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EDWARD JOLLIE,
Provincial Secretary.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
For the year ending March, 1866.

To His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT

SIR,—The Board of Education has the honor to present its Annual Report for the year 1865-6, according to the terms of the "Education Ordinance, 1864."

The Board has to lament the death of one of its members, Dr. Lillie, and desires, before adverting to other matters, to bear testimony to the zeal in the cause of education which distinguished their late colleague, and to put on record its sense of the loss which the removal of a gentleman of so much experience in dealing with questions relating to education has entailed upon the Province generally.

The Board has the satisfaction of believing that the system of public education now in operation is working upon the whole beneficially, and that the different schools in receipt of grants of public money, as a general rule, are both actually efficient and give promise of further improvement.

The feature in that system upon which its promoters most confidently relied for success was its tendency to excite local interest, and call forth local co-operation in the establishment and supervision of the different schools; and as a consequence of this to bring home to the community, as a whole, the great importance of the question of popular education.

It was felt that without this co-operation the plan most perfect in theory would be of comparatively little value in practice, because it would be wanting in that most important element of success—a constant and vigilant local supervision.

Many facts have come under the notice of the Board which seem to indicate that this object has been to no small extent attained, and that an earnest desire to see the education of the province placed upon a sound basis has become very general.

As illustrations of this feeling the Board refers to the following circumstances:—

1. Several new schools have been established, or are on the point of being established in various parts of the province, all at the suggestion of the residents in the different districts, who have, by means of voluntary contributions undertaken a con-

siderable portion of the expense as required by the Ordinance.

2. The plan of providing entertainments for the children attending school, as well as for their relations and friends, has become much more common than formerly. Such meetings as these are valuable, not only as an indication of the interest which is actually felt in the different schools, but also because they cannot fail to foster and keep alive that feeling, by making the school a centre of attraction in the neighbourhood.

3. As a general rule the Board has had the benefit of the cordial co-operation of the various local Committees in removing defects and increasing the efficiency of the respective schools. In many cases the active assistance thus afforded has been of the greatest advantage.

4. It will further be found that the candidates for the representation of the people in the Provincial Legislature, as a general rule, lay particular stress upon the importance of the question of Education, a circumstance which besides affording evidence of the general interest which is felt in the subject, gives reason to hope that the imperfections which at present exist will be taken into serious consideration and, as far as practicable, removed at the next session of the Provincial Council.

Since the date of the last report, five new schools have been established, viz., the Arowhenua, Lower Heathcote, Oxford, Avonside, and the Christchurch Roman Catholic Schools. Of these the two first have been established in accordance with the provisions of the Education Ordinance which refer to ordinary cases, and in accordance with those provisions the residents in the neighborhood have contributed one-fourth of the whole cost of the buildings, besides a sum of £20 for books, apparatus, &c.; the remaining three were established under the clauses which provide for special grants, and which appear best adapted for schools intended to be maintained as denominational schools. Beside these the school at Pigeon Bay, formerly not in receipt of any grant, has been brought under the management of a local committee in connection with the Board, and receives a grant in aid of £75 per annum. At Lincoln a master's house has been erected, and in a short time a school-room will be ready for

use. The school formerly existing in this district has been abolished, and the new one has been put under a thoroughly efficient management. Meetings for the organization of new schools, attended by the chairman of the Board, have been held at Waimate, Eyreton, on the Lower Eyre, and at Fernside, on the road from Rangiora to Oxford. In each case it is expected that new schools will be shortly in operation. Thus, altogether, since the date of the last Report, ten new schools have been, or are on the point of being, established.

STATISTICS.

The number of schools actually in receipt of aid from the Board is 36.

The whole number of children on the books of the different schools during the year 1865 was 3054, being an increase of 356 on the year 1864.

The number of attendants during the December quarter 1865 was 2080, being an increase of 272 on the December quarter, 1864.

The number of children in average attendance during that quarter was 1399, being an increase of 179 on the average attendance during the same quarter of the preceding year.

The school fees received during the year 1865 amount to £2432 13s., being an increase of £222 17s. 10d. on the amount received during the previous year.

The total expenditure on ordinary schools including the erection of buildings, contingencies and current expenditure, during the year 1865 amounted to £7151 2s. 6d. Of this sum, however, £3432 13s. were contributed, as already mentioned, by school-fees; and a sum of £328 by voluntary contributions for building, making a total sum of £2750 13s. independent of the Government Grant. The balance paid by the province therefore amounts only to the sum of £4400 9s. 6d.

It will be seen, on comparing this expenditure with the expenditure of the former year, that the Board has succeeded in effecting a considerable reduction, not only in the rate per child, but in the actual amount expended.

During the year 1864 the total sums expended were—from Government grant £5417 13s. 9d., and from independent sources

£2209 15s. 2d., making a total of £7,627 8s. 11d. for the education of 1130 children in average attendance; or at the rate of £6 4s. 11½d. per child, as against £7151 2s. 6d. for the year 1865 for 1317 children in average attendance, or at the rate of £5 8s. 7d. per child, and at a cost to the province in the one case of £4 15s. 10d., in the other of £3 6s. 9d.

Besides the above-mentioned sum of £4,400 9s. 6d. a sum of £750, as fixed by the Ordinance, has been expended on superior schools, and a sum of £779 8s. for defraying the expenses of the department, making a total sum of £5929 17s. 6d. expended by the Board on education during the year under review.

On comparing this result with the state of things which existed under the original system, it will be seen that the present organization is much the more economical.

The total fixed annual grant previously payable on account of education was £5450; but besides this, special grants were voted from time to time by the Provincial Council, increasing very considerably the average annual amount expended.

Taking, however, the sum of £5450 as the expenditure on education under the former system, it appears that while the total number of scholars has been increased by between 500 and 600, the increase of expenditure has not reached £500; if, however, the special grants were taken into the account, it would probably be found that, notwithstanding the increase which has taken place in the number of schools, and of scholars, the cost is actually less than formerly.

BUILDINGS.

Since the date of the last Report the following buildings have been completed, or are so far in course of completion, as to allow of school-work being performed in them:—

At Arowhenua a school-room and teacher's house; at Lower Heathcote a school-room and teacher's house; at Leithfield a teacher's house.

There are now in course of erection the following:—

At Eyreton, on the Lower Eyre, a school-room and master's house, which it is hoped will shortly be completed.

At Lincoln a new school, as a substitute for the former denominational school, is in course of being established under the Ordinance. The master's house is already completed, and the school-room will be completed in a short time. The necessity which existed for some new arrangement in this district has induced the Board to depart in some measure from the strict letter of the provisions regulating the grants in aid. It appears that the inhabitants contributed to the former school a sum of upwards of £60, and for this sum the Board has given credit in making a grant. The site has been given by private individuals.

At Fernside, on the road between Rangiora and Oxford, steps have already been taken for the erection of the necessary buildings, and the district not being at present a wealthy one, the Board has consented to accept labour in lieu of its equivalent in money. A site of twenty acres has been reserved for the school and master's residence.

At Waimate a meeting of the owners and occupiers of land and householders was held on the 24th of May last, at which the Chairman of the Board attended, for the purpose of ascertaining their willingness to contribute towards the establishment of a school for that locality, and the requisite resolutions having been agreed to, as provided by the Ordinance, the district was proclaimed accordingly; as yet nothing has actually been done towards attaining the proposed object, but it is understood that subscriptions are being collected, and plans of the buildings have been prepared for the approval of the Board.

On the following day a meeting of a similar nature was held at Timaru, attended also by the Chairman of the Board, with a view on the part of the promoters of forming Timaru into an Educational District under the Ordinance. It appears that the chief object in adopting this course was to substitute for a nominated an elective Committee, with power to impose a rate for meeting the balance at that time due on the contract for the new school buildings.

The Provincial Council having granted a sum of £500 for the erection of a school and school-house, certain members of the community, desirous of having as creditable a building as possible for their school, entered

into a contract for the sum of £715, supposing that they would be able, from private subscriptions, to supply the balance required, in the meantime making themselves personally responsible to the contractor. Failing, however, to raise sufficient funds in this manner, the only alternative appeared to be to obtain the sum required by means of a rate, and the proposal submitted to the meeting was, that a Committee should be formed capable of imposing such a rate. This proposal, however, was negatived, and the individuals, it is understood, have been compelled to make up the deficiency from their private means.

EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS.

