington ..	1,771	1,823	1,814	1,795	1,567	1,039	1,688	1,676	1,589	1,573	1,341	858
Hawke's Bay ..	1,044	987	1,109	901	757	493	953	883	953	751	605	301
Marlborough ..	231	235	259	258	210	147	215	220	238	239	176	104
Nelson ..	600	674	667	649	577	443	529	603	540	495	438	326
Grey ..	165	161	159	168	132	120	141	157	145	146	122	93
Westland ..	115	114	119	147	100	87	111	98	103	108	90	71
North Canterbury ..	2,100	2,218	2,449	2,487	2,059	1,476	1,958	2,015	2,037	1,987	1,581	1,189
South Canterbury ..	508	567	581	603	585	428	480	541	514	496	454	315
Otago ..	2,069	2,234	2,533	2,372	2,087	1,553	1,966	2,036	2,143	2,003	1,701	1,103
Southland ..	976	1,118	1,116	1,164	980	698	932	1,056	983	1,000	840	578
Totals for 1902 ..	14,628	15,531	16,252	15,567	13,278	9,352	13,778	14,170	13,920	13,006	10,788	7,168
Totals for 1901 ..	14,844	15,622	16,465	16,023	13,018	8,747	13,964	14,121	13,984	13,323	10,666	6,854

The proportion of the number that passed the various standards to the total number on the rolls on the days of the Inspectors' annual visits was 54·5 per cent. In 1901 the corresponding figures were 55·1 per cent.

In Table F are given the percentages of passes of those examined (or present) in the standard classes and other examination statistics for the several education districts of the colony.

TABLE F.—EXAMINATION STATISTICS FOR 1902.

Education Districts.	Total Number on Rolls on Days of Examination.	Number of Pupils.				Number passed in Standard Classes.	Percentage of Passes to those examined.
		Absent on Days of Examination.	In Preparatory Classes.	Passed Sixth Standard.	Examined in Standard Classes.		
Auckland ..	29,352	1,770	9,334	222	18,026	15,897	88·2
Taranaki ..	4,688	317	1,449	47	2,875	2,146	75·0
Wanganui ..	11,186	717	3,020	340	7,109	6,200	87·2
Wellington ..	15,258	1,195	3,753	501	9,809	8,725	88·9
Hawke's Bay ..	8,230	479	2,364	96	5,291	4,446	84·0
Marlborough ..	1,934	60	535	49	1,340	1,192	89·0
Nelson ..	5,698	297	1,596	195	3,610	2,931	81·2
Grey ..	1,603	231	411	56	905	804	88·8
Westland ..	1,086	45	320	39	682	581	85·2
North Canterbury ..	19,749	1,319	5,434	207	12,789	10,767	84·2
South Canterbury ..	5,071	298	1,367	134	3,272	2,800	85·6
Otago ..	20,256	697	6,183	528	12,848	10,952	85·2
Southland ..	9,539	297	2,984	206	6,052	5,389	89·0
Totals for 1902 ..	133,700	7,722	38,750	2,620	84,608	72,830	86·1
Totals for 1901 ..	132,375	2,670	42,329	2,657	84,719	72,912	86·1

Table G gives the average ages at which children passed the various standards. The lowest average age at which Standard I. was passed was eight years and six months, in the Wellington District. Standard V., the "standard of exemption," was passed at the average age of twelve years and two months in Otago, and of thirteen years and four months in Taranaki, these two being the lowest and highest average ages respectively.