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By His Honor's Command,
F. E. STEWART,
Provincial Secretary.

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No. V.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Christchurch, Jan. 8, 1868.

HIS Honor the Superintendent directs it to be notified that a Writ, calling for an Election to be held for the return of a Member to serve in the Provincial Council for the Heathcote District, has been returned to him with the endorsement that

ANDREW DUNCAN, Esq.,
has been duly elected.

F. E. STEWART,
Provincial Secretary.

Public Works Office,
Christchurch, Jan. 8, 1868.

HIS Honor the Superintendent directs it to be notified that he has made the following Reserves, temporarily, under the 19th Clause of the Waste Lands Regulations, viz. :—

No. 868, in red.—All that tract of land, three chains wide, commencing at the end of the present Railway Reserve through the Weka Pass across the Waikari Valley, thence passing east of Horsley Downs to the Gorge of the

Hurunui, thence along the Valley of the Hurunui to Lake Sumner, a distance of about forty-and-a-half miles, subject to land purchased and finally reserved to date—For Railway purposes.

No. 869, in red.—All that tract of land, forty chains in width, commencing at the western end of Reserve No. 868, in red; thence following along the southern shore of Lake Sumner and the slopes of the hills on the south side of the Hurunui Valley to the summit of the dividing range, a distance of about twenty-two miles, subject to land purchased and finally reserved to date—For Railway purposes.

No. 870, in red.—All that piece of land, bounded by a Public Reserve (No. 806 on the Plan of the Ellesmere District), on the east by the shores of Lake Ellesmere, on the south by the Native Reserve, and on the west by a Public Road—For Native purposes.

F. E. STEWART,
Secretary for Public Works.

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RETURN FOR THE QUARTER ENDED THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1867, OF DISEASED SHEEP IN THE PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.

N.B.—All Sheep must be included in this Return which were reported as Diseased in the Return for the previous Quarter; if they have been pronounced Clean, the Date of the Inspection must be given.

| NAME OF STATION. | NAME OF OWNER OR MANAGER. | Number of Sheep on the Station. | Number diseased. | When first pronounced diseased. | Date of last Inspection. | Result. | Date and Nature of last Legal Proceedings. | Result. | REMARKS. |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--|-----------|----------|
| Ashburton ... | W. Wilson ... | 11,000 | 7,000 | 11 December ... 1866 | 10 September ... 1867 | Scabby ... | 29 November ... 1867 | Fine £250 | |
| White Rock ... | J. Macfarlane ... | 22,000 | 6,000 | 31 December ... " | 10 August ... " | Scabby ... | 20 August ... " | Fine £200 | |
| White Rock ... | J. Macfarlane ... | | 6,000 | 1 October ... 1867 | 1 October ... " | Scabby ... | 14 October ... " | Fine £200 | |
| White Rock ... | J. Macfarlane ... | | 10,000 | 15 October ... " | 15 October ... " | Scabby ... | 28 October ... " | Fine £400 | |
| Motouau ... | C. G. King ... | 27,000 | 27,000 | 22 May ... " | 22 May ... " | Scabby ... | 25 June ... " | Fine £800 | |
| Greta Peaks ... | Thomas Sanderson ... | 15,000 | 15,000 | 12 September ... " | 12 September ... " | Scabby ... | 17 September ... " | Fine £500 | |
| Teviotdale ... | J. M. Cox ... | 15,000 | 15,000 | 20 September ... " | 20 September ... " | Scabby ... | 1 October ... " | Fine £500 | |
| Cashmere ... | J. C. Wilson ... | 2,000 | 2,000 | 16 August ... " | 16 August ... " | Scabby ... | 12 September ... " | Fine £100 | |
| Mount Pleasant ... | A. Hornbrook ... | 3,000 | 3,000 | 21 August ... " | 21 August ... " | Scabby ... | 12 September ... " | Fine £100 | |
| Glenmark ... | G. H. Moore ... | 60,000 | 15,000 | 5 October ... " | 5 October ... " | Scabby ... | 14 October ... " | Fine £500 | |
| Loburn ... | A. & C. Cunningham ... | 7,000 | 7,000 | 8 October ... " | 8 October ... " | Scabby ... | 14 October ... " | Fine £250 | |
| Horsley Downs ... | Mallock & Lance ... | 50,000 | 21,000 | 7 November ... " | 7 November ... " | Scabby ... | 3 December ... " | Fine £700 | |
| Halswell ... | M. J. Burke ... | 2,000 | 2,000 | 31 October ... " | 31 October ... " | Scabby ... | 22 November ... " | Fine £100 | |

Christchurch,
6th January, 1868.

P. B. BOULTON,
Chief Inspector of Sheep.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

DEDUCED FROM DAILY REGISTERS KEPT AT THE
Government Stations in Christchurch, Hokitika, and Bealey,
FOR DECEMBER, 1867.