Certain of the schools which were found to be in an unsatisfactory condition, either as regards the progress of the children or the arrangements of the school, were, after due notice to the school authorities, visited by the Chairman, whose report the Board is happy to state showed that in every instance the defects pointed out had been removed so far as possible.

Detailed information as to the points requiring notice in the several schools will be found in the reports of the Inspector of Schools, appended to the present report.

As a general rule, to which however there are several exceptions, the Board has found that teachers are tempted to devote themselves too exclusively to the improvement of their higher classes, and as a consequence to neglect the children engaged in learning elementary subjects; but inasmuch as the former comprise a comparatively small portion, and the latter the large majority of the children, it is obvious that this practice must affect the general education of the province to a serious extent. Repeated representations have been made by the Board on the subject, and by the cordial co-operation, in most instances, of the local Committee, a great improvement has lately taken place in elementary instruction.

The school at Akaroa, which for a long time was in an unsatisfactory state, has, under the new master, Mr. James Murray, made remarkable progress. The Board, in consideration of the patient and painstaking manner in which he has conducted the

school, and the great improvement which he has been the means of effecting in the proficiency of the scholars, has awarded him a gratuity of £10 out of the vote for contingencies.

It has been one great object with the Board, by offering every encouragement to zeal and diligence in the teachers, to make the schools efficient, and thus to induce parents to put their children under instruction. It appears to be an invariable rule, that as soon as a teacher becomes negligent, and the children under his charge cease to make progress, the attendance begins to fall off. On the other hand, whenever a school is properly conducted the number of children attending it is sure to increase.

No doubt a large attendance might be fostered by artificial means, even in cases where the children derived no benefit from the teaching; so that a large number of names on the school registers is not of itself any evidence of the soundness of a system, or of the general diffusion of anything worthy of the name of education. If the teacher is incompetent or negligent, or the attendance irregular, the great bulk of the children would leave school in as great a state of ignorance as they entered it, and so neither they nor the community would have received any benefit or any equivalent for the cost of their so-called education. On the other hand, if, as the experience of the Board would seem to show, the proper organization of the schools is in itself a means of securing a numerous and regular attendance, the paramount importance of directing attention to this object becomes at once very apparent.

The Board has, according to the practice adopted in the previous year, appropriated a small sum from the funds at its disposal, under the head "Contingencies," to the purchase of books as prizes for such of the children in the different schools as have been found to evince particular diligence and attention to their school-work. A list of the names will be found in the Appendix to this Report.

By order of the Board,

HENRY JOHN TANCRED,
Chairman.

APPENDIX A.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.
(Quarter ending March, 1865).

ORDINARY SCHOOLS.

SUMMARY REPORT, &c., OF INSPECTOR.

To the Honorable H. J. TANGRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a tabular summary of the quarterly returns as to attendance, and a schedule as to the efficiency of the schools examined, both for the quarter ending March 31.

It will be seen from the tabular summary that during the quarter the number of attendants has been 1779; a decrease of 29 on the former quarter.

The average daily attendance 1074; a decrease of 146.

The amount of school fees £550 3s. 8d.; a decrease of £74 16s. 1d.

The decrease in school fees is proportionable with that in the average attendance; but the latter is greatly in excess of that in the number of attendants; this is due to sickness and the recovery from it having interrupted the attendance of many for the bulk of the quarter.

It is satisfactory, however, to observe a considerable and general increase on the corresponding quarter of 1864.

The foregoing statistics relate to the 32 ordinary schools aided by the Board, including in that number the new school at Saltwater Creek, which commenced in March.

It will be seen from the schedule as to efficiency, that the number of schools examined during the quarter has been 13, including 583 children. The harvest, sickness, and other causes have materially interfered with the routine work of the quarter. I have occasionally visited several of the schools, which I found from such causes unprepared for examination.

The stock in the Educational Dépôt, consisting now of about £300 worth of school books and apparatus, has been sorted and re-arranged, together with two large consignments from England.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

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QUARTER ENDING MARCH.

Summary of Attendance and Payments.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.	Average daily Attendance.	Amount of School Fees.	The Chairman of each Local Committee.
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's ...	244	136	£ s. d. 77 13 6	The Ven. Archdeacon Jacobs.
2	„ Wesleyan	161	96	51 15 0	Rev. J. Buller.
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	48	32	17 10 0	Rev. C. Fraser.
4	„ St. Luke's	106	63	28 3 0	Ven. Archdeacon Jacobs.
5	Lyttelton, Church England ...	75	50	27 6 0	Rev. F. Knowles.
6	„ Wesleyan	77	36	10 19 6	Rev. J. Crump.
7	Governor's Bay	14	10	18 7 0	Rev. R. R. Bradley.
8	Kaiapoi, Church England	52	38	20 1 6	Rev. W. W. Willock.
9	„ Wesleyan	58	27	18 6 0	Rev. G. S. Harper.
10	Woodend District School	58	40	20 13 6	Mr. T. Wilson.
11	Saltwater Creek „	20	18	3 12 0	Mr. N. Turner.
12	Leithfield „ ...	24	13	7 2 0	Mr. J. H. Moore.
13	Ashley Bank „	16	10	6 7 0	Mr. P. Fawcett.
14	Bangiora „ ...	72	54	25 2 6	Rev. B. W. Dudley.
15	Akaroa „	48	26	13 7 11	Mr. R. Rowe.
16	Okain's Bay „ ...	32	24	9 17 0	Mr. E. W. Harris.
17	Duvauchelle's Bay „	41	18	11 1 0	Mr. F. Pavitt.
18	Riccarton „ ...	46	22	11 0 6	Rev. C. Bowen.
19	Prebbleton „	14	7	3 12 0	Mr. J. N. Tosswill.
20	Templeton „ ...	24	8	3 17 0	Mr. W. B. Tosswill.
21	Lincoln	18	11	5 14 0	Mr. J. Murray.
22	Upper Heathcote	34	23	20 7 6	Mr. Piper.
23	Halswell	24	18	7 6 6	Mr. W. G. Brittan.
24	Heathcote Valley	50	40	18 17 3	Mr. G. Holmes.
25	Lower Heathcote	32	21	14 5 0	Dr. Willis.
26	Papanui, St. Paul's	72	41	14 16 0	Rev. L. Moore.
27	„ Wesleyan	34	27	4 13 6	Mr. J. Reese.
28	North Road	22	15	8 3 0	Mr. J. Abbott.
29	Harewood „	35	12	10 6 6	Mr. T. Pavitt.
30	St. Alban's	101	65	21 0 6	Mr. J. Peacock.
31	Timaru	110	63	32 8 0	Rev. G. Foster.
32	Arowhenua	13	10	6 12 0	Mr. A. Wilson.
		1175	1074	550 3 8	

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QUARTER ENDING MARCH.

Schedule as to the Efficiency of Schools Examined during the Quarter.

	List of Schools Examined.	Date of Examination.	Number present.	Site, Buildings, and Premises.	Books and Apparatus.	Organisation and Discipline.	Knowledge of Bible.	Elementary Secular Knowledge.	Ordinary do. do.
1	St. Michael's School	Feb. 1 & 2	170	A	A	A	A	A	A
2	St. Andrew's School	Feb. 9	36	B	B	B	B	B	C
3	St. Luke's „	„ 10	72	A	B	B	A	B	C
4	Lyttelton, Church England	Mar. 22	53	B	C	B	B	B	B
5	„ Wesleyan	„ 23	29	B	B	B	New Teacher.		
6	Kaiapoi, Church England	Feb. 27	35	B	A	A	A	A	A
7	„ Wesleyan	„ 16	29	B	B	B	B	B	C
8	Woodend District School	„ 17	38	B	A	A	B	A	B
9	Leithfield „	Mar. 6	14	—	—	New Teacher.			—
10	Ashley Bank „	„ 7	12	A	A	A	B	B	C
11	Rangiora „	„ 8	61	B	B	A	B	B	B
12	Lower Heathcote „	Feb. 2	23	C	C	B	B	B	C
13	Harewood Road „	Mar. 3	11	B	B	B	B	B	C

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE
MONTH,
(March 31—April 27, 1865.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a summary Report of the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month.

Eight schools, including 224 children, have been examined.

Sixteen schools have benefited by supplies from the Educational Depôt, to the amount of £36 19s. 10d.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

These being chiefly in suburban and outlying districts, have suffered in their attendance from the interruptions occasioned by holidays, and a continuance of autumnal work. There has not been anything worthy either of high commendation, or of special censure. The attention of the teachers has been directed to points in which the schools require improvement.

