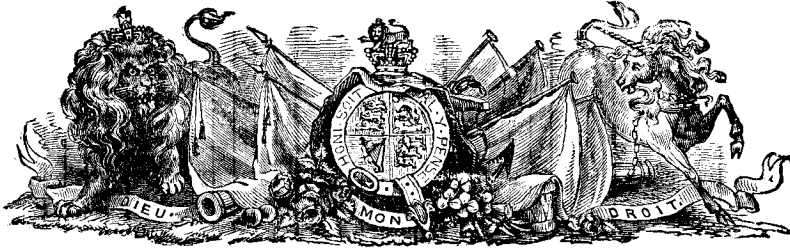


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By His Honor's Command,

F. E. STEWART,
Provincial Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1867.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1867.

TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

SIR,

The Board of Education has the honour to present its Annual Report for the year 1866-7, according to the terms of the "Education Ordinance, 1864."

The periodical reports of the Inspector of Schools will be found in the Appendix to this Report, and the Board is of opinion that they give evidence, upon the whole, of an advance in the efficiency of the Schools. The defects pointed out in these reports have been to a considerable extent remedied. In one case alone, that of the Heathcote Valley School, the Board found itself compelled to exercise its power of withdrawing a part of the annual grant. The repeated warnings given by the Board having failed to produce any effect, no alternative remained. The inefficiency of this School was partly owing to a want of proper supervision on the part of the Local Committee, and partly to the remissness and unskilful management of the Master. The Local Committee has since been completely reorganised, and a new Master appointed, the result being that the work of the School is now performed in a much more satisfactory manner.

The Board refers to this circumstance for the purpose of pointing out the great advantage of a proper organisation of the Local Committees, and the valuable assistance which these bodies are capable of rendering in cases where they show an interest in the supervision of the Schools, and evince a desire to correct any defects which may exist.

The system originally sketched out by the Education Commission has now become so far established, and the principles upon which it is conducted are so generally familiar to persons interested in the Schools that the unforeseen emergencies which were formerly of constant occurrence no longer, or at least very rarely, arise. So long as the plan was imperfectly understood, and the machinery, whereby it was to be carried into effect, not yet created, it was necessary that a large discretionary power should be conferred upon the Officer in charge of the Department, in order to enable him to deal with pressing cases as they arose. The Chairman of the Board was appointed to discharge these duties temporarily; so soon, however, as the work of the office came to be conducted according to permanent rules, this discretionary power was no longer required, and, under the sanction of the Provincial Council, a Secretary to the Board was appointed, whose duty it is to discharge those functions which had previously been performed by the Chairman.

Since the date of the last Report six new Schools have been established—the Eyreton, Fernside, Waimate, Courtney, Rangiora Girls', and Little Akaloa Schools.

The total amount spent in the erection of the respective School buildings has been as follows:—

Eyreton	...	...	...	... £400
Fernside	...	...	...	... 400
Waimate	...	...	...	... 460
Courtney	...	...	...	... 280

Of the above sum of £400 expended on the erection of the Eyreton School buildings, the sum of £300 was granted by the Board, to meet £100 contributed by the inhabitants.

In the case of the Fernside School, a like sum of £300 was granted by the Board, the inhabitants contributing a further sum of £100, partly in labour and materials.

At Waimate, the inhabitants having contributed £115, the Board made a grant of the balance, namely, £345.

In the Courtney District, the inhabitants having contributed £70, the Board made a grant of £210.

All these buildings have been examined, and found suitable for the purposes of Schools.

The two remaining Schools, the Rangiora Girls' School, and the Little Akaloa School, are aided by means of a special grant of £2 for every Scholar in average attendance under Clause 43 of the Ordinance.

A meeting of the owners and occupiers of land and householders in the Cust District has been held, at which the Chairman of the Board was present; but as the Board has not, up to the present date, been informed of the amount to be raised by the inhabitants, it has fixed on no definite sum as its contribution to the expenses of the erection of School buildings.

On the 19th of March, a meeting of a similar nature was held at Leeston, and another at the Mount Grey Downs on the 26th, attended also by the Chairman of the Board, with a view on the part of the promoters of forming the respective districts into Educational Districts; it may therefore be anticipated that Schools will be established shortly in these localities.

The School House at Leithfield having been rendered useless on account of the damage done to it by a severe gale on April 28, 1866, the Board, considering the importance of maintaining the School in a state of efficiency, made a special grant out of the vote for contingencies of £65, for the purpose of thoroughly repairing it.

At Okain's Bay both the Teacher's Residence and the School House being out of repair, the Board, in consideration of the satisfactory state of the School, agreed to pay the cost of the labour of reshingling and refitting the buildings, provided that the inhabitants supplied the materials. This proposal having been accepted by the residents, the work has since been completed.

Up to last May the premises of the North Road School were entirely without water. The Board learning that an artesian well could be sunk for a comparatively small sum, and considering the work as one of imperative necessity, expended the sum of £16 in this undertaking.

At Pigeon Bay the School Room has been enlarged by means of a grant to the amount of £20, the residents in that district having for some time been desirous that the School should be provided with ampler accommodation for the pupils, the daily attendance of whom had considerably increased.

STATISTICS.

The number of Schools, both superior and ordinary, actually in receipt of aid from the Board is 43.

The whole number of children on the books of the different Ordinary Schools during the year 1866, was 3521, being an increase of 467 on the year 1865. The average attendance was 1549; that of 1865 being 1317.

The number of attendants at such Schools during the December quarter, 1866, was 2372, being an increase of 292 on the December quarter of 1865.

The number of children in average attendance during the December quarter of 1866, was 1632, being an increase of 233 on the average attendance of the same quarter of the preceding year.

The amount of school fees received during the year 1866, was £3077 17s., being an increase of £645 4s. on the amount received during the previous year.

The total Expenditure on account of Education during the year 1866, including, besides the grants made by the Board, the school fees and money raised by private subscription, amounts to a gross total of £10,227 13s. 7d., of which the school fees amounted to £3077 17s., and the private subscriptions on account of Building Funds and other expenses attending the establishment of New Schools to £397 9s. 4.

Thus the sums paid out of the Provincial Treasury amount to a total of £6752 7s. 3d.; of this £750 was expended on the maintenance of the Superior Schools, and £73 17s. on account of scholarships, or a total of £823 17s. not chargeable to the maintenance of the ordinary District Schools. The balance amounting to £5928 10s. 3d. was expended in grants in aid for the maintenance of Ordinary Schools in contingencies, in providing for the expenses of the department, and in establishing New Schools.

This expenditure is distributed as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Maintenance of Ordinary Schools	3519	1	8
Expenses of Department	716	5	7
Contingencies	159	3	0
Establishing New Schools	1534	0	0
	<u>5928</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>

If to this sum be added the sum of £3077 17s., the amount of fees received, and the sum of £397 9s. 4d.—contributions to Building Funds—it appears that the total expenditure on Ordinary Schools, including the expenses of the department, amount during the year to £9403 7s. 3d.

The number of children in average attendance being 1549; the average cost per child amounts to £6 1s. 5d.

The sum of £5928 10s. 3d. expended out of the grant as above mentioned, gives an average cost per child to the Government of £3 16s. 6d.

Comparing this expenditure with that of the year 1865, it appears that the whole cost on account of Ordinary Schools, including expenses of department, contingencies, and the erection of buildings, was, during the latter year, £7930 10s. 6d. for 1317 children in average attendance, or at the rate of £6 0s. 5d. per child; of the above total a sum of £5013 1s. 1d. was defrayed by the Province, or at the rate of £3 16s. 1d. per child.

Thus the average cost per child for the year 1866 would appear greater than that for the year 1865 by the sum of five-pence. This increase, however, is only apparent, being

due to the increase on account of the erection of new buildings. This item amounted in 1865 to £1153 4s. for 1317 children, or at the rate of 17s. 6d. per child; while in 1866 the expenditure for this purpose was £1534, or at the rate of 19s. 9d. per child.

Thus, if the cost of erecting buildings be left out of the account in both years, it will appear that the current expenditure was greater during the year 1865 than during 1866. The average cost per child being in the former year £2 18s 7d., and in the latter £2 16s. 9d. So far as regards the expenditure on the actual maintenance of the schools it appears that the rate per child during 1866 was slightly in excess of that for the previous year. In 1865 this item amounted to £2930 5s. for 1317 children, or at the rate of £2 4s. 6d. per child. In 1866 it was £3519 1s. 8d. for 1549 children, or at the rate of £2 5s. 5d., being an increase of 11d. per child. This is to be accounted for in the following manner: the new Schools established in 1865, having come into operation towards the close of the year, received grants, with one exception only, for one quarter of that period; while the children attending them were included in the total for the year. The effect of this of course was to make the expenditure appear less in proportion to the number of children. On the other hand these schools on which only one quarter's expenditure had been incurred during 1865, received during 1866 the grant for the whole year, and, in addition to this, the schools established during 1866 began to receive aid at a much earlier period of the year; the result being that the expense of their maintenance extended over a longer time than that incurred on account of the schools established in the year 1865.

It is necessary to bring to your Honor's notice the fact that the annual grant of £750 on account of the Superior Schools, namely Christ's College Grammar School, the High School, Christchurch, and the High School, Lyttelton, will, after the 30th June of the present year be no longer payable under the terms of the Ordinance.

The constitution of these institutions and the system of management adopted in them, as well as the subjects taught, have the effect of impressing upon them a character totally distinct from that of the ordinary District Schools in connection with the Board. The machinery at the disposal of the Board, though well adapted for controlling and supervising the latter, is ineffective when applied to the Superior Schools.

For this reason the Board ventures to suggest in case the Government should see fit to propose a vote in aid of these Schools, that some arrangement for the supervision and control of them should be made, different from the present, and better suited to the circumstances of the case.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

THE introduction of Scholarships as a regular feature in the Educational system of the Province has been as successful in this instance as such institutions have invariably been found to be when thrown open to public competition, and still more satisfactory results may be anticipated when the increased powers given to the Board by the Provincial Council, both for the extension of the term of the present Scholarships, and for the foundation of new ones, is taken into consideration.

The Scholarships in 1866 were six in number, of the value of £40 each. Two of these were open to all boys below twelve years of age attending school in the Province, whether public or private.

The remaining four were open only to boys below eleven years of age attending District Schools aided by the Board.

The candidates had to undergo a preliminary examination with the view of ascertaining how far they were qualified to compete.

The subjects in which the candidates were examined were as follows:—

1. For the two Open Scholarships.

Classics.

Mathematics.

History, sacred and profane.

Geography.

English Composition.

2. For the four Scholarships to be competed for only by boys attending District Schools aided by the Board.

- Reading and spelling.
- Writing, large text and small hands.
- Arithmetic, as far as compound rules and reduction.
- English grammar.
- English composition.
- History, sacred and profane.
- Geography.

The number of candidates for the preliminary examination for the two open Scholarships was eight, namely, three from Christ's College Grammar School, two from Christchurch High School, and three who had been educated under private tuition. For the four Scholarships, to be competed for only by boys attending District Schools aided by the Board, twenty-two candidates declared their wish to enter, namely:—

- One from St. Michael's School.
- One „ St. Luke's School.
- Four „ Christchurch Wesleyan School.
- One „ the Roman Catholic School.
- One „ Ashley Bank School.
- Two „ Woodend School.
- One „ Rangiora School.
- Six „ Papanui School.
- Two „ Lyttelton Church School.
- One „ Upper Heathcote School.
- Two „ Halswell School.

Of these, four were considered by the Board as disqualified from competing in the final examination, two from the fact of their being above the specified age, and two from their papers not showing sufficient proficiency in the subjects required.

The candidates, being thus reduced to eighteen, were examined in the Town Hall.

The examination for the Open Scholarships took place in the Library of the Provincial Council.

The result of the examination was as follows:—

The two Open Scholarships were awarded to—

1. Arthur W. E. Stiffe, Christ's College Grammar School.
2. Henry Cotterill, „ „ „ „

The four other Scholarships to—

1. George Merton, Rangiora School.
2. James Reeve Wilkinson, Halswell School.
3. Thomas Walter Wilkinson, Halswell School.
4. John Jones, Christchurch Wesleyan School.

The Board also awarded a prize of books to James Atack of the High School, Christchurch, and to R. Houlihan of the Roman Catholic School, Christchurch, for the very creditable manner in which they passed the examination.

EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS.

The Inspector has, with few exceptions, visited each of the Ordinary Schools receiving aid from the Board once every quarter.

He has reported very favorably on the attainments of the scholars, and the zeal of the several masters.

The tendency of the masters to devote themselves too exclusively to the improvement of the higher classes, to the neglect of the children in the lower, as mentioned in the last Yearly Report, though occasionally to be noticed, has now been very considerably modified, and, as a rule, the younger pupils are well grounded in elementary subjects.

Eighteen candidates for masterships have been examined, of whom fourteen have possessed the necessary qualifications, either for the post of teacher in small country schools or in those of a higher grade.

