

It will be seen that 72 per cent. of the candidates were successful in gaining complete or partial passes in Matriculation, only 28 per cent. failing, as against over 50 per cent. of failures throughout the Dominion. In the Public Service Examination 76 per cent. were successful. At the Senior Scholarship Examination 65 per cent. gained scholarships. Few of the candidates for Matriculation had been in the secondary departments more than three years, having thus accomplished the four-years course in that time. One of the Public Service candidates was second for the Dominion, and five gained places within the first thirty, while one candidate was placed twentieth in the credit list of the Junior University Scholarship Examination. The Board is satisfied that a high standard of secondary work is being maintained at these schools.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS.

That the adoption of the agricultural course does not militate against successes at the public examinations is shown by the success of the candidates from the district high schools at the 1917 examinations. The work done in all the secondary departments varies from satisfactory to very good, as the reports on the various subjects which have been forwarded to the Department and the Board show. In some cases the schemes were rather comprehensive, and too many subjects were taught; but as changes had to be made to meet the new regulations regarding history and civics, agriculture, and home science, we have made some recommendations which we hope will enable the headmasters to amend their programmes without in any way interfering with the good work already done.

4. DETAILED TABLES, ETC.

[NOTE.—Reports of High School Boards not printed for 1917.]

PERSONNEL OF STAFFS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1917.

(Teachers absent with the Expeditionary Forces are not included.)

Whangarei High School.—Messrs. Roger Lupton; H. E. G. Smith; Henry Quinn, M.A.; Misses E. Campbell, M.A.; W. S. Fraser, B.A.; E. Aslin; Mrs. E. Holloway, B.A. Part-time—Messrs. F. G. Layzell; E. Hinton; Miss J. Rudall; Mrs. M. E. Thompson.

Auckland Boys' Grammar School.—Messrs. J. W. Tibbs, M.A.; J. Drummond, M.A.; H. J. D. Mahon, B.A.; Rev. J. King Davis, M.A.; Messrs. E. Caradus, B.Sc.; P. A. Doherty, A.N.Z.I.A.; P. Drummond, B.A.; F. W. Gamble, M.A.; D. A. Watt, B.A.; J. L. I. Newhook; H. F. Brock, M.A.; A. R. Gatland, B.A.; E. A. Watkin, B.A.; G. S. Coldham, M.A.; L. Matheson, M.A.; L. J. O'Connell, B.A.; W. J. Bishop, M.A.; B. Brennan; C. R. Jones; J. A. Asher, B.A.; E. E. Cotton; Rev. H. C. Bourne, M.A.; Messrs. A. Jarman, A.R.S.M.; R. T. Goulding; F. E. E. Thornton; E. J. Russell, M.A.; J. H. Harvey; A. C. Roberts; E. E. Bilkey.

Auckland Girls' Grammar School.—Misses B. Butler, B.Sc.; W. Picken, M.A.; M. A. Dive, B.A.; F. E. Macdonald, B.A.; J. Moore, B.A., M.Sc.; C. L. Beaumont, M.A.; J. Uhlmann; N. I. Maclean, M.A.; K. V. Edgerley, M.A.; F. I. Patterson, M.A.; C. F. Hull, M.A.; C. Gray, B.A.; A. Haslett, B.A.; D. Hueston, B.A.; B. Bell, M.A.; A. C. Tizard, M.A.; V. L. Nutsford; C. Walker; Mrs. S. Heap. Part-time—Madame A. Chambers; Misses V. Jacobson; L. Bruce; D. Butler; Mrs. Carling, L.R.A.M.

Epsom Girls' Grammar School.—Misses A. C. Morrison, M.A.; H. Kirkbride, M.A.; M. McLean, B.A.; L. Suckling, M.A.; L. Matches; E. M. Harris, B.A.; M. E. Sandilands; M. Barnett, B.A. Part-time—Misses G. Hutton; L. Bruce; E. M. Baker; Mrs. M. M. Boulton.

Hamilton High School.—Messrs. E. Wilson, M.A.; W. Fraser, M.A.; R. H. Inder; R. R. Macgregor; W. R. McGregor; Misses C. G. Harrison, B.A.; R. E. Rowlandson, B.A.; P. A. Harrington, M.A.; D. I. Garrard.

Thames High School.—Messrs. R. E. Rudman, M.A., B.Sc.; W. H. Hoult, M.A.; J. D. Davy, M.A.; Misses E. Haselden, M.A.; E. Wilcox; D. Horton, M.A.; E. M. B. Lynch, M.A.

New Plymouth Boys' High School.—Messrs. W. H. Moyes, M.A., B.Sc.; R. H. Rockel, M.A.; A. R. Ryder, M.A.; C. A. Bottrill, M.A.; C. H. Wynyard; R. D. Kidd; Misses J. McLeod, M.A.; E. Billens, B.A. Lower Department—Mr. C. A. McKinney; Miss J. Eanwell.

New Plymouth Girls' High School.—Misses J. R. Barr, M.A.; G. A. Drew, M.A.; P. M. Clark, M.A.; D. V. Burrow, B.Sc.; J. Smith, B.A. Lower Department—Miss F. Fairbrother. Part-time—Messrs. A. M. Bradbury; W. M. Falconer, F.I.A.

Wanganui Girls' College.—Misses C. M. Cruickshank, M.A.; S. E. Gifford, M.A., M.Sc.; J. R. Currie, M.A.; A. Blennerhassett, B.A.; E. Law, M.A.; L. Beckingsale, B.A.; C. C. Rockel, M.A.; O. J. Gruar, B.A.; E. J. Cornish, B.Sc.; R. Rosevear; K. G. Dobbie; Mrs. S. A. C. Redwood; Misses J. Cherrett; E. Paton; Mrs. M. Grant. Lower Department—Miss P. Garrey. Part-time—Mr. D. Seaward; Miss M. L. Browne; Madame E. Briggs; Misses V. B. Price; E. Dunn, M.B.; E. J. Inkster; Mesdames M. S. Watkin; E. Seaward.

Wanganui Collegiate School.—Messrs. P. Marshall, M.A., D.Sc., F.G.S.; J. E. Bannister, M.A.; Rev. C. Price, M.A.; Messrs. J. Allen, B.A.; J. A. Leame, B.A.; H. E. Sturge, M.A.; F. L. Peck; G. F. McGrath, M.A.; A. H. R. Amess, M.A.; C. H. Campbell, R.D.S.; J. E. S. Dudding, M.A.; D. E. Thornton; R. A. W. Sutherland, M.Sc.; C. P. Worley. Part-time—Mrs. J. Ramsay; Miss V. Price.

Wellington College.—Messrs. J. P. Firth, B.A.; A. Heine, B.A.; A. C. Gifford, M.A.; F. M. Renner, M.A.; H. B. Tomlinson, M.A.; J. S. Lomas, B.A.; W. Alexander, M.A., LL.B.; J. Hall, B.A., B.Sc.; H. A. Smithson, M.A.; W. F. C. Balham; J. N. Millard, B.A.; R. N. Biggar, M.A.; W. V. Jones; C. W. Thorp; E. J. D. Hercus, M.A., B.Sc.; W. H. Stevens; R. G. A. Sawell, B.A.; C. Taylor, B.A.; F. Joplin, B.A.