Lincoln.....School, April 5, present 10, Improved.
St. Albans' " " 6, " 73, Tolerable.
Heathcote Valley " " 7, " 38,
Upper Heathcote " " 10, " 31, New Teacher.
Halswell " " 11, " 18,
North Road " " 12, " 21, Improving.
Harewood Road " " 13, " 20,
Templeton " " 24, " 13, Very moderate.

Further particulars, and the details of each examination are entered in the Journal for your reference.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE
MONTH,
(April 28—May 25, 1864.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a summary Report on the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month.

Eight schools, including 336 children, have been examined.

Thirteen schools have been benefited by

supplies from the Educational Depôt, to the amount of £14 8s. 3d.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Riccarton.....School, April 28, present 23, Tolerable.
Prebbleton " " 28, " 6, Not fully at [work.
Duvanchelle Bay " May 3, " 24, New Teachers.
Akaroa " " 3, " 39, Much improved
Kaiapoi Wesleyan " " 8, " 35, Very satisfac- [tory.
Lyttelton Church of,, " 16, " 65, Considerable [improvement.
England. Christchurch Wes-,, " 18, " 120, Satisfactory.
leyan. Papanui Wesleyan " " 19, " 25, Very moderate.

The examinations of the Governor's Bay and Rangiora schools were postponed for obvious reasons.

The details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE
MONTH,
(May 26—June 29, 1865.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a summary Report on the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month.

Eleven schools, including 507 children, have been examined.

Seventeen schools have benefited by supplies from the Educational Depôt, to the amount of £16 18s. 10d.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Kaipoi Church School, May 29, present 37, Satisfactory.
Woodend " " 30, " 46, Highly creditable
Saltwater Creek " " 31, " 19, Fair beginning.
Ashley Bank " " 31, " 14, Satisfactory.
Leithfield " June 2, " 21, Improving.
Lyttelton Wes- " " 6, " 35, Falling off.
leyan. St. Michael's " " 13 & 14, " 128, Very satisfactory
N.B. 1. The number of girls apparently decreasing.
N.B. 2. The glare from the windows injurious to the sight.
St Andrew's School, June 15, present 35, Much improved.
St Luke's " " 16, " 52, Very creditable.
Papanui Church,, " 22, " 67, Very satisfactory.
Rangiora " " 23, " 63, Very satisfactory.

The particulars of each examination are entered in the Journal for your reference.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.
(Quarter ending June, 1865.)
SUMMARY REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF
SCHOOLS.

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman, Board of Education.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a Tabular Summary of the Quarterly Returns as to attendance and payment, and a Schedule as to the efficiency of the schools examined, both for the Quarter ending June 30th.

It will be seen from the Tabular Summary that during the quarter the number of attendants in ordinary schools has been 1801, an increase of 103 on the corresponding quarter of 1864.

The average daily attendance, 1144, an increase of 90.

The amount of school fees, £587 17s. 3d., an increase of £17 5s. 6d.

That the increase has not been greater, may be due to a general depression of circumstances, and to less increase by immigration than in former years.

From the schedule as to efficiency, it will be seen that the number of schools examined has been 28. Those omitted were the Okain's Bay school, impaired by much sickness; and the Governor's Bay, Timaru, and Arowhenua schools, for examination in the ensuing quarter.

The number of children examined was 1073.

The same schedule will show that the highest marks for efficiency have been assigned to the St. Michael's school, Christchurch; St. Paul's, Papanui; Kaiapoi Church of England, Rangiora, and Woodend schools. The St. Luke's and St. Andrew's schools, both conducted by mistresses, deserve commendatory notice for their steady and increasing efficiency.

Five remarkably good papers were done during the examinations, by pupils in some of the above schools, viz., two at St. Michael's, one at St. Paul's, one at Rangiora, and one at St. Andrew's. These papers indicate a fair knowledge of the Bible, English composition, spelling, grammar, writing, and arithmetic. They have been already noticed in my letter of June 30, handing them to the Board.

The newer schools established by the Board appear to be making steady progress towards a fair standard of efficiency.

The interest shown by local committees, very materially helps to secure the efficiency of the schools.

The details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of schools.

1865.

QUARTER ENDING JUNE.

Schedule as to the Efficiency of the Schools examined during the Quarter.

	List of Schools examined.	Date of Examination.	Number present.	Site, Buildings, and Premises.	Books and Apparatus.	Organization and Discipline	Knowledge of Bible.	Elementary Secular Knowledge.	Ordinary do. do.	Remarks.
1	St. Michael's	June 13 & 14	128	A	A	B	A	A	A	Steady and constant care sustains a standard of attainment very creditable for so large a school.
2	Christchurch Wesleyan	May 18	120	A	B	A	B	A	B	Attainments, &c., improved. Children remarkably clean and orderly.
3	St. Andrew's	June 15	35	B	B	A	B	A	B	Buildings defective. Very creditable improvements in the organization and attainments.
4	St. Luke's	„ 16	52	A	B	B	B	A	—	Large school, taught with great care and much skill, by one mistress.
5	Lyttelton, Ch. England...	May 16	65	B	A	B	B	A	B	Considerable improvement in elementary knowledge. Buildings much exposed, defective, and dangerous. Cleanliness and order not well sustained.
6	„ Wesleyan ...	June 6	35	B	B	C	B	C	—	Weak control.
7	Kaiapoi, Ch. England ...	„ 29	37	A	A	A	A	A	B	All very creditable, except the writing.
8	„ Wesleyan ...	May 8	35	C	B	B	A	A	—	Steadily improving.
9	Woodend District	„ 30	46	B	A	A	A	A	B	A very improving school, except a disposition to attempt too much. The needlework appears to give great satisfaction to the parents. A fair commencement.
10	Saltwater Creek „ ...	„ 31	19	B	A	A	B	B	—	Improving.
11	Leithfield „ ...	June 2	21	A	A	A	B	B	—	Not quite up to the mark, owing to harvest and sickness.
12	Ashley Bank „ ...	May 21	14	A	A	A	B	B	—	A very striking improvement, more especially in the boys' classes.
13	Rangiora „ ...	June 23	53	B	A	A	A	A	B	Improving.
14	Akaroa „ ...	May 3	30	A	A	B	B	B	—	Fairly recommended by the new teacher.
15	Duvauchelle's Bay „ ...	„ 3	24	B	A	B	B	—	—	Premises more satisfactory. Elementary attainments still very moderate.
16	Biccarton „ ...	Apr. 28	23	B	A	B	B	B	—	Bad attendance; small return for large expenditure.
17	Prebbleton „ ...	„ 28	6	B	B	C	B	B	—	Too many little classes multiply unprofitable work.
18	Templeton „ ...	„ 24	13	A	A	B	A	B	—	A small and unprofitable school.
19	Lincoln „ ...	„ 4	10	C	A	C	B	B	—	Fairly recommended by the new teacher. Building and apparatus renewed.
20	Upper Heathcote „ ...	„ 10	31	B	A	B	B	B	B	A fair commencement.
21	Halswell „ ...	„ 11	18	B	B	B	B	B	—	Progress retarded by agricultural character of district.
22	Heathcote Valley ...	„ 7	38	B	B	B	B	B	B	Recommended June 6th as a temporary school.
23	Lower Heathcote	June 9	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	Good order and fair efficiency well kept up by the constant and unflagging care of an excellent master and mistress. Children come from other districts to so good a school.
24	Papanui, St. Paul's ...	„ 22	67	B	A	A	A	A	A	Improving.
25	„ Wesleyan ...	May 19	25	A	B	B	C	C	B	Fair.
26	North Road	Apr. 12	21	B	B	B	B	—	—	Fair.
27	Harewood Road	„ 13	20	B	B	B	B	B	—	Improved, but scarcely commensurate with the constant employment of two adult teachers.
28	St. Alban's	„ 6	73	B	B	B	B	B	—	
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QUARTER ENDING JUNE.

Summary of Attendance and Payments in Ordinary Schools.