The Board has, according to its usual practice, expended a small sum of money in the distribution of prizes to the most deserving of the scholars attending the ordinary schools. The names of the children to whom these prizes have been awarded will be found in the Appendix.

The amount of books, maps, and apparatus disposed of out of the Educational Depôt during the year is valued at £377 15s. 5d., showing an increase of £158 18s. 11d. on the value of those disposed of during the previous year. This result proves satisfactorily that the efforts of the Board to supply the various Schools with the articles necessary for their efficient working, at as low a cost as possible, have been of considerable advantage to the several Schools.

By order of the Board,

HENRY JOHN TANCRED,

28th March, 1867.

Chairman.

APPENDIX A.

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

(QUARTER ENDING MARCH, 1866.)

SUMMARY REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honour, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a tabular summary of the Quarterly Returns as to the attendance and payment, and a schedule as to the efficiency of the schools examined, both for the quarter ending March, 1866.

It will be seen from the tabular summary that during the quarter the number of attendants has been 2103, an increase of 324 upon the corresponding quarter of last year, the average daily attendance 1396, an increase of 322. The amount of school fees, £678 11s. 1d., an increase of £128 7s. 5d.

It will be seen from the schedule as to the efficiency, that the number of schools examined has been 31, including 1287 children.

I have much satisfaction in stating that the schools generally are in a fair state of efficiency; they are for the most part well supplied with books and apparatus, and their course of instruction is, generally, well sustained.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

Quarter ending March, 1866.

Tabular Summary of Attendance and Payments.

	List of Schools.	Number present.	Average daily Attendance.	Amount of School Fees.	List of Chairmen of Local Committees.
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's ...	229	148	£ s. d. 78 13 6	Venerable Archdeacon Jacobs
2	„ Wesleyan ...	185	131	72 0 4	Rev. J. Buller
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	43	31	15 10 0	Rev. C. Fraser
4	„ St. Luke's ...	116	67	39 11 2	Venerable Archdeacon Jacobs
5	„ Roman Catholic ...	140	91	46 .0 0	Rev. Father Chataigner
6	Lyttelton, Church of England ...	73	54	28 2 0	Rev. F. Knowles
7	„ Wesleyan ...	53	31	11 9 0	Rev. J. Crump
8	Governors Bay ...	11	9	17 10 0	Rev. R. R. Bradley
9	Kaiapoi, Church of England ...	51	37	17 12 6	Rev. W. W. Willock
10	„ Wesleyan... ...	46	27	19 5 0	Rev. W. Lee
11	Woodend district ...	50	32	15 19 6	Mr. T. Wilson
12	Saltwater Creek ...	27	19	7 8 0	Mr. Dodd
13	Leithfield ...	32	15	8 6 0	Mr. J. H. Moore
14	Ashley Bank ...	18	12	5 9 0	Mr. P. Fawcett
15	Rangiora ...	50	44	17 1 0	Rev. B. W. Dudley
16	Akaroa ...	73	47	23 15 0	Mr. Richard Rowe
17	Pigeon Bay... ...	32	25	14 12 0	Mr. Wm. Stewart
18	Duvauchelle Bay ...	30	25	5 18 0	Mr. John Barwick
19	Okains Bay ...	34	27	12 0 0	Mr. E. W. Harris
20	Riccarton ...	39	18	9 8 6	Rev. C. Bowen
21	Templeton ...	27	12	6 19 0	Mr. W. B. Toswill
22	Prebbleton ...	27	17	7 12 0	Mr. J. N. Toswill
23	Lincoln ...	23	12	6 0 0	Mr. J. G. Murray
24	Upper Heathcote ...	50	30	19 1 6	Mr. Edw. W. Seager
25	Halswell ...	28	24	8 15 0	Mr. W. G. Brittan
26	Heathcote Valley ...	51	40	17 3 0	Mr. G. Holmes
27	Lower Heathcote ...	54	33	14 10 0	Mr. P. Laurie
28	Avonside ...	88	49	26 18 0	Rev. G. Bagshaw
29	Papanui, St. Paul's ...	88	69	23 13 6	Rev. L. Moore
30	„ Wesleyan ...	24	20	4 7 6	Mr. J. Reese
31	North Road ...	21	15	6 19 0	Mr. John Abbott
32	Harewood Road ...	35	15	5 17 6	Mr. T. Pavitt
33	St. Albans ...	108	72	27 7 6	Mr. R. H. Rhodes
34	Timaru ...	91	64	31 0 0	Rev. G. Foster
35	Arowhenua... ...	23	16	—	Mr. Alexander Wilson
36	Oxford ...	33	18	6 17 1	Rev. A. P. O'Callaghan
		2103	1396	678 11 1	

Quarter ending March, 1866.

Schedule as to Efficiency of Schools examined.

	List of Schools examined.	Date of Examination.	Number present.	Site, Buildings, and premises.	Books and Apparatus.	Organization and Discipline.	Bible Knowledge.	Elementary Secular Knowledge.	Ordinary do. do.	Remarks.	
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's	Mar. 7 & 8	180	B	A	A	A	B	A	Very creditable.	
2	„ Wesleyan .	Feb. 6	134	A	A	A	A	A	A		
3	„ St. Andrew's	Mar. 6	30	B	A	A	A	A	...		
4	„ St. Luke's .	„ 1	82	A	A	A	A	A	A		
5	„ Wesleyan .	Feb. 7	91	A	A	A	B	A	...		
6	Lyttelton, Ch. of England	„ 27	53	B	B	B	A	B	A		
7	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 26	41	A	A	A	A	A	...		
8	Governors Bay ...	„ 28	11	C	A	A	A	A	A		A small, but very efficient school.
9	Kaiapoi, Ch. of England	Mar. 20	45	B	A	A	A	A	B		
10	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 19	30	B	A	A	A	A	...		
11	Woodend ...	„ 21	38	B	A	A	A	B	A		
12	Saltwater Creek ...	„ 21	13	A	A	A	A	A	...		
13	Leithfield ...	„ 23	23	B	A	A	A	A	...		
14	Ashley Bank ...	„ 12	12	A	A	B	A	A	...		
15	Rangiora ...	„ 14	42	A	A	A	A	B	A		
16	Akaroa ...	Feb. 16	35	B	A	A	A	B	A		
17	Pigeon Bay ...	„ 20	23	B	A	A	A	A	A	Superior course well carried out.	
18	Okains Bay ...	„ 14	25	B	A	A	A	A	A	Highly creditable.	
19	Prebbleton ...	Jan. 23	20	B	A	A	A	A	...		
20	Templeton ...	„ 23	11	A	A	C	B	C	...		
21	Lincoln ...	„ 24 } wet day }	5	Improving under a new Teacher.							
22	Upper Heathcote ...	Jan. 26	23	B	A	A	A	A	...		
23	Halswell ...	„ 26	9	A	A	A	A	A	...		
24	Heathcote Valley ...	„ 31	29	C	B	C	A	C	C		
25	Lower Heathcote ...	Feb. 23	27	New School.							
26	Avonside ...	„ 8	47	C	B	B	B	B	...		
27	Papanui, St. Paul's ...	Mar. 9	71	B	A	A	A	A	A		
28	„ Wesleyan ...	Jan. 30	23	A	A	A	A	A	...		
29	St. Albans ...	„ 29	82	B	B	A	A	A	A		
30	Oxford ...	Mar. 13	20	C	A	B	B	B	...		
31	Duvauchelle Bay ...	Feb. 19	12	New Teacher commencing this day.							
			1287								

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(MARCH 30—APRIL 26, 1866.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

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

Ten schools, including 297 children, have been examined.

One candidate, W. L. Martin, for the mastership of the Templeton School, has been examined, as per special report of the 25th inst.

Thirty schools, &c., have benefited by supplies from the depôt to the amount of £29 9s. 5d.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED :—

North Road school	...	April 10	...	Present	22	...	Satisfactory.
St. Alban's	"	" 12	...	"	60	...	"
Lower Heathcote	"	" 13	...	"	36	...	Well begun.
Heathcote Valley	"	" 16	...	"	35	...	Unsatisfactory. As
							[per special report.
Upper Heathcote	"	" 17	...	"	31	...	Satisfactory.
Halswell	"	" 17	...	"	24	...	Very creditable.
Lincoln	"	" 18	...	"	19	...	Improving.
Prebbleton	"	" 18	...	"	24	...	Satisfactory.
Riccarton	"	" 19	...	"	26	...	Satisfactory as to the

attainments of the children; but the ill-contrived school-room is very drafty from its many windows and doors; there are not many broken panes, but the *metal* casements shut badly, and let in much cold. The room is not sufficiently lined above the low-wall plate. I was led to take more particular notice of this state of things by the severe ill-health of the master, and by the day being unusually cold for the time of the year.

Harewood Road School ... April 20, ... Present 20—Satisfactory.

The details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE HEATHCOTE VALLEY SCHOOL.

Examined, April 16, in presence of the Chairman of the Board.

Children present, 35

Several members of the Local Committee attended.

The building has been partly repaired, but is still in an incomplete state.

The premises unfenced.

The organization, discipline, and attainments are very unsatisfactory.

The younger children in particular are insufficiently taught, and being left for long intervals unemployed, add to the disorder of the school. They are remarkably inapt at the rudiments of elementary knowledge. The older children, although professedly of considerably higher attainments, were also unusually inexpert and inaccurate in elementary knowledge.

I think that the school suffers for want of active local interest; the gentleman who has been elected Chairman of the Local Committee is often absent or otherwise too much occupied to attend to the interests of the school.

It is stated that several parents are removing their children because of their dissatisfaction with the present teacher.

A competent married couple is wanted to ensure the good attendance of children of both sexes.

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

April 25th, 1866.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(APRIL 27—MAY 31.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the schools examined and other business transacted during the month.

Five schools including 333 children have been examined.

The preliminary examination of the twenty-two (22) candidates for junior scholarships has been conducted at their respective schools, as per special Report on that head.

Thirty-one different requisitions, for supplies from the Educational Dépôt, have been satisfied, the sums varying from 1s. 4d. to £6 2s. 6d., and amounting in all to £43 4s.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Papanui Wesleyan	April 27 ...	Present 24 ...	Very creditable.
Christchurch Wesleyan	May 3 ...	„ 108 ...	Satisfactory.
Christchurch Roman Catholic	„ 4 ...	„ 18 ...	„
Arowhenua (new) School	„ 9 ...	„ 28 ...	Special Report.
Timaru School	„ 10 ...	„ 87 ...	Very creditable. This

school is very steadily conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Jaggar. The large attendance fills the room. The aid of a pupil teacher is very requisite; the eldest daughter of the teachers has been some time working efficiently and gratuitously in that capacity.

The details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. P. BESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE AROWHENUA SCHOOL.

EXAMINED MAY 9.—PRESENT, 28 CHILDREN.

I should have been glad to have met some of the School Committee on this first examination, for I could have then shewn them how certain defects impeded the efficiency of the school.

1. The Site.—This is well chosen, is sufficiently central and accessible, and includes a large enough area for garden and playground, in all one acre.

2. Buildings.—School-room, and dwelling house of four rooms only.

School, 32 ft. 9 in. x 17 ft. inside, lined and painted inside and out. Windows on opposite sides; three on south side, two on north side.

The light and glare, from the two extra windows on the north, was very painful, even on the day of inspection, and is calculable to be very injurious to the sight of the children constantly exposed to it.

The dwelling-house is unfinished as to the painting and as to the lining of the back rooms. The back door, opening to the southward, is too slight, badly joined, and not a fit one except for an out-house. The work of the dwelling-house seems to have been less thoroughly done than that of the school-room. It will be some time before it is fit for the teacher to go in. This being the case he lodges at the nearest *public house*.

3. Premises.—Unfenced.

Out-door offices sufficient for the school; none at present for the dwelling.

4. Books, Apparatus, and Fittings.—A very large and liberal selection of books from the Catalogue of the Educational Dépôt.

Apparatus.—One large black-board and a few maps; a better supply has been since obtained.

Fittings and School Furniture.—There are none belonging to the school ; the borrowed forms are unsuitable in height and length ; desks, unsuitable, insufficient and badly placed right against windows and wall.

5. The Organization and Discipline are as good as the above circumstances permit. The teacher appears to be skilful and painstaking. The school is not *re-arranged* after Sunday services. A ladder and lumber are left in the room.

6, 7, 8. A course of instruction in Biblical and Secular knowledge has been commenced. No writing is taught yet for want of proper desks.

NOTE.—School hours 9, 12, 2, 3. School-fees 12s., 14s., or 16s. per quarter. It is at present supposed that the School Committee will collect these in arrear.

J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

May 30, 1866.

SPECIAL REPORT AFTER PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION ON CANDIDATES FOR JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

Twenty-two candidates have offered to compete for the four Junior Scholarships to be awarded by the Board.