| | | CHRISTCHURCH STATION. | HOKITIKA STATION.* | BEALEY STATION.† | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Latitude | | - 43° 32' 16" S. | - 42° 41' 30" S. | - 43° 2' S. | |
| Longitude | | - 172° 38' 59" E. | - 170° 59' E. | - 171° 37' E. | |
| Height above Sea | | - 21 feet. | - 8 feet. | - 2,100 feet. | |
| Distance from Sea | | - 5 miles. | - ¼ mile. | - 38 miles (West Coast). | |
| | | CHRISTCHURCH. | HOKITIKA. | BEALEY. | |
| Barometer corrected and reduced to 32 deg. F. | Mean | 29.753 | 29.886 | — | |
| | Highest in Month | (10th) 30.441 | (10th) 30.425 | — | |
| | Lowest in Month | (23th) 29.175 | (18th) 29.421 | — | |
| Self-registering Thermometers. | In Shade, and protected. | Mean Temperature of Atmosphere | 61.6 | 57.1 | 55.3 |
| | | Mean of all Highest | 71.1 | 62.6 | 64.2 |
| | | Mean of all Lowest | 52.0 | 51.4 | 46.4 |
| | | Highest in Month | (23rd) 86.2 | (11th) 67.0 | (9th) 75.0 |
| | | Lowest in Month | (19th) 42.3 | (21st) 45.0 | (19th) 36.5 |
| | | Mean Daily Range | 19.1 | 11.4 | 17.8 |
| | Maximum in Sun. | Mean | 105.5 | 81.5 | 75.3 |
| | | Highest in Month | (30th) 135.0 | (10th) 94.0 | (9th) 92.5 |
| | Minimum on Grass. | Mean | 39.1 | 47.9 | 36.2 |
| | | Lowest in Month | (1st) 29.1 | (21st) 39.0 | (10th) 25.0 |
| | Hygrometer (deductions). | Mean Temperature of Evaporation | 57.2 | 55.7 | 50.1 |
| | | Mean Temperature of Dew Point | 53.4 | 54.4 | 45.4 |
| Mean Tension of Vapour | | .409 | .424 | .304 | |
| Mean Humidity (saturation=100) | | 75 | 90 | 69 | |
| Mean Weight of a Cubic Foot of Air | | 527.5 grains | 534.4 grains | — | |
| Mean Weight of Vapour in a Cubic Foot of Air | | 4.6 " | 4.7 " | 3.4 | |
| Mean Weight required to saturate a Cubic Foot of Air | | 1.5 " | 0.5 " | 1.6 | |
| Rain. | Total amount collected in Inches | 1.924 | 14.06 | 13.52 | |
| | Greatest Fall in one Day | (5th) 0.448 | (5th) 3.10 | (5th) 3.54 | |
| | Number of Days it Fell | 7 | 21 | 18 | |
| Wind. | Mean Velocity in Miles per Day | 188 | 141 | 178 | |
| | Greatest Velocity in Miles per Day | (28th) 300 | (15th) 233 | (14th) 501 | |
| Cloud. | Mean Amount (0=clear,) (10=overcast) | 3.3 | 6.3 | 5.3 | |

* Observer at Hokitika, JAMES ROCHFORD, Esq., District Engineer.

† Observer at Bealey, JOHN M. MUNCE, Esq., Telegraph Manager.

REMARKS.

CHRISTCHURCH. The month opened with two days of magnificent weather, but rain fell on the 3rd, 5th, and on the evening of the 6th. On the latter occasion a very heavy fall took place—2.50 inches in eighteen minutes—accompanied by distant thunder. The 15th, 18th, and 19th were also showery; otherwise a

bright clear sky prevailed in general until the close of month. The 23rd was the hottest day, when the temperature in the shade rose to 86°.2. It blew hard on the night of the 20th from the north-west; and a thunder-storm, with bright lightning, occurred at 3 a.m. on the 30th, followed by a gale from the north-west, a hot dry wind, as usual with storms from that quarter in summer; on that day the mean velocity of the wind for six hours, ending 3.30 p.m., was 27.3 miles per hour. The only other changes worth mentioning were—great thermal range on the 23rd, namely, 39°, or from 86°.2 to 47°; and the great dryness of the air on the 23rd and 31st, when relative humidity fell to 40 and 41 respectively. Besides the hot day before mentioned, the temperature in the shade rose above 80° on the 13th, 22nd, 23rd, 30th, and 31st. Sheet lightning was seen on the night of the 30th, towards the north. The mean temperature of the month was rather above the average, viz., 61°.6 to 59°.9. Solar radiation was 2°.3, and nocturnal radiation 8°.2, below the mean for the month; the rainfall and the remaining results were about the average. Spontaneous evaporation was 7.374 inches. Mean direction of the wind, E. by N.

Rainfall from January 1st to December 31st, each year, as follows:—

| | |
|----------|----------------------------|
| 1864 ... | 22.093 inches on 114 days. |
| 1865 ... | 24.349 " 107 " |
| 1866 ... | 19.440 " 86 " |
| 1867 ... | 30.025 " 96 " |

HOKITIKA.

A very unsettled month; rain fell on 21 days, equal to 14.06 inches; the heaviest fall took place on the 5th, when 3.10 inches

were collected. Fog prevailed on the 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 15th. One gale of wind occurred, namely, on the 28th, from the north-east, and two thunder-storms, on the 30 and 31st. The mean temperature of the month was 57°.1, or 4°.5 below Christchurch, owing to the days being very much cooler, the nights being about equally warm on both coasts. The rainfall from January 1 to December 31 was 110.11 inches on 193 days, against 129.12 inches on 213 days in 1866. The mean direction of the wind was N.W. by N.

BEALEY.

At this station the general character of the weather closely resembled that at Hokitika. There was the same heavy fall of rain in the beginning of the month, particularly on the 5th; the same bright clear days from the 7th to the 12th; and two thunder-storms at the close of the month. There was, however, more wind, as gales blew on the 22nd, 23rd, 29th, and 30th, always from the north-west. A very high wind prevailed on several other days besides; for instance, on the 14th, when 501 miles passed the station. Snow fell on the surrounding hills on the 19th. Compared with Christchurch, the mean temperature was 6°.3 below. Seven nights in the month were frosty. Prevailing direction of the wind N.W. Rainfall from April 1st to December 31st, 81.61 inches on 155 days.

R. L. HOLMES,

Meteorological Observer,
Christchurch.

January 18th, 1868.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that, immediately after the Sale by Public Auction of Town and Rural Lands, to be held at the Land Office, Christchurch, at the hour of noon, on Thursday, the 13th day of February next, shall have taken place, the Lease for depasturing purposes of General Government Reserves, Nos. 77 and 77A, situated at German Bay Hill, Akaroa, and containing respectively 35 acres 3 roods 11 perches and 64 acres, will be submitted to competition, and granted to the highest bidder.

Conditions of Lease may be ascertained on application at this office.

Land Office, Christchurch,
January 13, 1868.

WILLIAM GUISE BRITTAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the co-partnership hitherto subsisting between William McKenzie and William Wilkinson Harrison, as Tailors and Habit Makers, at Christchurch, under the style or firm of "McKenzie and Harrison" has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the said co-partnership will in future be carried on by the said William Wilkinson Harrison.