	List of Ordinary Schools.	Number of Attendants.	Average daily attendance.	Amount of School Fees.	The Chairman of each Local Committee.
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's ...	219	117	£ s. d. 72 12 0	The Ven. Archdeacon Jacobs.
2	„ Wesleyan	162	106	54 5 0	Rev. J. Buller.
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	53	28	24 19 0	Rev. C. Fraser.
4	„ St. Luke's	96	57	27 4 6	Ven. Archdeacon Jacobs.
5	Lyttelton, Church of England ...	83	59	32 1 0	Rev. F. Knowles.
6	„ Wesleyan	55	29	10 6 4	Rev. J. Crump.
7	Governor's Bay	15	10	18 7 0	Rev. R. R. Bradley.
8	Kaiapoi, Church of England... ..	48	37	17 17 6	Rev. W. W. Willock.
9	„ Wesleyan	52	28	16 7 6	Rev. G. S. Harper.
10	Woodend District School	69	53	26 7 6	Mr. T. Wilson.
11	Saltwater Creek „	25	17	7 11 0	Mr. N. Turner.
12	Leithfield „	23	15	8 14 0	Mr. T. H. Moore.
13	Ashley Bank „	19	15	7 3 0	Mr. P. Fawcett.
14	Rangiora „	79	58	24 1 0	Rev. B. W. Dudley.
15	Akaroa „	61	30	18 8 0	Mr. R. Rowe.
16	Pigeon Bay „	39	37	19 16 0	Mr. H. Stewart.
17	Okain's Bay „	33	23	11 10 0	Mr. E. W. Harris.
18	Duvauchelle's Bay „	30	23	10 11 0	Mr. Saxton.
19	Riccarton „	53	27	16 1 6	Rev. C. Bowen.
20	Frebbleton „	23	11	7 11 0	Mr. J. N. Tosswill.
21	Templeton „	22	14	3 2 0	Mr. W. B. Tosswill.
22	Lincoln „	16	10	7 16 0	Mr. J. Murray.
23	Upper Heathcote „	44	28	15 12 0	Mr. Piper.
24	Halswell „	22	19	11 5 0	Mr. W. G. Brittan.
25	Heathcote Valley „	50	40	19 0 9	Mr. G. Holmes.
26	Lower Heathcote „	23	17	2 8 3	Mr. J. S. Willis.
27	Papanui, St. Paul's „	90	56	26 7 6	Rev. L. Moore.
28	„ Wesleyan „	39	30	7 9 6	Mr. J. Reese.
29	North Road „	23	17	8 8 0	Mr. J. Abbott.
30	Harewood Road „	36	17	8 16 0	Mr. T. Pavitt.
31	St. Alban's „	85	55	14 7 5	Mr. J. T. Peacock.
32	Arowhenua „	10	6	4 12 0	Mr. A. Wilson.
33	Timaru „	84	55	26 19 0	Rev. G. Foster.
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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(June 30th—July 27th, 1865.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a summary Report on the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month.

Not more than two schools have been examined. The first month in each quarter or half-year is usually trenched upon by the holidays; and is not convenient to examine the schools soon after their re-opening. The time is also required for receiving and making up the quarterly returns, for preparing the quarterly report, and for arranging examinations for the current quarter. There is a little leisure afforded for casual visits to schools, and for miscellaneous work. The Educational Depôt is usually busy at the commencement of each quarter.

Sixteen schools have benefited by supplies from the Educational Depôt, to the amount of £24 11s. 5d.

One candidate, Mr. Edward Connor, for the Christchurch Roman Catholic school, passed a satisfactory examination, as per special report of the 26th instant.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

The Upper Heathcote School, July 19th, present 35.

This school is making satisfactory progress under the new teacher.

The Heathcote Valley School, July 19, present 33.

Some accidents had happened to the building and outer office, owing to the violence of the wind; the former had been repaired, the latter is blown down. A master's house would be a valuable addition to the school property, and some protection to it. The section is unfenced—the building exposed and unprotected; the discipline is not good; the attainments of the upper classes creditable; the younger children are making but slow progress in elementary knowledge.

Further details of each examination will be found in the Journal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(July 28th—August 31st, 1865.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a summary Report on the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month,

Eleven schools, including 350 children, have been examined.

Sixteen schools have benefited by supplies from the Educational Depôt, to the amount of £9 7s. 6d.

One candidate, William M'Clure, has passed a satisfactory examination, and has commenced a school at Avonside.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Riccarton.....	School, July 31, present	26, Improving.
Prebbleton	" " 31, "	17, Fair.
Harewood road	" Aug. 3, "	21, Fair.
Templeton	" " 3, "	14, Moderate.
North road	" " 8, "	18, Fair.
Christchurch Wesleyan	" " 9, "	107, Steadily Improving.
Papanui Wesleyan	" " 10, "	23, Improving.
St. Alban's	" " 11, "	53, Tolerable.
Geraldine	" " 15, "	17, A very good beginning.
Arowhenua	" " 18, "	0, Ceased.
Timaru	" " 17, "	54, Satisfactory
Waimate	" " 18, "	This school is not commenced.

About £100 has been subscribed in money and material, and the buildings will shortly be commenced.

I have pointed out to the teachers the defects ascertained during the examination of some of the above schools, and do not feel it necessary to remark strongly upon them in this Report. The details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(September 1—28, 1865.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a summary Report on the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month.

Fourteen schools including 657 children, have been examined.

Fourteen schools have benefited by supplies from the Educational Depôt, to the amount of £17 16s. 5d.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Lyttelton Church of Eng-land School.	Sept. 7,	present 76,	Improving.
Lyttelton Wesleyan School.	" 7,	" 32,	"
Kaipoi Wesleyan	" 11,	" 35,	Satisfactory.
Kaipoi Church of Eng-land.	" 11,	" 32,	"
Woodend District	" 12,	" 53,	"
Rangiora	" 13,	" 63,	"
Saltwater Creek	" 14,	wet day 13,	"
except as to inconvenient furniture and arrangements.			
Leithfield District School.	Sept. 15	present 18,	Very satisfactory, as to the progress of the children, the furniture and arrangement of the school-room, the condition of the school-room and dwelling-house, and the improved state of the premises.
St. Luke's School, Christ-church.	Sept. 18,	present 66,	Satisfactory.
St. Andrew's	" 19,	" 43,	Satisfactory.
St. Michael's	" 20 & 21,	" 158,	Very satisfactory.
St. Paul's	" Papanui	" 22,	" 52, Satisfactory.
Lincoln District,	" 25,	" 8,	Unsatisfactory.

Although the attainments of the children in the last named school, in biblical and secular knowledge, were not discreditable, yet the dissatisfaction of the parents on other grounds reduces the attendance, which will be much larger when the school is established on a more satisfactory footing. The out-door office is in a *disgraceful state*; the school is a mixed one. The master inhabits the school-room, which is also used as a place of worship.

Governor's Bay School, Sept. 26, present 8, Very satisfactory. Several children from Bays on the Lake Ellesmere side of the Peninsular, have acquired a very creditable degree of proficiency at this school. The standard of attainment is somewhat above the average. A very moderate charge has been made for boarders; the accommodation for them is inadequate.

The schools deserving more special commendation are in the order of merit:—

- St. Michael's school.
- Governor's Bay school.
- Leithfield school.
- St. Luke's school.
- St. Andrew's school.

The failure of a class in some elementary subject, in the other schools, has not been so glaring as to justify me in concluding that the general result was *not* satisfactory.

A quarterly course of inspection affords an opportunity of correcting defects before they have taken deep root, or become confirmed.

I have paid occasional visits to the schools in course of formation at Ferry-road and Avonside.

The details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(Quarter ending September, 1865.)

SUMMARY REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a tabular summary of the quarterly returns as to attendance and payment, and a schedule as to the efficiency of the schools examined, both for the quarter ending September 30.

It will be seen by the tabular summary that during the quarter the number of attendants in ordinary schools has been 1716, an increase of 62 upon the attendance in similar schools during the corresponding quarter of 1864.

The average attendance 1135, an increase of 85.

The amount of school fees £600 18s. 0d., an increase of £40 7s. 3d.

From the schedule as to efficiency, it will be seen that the number of schools examined has been 25, exclusive of visits to, or examinations of several schools not yet receiving aid from the Board.

The schools omitted were the Halswell school, closed for holidays at an unusual time, including the day appointed for examination; the Ashley Bank school, which I could not reach on account of heavy rain and a flood in the Ashley; the four schools in the Akaroa and Bays districts, for examination early in the ensuing quarter, and the Arowhenua school which I found, to use the Master's own words, to be "defunct," upon my arrival.

The number of children examined in ordinary schools aided by the Board was 1075.

The other schools visited or examined are in course of formation; they were

the Geraldine school, Christchurch Roman Catholic school, Ferry-road, and Avon-side schools; also the Educational District of Waimate.