They are from the following Ordinary Schools:—

From St. Paul's, Papanui	...	...	...	Six Candidates
„ Christchurch Wesleyan	...	...	...	Four „
„ Halswell	...	...	...	Two „
„ Woodend	...	...	...	„ „
„ Lyttelton Church of England	...	...	...	„ „
„ Christchurch Roman Catholic	...	...	...	One „
„ „ St. Luke's	..	...	...	„ „
„ „ St. Michael's	...	...	...	„ „
„ Rangiora	...	...	...	„ „
„ Ashley Bank	...	...	...	„ „
„ Upper Heathcote	...	...	...	„ „

Two of the candidates appear to be above the limited age of 11 years, viz:—

From the Christchurch Wesleyan School—

Thomas W. Ambrose, aged 11 in May, 1866.

From the Woodend School—

Robert Booth, aged 11 in May, 1866.

One also from the Christchurch Wesleyan School—

John Jones will be 11 on the 26th June, 1866.

I have not, however, declined to take the preliminary examination of the three candidates above referred to.

I have gone through the papers of the several candidates and assigned marks according to their relative proficiency in each subject.

And it appears to me that if T. W. Ambrose and Robert Booth are disqualified by age, the candidates most eligible to compete are—

Frederick Cumberworth, Christchurch Wesleyan School,
Henry Montague Langridge, St. Paul's School, Papanui,
Thomas Wilkinson, Halswell School,
Robert Houlihan, Christchurch Roman Catholic School,
Charles Jennings, St. Paul's School, Papanui,
John Gifford Restell,
George Merton, Rangiora School,
James Reeve Wilkinson, Halswell School,
John A. Caygill, Christchurch Wesleyan School,
John Jones,
Robert Triggs, St. Paul's School, Papanui,
James Hollis, Lyttelton Church of England School,
Ebenezar Thompson, Woodend School,
William Harrington, Upper Heathcote School,
James Parlane, Ashley Bank School,
George Gordon, St. Luke's School.

The papers of all the candidates are respectfully submitted to the decision of the Board.

J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

May, 30, 1866.

SCHEDULED REPORT ON CANDIDATES FOR JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

	List of Candidates.	Age last birthday.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic	English Grammar.	English Composition.	Bible.	History.	Geography.	
<i>St. Paul's, Papanui—</i>												
1	Charles Jennings	8 in Dec. 1865	15	10	10	10	5	15	15	10	10	100
2	Harry M. Langridge	10 in Mar. „	15	10	15	15	5	15	15	10	10	110
3	John Gifford Restell	10 in Oct. „	10	15	20	15	5	10	10	10	10	105
4	Robert Triggs	9 in Dec. „	10	15	10	5	5	15	15	0	0	75
5	Isaac Winter	9 in Aug. „	10	0	10	0	5	10	10	0	0	45
6	Oliver Thomson	9 in June „	15	0	10	5	5	10	10	5	5	65
<i>Christchurch, Wesleyan—</i>												
7	Thomas W. Ambrose	10 in May „	15	15	15	15	20	20	15	10	10	135
8	Frederick Cumberworth	9 in Nov. „	15	15	15	15	5	10	15	15	15	120
9	John A. Caygill	9 in Aug. „	10	10	5	0	10	15	15	10	10	85
10	John Jones	10 in June „	10	10	0	10	10	5	10	5	5	65
<i>Halswell School—</i>												
11	Thomas R. Wilkinson	10 last birthday.	15	10	20	10	5	15	15	5	5	100
12	James Wilkinson	8 in Aug. 1865	15	10	15	5	5	10	15	5	5	85
<i>Woodend School.</i>												
13	Robert Booth	10 in May „	15	15	5	5	5	5	15	5	5	75
14	Ebenezer Thompson	10 in Jan. 1866	10	10	10	5	5	5	15	5	5	70
<i>Christchurch, Roman Catholic—</i>												
15	Robert F. Houlihan... ..	10 in Feb. „	10	10	10	20	15	15	10	5	5	100
<i>Christchurch, St Luke's—</i>												
16	George Gordon	9 in Feb. „	15	5	5	5	5	5	10	10	10	70
<i>Christchurch, St Michael's—</i>												
17	Thomas Smith	10 in Feb. „	10	10	5	5	5	0	5	0	0	40
<i>Rangiora School—</i>												
18	George Merton	10 in Aug. 1865	15	5	15	10	5	15	15	15	5	100
<i>Ashley Bank School—</i>												
19	James Parlane	9 in Nov. „	10	5	5	5	5	10	5	15	5	75
<i>Upper Heathcote—</i>												
20	William Harrington	10 in Nov. „	10	15	15	5	0	10	15	0	0	75
<i>Lyttelton Church of England—</i>												
21	James Hollis	10 in Nov. „	15	10	10	5	5	15	15	0	0	75
22	James Tregear	10 last birthday	10	5	5	5	0	0	5	0	0	30

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(JUNE 1—28.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month.

Ten schools, including 311 children, have been examined.

Two candidates for appointments to schools have been examined:—T. A. Gates, for the Prebbleton School, as per special Report; Henrietta Smith, for that of mistress of a proposed new school at Rangiora, has passed a satisfactory examination, as per special Report.

Twenty different requisitions for supplies from the Educational Depôt have been satisfied, the whole amounting to £10 1s.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Avonside School,	June 4,	Present	42	New school room. Special Report.
St. Andrew's School	" 4,	"	30	Very creditable.
Kaiapoi Wesleyan School	" 5, weather	}	22	Satisfactory.
	unfavourable			
Proposed new School at Rangiora,	" 6,	"	36	Special Report.
Kaiapoi Church School	" 11,	"	37	Satisfactory.
Saltwater Creek School	" 12,	"	17	Satisfactory.
Woodend School	" 12,	"	38	Satisfactory.
Lyttelton Wesleyan School	" 14,	"	35	Satisfactory.
Governor's Bay School	" 21,	"	10	Satisfactory.
Lyttelton Church of England } School	" 22,	"	44	Satisfactory.

Except as to the youngest classes.

The details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE AVONSIDE SCHOOL,

REMOVED TO NEW SCHOOL-ROOM.

The site adjoins that of Avonside Church, being vested, probably, in the Church Property Trustees.

The new school-room, of about 35 x 18, is apparently well built, not lined, painted on the outside, is well aired and lighted. A blind is much wanted for the large northern window.

The classification and discipline of the children are capable of improvement.

The supply of books is tolerably well kept up.

The attainments of the children in biblical and secular knowledge are but moderate at present.

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, AND
PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR LITTLE BOYS, AT RANGIORA.

The school-room forms the front and ground floor of the dwelling for the mistress, her husband and family. The two front rooms have been thrown into one. There is a fire-place. The dimensions are about 24 x 14, and the height less than 7 feet, scarcely adequate for the number present (*i.e.* 36).

There was a sufficiency of books, apparatus, desks, &c.

The children were in excellent order as to their arrangement, classification, conduct, and cleanliness.

They are carefully and successfully taught.

A certificate as to the qualifications of the mistress is forwarded herewith.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(QUARTER ENDING JUNE, 1866.)

SUMMARY REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honour, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a 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, 1866.

It will be seen from the tabular summary that, during the quarter, the number of attendants has been 2123, an increase of not more than 20 upon the former quarter; the average daily attendance, 1425, an increase of 29; the amount of school fees, £776 1s. 2d. an increase of £97 10s. 1d.

It will be seen from the schedule as to efficiency that the number of schools examined has been 25, including 941 children. Those not examined are for examination early in the ensuing quarter. Several schools, not examined, were visited during the quarter for the preliminary examination of their candidates for scholarships.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of schools.

Quarter ending June, 1866.

Schedule as to Efficiency of Schools examined.

	List of Schools examined.	Date of Examination.	Number present.	Site, Buildings, and premises.	Books and Apparatus.	Organization and Discipline.	Bible Knowledge.	Elementary Secular Knowledge.	Ordinary do. do.	Remarks.	
1	Christchurch, Wesleyan .	May 3	108	A	A	A	A	A	A	A model school.	
2	„ St. Andrew's	June 4	30	B	A	A	A	A	...		
3	„ Rom. Catholic	May 4	86	A	A	A	B	A	...		
4	Lyttelton, Ch. of England	June 22	44	B	A	B	A	B	A		
5	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 14	35	A	A	A	A	A	...		
6	Governors Bay ...	„ 21	10	C	A	A	A	A	B		
7	Kaiapoi, Ch. of England	„ 11	37	B	A	A	A	B	A		
9	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 5	22	B	A	B	A	A	...		
10	Woodend ...	„ „	38	B	A	A	A	A	A		
11	Saltwater Creek ...	„ 12	17	A	A	A	A	A	...	Highly creditable for the sound and careful course of instruction in elementary subjects.	
12	Rangiora, proposed new school	„ 6	36	Well-conducted, and of good promise.							
	Riccarton ...	April 19	26	B	A	A	A	A	A		
13	Prebbleton ...	„ 18	24	B	A	A	B	A	...		
14	Lincoln ...	„ 18	19	B	B	B	B	A	...		
15	Halswell ...	„ 17	24	A	A	A	A	A	A	School well conducted by a remarkably skilful and energetic teacher	
16	Upper Heathcote ...	„ 17	31	B	A	A	A	B	B		
17	Lower Heathcote ...	„ 13	36	B	B	A	New School.				
18	Heathcote Valley ...	„ 16	35	C	B	C	C	C	C	(Special Report, April 25.)	
19	Avonside ...	June 4	42	A	B	B	B	B	B		
20	Papanui, Wesleyan ...	April 27	24	A	A	A	A	...	...	Much improved.
21	North Road ...	„ 10	22	A	B	A	A	...	...
22	Harewood Road... ..	„ 20	20	B	B	A	A	...	...
23	St. Albans ...	„ 12	60	B	A	B	B	B	B		
24	Timaru ...	„ 10	87	A	A	A	A	...	...	Very creditable progress, both as to numbers and attainments. A pupil teacher wanted.
25	Arowhenua ...	„ 9	28	New School, special report of May 30.							
			941								

Quarter ending June, 1866.

Tabular Summary of Attendance and Payments.

	List of Schools.	Number present.	Average daily Attendance.	Amount of School Fees.	List of Chairmen of Local Committees.
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's ...	187	125	£ s. d. 67 16 6	The Very Rev. the Dean of Christchurch.
2	„ Wesleyan ...	172	121	77 7 6	Rev. T. Buddle.
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	45	31	16 6 6	Rev. C. Fraser
4	„ St. Luke's ...	135	90	44 5 0	The Very Rev. the Dean.
5	„ Roman Catholic ...	133	93	44 6 6	Rev. Father Chataigner
6	Lyttelton, Church of England ...	77	54	31 10 0	Rev. F. Knowles
7	„ Wesleyan ...	53	33	12 7 6	Rev. J. Crump
8	Governor Bay ...	12	9	17 14 0	Rev. R. B. Bradley
9	Kaiapoi, Church of England ...	54	40	18 19 0	Rev. W. W. Lock
10	„ Wesleyan... ...	37	22	12 17 6	Rev. W. Lee
11	Woodend district ...	60	43	24 17 0	Mr. T. Wilson
12	Saltwater Creek ...	31	19	10 1 0	Mr. Dodd
13	Leithfield ...	28	20	10 10 0	Mr. J. H. Moore
14	Ashley Bank ...	20	12	6 1 0	Mr. P. Fawcett
15	Rangiora ...	60	48	17 18 0	Rev. B. W. Dudley
16	Akaroa ...	63	41	25 8 9	Mr. Richard Rowe
17	Pigeon Bay... ...	37	29	16 8 0	Mr. Wm. Stewart
18	Duvauchelle Bay ...	29	25	14 19 0	Mr. John Barwick
19	„ Papanui Bay ...	32	25	11 0 0	Mr. E. W. Harris
20	Riccarton ...	42	27	14 5 6	Rev. C. Bowen
21	Templeton ...	29	19	10 14 0	Mr. W. B. Toswill
22	Prebbleton ...	26	15	4 9 6	Mr. J. N. Toswill
23	Lincoln ...	28	15	11 16 0	Mr. J. G. Murray
24	Upper Heathcote ...	45	26	15 14 0	Mr. Edw. W. Seager
25	Halswell ...	30	22	13 17 0	Mr. W. G. Brittan
26	Heathcote Valley ...	48	34	15 18 11	Mr. W. Dunlop
27	Lower Heathcote ...	64	30	20 0 6	Mr. P. Laurie
28	Avonside ...	72	45	26 9 0	Rev. G. Bagshaw
29	Papanui, St. Paul's ...	100	68	31 16 6	Rev. L. Moore
30	„ Wesleyan ...	26	21	5 15 6	Mr. J. Reese
31	North Road ...	25	20	14 1 0	Mr. John Abbott
32	Harewood Road ...	37	21	14 5 0	Mr. T. Pavitt
33	St. Albans ...	93	59	25 17 0	Mr. R. H. Rhodes
34	Timaru ...	102	70	40 2 0	Rev. G. Foster
35	Arowhenua... ...	40	27	19 2 0	Mr. Alexander Wilson
36	Oxford ...	51	26	11 5 0	Rev. A. P. O'Callaghan
		2123	1425	776 1 2	

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(JUNE 29—JULY 26.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

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

Five schools, including 129 children, have been examined.