All moneys owing to and payable by the late firm will be received and paid by the said William Wilkinson Harrison.

Dated this tenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

W. MACKENZIE,
W. W. HARRISON.

Witness—RICHARD D. THOMAS,
Articled Clerk,
Christchurch.

CHRISTCHURCH:

Printed, under the authority of the Provincial Government of the Province of Canterbury, at the *Lyttelton Times* Office, Gloucester Street, by CROSBIE WARD and WILLIAM REEVES, Official Printers for the time being to the said Government.

The amount of School fees £1040 2s. 5d., an increase of £39 5s. 5d.

The general increase is at a lower rate than in former years, but there has been less increase or influx of population by immigration and otherwise.

The attendance in the City Schools has also been decreased by the establishment of several branch, denominational, and other Schools not receiving Government aid.

It will be seen from the Schedule as to their efficiency, that the number of Schools examined during the quarter has been 49, including 1899 children.

I have much pleasure in recording the generally efficient or improving state of the Schools; to those more highly commended for efficiency and improvement in former years, may be added the Leeston and Courtney Schools; excellent ones of their kind as country Schools, wanting many of those incentives to study enjoyed by Schools nearer town.

The improved efficiency of the Schools at Heathcote Valley and Lower Heathcote is particularly worthy of notice, dating as it does from the constant employment of both a Master and a Mistress instead of only a Master.

The Halswell School also bids fair to be an important one, having accommodation for boarders and capability of affording a higher course of instruction.

The new School at Governor's Bay North is a very interesting experiment, offering to combine all the requirements of a country district together with accommodation for boarders.

The School is conducted by a Master of superior qualifications, and is under the control of a Chairman of great experience in both the conduct and management of Schools.

It is supported by the subscriptions of the wealthier residents, whose children attend, and by the School fees in addition to the grant in aid.

The Timaru School has also during the past year, attained a standard nearer than formerly to that of older and more efficient Schools. Similarly to the Papanui St. Paul's School, it is taught by the Master, Mistress, and a daughter.

The increased attendance and efficiency of the Rangiora Girls' School, dating from its removal to a suitable building and the appointment of a skilful and experienced Mistress, is particularly worthy of notice.

With reference to the Schools generally, I am glad to say that to award commendation wherever there is merit, would only be coincident with an enumeration of all the Schools.

With regard to such minor defects as are brought into more prominent notice on the day of inspection, the remarks or comments thereon, made to the children or classes in the hearing of a conscientious teacher, are sufficient to ensure correction and improvement. More important matters have called for the censure of the Board, and have with scarcely even a single exception, ensured the co-operation of the School authorities.

The Military Drill, introduced into several Schools, has proved most conducive to habits of smartness and order both in and out of School-hours. It has, however, been much better carried out by such Teachers as have been both willing and able to give instruction in it, than by the Drill Serjeants, whose duties at distant places interrupt their regularity of attendance. And besides this, receiving no additional pay for this extra duty of teaching children in whom they have but little interest, they are less likely to do their work well than are the Teachers, whose interest in their charge compensates in some measure for the fulfilment of a duty for which they receive no extra remuneration.

The Teachers of the Leeston, Flaxton, and Eyreton Schools, are particularly commendable for the efficiency of their drill, and more particularly the first above referred to; for, his devotion of own extra time out of School hours, leads the children to take great interest in this exercise.

I should be glad if I might be permitted to recommend a small bonus, either already or at the end of next year, to the Schools most efficient in drill exercises taught out of School hours.

Kaiapoi Wesleyan School December 18 ... Present, 51 ... Improving.

Geraldine School, ... December 21 ... Present, 6, and five others who arrived at a quarter to eleven. School begins at 10 a.m. The long distances, and the dairy work are the excuse for beginning so late. On the other hand, the children living near have a long idle morning before School. The attendance account is not properly kept, only on slips afterwards copied into the register. These slips are made up for once instead of for twice a day, and sometimes from memory. Every child is represented to have attended a full five days per week. There was no attendance account for the School-day previous to the examination. The attainments, except the arithmetic, were fairly proportioned to the time in School. Of the five children arriving after the inspection, two of 5 or 6 years old live one mile from the School; one of 8 years, three-quarters of a mile; two of 7 or 8, four miles. As to apparatus: The black board was useless for want of chalk, slate pencils were sent for to the store.

Arowhenua School ... same day ... Present 31 ... School begins at ten, and some of the children probably come later; the late hour is much more objectionable than at Geraldine, for most of the children live in the township. Every class was short of books, and the reading consequently very imperfect; the improvement in other subjects since last examination is very slight, and not commendable. The Master complains of arrears of fees of above £60; this is the result of a higher rate of fees than the residents can afford and of their being paid in arrear. A low quarterly pre-payment would have secured a larger attendance and a more real income.

Timaru School, ... Dec. 22 ... Present 75 ... Satisfactory.

Waimate School, ... Dec. 23 ... Present 42 ... The Bible knowledge was very deficient, the other subjects showed some improvement since last examination.

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.

(QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 30TH, 1868.)

INSPECTOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit a Tabular Summary of the Returns as to attendance and payment, and a Schedule as to the efficiency of the Schools examined.

It will be seen from the Tabular Summary of Quarterly Returns, that during the quarter the number of attendants has been 2982, an increase of 167 upon the corresponding quarter of last year. The average attendance 2632, an increase of 82.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(NOVEMBER 26—DECEMBER 31, 1868.)