In the summary Report for the month of September, I specified certain schools particularly deserving of commendatory notice, for satisfactory results ascertained during that month; the *Christchurch Wesleyan school*, examined in a different month, may be fairly ranked with them.

The schedule above referred to will indicate schools in which serious defects have

existed, without more special allusion to them.

I have much pleasure in stating that the schools generally are progressing satisfactorily.

The quarterly course of inspection, combined with great interest taken by Local Committees, should conduce to materially aid a superior staff of Masters in achieving the efficiency of their schools.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

1865.

QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER.

Tabular Summary of Quarterly Returns as to Attendance and Payment.

	List of Ordinary Schools.	Number of Attendants.	Average daily attendance.	Amount of School Fees.	The Chairman of each Local Committee.
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's ...	201	133	£ s. d. 69 1 6	The Ven. Archdeacon Jacobs.
2	„ Wesleyan	175	112	64 11 3	Rev. J. Buller.
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	56	33	15 3 0	Rev. C. Fraser.
4	„ St. Luke's	103	53	24 3 6	Ven. Archdeacon Jacobs.
5	Lyttelton, Church of England ...	87	64	36 9 0	Rev. F. Knowles.
6	„ Wesleyan	50	30	11 10 0	Rev. J. Crump.
7	Governor's Bay	9	7	15 15 0	Rev. R. R. Bradley.
8	Kaiapoi, Church of England... ..	47	33	17 6 6	Rev. W. W. Willock.
9	„ Wesleyan	59	32	19 2 0	Rev. W. Lee.
10	Woodend District School	64	50	25 17 0	Mr. T. Wilson.
11	Saltwater Creek „	26	17	10 17 0	Mr. N. Turner.
12	Leithfield „	22	16	10 14 0	Mr. J. H. Moore.
13	Ashley Bank „	25	19	11 7 0	Mr. P. Fawcett.
14	Rangiora „	72	52	24 5 0	Rev. B. W. Dudley.
15	Akaroa „	49	28	17 13 9	Mr. R. Rowe.
16	Pigeon Bay „	43	38	23 1 0	Mr. W. Stewart.
17	Duvauchelle's Bay „	19	10	5 0 0	Mr. G. H. Saxton.
18	Okain's Bay „	31	22	10 3 6	Mr. E. W. Harris.
19	Riccarton „	42	24	14 13 0	Rev. C. Bowen.
20	Prebbleton „	24	14	9 14 0	Mr. J. N. Tosswill.
21	Templeton „	24	15	10 2 0	Mr. W. B. Tosswill.
22	Lincoln „	17	9	7 15 0	Mr. J. G. Murray.
23	Upper Heathcote „	48	34	18 17 0	Mr. W. Piper.
24	Halswell „	24	21	8 0 0	Mr. W. G. Brittan.
25	Heathcote Valley „	50	40	18 0 9	Mr. G. Holmes.
26	Papanui, St. Paul's „	94	60	30 17 0	Rev. L. Moore, M.A.
27	„ Wesleyan „	27	22	5 1 6	Mr. J. Rees.
28	North Road „	21	17	10 6 0	Mr. J. Abbott.
29	Harewood Road „	39	18	12 0 0	Mr. T. Pavitt.
30	St. Alban's „	84	51	17 7 6	Mr. J. Peacock.
31	Timaru „	84	61	26 5 0	Rev. G. Foster.
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QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER.

Schedule as to the Efficiency of the Schools examined.

	List of Schools examined.	Date of Examination.	Number Present.	Site, Buildings, and Premises.	Books and Apparatus.	Organization and Discipline.	Knowledge of Bible.	Elementary Secular.	Ordinary Sec. Knowledge.	Remarks.
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's	Sep. 20 & 21	158	A	A	B	A	A	A	
2	„ Wesleyan ...	Aug. 9	107	A	A	A	A	A	B	
3	„ St. Andrew's...	Sep. 19	43	B	A	A	A	B	—	
4	„ St. Luke's...	„ 18	66	A	A	A	B	A	—	
5	Lyttelton, Church England...	„ 7	76	B	B	B	A	A	B	Rivalry between adjacent schools hinders teachers, whose control is weak, from insisting on essential regulations
6	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 7	32	B	B	B	A	B	—	
7	Governor's Bay	„ 26	8	C	A	A	A	A	A	Very small attendance.
8	Kaiapoi, Church England	„ 11	35	A	A	A	A	B	B	One school would be quite sufficient for the numbers here divided between the two.
9	„ Wesleyan	„ 11	32	C	B	A	A	A	—	
10	Woodend	„ 12	53	B	A	B	A	B	—	The school was below its usual average of proficiency.
11	Saltwater Creek	„ 14	13	B	A	B	A	A	—	Insufficient and inconvenient furniture.
12	Leithfield	„ 15	18	A	A	A	A	A	—	The school appeared to be a model of cleanliness and system.
13	Rangiora	„ 13	63	B	A	B	A	B	A	
14	Riccarton	July 31	26	B	A	B	C	A	B	
15	Prebbleton	„	17	B	B	B	A	A	—	
16	Templeton... ..	Aug. 3	14	A	A	B	A	B	B	
17	Lincoln	Sep. 25	8	C	B	B	A	A	—	The few in attendance did fairly, but a much larger attendance might be ensured by a good master.
18	Upper Heathcote	July 18	53	B	A	A	B	B	B	Steadily improving.
19	Heathcote Valley... ..	„ 20	36	B	B	B	A	C	B	The junior classes are making unusually slow progress. Want of system.
20	Papanui, St. Paul's	Sep. 22	52	A	A	A	A	B	B	Spelling and arithmetic less satisfactory than usually here.
21	„ Wesleyan	Aug. 10	23	A	B	B	B	B	B	Much improved.
22	North Road	„ 8	18	B	B	B	A	B	—	
23	Harewood Road	„ 3	21	B	B	B	A	A	—	
24	St. Alban's... ..	„ 11	53	B	C	C	A	B	B	
25	Timaru	„ 17	68	B	A	A	A	B	B	Desks not enough, and badly arranged. <i>No blinds.</i>
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N.B.—A, Satisfactory; B, Moderate; C, Not satisfactory.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE
MONTH.

(September 29th—October 26th, 1865.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a summary Report on the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month.

Six schools, including 122 children, have been examined.

Three Candidates for masterships have been examined.

Twenty-three schools have benefited by supplies from the Educational Depôt, to the amount of £34 13s. 11d.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED :—

Heathcote Valley school, Oct. 13, present 36,	Not satisfactory
Riccarton " " 17, " 23,	Much improved.
Prebleton " " 17, " 13,	Improving.
Harewood road " " 18, " 18,	Satisfactory.
Templeton " " 18, " 14,	Very moderate
North road " " 20, " 18,	Satisfactory.

OF THE CANDIDATES EXAMINED :—

Robert Ferguson, for Lincoln School—	Well qualified.
Richard Potts Pole, for any vacancy	Not qualified for much more than an assistant mastership.
Samuel Tonks, " "	

With regard to the Heathcote Valley school, there is a great want of good order, and of precision, especially in the conduct and attainments of the lower classes, who are very backward; they are an unusually long time in learning the very rudiments; there is also a low average of accuracy throughout the school in the earlier rules of arithmetic.

The Templeton school also appears to make slower progress than might be expected from a teacher having an undivided interest in his work: there is some display of ideal, but there is not much real and effective system: the school has now been long enough at work to have arrived at an ordinary standard of efficiency; but there are several children who have made little progress during a long time at school.

The details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE
MONTH.

(October 27—November 30, 1865.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a summary Report on the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month.

Twelve schools, including 576 children, have been examined.

Fourteen schools have benefited by supplies from the Educational Depôt, to the amount of £13 8s. 11d.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED :—

Christchurch Wesleyan School, Oct. 27, present 141,	Satisfactory
Papanui " " Nov. 6, " 23,	Improving.
Upper Heathcote " " 7, " 36,	Fair.
Halswell " " 7, " 20,	"
St. Albans " " 9, " 72,	Improving.
Pigeon bay " " 14, " 35,	Superior.
Duvauchelle bay " " 15, " 0,	Unsatisfac-
	[tory,
Akaroa " " 15, " 41,	Very satis-
	factory. The unambitious programme, and the very thorough manner in which the elementary work is being done, go far to make a new and good character for the school. The method and order are remarkably good. The accuracy in diction, spelling, punctuation, tables, and elementary knowledge, generally, is above the average. The master is not usually enthroned at his desk, but actively engaged about the room.
Okain bay School, Nov. 10, present 26,	Satisfactory.
Christchurch Roman " " 21, " 91,	New school.
Catholic " " " "	(See special Report)
Lyttelton Wesleyan " " 28, " 36,	Much impro-
	[ved.
" Church Eng., " 28, " 55,	"

NOTE.—The premises of both the two last named schools are unfenced, and too much exposed; those of the Wesleyan school are in a very dirty and unwholesome state. The building is in a precarious state at the Church of England School; the result of building, without consulting educational authorities, is an unsafe and unsuitable room. In other respects this costly erection is lofty, well-aired and lighted, and wholesome.