Three candidates for appointments to schools have been examined, as per special reports and certificates.

Arthur Edwin Poore, for the Fernside school,
David A. Borthwick, for the Lyttelton Wesleyan school.
Robert Thomson, for the Prebbleton school.

Thirty-two different requisitions for supplies from the Educational Depôt have been satisfied, the amounts varying from 7d. to £19 18s., and the whole amounting to £76 10s. 8d.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Lower Heathcote School, ... July 16, ... Present 36 ... Satisfactory as to organization, discipline, and attainments. The school-room and dwelling are well-built and finished, the school-room lofty, well aired and lighted. The ventilators in the gables of the roof cannot be closed; this cause, and an extra and unnecessary door, keep the room very cold in winter. The porch is at the eastward corner of the room, and open towards the south-west; it would have been better placed at the other door and open in the opposite direction.

North Road School,	... July 18,	... Present 20	... Moderate.
Harewood Road „	... „ 12,	... „ 17	... Satisfactory.
St. Alban's „	... „ 20,	... „ 32	... Satisfactory as to

the infant or junior classes under the mistress; the elder classes were absent on account of the severe indisposition of the master.

Papanui Wesleyan school, ... July 23, ... Present 24... Creditable Improvement generally; the arithmetic less satisfactory than the other subjects.

The details of each examination are entered in the Journal.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(JULY 27—AUGUST 30.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

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

Eighteen schools, including 740 children, have been examined.

Two candidates for the mastership of the Prebbleton School have been examined,

Arthur Hopper, as per certificate of August 18th,
William Taylor, as per special report of same date

Twenty-three different requisitions for supplies from the Educational Depôt have been satisfied, the amounts varying from 7s. 6d. to £1 19s., and the whole amounting to £15 7s. 1d. The present stock is unusually low: I append a memorandum as to its value.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

- Upper Heathcote School ... July 27 .. Present 29 ... Satisfactory for the most part, but the Bible knowledge was imperfect; and, by more perfect discipline, truancy-playing, and irregularity of attendance might be checked.
- Halswell school ... July 27, ... Present 15...The school is not succeeding under the present temporary master.
- St. Luke's school ... July 30, ... ,, 95...Very creditable. The accuracy of the junior classes under the mistress is highly commendable: the first or highest class also did remarkably well.
- St. Michael's school ... July 31 & Aug. 1, Present 117...The attendance has fallen off; the attainments are generally satisfactory, though less in advance of other schools than might reasonably be expected.
- Christchurch Wesleyan school .. Aug. 2 ... Present 124...Very satisfactory. Cleanliness and good order are the rule of the school. It is remarkably well-conducted by a master devoted to his work, both in and out of school hours. Several very creditable papers were done by the children during the examination.
- Kaiapoi Wesleyan school ... Aug. 7, ... Present 35...Satisfactory.
- Oxford " ... " 8, ... ,, 31...Fair. The attainments very moderate at present, owing to the children been so long without having school. They sing hymns and school songs creditably, but *too loud*. The master earnest and painstaking.
- Eyerton school ... Aug. 9 ... Present 18—Very satisfactory as per special report.
- Riccarton school ... ,, 13 ... ,, 19—Satisfactory. The buildings, formerly the subject of complaint, are undergoing improvement.
- Heathcote Valley school ... Aug. 14 ... Present 37—Special report.
- Kaiapoi Church " ... ,, 20 ... ,, 45—Very satisfactory. The constant services of a master and mistress secure unusual accuracy in elementary subjects.
- Woodend school ... Aug. 15 ... Present 36—Satisfactory, on the whole, except that the progress is not equable: the first class is well-up in history and geography, recitations, &c., besides the ordinary subjects. The lower classes are much less accurate in the subjects set down for them in the quarterly programme. The master is actuated by a conscientious desire to do the most for the elder ones, whom he expects to soon leave school; but, I believe that for every one leaving school from the highest class, many others leave without reaching it.
- Saltwater Creek school ... Aug. 22 ... Present 16—Satisfactory.
- Leithfield " ... ,, 22 ... ,, 18—The children were less accurate than I had expected; but the school had suffered interruption.
- Ashley Bank school ... Aug. 29 ... Present 23—The school is improving under the new master.
- Fernside school ... ,, 23 ... ,, 31—Very satisfactory as per special report.
- Rangiora girls' school... .. ,, 24 ... ,, 30—Satisfactory; a want of some books, &c., has been since supplied.
- Rangiora boys' school ... Aug. 24 ... Present 52—Satisfactory on the whole; the junior classes were less perfect, than I should have expected, in the quarterly course set down for them in the master's programme. The dwelling and accommodation for borders has been enlarged and improved.
- The details of each examination are entered in the journal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yhur obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of schools.

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE EYRETON SCHOOL.

VISITED AUGUST 9th, 1866.

Present 18 children, and one gentleman on behalf of the Committee.

1. The site.—This is advantageously situated in the centre of the increasing population of a large agricultural district.

2. The Buildings.—They are apparently well-built, are lined, painted and well-finished. They include a dwelling-house and school-room. The latter, 32 x 18, warmed by a stove. Windows on three sides, those on the south-east side being painted so as to deaden the glare.

3. The Premises.—Not fenced at present; a well has been sunk, and other necessities have been provided.

4. Books and Apparatus.—Suitable desks and some more maps will be required to complete the permanent stock of the school.

5. Organization and Discipline.—The schoolmaster's wife assists occasionally in teaching sewing, and in the instruction of the younger children. The children have been arranged in suitable classes.

6, 7, 8. Attainments.—The school commenced with the current quarter; not much could be expected as yet; but the progress from the alphabet upwards is remarkable, some who so commenced, are now reading monosyllables creditably.

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE HEATHCOTE VALLEY SCHOOL.

EXAMINED AUGUST 14, 1866.

Present 37 children.

Three members of the Local Committee attended throughout the examination.

The level of the ground and of the approaches to the school is higher than the floor and the porch; this occasions the porch and the hearth to be damp and dirty. The wet stands in the porch, and much dirt treads into the school. The porch should have a boarded floor. It would be advantageous if the site could be fenced and some shelter secured, as the premises and buildings are too much exposed.

The organization and discipline are certainly somewhat improved since the former examination; but are further improvable in the following respects:—

1. The cleanliness and order of the room and the children.
2. Punctuality as to time of coming to school.
3. The quietness and order of the younger children, and their being more constantly and profitably employed.

There is also perceptible improvement in the attainments of the children, but they are still very imperfect and inferior in accuracy to those of children in similar schools. The reading is but middling, and the spelling decidedly bad, excepting that of four children in the first class. The writing is improved, but the copy-books show a continuance of uncorrected errors both in spelling and in the formation of the letters; this evidences an absence of proper supervision during the lesson. It is a great mistake to treat the writing in copy books as one of those silent lessons in which children can be occupied, while the teacher is engaged in teaching other classes.

The arithmetic is also somewhat improved.

I hope to be able to report a better state of efficiency after my next examination; but I much doubt whether this will be the case without further admonition from the Board.

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE FERNSIDE SCHOOL.

VISITED AUGUST 23,—PRESENT 31 CHILDREN.

The Chairman of the Local Committee attended.

1. Site.—Between three and four miles from the Rangiora Boys' School. It includes 20 acres of arable land, at present in process of being fenced and ploughed by the voluntary labour of the residents of the Fernside Educational District.

2. Buildings.—They have a warm aspect. A school-room and a master's house detached by a distance of about four chains. They are built of sun-baked bricks, are plastered and whitewashed, warm, comfortable, and of a substantial appearance; they have been erected at a very moderate cost.

3. The premises include a good well of water.

4. Books and Apparatus.—An excellent supply.

5, 6, 7, 8. Organization, Discipline, and Attainments.—The School is commencing in a most satisfactory manner. The master's sister helps occasionally in the School.

Extra Notes.—The school affairs, being entirely under their own management, the residents of the district are thoroughly interested in them.

The school-fees, at the low rate of 5s., payable *quarterly*, secure a large and regular attendance. Children are not kept away for a whole week because of losing a day at the beginning of it.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(AUGUST 31—SEPTEMBER 27, 1866.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the schools examined, and other business transacted during the month.

Thirteen schools, including 556 children, have been examined.

Twenty-one different requisitions for supplies from the Educational Depôt have been satisfied, the amounts varying from 6d. to £2 0s. 9d., and the whole amounting to £9 7s. 6d.

Of the Schools examined—

- Avonside, September 3. Present 41. Improving. Two more desks are requisite, also more maps.
- Roman Catholic, September 4. Present 115. Satisfactory. The school, which commenced with the rudiments of elementary knowledge, has now attained a comparatively creditable standard of attainment. There is rather too much noise, owing to the children learning their lessons aloud. Proper desks would permit a better arrangement of the room.
- Prebbleton, September 6. Present 21. Recommencing under a new teacher.
- Lincoln, September 6. Present 18. Fair progress. The school is now conducted in the new building. There is a teacher's dwelling-house, and a good school-room, 32 x 17, thoroughly lined and finished. No ventilation provided, except by the doors and windows. There should be, in the opposite ends of the gable, openings which could be closed in cold or windy weather. A black board and easel are much wanted, also two more desks.
- Templeton, September 7. Present 17. New teacher.
- Lyttelton, Wesleyan, September 11. Present 52. New teacher.
- Akaroa, September 12. Present 41. Satisfactory as to the attainments of the children. New maps are wanted.
- Pigeon Bay, September 13. Present 28. Very creditable. The pupils are well grounded in elementary, ordinary, and higher subjects.
- Duvauchelle Bay, September 14. Present 22. Satisfactory. In addition to the careful and successful conduct of the day school, the master has also devoted himself to the instruction, in the evening, of two or three youths, whose education has been previously neglected.
- Little Akaloa, September 17. Present 21. Special Report.
- Okain Bay, September 19. Present 31. Highly creditable. The school has for several years been carefully and successfully taught by the present teacher, who is skilful and devoted to his work. His regular and efficient discharge of his duties in the absence of any effective local supervision is worthy of commendatory notice. The roof of the dwelling has long needed repair, the rain coming in and damaging the walls, books, and furniture.
- Lyttelton Church of England School. Present 62. The school has considerably improved, although it is far from being a model of discipline and efficiency.
- Papanui, St. Paul's, September 24. Present 87. Satisfactory.
- 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.

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE LITTLE AKALOA SCHOOL.

VISITED SEPTEMBER 17 AND 18. PRESENT, 21 CHILDREN.

The school buildings now stand on an advantageous site, consisting of about half an acre. The premises have been fenced and drained, and are in good order.

A detached lean-to, of two rooms, comprises the teacher's dwelling. The school-room, originally built more with a view to public worship, and to a church-like effect, has now been as well adapted as the circumstances will permit to the purposes of a school. Its dimensions are 30 x 18, and about 7 or 8 feet high to the wall-plate. The room has been lined, and a good and substantial chimney has been built.

There is a good stock of books, maps, and apparatus. The desks and the arrangement of them, owing to the fireplace and door being on opposite sides, are somewhat cumbrous and inconvenient, but not so much so as to prevent the children being taught with remarkable success, and considerable credit, by a very steady and painstaking teacher.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

(QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1866.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a Summary of the Quarterly Returns and a Schedule as to the efficiency of the schools examined, both for the quarter ending September, 1866.

It will be seen from the Tabular Summary, that during the quarter the number of attendants has been 2,292, an increase of 169 upon the former quarter; the average daily attendance 1,559, an increase of 134; the amount of school fees £814 5s. 1d., an increase of £38 3s. 11d. These results show a considerable increase (about 35 per cent.) upon the corresponding quarter of last year.

It is highly satisfactory to observe the steady increase in both the numbers and the efficiency of the schools generally throughout the province. Larger and loftier rooms, well aired, warmed, and lighted, and sufficiently supplied with furniture, apparatus, and books, obviate much painful endurance to the children, who have been attracted and retained in numbers increased in a greater ratio than the increase of population in their educational districts.

The interest awakened among parents and other residents, by placing in their own hands a large share of the management, causes the district school—"our school"—to be a source of pride and pleasure to the inhabitants; and, under their local supervision, some abuses which prevailed in former days do not now wait for correction; their existence is not tolerated.

I have, however, observed during the past quarter a few instances of decreased attendance, as to the cause of which I am dissatisfied. A reduced attendance, in country schools, during the spring of the year may perhaps be easily accounted for; but the same occurrence in a town school is so unsatisfactory that I propose, unless I find an alteration during the current quarter, to bring any instance of it more prominently before the notice of the Board.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

Quarter ending September, 1866.

Tabular Summary of Attendance and Payments.