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT OF FOR THE MONTH.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

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

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-------------|-----|--|-----|--|
| <i>Halswell School</i> | ... | November 21 | ... | Present, 31 | ... | Very Satisfactory except as to the reading of the lower classes, below the first. |
| <i>Harewood Road School</i> | | November 27 | ... | Present, 17 | ... | Improving. |
| <i>Ferry Road School</i> } <i>Lower Heathcote.</i> } | ... | November 30 | ... | Much improved to the constant assistance of a mistress during the last three months. | | |
| <i>R. Catholic Boys</i> | ... | November 30 | ... | Present 40 | ... | Satisfactory. |
| <i>R. Catholic Girls</i> | ... | Same day | ... | Present 68 | ... | In excellent order, not further inspected. |
| <i>Kaiapoi Church School</i> ,... | | December 2 | ... | Present, 86 | ... | Satisfactory. |
| <i>Riccarton School</i> , | ... | December 3 | ... | Present, 58 | ... | The attendance and efficiency of the School are increasing; but with one or two exceptions in each class the reading, throughout the School, is defective as to fluency and punctuation. |
| <i>Avonside School</i> , | ... | December 4 | ... | Present, 38 | ... | Improving, but very slowly. |
| <i>St. Luke's School</i> , | ... | December 7 | ... | Present 74 | ... | Much Improved. |
| <i>Flaxton School</i> , | ... | December 8 | ... | Present, 16 out of 33. | ... | Sickness prevalent. |
| <i>Fernside School</i> , | ... | Same day | ... | Present, 38 | ... | Satisfactory. |
| <i>Harewood School</i> , } (near Oxford.) } | ... | December 9 | ... | Present, 35 | ... | Improving. |
| <i>Oxford School</i> , | ... | Same day | ... | Present, 36 | ... | The Bible knowledge, reading and spelling were very imperfect; the interruption by sickness may account for it, but there should be a very decided improvement before next examination. |
| <i>Cust District School</i> | ... | Same day | ... | Present, 29 | ... | Improving. |
| <i>Rangiora School</i> , | ... | December 10 | ... | Present, 53 | ... | Satisfactory. |
| <i>Woodend School</i> , | ... | December 11 | ... | Present, 55 | ... | Improving. |
| <i>Governor's Bay North</i> ... | ... | December 15 | ... | Present, 23 | ... | Attainments satisfactory. Register less so. School section not fenced in; much inconvenience results. |
| <i>Upper Heathcote School</i> , | | December 17 | ... | Present, 33 | ... | Improving. |

Rangiora Girls' School, November 11 ... Present, 43 ... The School is now conducted in the new building, a fine, lofty and airy room, well lighted and ventilated. The chimney, an architectural design, is too large, massive, and heavy for the rest of the structure. The few and old desks are insufficient and unsuitable. The improved organization, discipline, and tone of the School, give fair promise of satisfactory results.

Ashley Bank School, ... November 12 ... Present, 16 ... Satisfactory.

Leithfield School, ... Same day ... Present, 25 ... Improving.

Saltwater Creek, ... November 13 ... Present, 20 ... Improving.

Woodend School, ... Same day ... Present, 38 ... (Below the average, owing to a local holiday). Improving.

Papanui Church School... November 18 ... Present, 70 ... Below the average, owing to two previous days' rain. Satisfactory.

St. Michael's School, } November 19 ... Present, 90 ... (Below the average,
Christchurch. } as above). Satisfactory.

Chch. Wesleyan School... November 19 ... Present, 93 ... (Below the average as above). Satisfactory.

Lyttelton Church School... November 24 ... Present, 51 ... The clock at a standstill, the wet floor, the half-dusted desks and table, the listless irreverence at prayers, all told of imperfect organisation and defective discipline. The clock was out of repair; the floor had just been swept and watered, but the water stood in long pools on the floor, and the elder boys knelt in it. Crouching behind the desks their misconduct seems to pass unnoticed. Two elder boys thus hidden, talked nearly all prayer-time. The others lolled at ease, or sprawled in various attitudes of repose. I had no intention of watching for irreverence, but the talking aroused attention to it. The very slow and lame progress, of the lower classes, in elementary knowledge, is in striking contrast with the greater accuracy of younger children at a neighbouring School. [Lyttelton Wesleyan, as explained to the Board on November 26]. The dullness is not, therefore, due to the locality, but to the spiritless and mechanical routine of this particular School. In the higher classes, the reading, writing, and arithmetic are inferior to the standard of similar schools. Another Town School, St. Andrews, Christchurch, of nearly equal numbers, but with inferior appliances, is more successfully conducted in its elementary course, by a single Teacher, a Mistress.

This is the Third, consecutive time, that it has been my duty to report unfavourably on the Lyttelton Church School.

Papanui Wesleyan School November 25 ... Present, 41 ... The order and the progress of the lower classes is much improved. The upper classes are imperfect in Bible knowledge, very deficient in arithmetic, and incorrect in diction. The School is a very elementary one; and only fit for boys under 10 or 11 years of age and for little girls.

— One Candidate for a certificate has been examined, as per Special Report of the 23rd instant.

Details of the School examinations are entered in the Journal.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

These are not adapted to one another as to height; and the benches being fitted into the wall, both, bring the children nearer to the cracks in the woodwork; and also prevent the convenient supervision of the writing.

There are three good desks of about $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet each, in length. This is scarcely half enough.

There is a fair supply of apparatus, including maps, easels, boards, &c. Maps of Australia and New Zealand would be an acquisition, when obtainable.

The arrangement of the children on all sides of the room is very disadvantageous, and not at all conducive to order.

Considering all these drawbacks, the conduct and attainments of the children are creditable to the Mistress.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(OCTOBER 30—NOVEMBER 26, 1868)

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

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

The examinations have been without notice.

Heathcote Valley, ... October 30 ... Present, 38 ... Much Improved; children in good order and making satisfactory progress. Attendance increasing.

North Road, ... November 2 ... Present, 21 ... Improving.

Courtney, ... November 4 ... Present, 22 ... Very satisfactory.

South Selwyn, ... November 5 ... Present, 16 ... Not more than an average; but six of this number came late, arriving after 10 o'clock. The Teacher did not arrive till a quarter before ten; thus setting the example of irregularity. The classes are badly arranged, and the room is untidy. The reading and writing are not being carefully taught; mistakes are becoming confirmed for want of correction; the copybooks, except Charles Withall's, are untidy and discreditable. They are not well chosen; and the gradations are ill adapted to respective ability.

Leeston School, ... Same day ... Present, 20 ... Very satisfactory.