NEGLECTED EDUCATION IN LYTTELTON.

There was in the alphabet class of the Lyttelton Wesleyan school, a boy 15 years of age; he had been about six years in Canterbury, had forgotten anything he may previously have learnt; he had been most of his time at work; even now, not his parents, but his employer sends him to school.

The master informs me that he can, from the Sunday school, instance several other cases of similar neglect.

Such children are found in the Sunday school, which costs nothing, and does not lessen the childrens' earnings.

I am glad to say that, in this instance, the boy knew the more important outline of Scriptural truth.

Special Report on the Duvauchelle Bay school.

The school had been dismissed by the master on the Monday previous to the Wednesday fixed for the inspection.

There had been an interruption of the school during the previous week. I am informed that the master was at this time in a state that unfitted him for his duties. I need not now enter into particulars, as I believe the matter is under correspondence between the Board and the Local Committee.

I was unable to find any evidence that the school had been efficiently conducted during the current quarter; indeed, whatever I could ascertain led me to form a contrary opinion.

Special Report on the Roman Catholic schools in Barbadoes-street, Christchurch, visited together with the Chairman of the Board, November 21, 1865.

(Present 91 children.)

1. SITE.—The site is sufficiently central and accessible, adjoining the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

2. BUILDINGS.—A large and well-finished school-room, with class and other rooms adjoining.

3. PREMISES.—Satisfactory.

4. BOOKS, APPARATUS, &c.—A good supply of books is kept up by continual recourse to the Educational Depôt; apparatus sufficient for present purposes. The flat tables used instead of desks, have a somewhat cumbersome appearance.

5. ORGANIZATION AND DISCIPLINE.—The children are remarkably clean and neat, and are well behaved, although the arrangement of the classes is not that most conducive to the maintenance of quiet and of good order. A superior Master, and an assistant Mistress are constantly employed; they appear to be thoroughly earnest and faithful in their work.

6, 7, 8. The attainments of the children, though quite elementary at present, are creditable for the short time that so large a school has been assembled.

Further details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH,
(December 1—28.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a summary Report on the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month.

Twelve schools including 694 children, have been examined.

Eight schools have benefited by supplies from the Educational Depôt, to the amount of £3 13s 4d.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Avonside.....	School, Dec. 1, present 51, New School,	(special report.)
Kaipoi Ch. Eng.	" " 4, " 45, Satisfactory.	
Kaipoi Wesleyan	" " 4, " 51,	
Woodend	" " 5, " 45, The junior classes less satisfactory than usually.	
Saltwater Creek	" " 5, " 17, Very creditable.	
Leithfield	" " 6, " 20, Satisfactory.	
Ashley Bank	" " 7, " 23, A falling off, (supplementary report.)	
Rangiora	" " 8, " 51, Satisfactory.	
St. Luke's	" " 11, " 84,	
St. Michael's	" " 13, " 200,	
The buildings inadequate for so many.		

St. Andrew's school, Dec. 12, present 32, very creditable. A very good school, quite of its own kind, attended chiefly by a superior class of girls. The school-room and the children thoroughly clean and neat, and in excellent order.

St. Paul's school, Papanui, Dec. 14, present 75, generally satisfactory. The knowledge of the Bible was however *very moderate*; the attainments in that subject being chiefly due to the Sunday school; not sufficient attention being paid to it during the week; also, as I have before observed, the division of labour is unequal; with a separate classroom a pupil-teacher is wanted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Special Report on the Avonside school, visited this day (December 1, 1865), with the Chairman of the Board.

(Present 51 children.)

1. SITE.—The site is convenient, sufficiently central, &c.

2. BUILDINGS.—A newly-built room 14 x 28, not adequate for more than the present attendance; without chimney, or other provision for warming; will be too cold in winter—separate closets under one roof, for boys and girls.

3. PREMISES.—Partly fenced; a separate yard for girls, or palings separating the approaches to closets, is requisite.

4. BOOKS, APPARATUS, &C.—Too mixed an assortment of books; a moderate supply of apparatus.

5. ORGANIZATION, DISCIPLINE, TONE.—The children are clean and tolerably orderly, the arrangement is adapted to the room, but not otherwise suitable. Classification not well defined; the master himself does not see enough of the junior classes, which are taught by his wife in the afternoon. A time table is wanted.

6 and 7. BIBLICAL AND ELEMENTARY KNOWLEDGE.—Very moderate at present.

The details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(December 21, 1865.)

(*Supplementary Report on the Ashley Bank school.*)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—It is my painful duty to report a falling off in the progress and attainments of the Ashley Bank school.

The master of this school commenced his work with commendable zeal and energy; and a steady, as well as somewhat rapid progress of the school children was the consequence; but I have lately regretted to observe not only that little progress has been made, but also that there has been a marked falling-off in the attainments of the children. This has already affected the increasing attendance, and threatens to do so in one, or more instances.

In the quarter ending June, I observed that the school was not up to its usual standard of proficiency; but this was explained to be due to the interruptions on account of harvest and sickness.

The school was not examined in the September quarter.

In the recent examination in the December quarter, instead of finding that greater proportionable progress had been made, I

found that the same children whom I had examined in the June quarter had made little, if any progress. In some *memoriter* subjects they did about as well as before—they recollected what they had learnt. Their Bible knowledge and arithmetical tables were fair, or even creditable; but in spelling, punctuation, accent, reading, and generally in those subjects which more plainly evidence the pains taken by the teacher, they did not do nearly so well as might have been expected. The writing had fallen off, some of it was *disgraceful*.

Some little ones who had been about two years in the school knew little more than their alphabet.

The use of monitors is at all times objectionable, and quite unnecessary in so small a school; but the master appears to have adopted this subterfuge.

Upon enquiring of the Local Committee, the two members whom I was able to consult, stated that they were not satisfied with the present state of efficiency in the school. They think the master competent, and will be satisfied if they can secure from him due attention to his pupils.

It appears that there has been some laxity, if not downright negligence of duties; there has been too great a freedom in the giving of holidays, in which matter the master affects some independence of the Local Committee.

In other matters also the master appears to take the initiative out of the hands of the Local Committee; as in the promotion of school feasts, public examinations and prizes; and as to the occasional use of the school-room.

One objection to this course is that it is apt to have an undue *effect* upon the parents and children, and to condone negligence for a time, by fostering a little excitement, and a passing popularity.

There is another matter in which I would prefer to be reticent; because I feel that *some* recognition or promotion is desirable for faithful school masters; but I refer to an experiment of whose injurious working I have had frequent experience. The master, lifted up by an offer of ordination, has readily donned a clerical garb and an importance which renders him less likely to be sub-ordinate to his School Committee.

In conclusion, I again respectfully submit

that, so far as I could ascertain, the Committee do not desire the removal of the master; but, possibly, of the influences which have disturbed the efficient discharge of his duties.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(Quarter ending December, 1865.)

SUMMARY REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a tabular summary of the quarterly returns as to attendance and payment, and a schedule as to the efficiency of the schools examined, both for the quarter ending December, 1865.

An abstract of the teachers' annual returns as to attendance and school fees, is also annexed.

It will be seen from the tabular summary that during the quarter the number of attendants has been 2080, an increase of 272 upon the corresponding quarter of 1864.

The average daily attendance 1899, an increase of 179.

The amount of school fees £735 11s. 10d., an increase of £110 12s. 1d.

From the abstract of the teacher's annual returns, it will be seen that the gross number of attendants for 1865, amounts to 3054; an increase of 356 upon the former year.

The average daily attendance for 1865 has been 1317, (a less average than that for the December quarter, that in which efficient schools usually attain their highest averages,) but an increase of 187 on the year 1864.