	List of Schools.	Number present.	Average daily Attendance.	Amount of School Fees.	List of Chairmen of Local Committees.
				£ s. d.	
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's ...	165	107	62 8 0	The Very Rev. the Dean of Christchurch.
2	„ Wesleyan ...	180	132	73 9 8	Rev. T. Buddle.
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	53	32	17 19 6	Rev. C. Fraser
4	„ St. Luke's ...	138	86	48 7 6	The Very Rev. the Dean.
5	„ Roman Catholic ...	142	99	47 15 0	Rev. Father Chataigner .
6	Lyttelton, Church of England ...	91	65	37 12 0	Rev. F. Knowles
7	„ Wesleyan ...	66	35	14 6 0	Rev. J. Crump
8	Governor Bay ...	15	11	19 0 0	Rev. R. R. Bradley
9	Kaiapoi, Church of England ...	49	40	19 9 0	Rev. W. Willock
10	„ Wesleyan... ...	52	33	19 0 6	Rev. G. S. Harper
11	Woodend district ...	51	40	18 17 6	Mr. T. Wilson
12	Saltwater Creek ...	29	18	11 15 0	Mr. Robert Herbertson
13	Leithfield ...	20	18	11 3 0	Mr. J. H. Moore, M.P.C.
14	Ashley Bank ...	27	19	10 14 0	Mr. P. Fawcett
15	Rangiora Boys' ...	64	52	25 1 0	} Rev. B. W. Dudley
16	„ Girls' ...	43	30	11 15 0	
17	Fernside ...	37	32	6 6 6	Mr. Alexander Boyd
18	Oxford ...	43	30	15 1 0	Rev. A. P. O'Callaghan
19	Eyreton ...	23	18	5 0 0	Mr. J. E. Brown, M.P.C.
20	Akaroa ...	55	34	21 4 0	Mr. Richard Rowe
21	Pigeon Bay... ...	31	29	15 0 0	Mr. Wm. Stewart
22	Duvauchelle Bay ...	24	20	11 7 6	Mr. John Barwick
23	Okain Bay ...	32	27	11 4 6	Mr. E. W. Harris
24	Little Akaroa ...	27	21	11 14 0	Mr. H. McIntosh
25	Riccarton ...	37	18	9 13 6	Rev. C. Bowen
26	Prebbleton ...	31	23	6 2 0	Mr. J. N. Tosswill
27	Templeton ...	25	16	6 16 0	Mr. W. B. Tosswill
28	Lincoln ...	33	18	12 17 0	Mr. J. G. Murray
29	Upper Heathcote ...	41	25	11 16 0	M ^r . Edw. W. Seager
30	Halswell ...	24	13	6 11 0	Mr. W. G. Brittan
31	Heathcote Valley ...	48	37	17 12 5	Mr. W. Dunlop
32	Lower Heathcote ...	59	36	22 2 6	Dr. J. S. Willis
33	Avonside ...	67	41	23 11 6	Rev. G. Bagshaw
34	Papanui, St. Paul's ...	117	85	37 7 6	Rev. L. Moore
35	„ Wesleyan ...	28	21	6 8 6	Mr. J. Reese
36	North Road ...	24	18	11 8 0	Mr. John Abbott
37	Harewood Road ...	39	20	11 8 0	Mr. T. Pavitt
38	St. Albans ...	87	52	21 5 0	Mr. R. H. Rhodes, M.P.C.
39	Timaru ...	121	81	39 18 0	Rev. G. Foster
40	Arowhenua... ...	44	27	23 18 0	Mr. A. Paterson
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Quarter ending September, 1866.

Schedule as to Efficiency of Schools examined.

	List of Schools examined.	Date of Examination.	Number present.	Site, Buildings, and premises.	Books and Apparatus.	Organization and Discipline.	Bible Knowledge.	Elementary Secular Knowledge.	Ordinary do. do.	Remarks.
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's	July 31 & Aug 1	117	B	A	B	A	A	B	The attendance falling off
2	„ Wesleyan	Aug. 2	124	A	A	A	A	A	A	Steady efficiency well kept up
3	„ St. Luke's	July 30	95	A	A	A	A	A	B	Good lower school, and good first class
4	„ Rom. Catholic	Sept. 4	115	A	A	B	B	A		Progress creditable; too much noise; room drafty
5	Lyttelton, Ch. of England	„ 21	62	B	A	B	A	B	A	Considerably improved.
6	„ Wesleyan	Aug. 7	52	B	A		New teacher.			
7	Kaipoi, Ch. of England	„ 20	45	B	A	A	A	A	B	Buildings improved by repairs and painting.
8	„ Wesleyan	„ 7	35	B	A	B	B	A		
9	Woodend	„ 21	36	B	A	B	A	B	A	
10	Saltwater Creek	„ 22	16	A	A	B	A	A		Remarkably accurate in rudiments
11	Leithfield	„ 22	18	A	A	B	A	B	B	Buildings repaired and improved
12	Ashley Bank	„ 23	23	A	A	Improving under new teacher				
13	Rangiora, boys	„ 24	52	A	A	A	A	B	A	The dwelling-house improved by enlarged accommodation for boarders
14	„ girls	„ 24	30	B	A	A	A	B		
15	Fernside	„ 23	31	A	A	A				New school, well established and supplied; teacher thoroughly earnest and industrious
16	Oxford	„ 8	31	A	B	A	B	A		The buildings under repair
17	Eyreton	„ 9	18	A	B	A				A very creditable beginning under an earnest and experienced teacher
18	Akaroa	Sept 12	41	B	B	A	B	B		
19	Pigeon Bay	„ 13	28	A	A	A	A	A	A	A good commercial school for day boys and boarders
20	Duvauchelle Bay	„ 14	22	B	A	A	A	A		
21	Okain Bay	„ 19	31	B	A	A	A	A	A	Highly commendable. The dwelling out of repair
22	Little Akaroa	„ 17	21	A	B	B	A	A		
23	Riccarton	Aug. 13	19	A	A	A	A	A		
24	Prebbleton	Sept. 6	21	B	New teacher, commenc. satisfactorily					
25	Lincoln	„ 6	18	A	B	B	B	A		
26	Templeton	„ 7	17	A	A	B	A	B		Made several suggestions for improvement
27	Upper Heathcote	July 27	29	A	A	B	A	A		
28	Halswell	„ 27	15	Not succeeding under temporary teacher						
29	Heathcote Valley	Aug 14	37	B	B	B	A	B	B	A slight improvement
30	Lower Heathcote	July 16	36	A	B	A	A	A		
31	Avonside	Sept. 3	41	B	B	A	A	A		Considerably improved
32	Papanui, St Paul's	„ 24	87	B	A	A	A	A	A	Highly commendable
33	„ Wesleyan	„ 23	24	B	A	B	A	B		
34	North Road	July 18	20	A	A	B	B	B		
35	Harewood Road	„ 19	17	A	A	A	A	A		
36	St. Albans	„ 20	32	B	A	B	B	A		
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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(SEPTEMBER 28—OCTOBER 25, 1866.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor, (with reference to your instructions, “to submit a Summary Report on the Schools examined, and other business transacted during the month,”) to state that the full occupation of my time at the office has not this month permitted of the examination of any Schools.

One candidate, William Henry Wilson, for the mastership of the Riccarton School, has succeeded in passing his examination, as per certificate of the 19th instant.

Supplies have been made from the Educational Depot on 22 different requisitions, varying in amount from 1s. to £4 8s. 6d., and amounting in the whole to £21 6s.

I have prepared a routine for the inspection of 38 Schools during the remainder of the quarter.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(OCTOBER 26—NOVEMBER 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.

Thirteen schools, including 760 children, have been examined. I have also, in company with Mr. Cliff of Timaru, as valuator, visited the school-buildings in the Educational District of Waimate.

Seven candidates for Masterships have been examined.

Three competitively for the Prebbleton School, viz. :—

Frederick H. Digby,	}	Examined Nov. 5, 1866.
James J. Elwin,		
George Latham,		

Each of the above candidates passed the examination satisfactorily.

Anthony G. Oldfield, for the Papanui Wesleyan School.

Richard Little, for the proposed Broadfield School.

Frederick W. Thompson,	}	For any vacant appointment.
George William Westropp,		

I forward a special report of the 27th instant, as to the result of this examination.

Thirty-three different requisitions for supplies from the Educational Depot have been satisfied, the amounts varying from 1s. 6d. to £5 8s. 4d., and the whole amounting to £34 8s. 9d.

The greater part of a large consignment from England has been arranged, together with the stock in the Depôt. I propose, upon the completion of examining this consignment, to present some additional memoranda as to the manner in which the order has been executed.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED—

- Arowhenua October 29 ... Present 28 ... Unsatisfactory as per special report.
- Timaru October 30 ... „ 87 ... Highly creditable as to the attainments of the children; but there is a great want of at least six new desks. There is not proper desk accommodation for more than about 25 children.
- Waimate School buildings, &c., October 30 and 31.
- Heathcote Valley November 12 ... Present 31 ... Moderate. The teacher will leave at Christmas.
- St. Andrew's November 13 ... Present 48 ... Highly commendable for the generally good order, cleanliness, and satisfactory attainments.
- Avonside... .. November 16 ... Present 37 ... The attendance has fallen off since the interruption at Stanmore Bridge; the commencement of out-door work may have also affected it. The school has creditably improved in discipline and attainments.
- North Road November 19 ... Present 17 ... Moderate.
- Harewood Road November 19 ... Present 30 ... Satisfactory. The spelling of several children, not above nine years of age, was unusually good.
- Lower Heathcote November 20 ... Present 38 ... Satisfactory. The premises have been fenced and improved, chiefly on account of the energy of the master. There is a great want of furniture, &c. *No clock, no fender, no maps.*
- Christchurch Wesleyan ... November 21 ... Present 135 ... The excellent order and satisfactory attainments are highly creditable to the several teachers.
- Christchurch St. Luke's ... November 22 ... Present 92 ... The efficiency of this school has been steadily improving since the appointment of Mr. Hampton. I shall much regret the discontinuance of a master for want of sufficient salary to maintain one.
- Christchurch St. Michael's... November 23 ... Present 136 ... Satisfactory.
- Papanui Wesleyan November 26 ... Present 95 ... Satisfactory, except as to irregularity in keeping registers, and carelessness as to "loss" of them.
- St. Alban's November 25 ... Present 56 ... This school is steadily increasing in efficiency under the master recently appointed.

The details of each examination may be found in the Journal.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE AROWHENUA SCHOOL.

EXAMINED OCTOBER 29—PRESENT 28.

The extra windows in the school-room have not been boarded up; the paint on them sufficiently deadens the glare, for the present, except when the windows are set open.

The premises are not fenced.

There is a good supply of books and apparatus.

As regards the Organization and Discipline.—The school-hours are short, 10 to 12 in the morning, and two hours in the afternoon. I pointed this out to the School Committee who intend to rectify the error, which they find to be in contravention of the regulations of the Board. The school-fees are too high, ranging from 16s. to 2½ guineas per quarter. The school-room does not appear to be regularly swept; it was in an untidy state when the school came in at 10 a.m. on this Monday morning, (October 29). The *method* of teaching is very systematic, and should have led to a much more sound knowledge of the very rudiments; but the children are quite ignorant of Bible knowledge, very deficient in Arithmetic, of which the elder pupils have a very imperfect knowledge, extending from Numeration to Simple Long Division, and Addition of Money. They have also a very imperfect knowledge of what History, Geography, and Grammar they have gone through.

Considering the qualifications of the teacher, the good stock of furniture, apparatus, and books, and the fair promise with which the school commenced, I am much disappointed with the most meagre result.

The black-board was covered with figures from the Third Book of Euclid; but none of the children knew anything about it; any elder one who had been learning it was absent, or had left.

The teacher made his disappointment at not obtaining certain books of examples his excuse for not having taught more Arithmetic; having, however, an excellent text-book for the use of the school.

NOTES 1. *The teaching of Geometry and of other advanced subjects, in the ordinary hours of such very elementary Schools, absorbs too much of a teacher's time.*

2. *An injudiciously high rate of fees excludes poorer residents from the benefits of their district school.*

W A I M A T E.

I found the school-buildings in an advanced state of progress, and in accordance with the plan. So far as I am able to form an opinion on the work done, I concur in that of Mr. Cliff, that it is thoroughly satisfactory.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(NOVEMBER 30—DECEMBER 27, 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.

Eighteen schools, including 630 children, have been examined. I have also in passing looked at the proposed new school, situate in the Tai Tapu district, and about three miles from the Lincoln school.

Two candidates have been examined:—

Richard Cobden Easby, for the Heathcote Valley School, as per special report of the 24th instant.

Frederick William Thompson's examination, of the 28th ult., was resumed on the 24th inst., as per certificate of the latter date.

I have also certified Richard Potts Pole to be competent for the mastership of the Papanui Wesleyan School.