Prebbleton School, ... November 6 } (Below average) ... Improving.
Very wet day.

Lincoln School, ... October 20 ... Present, 14 ... More than half the pupils have left, to attend either the Springston, or the proposed Broadfield School. The new Master commenced his duties. yesterday.

Tai Tapu School ... October 20 ... Present, 34 ... (Not reckoning two others, sent for, to attend the examination). The Schools is making generally satisfactory progress. The reading is improvable.

Governor's Bay North ... October 27 ... Present, 25 ... This new School was opened in the new premises in July; the schoolroom and dwelling house are well planned, built and finished. The light and ventilation are well adapted to the room. There is a good supply of suitable apparatus and books. The junior classes have, so far, been carefully and correctly taught; they are remarkably free from the ordinary defects of diction. A few more advanced pupils are successfully studying Latin, Greek, and French. Their accuracy, in the latin Accidence and Parsing, reflect considerable credit on their present and former Teachers.

Governor's Bay ... October 28 ... Present, 11 ... The care and skill with which three young children have been taught, result in a highly commendable soundness and accuracy in Biblical and general knowledge.

The details of the examinations 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 ADDINGTON SCHOOL.

VISITED OCTOBER 8, 1868.—PRESENT, 35.

The School is a branch of the St. Michael's Schools, and in the same parish.

It is situated nearly a mile from the latter, on a road leading from the vicinity of the High School, and the Lincoln road, to the Orphan Asylum.

It is also nearly two miles from the Upper Heathcote School, on the Lincoln road.

The building, a schoolroom only, has an aspect nearly due north.

It loses much of the advantage of the sunshine, in fine winter mornings; and is exposed to the strongest heat in summer.

The inside dimensions give an oblong of about 25 feet by 13½ feet; the room thus being too narrow, and not convenient for good organization.

In its present state the building has been badly built and unfinished.

There are several cracks in the wood-work and weather boarding, the room is not lined. From this cause it is very cold and drafty on all sides, and the draft is increased by the very needlessly large ventilators, which cannot either of them be closed in wintry and stormy weather.

The bad position of the door, at one of the gable ends, and at right angles to the fire-place, both adds to the draft, exposing at least one-third of the children to this extra draft; and, also, further obviates the convenient arrangement of desks and benches.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(SEPTEMBER 25,—OCTOBER 29, 1868.)

INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

TO THE HON. H. J. TANCRED, CHAIRMAN.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the Schools examined during the month, including Special Reports on the "Addington School" and the proposed Broadfield School; also to report the examination of Alfred S. White, candidate for the Mastership of the Mount Grey Downs School.

The Akaroa School had been closed for some time previous to the intended examination, owing to serious ill-health of the Master, now recovering. (Oct. 1st.)

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

- Duvauchelle's Bay* ... October 6 ... Present, 24 ... Much Improved.
- Okain's Bay*, ... October 6 ... Present, 36 ... Very Satisfactory.
Besides a sound knowledge of the Bible and of general rudiments, the attainments comprise a fair general knowledge of English History, Grammar and Geography, including that of New Zealand. More than half the School have a general knowledge of arithmetic, varying from the compound rules to cube root. The expertness in mental arithmetic is remarkable. The elder pupils are instructed in higher subjects without any neglect of the younger or less advanced children.
- Little Akaloa School*, ... October 7 ... Present, 20 ... Improving under the new Teacher. The attainments also reflecting great credit upon the late Master, now conducting the Springston School.
- Pigeon Bay School*, ... October 8 ... Present, 28 ... The satisfactory attainments are fairly proportioned to the regularity of attendance. The School was merely visited *en route* and *unexpectedly*. It presented its ordinary satisfactory appearance as to attendance and order. The English grammar is particularly commendable both for the *rational* manner in which it is taught, and for the intelligence and accuracy of a large and mixed class of pupils.
- Addington School*, ... October 9 ... Present, 35 ... Special Report.
- North Road School*, ... October 12 ... Present, 17 ... Re-commencing under a new Teacher, the building and premises being now in better order.
- St. Albans School*, ... October 13 ... Present, 50 ... Improving.
- Templeton School*, ... October 10 ... Present, 24 ... The building requires the shelter of trees. The brickwork of the chimney has been loosened by a recent gale. The gaps, in the lining of the room, required to be stopped. The draft at the southerly end rendered it necessary to remove some children from their ordinary seats. The attainments of the children and the improved order of the room are satisfactory.
- Broadfields School* ... October 12 ... Present, 32 ... Special Report.
- Springston School* ... October 20 ... Present 25 ... The School has recently opened. The buildings have a warm aspect; they are remarkably well planned, built and finished; at a comparatively low cost. The dwelling is a superior one, and well fitted for a teacher's residence. The schoolroom is well arranged and supplied. The ventilators will require shutters in the winter and in stormy weather.

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SPECIAL REPORT ON THE PROPOSED BROADFIELD SCHOOL.

EXAMINED OCTOBER 19.—PRESENT 32.

The site is nearly equi-distant—about 3 to 3½ miles—from the Springston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, and Templeton Schools.

It is likely to affect the attendance of them all.

Only eleven of the thirty-two children present, were those not formerly attending either Lincoln, Prebbleton, or Templeton. It is doubtful whether any of the remainder would have been provided for by the Springston School. The proposed School is, however, much nearer to those attending it, none of them living within two miles of either of the other Schools, and some of them close to this one.

The proposed School-room is a lofty and airy Chapel, a fine building of about feet inside dimensions.

It is well finished and is lined with T. & G. Baltic Pine.

It is, however, very drafty from the windows on three sides of the room, from the door, and from two large ventilators. The latter require shutters for use in cold and stormy weather.

There is neither fireplace, stove, nor other provision for warming.

The desks are insufficient, unsuitable, and badly made.

A Member of the Committee states that they are willing to remedy every defect, and to provide every requisite in the event of the School being approved by the Board.

The School fees are one shilling weekly, and should supply an income of about twenty-five shillings weekly from this source alone.