The amount of school fees for the year 1865 has been £2432 13s., an increase of £222 17s. 10d. on the year 1864.

It will be seen from the schedule as to efficiency, that the number of schools examined during the quarter has been 30; the number of children attending these examinations amounting to 1382.

The highest marks assigned for efficiency, have been to the following schools:—

Pigeon Bay Academy.
St. Michael's school, Christchurch.
Rangiora school.
Akaroa school.

Leithfield school.
Christchurch Wesleyan school.
St. Luke's school.
Lyttelton Church of England school.
St. Andrew's school, Christchurch.

The lowest marks, to certain schools, which have already been the subject of special report.

The efficiency has been estimated much more with reference to the steady and equable progress throughout the schools, than with reference to the attainments of the children in the higher classes of them.

The following children are commended for good conduct and diligence during the year, and in some instances for their attention to, or attainments in a particular subject:—

Pigeon Bay Academy.—Marjory Buchanan, Marion Hay.

St. Michael's school, Christchurch.—James Milsom, Emily Feather, Ernest Lowther.

Rangiora school.—Edward Deacon, George Merton.

Akaroa school.—Rebecca Newton, Catherine Pigeon, also for regularity of attendance, Richard Rowe.

Leithfield school.—Edward Rowland, Eliza M. Moore.

Wesleyan school, Christchurch.—Thomas Ambrose, Thomas Jamieson, Mary Hudson.

St. Luke's school, Christchurch.—Jane Young, Robert Ball.

Lyttelton Church of England school.—John Carell, John R. Willcox.

St. Andrew's school, Christchurch.—Elizabeth Allen.

Papanui St. Paul's school.—Jane Jennings, Elizabeth Payne, Bible knowledge; Robert Triggs, Mary Jennings.

Saltwater Creek school.—Agnes Dodd, William Scott, and for regular attendance.

Woodend school.—Elizabeth Wooding, Thomas Booth.

Upper Heathcote school.—William Harrington.

Okain Bay school.—William Moore, Robert Thacker, arithmetic.

I have much satisfaction in observing that several schools which were brought under the salutary notice of the Board are now making fair progress; and that on the whole the schools are in a fair state of efficiency.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

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QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER.

Tabular Summary of Quarterly Returns as to Attendance and Payment.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.	Average daily attendance.	Amount of School Fees.	Chairmen of Local Committees.
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's ...	240	144	£ s. d. 82 13 6	Ven. Archdeacon Jacobs.
2	„ Wesleyan	192	130	73 16 6	Rev. James Buller.
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	48	35	20 4 0	Rev. C. Fraser.
4	„ St. Luke's	124	71	37 1 0	Ven. Archdeacon Jacobs.
5	„ Roman Catholic ...	120	76	40 0 0	Father Chataigner.
6	„ Avonside	86	51	28 7 6	Rev. — Bagshaw.
7	Lyttelton, Church of England...	86	54	30 5 0	Rev. F. Knowles.
8	„ Wesleyan	49	29	9 10 6	Rev. J. Crump.
9	Governor's Bay District	9	6	15 15 0	Rev. R. R. Bradley.
10	Kaiapoi, Church of England... ..	57	42	19 6 6	Rev. W. W. Willock.
11	„ Wesleyan	66	42	23 11 0	Rev. W. Lee.
12	Woodend District School	68	48	24 19 0	Mr. T. Wilson.
13	Saltwater Creek „	23	17	9 1 10	Mr. N. Turner.
14	Leithfield „	23	16	10 8 0	Mr. J. H. Moore.
15	Ashley Bank „	25	18	9 12 0	Mr. P. Fawcett.
16	Rangiora „	81	63	27 1 6	Rev. B. W. Dudley.
17	Akaroa „	52	39	20 4 0	Mr. Rowe.
18	Pigeon Bay „	41	35	22 16 0	Mr. J. Hemingway.
19	Duvauchelle Bay „	23	16	4 10 6	Mr. F. Vanstone.
20	Okain Bay „	33	27	11 17 6	Mr. E. W. Harris.
21	Riccarton „	62	35	21 15 6	Rev. C. Bowen.
22	Prebbleton „	28	16	10 18 0	Mr. J. N. Tosswill.
23	Templeton „	26	16	10 3 0	Mr. W. B. Tosswill.
24	Lincoln „	23	15	8 6 0	Mr. J. G. Murray.
25	Upper Heathcote „	45	28	19 10 0	—
26	Halswell „	25	21	12 4 0	Mr. W. G. Brittan.
27	Heathcote Valley „	50	41	17 3 0	Mr. G. Holmes.
28	Papanui, St. Paul's „	104	69	31 10 6	Rev. L. Moore.
29	„ Wesleyan „	28	23	6 6 0	Mr. J. Reese.
30	North Road „	22	18	11 9 0	Mr. T. Pavitt.
31	Harewood „	32	19	10 11 6	Mr. J. Abbott.
32	St. Alban's „	98	71	24 0 6	Mr. J. T. Peacock.
33	Timaru „	91	68	30 14 0	Rev. G. Foster.
		2080	1399	735 11 10	

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Abstract of Teachers' Annual Returns for 1865.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants during the year.	Average daily attendance during 1865.	Gross Amounts of School Fees.			Remarks.
				£	s.	d.	
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's ...	429	133	293	13	6	
2	„ Wesleyan	269	113	217	12	8	
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	105	32	76	18	0	
4	„ St. Luke's	183	61	116	8	6	
5	„ Roman Catholic ...	120	76	40	0	0	For one quarter.
6	„ Avonside... ..	86	51	28	7	6	For one quarter.
7	Lyttelton, Church of England ...	148	56	126	1	6	
8	„ Wesleyan	109	31	42	5	10	
9	Governor's Bay	19	8	68	4	0	
10	Kaipoi, Church of England ..	70	38	70	15	0	
11	„ Wesleyan	97	32	77	18	6	
12	Woodend District School	88	48	99	7	0	
13	Saltwater Creek „	27	17	31	1	10	
14	Leithfield „	33	15	36	16	0	
15	Ashley Bank „	29	16	34	17	0	
16	Rangiora „	124	57	96	4	0	
17	Akaroa „	80	31	69	11	6	
18	Pigeon Bay „	48	37	76	13	0	
19	Duvauchelle Bay „	41	17	31	2	6	
20	Okain Bay „	50	24	43	8	0	
21	Riccarton „	83	27	63	10	6	
22	Prebbleton „	38	12	31	14	0	
23	Templeton „	16	13	34	7	0	
24	Lincoln „	28	11	29	11	0	
25	Upper Heathcote „	63	28	62	8	0	
26	Halswell „	38	20	37	7	0	
27	Heathcote Valley „	69	40	72	11	9	
28	Lower Heathcote „	32	21	14	5	0	For one quarter.
29	Papanui, St. Paul's „	133	57	103	9	0	
30	„ Wesleyan „	35	26	23	10	6	
31	North Road „	27	17	38	6	0	
32	Harewood Road „	45	22	37	4	6	
33	St. Alban's „	146	60	76	15	11	
24	Timaru „	131	62	113	18	0	
35	Arowhenua „	15	8	11	4	0	For two quarters.
		3054	1317	2432	13	0	

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QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31.

Schedule as to Efficiency.