Sixteen different requisitions for supplies from the Educational Depôt have been satisfied; the amounts varying from 6d. to £5 19s. 6d., and the whole amounting to £14 15s. 8d.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED—

Papanui, St. Paul's, November 30. Present, 87. Very satisfactory. The steady efficiency and well balanced attainments of the children reflect great credit upon Mr. Mayo and Mrs. Jennings, who have successfully conducted the school for six years. The school-room and the children are habitually clean and orderly. The arrangement, classification, and discipline generally good. The equable attainments of the children give evidence of the fair distribution of the attention of the teachers among their several pupils. This character the school has steadily acquired and borne for years.

Kaiapoi Wesleyan School, December 3. Present, 35. The school-room and the arrangement of it have been considerably improved by recent alterations. Its shape and dimensions do not permit of the best organization and discipline. The attainments of the children were on the whole satisfactory.

Kaiapoi Church School, December 3. Present, 42. Satisfactory. The wet weather and floods in the Ashley prevented me from examining the Ashley Bank, Rangiora Girls', and the Oxford Schools on the 4th and 5th instant.

- Fernside School, December 6. Present, 34. (Attendance reduced by last two days' wet and this morning's uncertain weather.) The very satisfactory progress and the judicious course of instruction reflect much credit on the zeal and efficiency of the master, Mr. Poore. The school is one of the best supplied as to maps, diagrams, and other apparatus.
- Eyreton School, December 6. Present 19, (low average) owing to the unusual flood in the River Eyre. Leakage through the roof, about the stove-pipe, will probably be at once repaired. Organization, discipline, and attainments satisfactory.
- Rangiora Boys' School, December 7. Present 70. Register incomplete as to weekly and quarterly totals. A lower than usual average of accuracy in arithmetic, together with the inaccuracy of some of the lower classes in reading and spelling, contributed to a less favourable result than this school usually affords. The attainments of several children were highly creditable. The instrumental and vocal performances of the children render the new school attractive.
- Ashley Bank School, December 10. Present 27. The copy-books are not yet sufficiently improved. In other respects the attendance and efficiency of the school are increasing.
- Saltwater Creek December 11 ... Present 18 ... Satisfactory.
- Leithfield School December 11 ... Present 15 ... Satisfactory.
- Woodend „ December 12 ... Present 42 ... Considerable improvement in elementary and ordinary subjects. The master teaches Mensuration, Euclid, and Book-keeping, &c., to the first class, out of school hours.
- Lyttelton Wesleyan School, December 13. Present 64. The excellent order and increasing numbers and efficiency reflect great credit upon Mr. and Mrs. Borthwick.
- Lyttelton Church of England School, December 14. Present 63. The inside of the building has been strengthened as well as otherwise improved by the substitution of the wooden lining for the crumbling and unsafe plasterwork. The munificence of a member of the School Committee has surrounded the school by a substantial fence. Good order is not well sustained. The junior classes are neither judiciously nor skilfully taught; one child had, in a short time, learned much *reading* but little *spelling*.
- Upper Heathcote December 18 ... Present 30 ... Moderate.
- Riccarton December 18 ... Present 23 ... The alterations in the building permit of a better arrangement of the classes. The new teacher has not yet acquired a thorough control over the pupils.
- Prebbleton December 19 ... Present 16 ... Improving. Premises fenced.
- Templeton December 19 ... Present 5 (!) ... The very disorganised state into which the school has lapsed, points to the necessity of a more speedy termination of the engagement of a *new* but very unsuccessful teacher. The interests of a school generally, and of the children individually, suffer by protracted neglect.
- Lincoln, December 20. Present 27. I was much gratified to find that the unusually large class of elder children, attracted by the improved efficiency of the school under Mr. Fergusson, had made very creditable progress, affording a proportionately larger number of good readers, spellers, and cipherers than many much larger schools. The progress of the younger children was also very satisfactory. The master informs me that he himself, without remuneration, dug the well which I observed to be about 14 feet deep.
- Governor's Bay, December 21st. Present 13. Very satisfactory, except as to the limited space in which the children are cooped. They are well grounded in each subject.
- The proposed Tai Tapu School, which I stated above to be about three miles from that at Lincoln, is a chapel about 18 x 24 *outside*. A platform and reading-desk, or pulpit, upon it occupy four or five feet across one end of the room; the rest of the available space is lumbered up with cumbrous benches, ill-suited for school use. There is no fireplace nor chimney. There are no out-door offices on the site, nor any building besides the chapel, which has a porch, and may be considered a tolerably well-finished building with an imitation-of-stone frontage.

Further particulars as to each examination are stated in the Journal.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER, 1866.

SUMMARY REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

To the Honourable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honour, 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.

I have also annexed a Return showing the number of scholars with reference to their ages and attainments, and adapted to the requirements of the General Government. The averages as to the different sexes, in this return, have mostly been estimated by myself, the registers in most of the schools, *mixed* schools, not having hitherto been so kept as to distinguish these statistics; they can only, therefore, be regarded as an approximation; but the *totals*, from which they have been estimated, are much more reliable.

The Return requested by the Colonial Secretary does not state whether or not the *daily* average of attendance is required. "The average attendance for the quarter" will often be understood to mean the *average number* of attendants on each weekly list. But the average *daily* attendance for each quarter is a much more *net* and *exact* average. It affords, however, a seemingly lower result than the *weekly* average for the quarter will afford.

Averages do not stand in correct ratio with one another, unless they are based upon a uniform or a similar registration.

Surprise is often expressed at the different results of different provinces or countries, by those who do not understand that these results are obtained either from different modes of registration, or from different readings of what is required.

The totals in the last-named return are as yet incomplete, spaces having been left for the insertion of information, from several schools, so soon as it shall have arrived.

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

It will be seen from the tabular summary of quarterly returns that during the quarter the number of attendants has been 2372, an increase of 292 upon the corresponding quarter of 1865.

The average daily attendance 1632; an increase of 233.

The amount of school-fees £831 3d.; an increase of £95 8s. 5d.

The abstract of annual returns shows forty schools at work at the end of 1866, six more than 1865; of the new schools—

Oxford (new) School, commenced in the March quarter.

Lower Heathcote (new) School, commenced in the March quarter.

Eyreton School, commenced in the September quarter.

Fernside School, commenced in the September quarter.

Rangiora Girls' School, commenced in the September quarter.

Little Akaloa (new) School, commenced in the September quarter.

The gross total of attendants during 1866, 3251; is an increase of 467 upon 1865:

The net average of daily attendance 1549; is an increase of 232.

The gross amount of school-fees £3077 17s.; is an increase of £645 4s.

These statistics show a steady increase at a somewhat greater rate than for 1865.

It will be seen from the Schedule as to the efficiency of the Schools, that the number examined during the quarter has been 31, including 1390 children present at these examinations.

The schools more highly commended for steady efficiency throughout the year are the—

Pigeon Bay Academy.

Christchurch Wesleyan School.

Okain Bay School.

St. Paul's Papanui School.

Kaiapoi Church School.

Rangiora Boys' School.

St. Luke's School.

St. Andrew's School.

Timaru School.

Albion School.

With the exception of the Pigeon Bay School, in which the numbers are comparatively small, and a higher course of instruction is given to the pupils, these schools are more remarkable for the number of *well-taught* children than for their high attainments.

Other schools deserving of commendatory notice for their improvement during the year are the—

Woodend School.
Governor Bay School.
Lincoln School.
Leithfield School.
Saltwater Creek School.
Lower Heathcote School.
Harewood Road School.
Upper Heathcote School.
Rangiora Girls' School.

Among the newer schools, those at Fernside and Eyreton deserve highly commendatory notice, both for the steadfast earnestness of their respective teachers, and for their judicious perseverance in securing that the children shall be well grounded in an elementary course before attempting higher subjects.

The following children are specially commended for good conduct and diligence during the year:—

From the Pigeon Bay Academy—William Hall, aged 9; Robert Hay, Thomas Turnbull.

From the Christchurch Wesleyan School—Phoebe Taylor, Thomas Walker, George Griffin.

From the Okain Bay School—William Moore, W. J. Prosser.

From the St. Paul's School, Papanui—Maria Derrett, Charles Jennings, Ursula Jackson

From the Kaiapoi Church School—Charles Bean, Mary Ann Alexander, Edward Harrison Davis.

From the Rangiora Boys' School—Alfred Merton, Westby Percival, Wm. Foster.

From the St. Luke's School—William Haggett, George Gordon.

From the St. Andrew's School—Elizabeth Allen, Agnes Crosbie.

From the Timaru School—Valentine Wilson, Mary Jaggar, William Scarfe.

From the Akaroa School—Charles Watkins.

From the Woodend School—Elizabeth Wooding, Charles Norton.

From the Saltwater Creek School—Wm. Rae Scott.

From the Governor Bay School—Hugh Manson.

From the Lincoln School—William Pannett, Annie Louisa Wright.

From the Leithfield School—Eliza Moore, John William Leith.

From the Upper Heathcote School—Julia Seager.

From the Christchurch St. Michael's School—Charles Purdie, Henry Green, Phoebe Goodger.

From the Christchurch Roman Catholic School—Robert F. Houlihan, Edward Sharp, John Mulloy.

From the Lyttelton Wesleyan School—Tom Benetto, Thomas Wishart, Arthur Davidson.

From the Lyttelton Church of England School—Garnet Jenkins.

From the Kaiapoi Wesleyan School—Jesse Hall.

From the Little Akaloa School—Margaret Cook.

The names of the several children who obtained prizes last year have been omitted from the present list, for different reasons, some because their frequent employment as monitors has prevented them from making progress at the same rate as they formerly did; in other instances, because being already at the head of the school, the pupils have lost both the stimulus of constant competition and the brightening effect of it.

There is also in most schools, for the instruction of large numbers in elementary knowledge, a limit beyond which children do not make any apparent progress. This mostly results from the inability of teachers, with a large school and inadequate assistance, to teach beyond a certain course; children are promoted continually from the lower classes, and the same routine has to be gone over with them as with their predecessors.

Where the course is thus limited the school mostly proves to be better taught throughout than where the zeal or ambition of a teacher urges him to teach higher subjects to a handful of elder pupils, thus absorbing the energies of his mind in a task more pleasant than the drudgery of school work.

With regard to monitorial teaching, I have observed that generally very little benefit results from it.

Unless the monitor has continual charge of a class, he does not acquire sufficient authority to ensure the correction of such errors as his unpractised ear can detect; and, if he has continual charge, his own studies are seriously interrupted.

But in all instances the result of monitorial teaching may be distinctly traced in the confirmed and habitual inaccuracy of the children so taught.

Before concluding this Report for the end of the year 1866, it is important to state that I have particularly watched the progress of the boys who obtained Junior Scholarships, viz. :—James Reeves Wilkinson, Thomas Walter Wilkinson, John Jones, and George Merton, and I have much pleasure in adding that these boys are making satisfactory progress at the respective schools at which they are boarded, viz. :—at St. Paul's, Papanui, and the Rangiora Boys' School.

I have much pleasure in confirming my Report for the September quarter, as to the improved efficiency of the "Ordinary Schools" aided by the Board.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

Quarter ending December, 1866.

Tabular Summary of Returns as to Attendance and Payments.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.	Average Daily Attendance.	Amount of School Fees.	List of Chairman of School Committees.
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's ...	165	113	£ s d. 59 15 6	Very Rev. the Dean of Christchurch
2	„ Wesleyan ...	188	127	74 4 4	Rev. Thomas Buddle
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	64	38	24 17 6	„ C. Frazer
4	„ St. Luke's ...	129	83	41 15 0	Very Rev. the Dean of Christchurch
5	„ Roman Catholic ...	150	101	53 8 9	Rev. Father Chataigner
6	Lyttelton, Church of England ...	87	64	39 14 0	„ Francis Knowles
7	„ Wesleyan ...	92	65	21 6 6	„ J. Crump
8	Governor's Bay ...	17	11	19 17 0	„ R. R. Bradley
9	Kaiapoi, Church of England ...	57	41	20 1 0	„ W. W. Willock
10	„ Wesleyan ...	51	34	19 0 6	„ G. S. Harper
11	Woodend ...	59	42	21 6 6	Mr. Thomas Wilson
12	Saltwater Creek ...	26	16	10 10 0	„ C. E. Dampier
13	Leithfield ...	29	16	9 8 0	„ J. H. Moore, M.P.C.
14	Ashley Bank ...	33	20	10 18 0	„ Mr. P. Fawcett
15	Rangiora, boys ...	70	55	26 4 0	Rev. B. W. Dudley
16	„ girls ...	52	37	13 2 0	„ „ „
17	Fernside ...	44	39	11 3 0	Mr. Matthew Dalziell
18	Oxford ...	47	35	14 9 9	Rev. A. P. O'Callaghan
19	Eyreton ...	26	19	6 10 0	Mr. Charles Hillyard
20	Akaroa ...	55	36	20 10 3	„ Richard Rowe
21	Pigeon Bay ...	29	27	12 17 6	„ William Stewart
22	Duvanchelle's ...	27	24	11 1 0	„ John Barwick
23	Okain ...	31	25	11 0 0	„ E. W. Harris
24	Little Akaloa ...	21	15	10 10 0	„ Henry McIntosh
25	Riccarton ...	43	30	12 7 0	Rev. C. Bowen
26	Prebbleton ...	41	25	14 8 0	„ R. S. Jackson
27	Templeton ...	16	10	2 11 0	Mr. W. B. Tosswill
28	Lincoln ...	34	22	15 16 0	„ J. G. Murray
29	Upper Heathcote ...	33	24	13 13 0	„ E. W. Seager
30	Halswell ...	Stopped early in the Quarter			„ J. G. Brittan
31	Heathcote Valley ...	43	35	13 7 6	„ William Dunlop
32	Lower Heathcote ...	63	36	22 5 0	„ J. S. Willis, M.D.
33	Avonside ...	71	38	23 4 6	Rev. J. C. Bagshaw
34	Papanui, St. Paul's ...	109	74	33 16 0	„ L. Moore
35	„ Wesleyan ...	30	21	6 0 0	Mr. John Reese
36	North Road ...	26	17	12 2 0	„ John Abbott
37	Harewood Road ...	41	25	13 14 0	„ Thomas Pavitt
38	St. Albans ...	95	68	20 3 8	„ R. H. Rhodes, M.P.C.
39	Timaru ...	140	98	51 3 0	Rev. G. Foster
40	Arowhenua ...	38	27	12 19 6	Mr. Andrew Paterson
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TABLE

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARS IN ATTENDANCE DURING THE DECEMBER QUARTER, ARRANGED AS TO AGE, SEX, AND ATTAINMENTS.