The School presented an unfavourable appearance as to organization and discipline, owing to the unoccupied state of some classes not under instruction at the time; also, owing to the distribution of the children on all sides of the room, and to other faulty arrangements.

The ages range from 4 or 5 to 17 or 18.

In conclusion, the room in its present state and arrangement is not well adapted for a School.

Its proximity to other Schools may prove objectionable.

The present Teacher, quite a youth, trained at St. Michael's School, and of good promise, is hardly equal to the conduct of so large a School, of such varied ages and attainments, and including several elder Scholars of a first-rate Master.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

October 24, 1868.

SCHEDULE AS TO EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS EXAMINED DURING QUARTER
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1868.

| | List of Schools Examined. | Date of Examination. | Numbers present. | Site, Buildings, and Premises. | Books and Apparatus. | Organization and Discipline. | Bible Knowledge. | Elementary Secular. | Ordinary Secular. |
|----|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | St. Michael's | Sep. 2 | 111 | A | A | B | A | B | A |
| 2 | Wesleyan | July 20 | 95 | A | A | A | A | B | A |
| 3 | Christchurch—St. Luke's | Aug. 31 | 91 | A | B | A | A | B | B |
| 4 | „ St. Andrew's | Sep. 3 | 49 | B | A | A | A | A | A |
| 5 | Roman Catholic Boys' | „ 11 | 35 | A | A | B | B | B | A |
| 6 | „ Girls' | „ 11 | 53 | A | A | A | B | A | |
| 7 | Lyttelton—Church of England | Aug. 21 | 58 | A | A | B | A | B | B |
| 8 | „ Wesleyan | Sep. 18 | 55 | A | A | A | A | A | |
| 9 | Kaiapoi—Church of England | Aug. 3 | 66 | A | A | B | A | C | A |
| 10 | „ Wesleyan | Sep. 9 | 47 | B | A | B | A | B | B |
| 11 | Woodend | Aug. 4 | 47 | B | A | A | A | B | B |
| 12 | Saltwater Creek | „ 5 | 10 | B | A | B | A | A | |
| 13 | Leithfield | „ 5 | 19 | A | A | A | B | A | |
| 14 | Ashley Bank | „ 6 | 24 | A | B | A | A | A | A |
| 15 | Rangiora Boys' | „ 11 | 37 | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| 16 | Rangiora Girls' | July 16 | 10 | Visited but not Examined. | | | | | |
| 17 | Fernside | „ 17 | 30 | A | A | A | A | B | A |
| 18 | Cust Valley | Aug. 12 | 25 | B | A | A | A | A | |
| 19 | Oxford | „ 13 | 15 | School all but closed from Hooping-cough. | | | | | |
| 20 | Harewood | „ 13 | 30 | B | B | B | A | B | |
| 21 | Eyreton | „ 12 | 22 | A | A | A | A | A | |
| 22 | Flaxton | „ 10 | 15 | A | A | A | New | School. | |
| 23 | Riccarton | Sep. 14 | 49 | A | A | A | A | A | B |
| 24 | Prebbleton | July 9 | 26 | B | A | A | A | A | B |
| 25 | Templeton | „ 15 | 27 | B | A | A | B | A | B |
| 26 | Lincoln | „ 8 | 20 | B | A | A | A | A | A |
| 27 | Leeston | „ 7 | 22 | A | A | A | A | A | |
| 28 | Upper Heathcote (Lincoln Road) | Sep. 15 | 34 | B | A | B | A | A | |
| 29 | Halswell | „ 6 | 29 | A | A | A | A | A | B |
| 30 | Heathcote Valley | Aug. 17 | 38 | B | B | A | New | Teacher. | |
| 31 | Lower Heathcote (Ferry Road) | Sep. 17 | 34 | B | B | C | B | B | C |
| 32 | Avonside | „ 10 | 36 | B | A | B | A | B | |
| 33 | Papanui—St. Paul's | „ 4 | 90 | B | A | A | A | A | A |
| 34 | „ Wesleyan | „ 7 | 25 | B | B | C | B | B | |
| 35 | Harewood Road | „ 8 | 17 | B | B | A | B | B | |
| 36 | St. Albans | July 13 | 46 | B | B | B | A | A | |
| 37 | Pigeon Bay | Aug. 18 and „ 19 | 29 | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| | | | 1466 | | | | | | |

TABULAR SUMMARY OF RETURNS AS TO ATTENDANCE AND PAYMENTS.