	List of Schools examined.	Date Examination.	Number Present.	Site, Buildings, and Premises.	Books and Apparatus.	Organization and Discipline.	Knowledge of Bible.	Elementary Secular.	Ordinary Secular.	Remarks.
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's	Dec. 13	200	A	A	B	A	A	A	Attendance too large for the space; assistant teachers wanted.
2	" Wesleyan ...	Oct. 27	141	A	A	A	A	A	B	Steadily improving.
3	" St. Andrew's...	Dec. 12	32	B	A	A	A	A	—	Remarkable cleanliness and order.
4	" St. Luke's ...	" 11	84	A	A	A	A	A	B	Steadily improving.
5	" Rom. Catholic	Nov. 21	91	A	A	—	—	—	—	New school; superior buildings.
6	" Avonside ...	Dec. 1	51	B	A	—	—	—	—	New school.
7	Lyttelton, Church England...	Nov. 28	55	B	B	B	A	A	A	Lofty buildings, much exposed, dangerous. Fair progress.
8	" Wesleyan ...	" 28	36	A	A	B	A	A	—	Improving.
9	Kaiapoi, Church England ...	Dec. 4	45	B	A	A	A	B	A	Buildings and property have suffered from floods since the examination.
10	" Wesleyan	" 4	51	B	A	A	A	A	—	
11	Woodend District School ...	" 5	45	B	A	B	A	C	A	The junior classes did badly.
12	Saltwater Creek " ...	" 5	17	A	A	A	A	A	—	Much improved.
13	Leithfield "	" 6	20	A	A	A	A	A	A	
14	Ashley Bank "	" 7	23	A	A	B	A	C	—	Falling off.
15	Rangiora "	" 8	51	A	A	A	A	A	A	
16	Akaroa "	Nov. 15	41	B	A	A	A	A	A	The indefatigable energy of the present master has done much to retrieve the character of the school.
17	Pigeon Bay "	" 14	35	B	A	A	A	A	A	A superior course well kept up.
18	Duvauchelle Bay " ...	" 15	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	School closed, having failed under present master.
19	Okain Bay "	" 16	26	B	A	A	A	A	B	
20	Riccarton "	Oct. 17 wet day.	23	B	A	A	A	A	—	Much improved.
21	Prebbleton "	Oct. 17	13	B	A	B	A	A	—	
22	Templeton "	" 18	14	A	A	B	A	C	B	
23	Upper Heathcote "	Nov. 7	36	B	A	A	A	A	—	
24	Halswell "	" 7	20	A	A	A	A	A	—	
25	Heathcote Valley "	Oct. 13	36	C	C	C	A	C	—	The site and premises are in a neglected state; the progress of the children not satisfactory.
26	Papanui, St. Paul's " ...	Dec. 14	75	A	A	B	C	A	A	Not enough time and attention given to study of the Bible.
27	" Wesleyan "	Nov. 6	23	A	A	B	B	A	—	Improving.
28	North Road "	" 20	18	B	B	B	A	A	—	
29	Harewood Road "	" 18	18	B	B	B	A	A	—	
30	St. Alban's "	Dec. 9	62	B	A	B	A	A	B	Improving.
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INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(December 29, 1865—January 25, 1866.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a summary Report on the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month.

The recent holidays, occupying in some instances the greater part of January, have rendered it unadvisable to examine many schools; consequently only a few of those most likely to be affected by either the harvest or harvest holidays have been examined, viz., three schools, including 86 children.

The quarterly and annual returns have been collected and reports prepared.

A routine of examinations for the current quarter has been arranged, subject to the approval of the Board.

Four Candidates for appointments have been examined—

William Edward Norriss, for the lower Heathcote School...
[Well qualified.]
John Taylor, for the Duvauchelle Bay School
Charles Trevatt, for the Oxford School... Qualified
A. B. Travers, for an Elementary School...
As per certificate of 17th & 18th instant.

Twenty schools have benefited by supplies from the Educational Depôt, to the amount of £12 2s.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Templeton School, January 23, present 11, Not satisfactory.
Prebbleton " " 23, " 20, Very creditable.
Lincoln " " 24, (very wet) present 5, Improving.

In the Templeton school the arrangements appear to be injudicious; the time does not seem to be fairly divided between the classes; the master has evidently paid much attention to the history, geography, and grammar of the first or highest class, and has been teaching Latin to one boy, who is very deficient in every English subject, except Bible knowledge.

The Bible knowledge of the first class is good; below that next to nothing. (*None of the children in the lowest classes were present.*)

In elementary secular knowledge, the children below the first class are very disproportionately backward.

In ordinary secular knowledge, the reading is bad, it is the glib and slovenly reading of children, whose errors are not corrected.

The spelling good.

Writing—The copy-books are not creditable; where it is well taught, the writing of the elder boys resembles that of the master; here there is a variety of "hands."

Arithmetic, a very moderate degree of proficiency. The first class in the above subject is composed, with one exception, of children from several other schools; I think they would have made better progress at their former schools.

NOTES—1. Very low attendance compared with that of Prebbleton School, examined on the same day.

2. *Regularity and amount of attendance are some evidence of the local estimation of a school.*

In the Prebbleton School the children were well grounded in elementary knowledge. The copy-books were neat and creditable.

In the Lincoln School the attendance was very reduced, owing to the heavy rain. The school is in a much more satisfactory state under the new teacher.

The details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(January 26—February 21, 1866.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a summary Report on the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month.

Twelve schools have been examined; including in all 543 children.

Twenty-six schools &c., have benefited by supplies from the Depôt to the amount of £19 15s. 4d.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Upper Heathcote School, Jan. 26, present 23, Satisfactory.
Halswell " " 26, " 8, "
St. Alban's " " 29, " 82, "
Papanui Wesleyan " " 30, " 23, Tolerable.
Heathcote Valley " " 31, " 29, Very moderate
Christchurch Wesleyan. " Feb. 6, " 134, Satisfactory.
Roman Catholic " " 7, " 91, "
Avonside " " 8, " 47, Moderate.
Okain Bay " " 14, " 25, Very creditable.
Akaroa " " 16, " 35, Satisfactory.
Pigeon Bay " " 20, " 23, Superior.
Duvauchelle Bay " " 19, " 12, Recommencing this day under a new teacher.

The details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(February 23—March 29, 1866.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED,
Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a summary Report on the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month.

Sixteen schools, including 717 children, have been examined.

Sixteen schools have benefited by supplies from the Educational Depôt to the amount of £16 18s. 2d.

The prizes awarded by the Board have been distributed.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Lower Heathcote school, February 23, present 27—New school.

Lyttelton Wesleyan school, February 26, present 41—Improved.

Lyttelton Church of England school, February 27, present 53—Satisfactory, except as to lower classes.

The alphabet class is one-fourth of the whole school.

N.B. The building appears to be unsafe.

Governor's Bay school, February 28, present 11—Very creditable.

St. Luke's school, March 1, present 82—Satisfactory.

St. Andrew's school, March 6, present 30—Satisfactory. The exemplary neatness, cleanliness, and good order, are very commendable.

St. Michael's school, March 7 and 8, present 180—Satisfactory. There is not room

for the present numbers; there are children enough for separate girls' and infants' schools.

St. Paul's school, Papanui, March 9, present 71—Satisfactory.

Ashley Bank school, March 12, present 12—Improved since last examination, but unsatisfactory on account of the very small attendance, and alleged dissatisfaction of parents.

Oxford school, March 13, present 20—The buildings in want of repair; no proper out-door offices: the organization imperfect at present, both as to requisites for use, and the classification of children. The master earnest and painstaking.

Rangiora school, March 14, present 42—Satisfactory, except as to the spelling of the second class.

Kaiapoi Wesleyan school, March 19, present 30—Satisfactory. NOTE.—There is some rivalry between this and the neighbouring school.

Kaiapoi Church of England school, March 20, present 45—Satisfactory for the most part; the arithmetic was remarkable for accuracy: want of books in a junior class seemed to have hindered their progress in reading and spelling.

Woodend school, March 21, present 38—Satisfactory on the whole; but although the upper classes did remarkably well, yet the lower classes did disproportionably badly; better, however, than at the former examination.

Saltwater Creek school, March 21, present 13—Very satisfactory progress so far in elementary knowledge; great pains taken, Bible knowledge good, spelling good, neat figures, careful writing.

Leithfield school, March 23, present 23—Satisfactory.

The details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

APPENDIX B.

List of Scholars to whom Prizes have been Awarded by the Board.

Marjory Buchanan	...	...	...	Pigeon Bay school.
Marion Hay	...	...	...	" " "
James Milsom	...	...	...	St. Michael's school, Christchurch.
Ernest Lowther	...	...	...	" " "
Jane Jennings	...	...	...	St. Paul's school, Papanui.
Mary Jennings	...	...	...	" " "
Elizabeth Payne	...	...	...	" " "
Robert Triggs	...	...	...	" " "
Elizabeth Allen	...	...	...	St. Andrew's school, Christchurch.
John Carrell	...	...	...	Lyttelton Church of England school.
Edward Deacon	...	...	...	Rangiora school.
George Merton	...	...	...	" "
William Harrington	...	...	...	Upper Heathcote school.
Thomas Ambrose	...	...	...	Christchurch Wesleyan school.
Thomas Jamieson	...	...	...	" " "
Elizabeth Wooding	...	...	...	Woodend school.
Richard Rowe	...	...	...	Akaroa school.
Rebecca Newton	...	...	...	" "
Edward Rowland	...	...	...	Leithfield school.
Eliza Moore	" "
Agnes Dodd	Saltwater Creek school.
William Moore	Okain Bay school.

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