	List of Schools.	AGE.								ATTAINMENTS.																				
		MALES.				FEMALES.				TOTALS			MALES.							FEMALES.								TOTALS.		
		Under 5.	5 and under 10.	10 and under 15.	Over 15.	Under 5.	5 and under 10.	10 and under 15.	Over 15.	M.	F.	Gross Total	Reading.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Music.	Writing.	Geography.	History.	Other subjects.	Reading.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Music.	Writing.	Geography.	History.	Other subjects.	M.	F.	Gross Total.
1	College Grammar School...	3	54	19					76		76	52	76	76	68	52	67	76	76	40	27	19	40	27	24	10	6	76		76
2	Christchurch High School	6	43	68	10				127		127	127	115	89	118	89	52	55	14	40	27	19	40	27	24	10	6	127		127
3	Lytelton High School	3	38	26		7			67	40	107	67	41	37	67	47	47	23	14	53	35	24	53	33	24	6	112	40	107	
4	St. Michael's, Christchurch	1	56	55				1	112	53	165	112	104	44	112	51	44	13		53	35	24	53	33	24	6	112	53	165	
5	Wesleyan	5	89	37	1			1	132	56	188	132	94	60	132	94	67			56	46	30	56	46	33	132	56	188		
6	St. Andrew's	2	11	1		6		1	14	50	64	14	4	2	14	50	4			56	46	30	56	46	33	14	50	64		
7	St. Luke's	5	39	30		18			74	55	129	76	50	40	40	50	30	15	4	55	28	14	14	28	20	9	74	55	129	
8	Roman Catholic	8	40	36	4	7		2	88	62	150	88	80	20	52	20	9			62	55	12	38	28	7	88	62	150		
9	Lytelton, Ch. of England	3	16			27			49	38	87	49	38	22	49	22	22			38	28	7	38	7	7	49	38	87		
10	Wesleyan	2	41	10		2			53	39	92	53	21	8	19					39	15		14			53	39	92		
11	Governors Bay		9	2					11	6	17	11	11	9	9	9	9	11		6	6	1	1	1	1	6	11	6	17	
12	Kaiapoi, Ch. of England		32	8	3				43	14	57	43	14	14	34	14	14			14	14	6	6	6	6	6	43	14	57	
13	Wesleyan	1	23	16					40	11	51	40	33	17	40	17				11	8	4		11	4	4	40	11	51	
14	Woodend	2	20	7	1	1			30	29	59	30	25	12	24	19	28	12		29	24	6		25	26	31	30	29	59	
15	Saltwater Creek	1	4	3	2	1			10	16	26	10	8	3	6	3	4			11	13	7	1	11	7	7	10	16	26	
16	Leithfield	1	10	7	1				19	10	29	19	10	7	19	9	5	2		10	6	4		10	5	1	19	10	29	
17	Ashley Bank	2	10	6	2	2			20	13	33	20	14	5	15	7				13	8	6		8	6		20	13	33	
18	Rangiora, Boys	2	33	35					70	70	70	70	52	30	30	30	30	70									70	70	70	
19	Grls, &c.	3	3			7		1	6	46	52	6	2	2	3					46	40	20		46	16	9	6	46	52	
20	Fernside		15	6		1		1	21	23	44	21	14	5	21	5	0	14		23	14	10		23	10	14	21	23	44	
21	Oxford		26	8					34	13	47	34	26	22	34	22	9			13	8	8	2	13	8	14	34	13	47	
22	Eyveton		11	3		1			14	12	26	14	14	5	14	5				12	7	5		12	5	2	14	12	26	
23	Akaroa	3	17	6					26	29	55	26	11	5	13	5	5			29	7	2		21	2	2	26	29	55	
24	Pigeon Bay	2	3	14	1	2			20	9	29	20	16	16	20	16	7	11		9	9	7	7	7	1	3	20	9	29	
25	Duvauchelles Bay	1	10	5					16	11	27	16	8	4	16	8	8	8		11	6	4	11	11	6	6	16	11	27	
26	Okains Bay		7	8		1			15	16	31	15	12	12	15	12	12			16	10	10		16	10	10	15	16	31	
27	Little Akaloa Bay	2	4	3					9	12	21	9	6	6	6	6	3			12	10	10		9	6	3	9	12	21	
28	Riccarton		8	12					20	23	43	20	20	15	20	16	16			23	23	15	23	23	15	15	20	23	43	
29	Prebbleton		12	11	1	2			24	17	41	24	20	11	22	11	6			17	16	6		17	6	1	24	17	41	
30	Templeton		6	5					11	5	16	11	8	8	11	11	6			5	4	4		5	5		11	5	16	
31	Lincoln		11	6	1				18	16	34	18	14	6	14	4	10			16	12	6		10	3	7	18	16	34	
32	Upper Heathcote		12	7					19	14	33	19	16	4	16	2	3			14	9	2		9	1	1	19	14	33	
33	Halswell*																													
34	Heathcote Valley	4	14	5		3			23	20	43	23	16	10	20	10	3			20	12	8		16	8	4	23	20	43	
35	Lower Heathcote	4	27	12	1				44	19	63	44	32	9	33	9				19	11			13			44	19	63	
36	Avonside	5	31	6				1	42	29	71	42	16	12	42	12	12			29	20	12		29	12	12	42	29	71	
37	Papanui, St. Paul's	2	28	24		2			54	55	109	54	42	23	42	23	13			55	38	17	38	55	17	10	54	55	109	
38	Wesleyan	1	14	1					16	14	30	16	10	3	10	3	3	14		14	12	4		12	4	4	16	14	30	
39	Harewood road		17	9		1		1	26	15	41	26	21	7	26	15				15	9	5		15	6		26	15	41	
40	North Road		9	10					19	7	26	19	17	8	19	8	7			7	5			7			19	7	26	
41	St. Alban's	5	39	11		7			55	40	95	55	23	10	32	12	12			40	17	11		25	11	11	55	40	95	
42	Timaru	27	30	20		28			77	63	140	77	48	21	48	21	12			63	37	16	63	37	16	9	77	63	140	
43	Arowhenua	Uncertain.							*33	19	52	Uncertain.																52	52	
									1677	1019	2696																1677	1019	2696	

* Closed early in the Quarter.

* Totals estimated.

Quarter ending December, 1866.

Schedule as to Efficiency of Schools examined.

	List of Schools examined.	Date of Examination.	Numbers present.	Site, Buildings, and premises	Books and Apparatus.	Organization and Discipline.	Bible Knowledge.	Elementary Secular Knowledge.	Ordinary do. do.	Remarks.
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's	Nov. 23	136	A	A	B	A	B	A	The attainments of the children <i>present</i> , on the whole, satisfactory. Attendance 64 less than last year.
2	„ Wesleyan .	„ 21	135	A	A	A	A	A	A	Bad atmosphere from deficient ventilation; upstairs floor sinks; supported by pillars below. Cleanliness, order and efficiency rule this model school
3	„ St. Andrew's	„ 13	48	A	A	A	A	A	A	An excellent school for girls and little boys
4	„ St. Luke's .	„ 22	92	A	A	A	A	A	A	Increasing efficiency stopped by insufficient salary
5	Lyttelton, Ch. of England	Dec. 14	63	A	A	B	A	B	A	Of these two schools the second has an equal or a larger attendance, is taught by only <i>one</i> teacher, (<i>except as to needlework</i>) instead of <i>two</i> , but is the more successful as to the instruction of the younger children
6	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 13	64	A	A	A	A	A	A	
7	Governor Bay ...	„ 21	13	B	A	A	A	A	A	Space insufficient for this small number of well-taught children
8	Kaipoi, Ch. of England	„ 3	42	A	A	B	A	A	A	Highly creditable, and more so for the <i>number</i> of well-taught children than for the high range of their attainments
9	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 3	35	B	B	C	A	A	A	Building improved; discipline weak
10	Woodend ...	„ 12	42	B	A	B	A	A	A	Considerably improved
11	Saltwater Creek ...	„ 11	18	B	A	A	A	A	A	Satisfactory
12	Leithfield ...	„ 11	15	A	A	A	A	A	A	Satisfactory
13	Ashley Bank ...	„ 10	27	A	A	A	A	A	A	Satisfactory
14	Rangiora, boys ...	„ 7	70	A	A	B	A	B	A	A highly important Day and Boarding School, capable of great efficiency
15	Fernside ...	„ 6	34	A	A	A	A	A	A	This new School is very judiciously and successfully taught. An excellent stock of books and apparatus.
16	Eyreton ...	„ 6	19	A	A	A	A	A	A	Very similar to the above
17	Riccarton ...	„ 18	23	A	A	B	New teacher			
18	Prebbleton ...	„ 19	16	B	A	New teacher				
19	Templeton ...	„ 19	5	A	A	Teacher leaving			School quite disorganised	
20	Lincoln ...	„ 20	27	A	A	A	A	A	A	Highly creditable. An unusually good first class, and a well-balanced course of instruction throughout the school
21	Upper Heathcote ...	„ 18	30	B	B	B	A	B	A	Satisfactory
22	Heathcote Valley ...	Nov 12	31	B	Teacher leaving					
23	Lower Heathcote ...	„ 20	38	A	A	A	A	A	A	Very creditable
24	Avonside ...	„ 16	37	B	B	B	A	A	A	Considerably improved
25	Papanui, St. Paul's ...	„ 30	87	B	A	A	A	A	A	An excellent preparatory school
26	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 26	25	B	A	A	A	A	A	Considerably improved. Teacher leaving
27	North Road ...	„ 19	17	B	B	B	A	B	A	
28	Harewood Road... ..	„ 19	30	B	B	A	A	A	A	Very creditable
29	St. Albans ...	„ 25	56	B	B	A	A	A	A	Improving under the new teacher
30	Timaru ...	Oct. 30	87	B	B	B	A	A	A	Very satisfactory, except as to the insufficiency of desks
31	Arowhenua ...	„ 29	28	B	A	C	C	C	A	Unsatisfactory
	Waimate and Tai Tapu projected schools.		1890							

December Quarter, 1866.