| | List of Schools. | Number of Attendants. | | | Average Daily Attendance. | | | Amount of School Fees. | | |
|----|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|--------|---------------------------|-----|--------|------------------------|----|----|
| | | M. | F. | Total. | M. | F. | Total. | £ | s. | d. |
| 1 | Christchurch—St. Michael's | 101 | 49 | 150 | 83 | 32 | 115 | 51 | 9 | 6 |
| 2 | „ Wesleyan | 99 | 44 | 143 | 72 | 23 | 95 | 44 | 15 | 0 |
| 3 | „ St. Andrew's | 13 | 54 | 67 | 9 | 34 | 43 | 23 | 17 | 0 |
| 4 | „ St. Luke's | 73 | 60 | 133 | 51 | 33 | 84 | 49 | 15 | 6 |
| 5 | „ E. Catholic Boys' | 47 | ... | 47 | 34 | ... | 34 | 20 | 2 | 6 |
| 6 | „ „ Girls' | 15 | 60 | 75 | 9 | 36 | 45 | 23 | 2 | 0 |
| 7 | Lyttelton — Church of England | 44 | 24 | 68 | 33 | 15 | 48 | 30 | 16 | 9 |
| 8 | „ Wesleyan | 38 | 36 | 74 | 22 | 22 | 44 | 20 | 14 | 6 |
| 9 | Governor's Bay | 6 | 7 | 13 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 15 | 0 |
| 10 | „ North | 21 | 7 | 28 | 17 | 4 | 21 | 29 | 8 | 6 |
| 11 | Kaipoi—Church of England | 67 | 37 | 104 | 50 | 23 | 73 | 37 | 3 | 3 |
| 12 | „ Wesleyan | 39 | 19 | 58 | 28 | 14 | 42 | 20 | 15 | 6 |
| 13 | Woodend | 30 | 40 | 70 | 21 | 25 | 46 | 16 | 12 | 0 |
| 14 | Saltwater Creek | 13 | 8 | 21 | 10 | 4 | 14 | 8 | 15 | 0 |
| 15 | Leithfield | 24 | 13 | 37 | 11 | 7 | 18 | 12 | 11 | 6 |
| 16 | Ashley Bank | 24 | 15 | 39 | 11 | 8 | 19 | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| 17 | Rangiora Boys' | 57 | ... | 57 | 49 | ... | 49 | 24 | 2 | 0 |
| 18 | „ Girls' | 4 | 24 | 28 | 2 | 18 | 20 | 7 | 16 | 0 |
| 19 | Fernside | 16 | 21 | 37 | 11 | 15 | 26 | 8 | 15 | 0 |
| 20 | Cust Valley | 13 | 14 | 27 | 9 | 9 | 18 | 9 | 8 | 6 |
| 21 | Oxford | 31 | 9 | 40 | 17 | 4 | 21 | 14 | 5 | 0 |
| 22 | Harewood | 22 | 23 | 45 | 10 | 12 | 22 | 13 | 9 | 0 |
| 23 | Eyreton | 14 | 9 | 23 | 11 | 7 | 18 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 24 | Flaxton | 17 | 11 | 28 | 13 | 9 | 22 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | Courtney | 13 | 10 | 23 | 9 | 7 | 16 | 6 | 7 | 0 |
| 26 | Akaroa | 22 | 19 | 41 | 16 | 12 | 28 | 13 | 10 | 9 |
| 27 | Pigeon Bay | 20 | 11 | 31 | 19 | 8 | 27 | 12 | 16 | 0 |
| 28 | Duvauchelle's Bay | 27 | 12 | 39 | 16 | 7 | 23 | 10 | 15 | 0 |
| 29 | Okain's Bay | 22 | 14 | 36 | 18 | 12 | 30 | 11 | 14 | 6 |
| 30 | Little Akaloa | 13 | 9 | 22 | 10 | 7 | 17 | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| 31 | Riccarton | 32 | 41 | 73 | 18 | 19 | 37 | 22 | 10 | 0 |
| 32 | Frebbleton | 19 | 21 | 40 | 10 | 11 | 21 | 13 | 9 | 0 |
| 33 | Templeton | 33 | 11 | 44 | 19 | 5 | 24 | 7 | 4 | 6 |
| 34 | Lincoln | 23 | 19 | 42 | 13 | 9 | 22 | 15 | 2 | 6 |
| 35 | Leeston | 21 | 15 | 36 | 11 | 8 | 19 | 13 | 9 | 6 |
| 36 | South Selwyn | 11 | 9 | 20 | 9 | 7 | 16 | 8 | 16 | 0 |
| 37 | Upper Heathcote | 27 | 15 | 42 | 14 | 7 | 21 | 13 | 17 | 0 |
| 38 | Halswell | 31 | 13 | 44 | 10 | 22 | 32 | 21 | 18 | 0 |
| 39 | Tai Tapu | 23 | 20 | 43 | 16 | 13 | 29 | 21 | 6 | 0 |
| 40 | Heathcote Valley | 33 | 12 | 45 | 21 | 5 | 26 | 15 | 4 | 6 |
| 41 | Lower Heathcote | 27 | 34 | 61 | 17 | 15 | 32 | 18 | 16 | 0 |
| 42 | Avonside | 40 | 21 | 61 | 29 | 12 | 41 | 24 | 17 | 6 |
| 43 | Papanui—St. Paul's | 62 | 57 | 119 | 51 | 39 | 90 | 44 | 0 | 6 |
| 44 | „ Wesleyan | 30 | 24 | 54 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 11 | 14 | 0 |
| 45 | North Road * | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 46 | Harewood Road | 19 | 5 | 24 | 11 | 4 | 15 | 12 | 15 | 0 |
| 47 | St. Albans | 54 | 40 | 94 | 36 | 16 | 52 | 26 | 15 | 6 |
| 48 | Geraldine | 8 | 11 | 19 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| 49 | Arowhenua | 17 | 19 | 36 | 10 | 13 | 28 | 16 | 10 | 0 |
| 50 | Timaru | 65 | 51 | 116 | 47 | 37 | 84 | 43 | 7 | 0 |
| 51 | Waimate | 23 | 23 | 46 | 15 | 13 | 28 | 15 | 2 | 6 |
| | | 1543 | 1120 | 2663 | 1054 | 683 | 1733 | 941 | 11 | 9 |

It will be seen from the Tabular Summary, that the number of Schools at work during the quarter has been 50, an increase of five upon the corresponding quarter of last year. The gross number of attendants has been 2663, an increase of 232. The average daily attendance has been 1733, an increase of 255. The increase in the average being greater than in the gross attendance, because the former had not increased, but had varied inversely with the latter, in this quarter of last year.

The amount of School fees "due" and "received" for the quarter, has been £940 11s. 9d., an increase of £150 4s. 7d.

It will be seen from the Schedule as to their efficiency, that the number of Ordinary Schools examined has been 38, including 1466 children.

The Orphan Asylum was inspected and examined early in the quarter, and a Special Report was forwarded to the Government.

The "Junior Scholars," those holding the "Government Scholarships," awarded to Candidates from Ordinary Schools, have been specially examined during the quarter, and a full Report has been made upon their generally satisfactory progress.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

Parse the words underlined in the following quotation :—

There is a land, of every land the pride,
Beloved of Heaven, o'er all the world beside.

* * * * *
Oh! thou shalt find however thy footsteps roam,
That land thy country, and that spot thy home.

ARITHMETIC.

