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EDUCATION : ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

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ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

THE annual examinations were conducted by the Department as usual for the various purposes of Junior National Scholarships, Junior Free Places in secondary schools, district high schools, and technical schools, Senior Free Places in secondary schools and district high schools, for admission to or promotion in the Civil Service, and for teachers' certificates. The examinations were held from the 19th to 27th November, and on the 28th and 29th November, 1912, and from the 6th to 21st January, 1913, at sixty centres.

The number of candidates examined in these two sets of examinations shows a considerable increase over the numbers of previous years. It will be noticed from the table given below that the increase has been general in all of the examinations.

	1909-10.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.
Junior National and Education Board Scholarships and Junior Free Places	2,214	2,383	2,564	2,934
Civil Service Junior, Senior Free Places, Education Board Senior Scholarships, First Pupil-teachers	2,369	2,375	2,563	2,770
Teachers D and C	1,482	1,534	1,626	1,753*
Civil Service Senior	443	390	518	574
Totals	6,508	6,682	7,271	8,031

The following table shows collectively, in comparison with the preceding year, the number who entered for the various examinations enumerated, the number present, and the number of absentees. In explanation of the number set down under the last of these heads it is to be noted that the relatively large proportion is to be accounted for partly on the usual grounds, but chiefly in the case of Senior Free Place candidates through the application of a principle by which awards of

* Of these candidates, 1,506 presented themselves under the regulations of 1906, and 247 under those for 1912.