Table showing Gross and Average Attendance (Ordinary Schools) with relation to the Sexes.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.			Average Daily Attendance		
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's ...	112	53	165	77	36	113
2	„ Wesleyan ...	132	56	188	85	42	127
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	14	50	64	9	29	38
4	„ St. Luke's ...	76	53	129	49	34	83
5	„ Roman Catholic ...	88	62	150	64	37	101
6	Lyttelton, Church of England ...	49	31	87	40	24	64
7	„ Wesleyan ...	50	42	92	35	30	65
8	Governor Bay ...	11	6	17	6	5	11
9	Kaiapoi, Church of England ...	43	14	57	29	12	41
10	„ Wesleyan... ...	40	11	51	26	8	34
11	Woodend ...	30	29	59	22	20	42
12	Saltwater Creek ...	10	16	26	6	10	16
13	Leithfield ...	19	10	29	12	4	16
14	Ashley Bank ...	20	13	33	13	7	20
15	Rangiora Boys' ...	70	0	70	55	0	55
16	„ Girls' ...	0	52	52	0	37	37
17	Fernside ...	21	23	44	18	21	39
18	Oxford ...	34	13	47	28	7	35
19	Eyreton ...	14	12	26	11	7	18
20	Akaroa ...	26	29	55	17	19	36
21	Pigeon Bay... ...	20	9	29	19	8	27
22	Duvauchelle Bay ...	16	11	27	14	10	24
23	Okain Bay ...	15	16	31	12	13	25
24	Little Akaroa ...	9	12	21	6	9	15
25	Riccarton ...	20	23	43	13	17	30
26	Prebbleton ...	24	17	41	16	9	25
27	Templeton ...	11	5	16	6	4	10
28	Lincoln ...	18	16	34	12	10	22
29	Upper Heathcote ...	19	14	33	13	11	24
30	Halswell ...						
31	Heathcote Valley ...	23	20	43	20	15	35
32	Lower Heathcote ...	44	19	63	25	11	36
33	Avonside ...	42	29	71	24	14	38
34	Papanui, St. Paul's ...	54	55	109	37	37	74
35	„ Wesleyan ...	16	14	30	11	10	21
36	North Road ...	19	7	26	13	4	17
37	Harewood Road ...	26	15	41	14	11	25
38	St. Albans ...	55	40	95	40	28	68
39	Timaru ...	77	63	140	64	34	98
40	Arowhenua... ...			38			27
				2372			1632

ABSTRACT OF TEACHERS' ANNUAL RETURNS FOR 1866.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.	Average Daily Attendance.	Amount of School Fees.	Remarks.
1	Christchurch, St. Michael's ...	387	123	£ s. d. 263 11 6	
2	„ Wesleyan ...	253	122	259 10 4	
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	89	33	74 12 6	
4	„ St. Luke's ...	212	81	171 2 8	
5	„ Roman Catholic ...	252	96	185 10 3	
6	Lyttelton, Church of England ...	124	60	136 18 0	
7	„ Wesleyan ...	117	41	51 1 6	
8	Governor's Bay ...	18	9	73 15 0	
9	Kaiapoi, Church of England ...	83	39	73 8 0	
10	„ Wesleyan ...	70	29	66 19 6	
11	Woodend ...	87	39	82 3 0	
12	Saltwater Creek ...	43	18	39 7 0	
13	Leithfield ...	43	17	39 7 0	
14	Ashley Bank ...	38	16	33 2 0	
15	Rangiora, Boys' ...	97	50	86 4 0	
16	„ Girls' ...	68	33	44 5 0	For the last two quarters of 1866
17	Fernside ...	44	36	17 9 6	„ „ „ „
18	Oxford ...	59	27	50 5 6	„ three „ „
19	Eyreton ...	28	18	9 12 0	„ two „ „
20	Akaroa ...	83	39	88 19 3	
21	Pigeon Bay ...	38	27	58 17 6	
22	Duvauchelle Bay ...	47	23	56 6 0	
23	Okain Bay ...	41	26	51 0 6	
24	Little Akaroa ...	29	18	28 2 0	For the last two quarters of 1866
25	Riccarton ...	55	23	45 18 6	
26	Prebbleton ...	49	21	38 16 0	
27	Templeton ...	38	13	20 15 6	
28	Lincoln ...	43	17	45 17 0	
29	Upper Heathcote ...	58	26	63 8 6	
30	Halswell ...	33	20	29 3 0	For three quarters of the year
31	Heathcote Valley ...	64	37	64 1 10	
32	Lower Heathcote ...	87	34	78 18 0	
33	Avonside ...	122	43	100 3 0	
34	Papanui, St. Paul's ...	141	73	128 9 6	
35	„ Wesleyan ...	35	21	22 11 6	
36	North Road ...	30	17	44 10 0	
37	Harewood Road ...	41	20	41 0 6	
38	St. Albans ...	142	62	94 2 2	
39	Timaru ...	179	78	163 3 0	
40	Arowhenua ...	52	24	55 9 6	
		3521	1549	3077 17 0	

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

(DECEMBER 28, 1866—JANUARY 31, 1867.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit a Summary Report on business transacted during the month.

The Christmas and other holidays, and the early harvest have prevented the examination of schools. My time has also been fully occupied with the Quarterly and Annual Returns and Reports; in the Educational Depôt; and in stock-taking, up to the 23rd of January, when I handed over the stock and management of the Depôt to the Secretary of the Board,

Three candidates for appointments have obtained certificates of competency for the same, viz. :—

Peter Cheyne, candidate for the Mastership of the Courtney School, examined on the 14th instant.

John Macfarlane, candidate for the Mastership of the Arowhenua School, passed his examination very successfully on the 16th instant.

Wm. Taylor, (examined on the 18th August last), has obtained a certificate as to his fitness for the Mastership of the East Selwyn School.

I append some memoranda additional to those, which in October last, I then made after revising the invoices from the booksellers hitherto employed by the Board. The books in the then last corrected invoice had not arrived; but on their arrival, and on unpacking and arranging them at such intervals as I could find, the errors appeared which form the subject of the present memoranda.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SUMMARY REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS FOR THE MONTH.

(FEBRUARY 1—28.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit a Summary Report on the Schools and Candidates examined during the month.

Eleven schools including 476 children have been examined.

Three candidates for appointments have also been examined.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED :—

Christchurch Roman Catholic	...	Feb. 5	...	Present 103.—Satisfactory.
Lower Heathcote	...	" 6	...	42.—Want of Maps, &c., as before.
Heathcote Valley	...	" 7	...	36.—New teacher.
Lyttelton Wesleyan	...	" 11	...	81.—Steadily improving in numbers, discipline, and efficiency.
Pigeon Bay School	...	" 12 and 19	...	31.—Satisfactory.
Akaroa School	...	" 13	...	22.—Methods careful, and attainments satisfactory, except that too few of the children learn arithmetic. Attendance fallen off.

- Okain Bay School ... Feb. 14 ... Present 27.—A very satisfactory school.
- Duvauchelle Bay School ... „ 18 ... „ 27.—The attainments of the children were on the whole satisfactory; the attendance of girls much decreased shews the want of a female teacher. Other matters relating to this school will be brought before the notice of the Board by correspondence of Local Committee and others.
- Little Akaloa ... Feb. 15 ... Present 20.—The teacher appears to be earnest and attentive, and the children have made some progress under him, except in arithmetic in which they were slow and inaccurate.
- Lyttelton Church School ... Feb. 20 ... Present 60.—The lower classes seem to get on slowly, and they contain several big backward children.
- Papanui Wesleyan School ... Feb. 21 ... Present 27.—New teacher.

OF THE CANDIDATES EXAMINED:—

George William Westropp, examined on the 25th inst., has obtained a certificate of competency for the Mastership of an Elementary School.

Anthony G. Oldfield, candidate for the Mastership of the Prebbleton School, has obtained a certificate of fitness for that appointment.

John Thompson, candidate for the Mastership of the St. Luke's School, as per Special Report of the 27th inst.

Details of the examinations and of casual visits of inspection, are entered in the Journal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SUMMARY REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS FOR THE MONTH.

(MARCH 1—28.)

To the Honorable H. J. TANCRED, Chairman.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit a Summary Report on the Schools examined during the month.

Twenty-one schools, including 546 children, have been examined, as follows:—

- Riccarton ... March 1 ... Present 30.—Improving.
- Harewood Road ... „ 1 ... „ 11.—Satisfactory.
- Leithfield School ... „ 4 ... „ 11.—Satisfactory.
- Saltwater Creek ... „ 4 ... „ 15.—Satisfactory except as to the arithmetic; the spelling *very good*.
- Woodend School ... March 5 ... „ 29.—Satisfactory; the junior classes have made a marked improvement.
- Kaiapoi Church School ... March 6 ... „ 39.—Very satisfactory. The junior classes are remarkably accurate in elementary knowledge; children of 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 years of age answer better in Bible knowledge, spelling and tables, and read words of two or three syllables better than in the generality of schools. Great credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Matthews for the steady efficiency of the school.
- Kaiapoi Wesleyan School ... March 6 ... Present 23.—Middling. The discipline is weak; the standard of attainment and accuracy below the average.
- Avonside ... March 7 ... Present 40.—This school is steadily improving under the new master Mr. F. William Thompson.
- St. Albans ... March 8 ... Present 71.—The organization of the whole school is much improved, especially as to a better arrangement of the desks and the classification of the children. The efficiency, and, consequently, the attendance are increasing.

- North Road March 11 ... Present 15.—Satisfactory.
- Ashley Bank... .. „ 13 ... „ 13.—Steadily improving.
- Rangiora Boys' School... .. „ 13 ... „ 56.—The junior, as well as the senior classes, appear to have been very equably and satisfactorily taught since last examination. The average of accuracy is improving. I regret to observe that the registers are not yet punctually kept; yesterday's attendance not having been taken. The totals at the side and foot of the columns are also incomplete. There can be no reliance either on the registers, or on the returns made up from them, unless the attendance is duly entered, and the registers are kept with punctuality and accuracy.
- Rangiora Girls' School March 13 ... Present 36.—Not enough books; Bible knowledge, good; other subjects (very imperfect at present), should shew great improvement by next examination.
- Fernside March 14 ... Present 19.—Satisfactory.
- Oxford „ 15 ... „ 28.—School-room dirty, not regularly swept; reading very imperfect; other subjects satisfactory. Several small schools existing, and one or more on the point of starting, would imply that this school does not give satisfaction. Only six girls present; this small proportion of girls indicates the want of a school-mistress.
- Upper Heathcote March 18 ... Present 18.—Middling.
- Halswell School „ 18 ... „ 18.—New teacher; copy-books neat and creditable; altogether a good beginning. The school is now well supplied with books, apparatus, desks and other fittings. The unusually heavy rain of the recent south-wester, collecting between the adjoining gable roofs of the school and the dwelling, has overflowed in large quantities into both of them, soaking the walls, books and furniture, and damaging an expensive globe.
- TAI TAPU SCHOOL, MARCH 18, (ALSO REPORTED ON IN DECEMBER, 1866.)
- The was *no attendance*, the children had come and gone home again. The master not having returned from Christchurch, owing to serious illness in his family residing there.
- There is neither chimney, fire-place, nor other means of warming the room. The Committee will guarantee to place a stove or other means of warming in the school-room before the end of May.
- Partitioned closets for boys and girls respectively have been put up since my last visit.
- The Committee are endeavouring to rent a cottage, as a residence for the master and his family.
- Some Members of the Committee have already incurred considerable expense in maintaining the teacher, and otherwise in behalf of the school.
- They are earnestly desirous of making that provision, which has been long needed, for their children's education.
- It seems, however, that the proposed school is too near the Lincoln School, nearly three miles, more or less, from it. Possibly a more eligible site might be found nearer Lake Ellesmere, and more central to this large agricultural district.
- Lincoln school March 18 ... Present 9.—Satisfactory.
- Proposed East Selwyn School „ 19 ... „ 15.—Less than the average, owing to harvest and other out-door work. A chapel 26 x 17, lined. No fire-place; a stove has been ordered from Christchurch, but has not yet arrived. No out-door offices for the children. The teacher is comfortably lodged at a farmhouse about a mile from the school. There is a sufficiency of books and apparatus for present use. The children are orderly and well-arranged. Their progress since the opening of the school, in the December quarter, appears to have been very creditable.
- Courtney School March 20, 21 Present 19.—The school-room and dwelling are under one roof, and are well-finished, fitted and furnished. A stove has been obtained and will be set at once. There is a good supply of books and apparatus. The Local Committee take great interest in the school, which has made a very creditable start under the careful teaching of Mr. and Mrs. Cheyne.
- Templeton School March 21 ... Present 19.—Satisfactory.
- Prebbleton „ „ 22 ... „ 12.—New Teacher.
- Details of each examination are contained 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.

William Hall	...	...	...	Pigeon Bay school,
Robert Hay	...	...	...	" "
Phœbe Taylor	...	...	...	Christchurch Wesleyan school,
Thomas Walker	...	...	...	" "
George Griffin	...	...	...	" "
William Moore	...	...	...	Okain Bay school,
Maria Derrett	...	...	...	St. Paul's school, Papanui,
Charles Jennings	...	...	...	" "
Charles Bean	...	...	...	Kaiapoi Church of England school,
Mary Ann Alexander	...	...	...	" "
Alfred Merton	...	...	...	Rangiora Boys school,
William Haggett	...	...	...	St. Luke's school, Christchurch,
George Gordon	...	...	...	" "
Elizabeth Allen	...	...	...	St. Andrew's school, Christchurch,
Agnes Crosbie	...	...	...	" "
Valentine Wilson	...	...	...	Timaru school,
Eliza Moore	...	...	...	Leithfield school,
Julia Seager	...	...	...	Upper Heathcote school,
Charles Watkins	...	...	...	Akaroa school,
Robert F. Houlihan	...	...	...	Roman Catholic school, Christchurch,
Elizabeth Wooding	...	...	...	Woodend school,
Charles Purdie	...	...	...	St. Michael's school, Christchurch,
Henry Green	...	...	...	" "
Garnet Jenkins	...	...	...	Lyttelton Church of England school,
William Rae Scott	...	...	...	Saltwater Creek school,
Tom Benetto	Lyttelton Wesleyan school,
Arthur Davidson	" "
William Pannett	Lincoln school,
Annie Wright	"

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