1. Reduce 121 yards to poles.
2. Reduce 123,456,789 ozs. to tons.
3. From the sum of $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{4}{5}$, subtract $\frac{7}{8}$.
4. Find cost of 13 ozs. of tea at 3s. 4d. per lb.
5. Find cost of 7 ingots of gold, each weighing 4 ozs. 10 dwts. 12 grs., at £3 17s. 10½d. per oz.
6. How many men working for 30 days, for eight hours a day, could embank as much Waimakariri as 16 men working for 20 days for 10 hours a day?
7. Reduce 12s. 6d. to the decimal of a £.
8. Reduce £1 13s. 4d. to the decimal of £2 13s. 4d.
9. Divide 1.625 by 1.25.
10. Find the Compound interest on £325 for 3½ years at 5 per cent.
11. Find the Square Root of 708,964.

LATIN.

1. Give the Genitive endings of each declension, and the most usual gender.
2. Give any instance of Masculine Nouns of the first, Neuters in *us*, of the second, and of Neuter and Feminine Nouns of the fourth declension.
3. Give Dative Plural of: Equus, a horse; and equa, a mare; filius, a son; and filia, a daughter.
4. Give the Vocative, Singular of, filius, servus, Georgius, Deus, and meus, mea, meum.
5. Give the Genative, Singular of Nemo, corpus, and opus.
6. The Genative, Plural of, civis, mare, dux, animal, urbs, serpens.
7. Compare the Adjectives felix, vetus, humilis, magnus, pius; and the Adverbs graviter and bene.
8. Give the accusative Singular of the Pronouns "is," "idem," "ipse," and "iste."
9. Give the "perfect" and "supine," if any, in the following Verbs:—Do, dare, to give; gaudeo, gaudere, to rejoice; eo, ire, to go; mordeo, mordere, to bite; tango, tangere, to touch; mitto, mittere, to send; vinco, vincere, to conquer; vincio, vincire, to bind; fero, ferre, to bear; tollo, tollere, to lift up.
10. Translate into Latin:—If ye will love virtue, all good (men) will praise you. Cæsar commanded the brave soldier to shut the gate of the city.
Construe: Patria mihi carior est quam vita. Melior sapientia est auro. Hostes venerant urbem expugnaturi.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1868.)

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

TO THE HON. H. J. TANCRED, CHAIRMAN.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit, together with a Report for the above quarter, a Tabular Summary of the Returns, and a Schedule as to the efficiency of the Schools examined.

TABULAR REPORT OF ATTAINMENTS OF GOVERNMENT SCHOLARS.

| Name of Scholar. | Date of Scholarship. | Sacred History. | Reading. | English Grammar. | Spelling. | Punctuation. | Arithmetic. | Geography. | Modern History. | Ancient History. | Writing. | Euclid. | Algebra. | Classics. |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Merton (sen.), G. H. ... | 1866 | A | B | B | C' | C' | A' | B | B | B | B | | | B |
| Wilkinson (sen.), T. W. ... | 1866 | B' | A | B' | A | B | A | A | A | | B | A | C' | |
| Wilkinson (jun.), J. R. ... | 1866 | A | A | B' | A' | B | A' | A | A | | A' | A' | B' | |
| Coygill, John A. ... | 1867 | B' | B' | B' | A | B' | A | B | B' | B' | A | | | B' |
| Triggs, Robert ... | 1867 | B' | B | C | A | C | B | B' | B' | | B' | | | |
| Jennings, Charles E. ... | 1867 | C | B | C | B | C' | B | B | B' | | B | | | |
| Ladbrook, Henry A. ... | 1867 | B' | B | C | A | C' | B' | C' | C' | | B | | | |
| Dawson, Alfred ... | 1868 | A' | B | B | B | C | B' | A | A | | B | | | |
| Merton (jun.), Alfred J. ... | 1868 | B' | B' | B | B | B | B | C' | B | | B' | | | |
| Parson, Arthur J. ... | 1868 | B | C' | C | A | C | B | B | C' | | B' | | | |
| Bean, Walter Stanley ... | 1868 | B' | B | B | B' | C | B' | B | B | | B' | | | |

A'—Best. A—Good. B'—Fair. B—Less so. C'—Imperfect. C—Very imperfect, or commencing.

(AUGUST 28—SEPTEMBER 24, 1868.)

APPENDIX B.—EXAMINATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS,
GOVERNMENT SCHOLARS.

SACRED HISTORY.

1. Name the places where the Israelites stopped in the Wilderness, and state what happened at each place.
2. State singly, and very briefly, who were:—Terah, Milcah, Manoah, Elkanah, Jesse, Joab, Gehazi, Nicodemus, Zacchæus, Jairus, Matthias, Barsabas, Sergius Paulus, Eutychus, Aquila.

PROFANE HISTORY.

State singly and very briefly who were:—Darius, Leonidas, Lycurgus, Camillus, Sulla, Crassus; Stephen Langton, Simon de Montfort, Pandulph, Sebastian Cabot, Vasco di Gama, Sir Thomas More, Commodore Anson, Sir Ralph Abercrombie, Lord Clive, Lord Raglan.

GEOGRAPHY.

1. Which are the principal motions of the earth?
2. What is the cause of Eclipses?
3. Name the countries famous for any of the following productions:—Oak, deal, teak, maple, mahogany, grain, rice, tea, sugar, cotton, hemp, tar, tallow.
4. Draw the coast line of Australia from Adelaide to Sydney.
5. Name the furthest points to the North, S., E., and W. of New Zealand.
6. And any other important capes.
7. The Provinces of New Zealand, their capitals, harbours, and other chief towns.
8. Name the longest river of New Zealand.
9. Name the principal rivers, with their courses, in each Province.
10. Give dates: Tasman's discovery. Cook's visit. Canterbury settlement.

Ancient History has not been studied to any extent, except by Merton and Caygill. The latter has answered *well*, the former *tolerably*.

The Writing is more successfully cultivated at Pigeon Bay than at the other Schools; all the Scholars, however, write tolerably neat and legible hands. Caygill's and Ladbrook's writing is clear and firm. That of Parson is very neat and regular. Triggs and Jennings have taken great pains with their writing, but it wants firmness and regularity.

Geometry has not been studied to any extent by the Scholars, except at Pigeon Bay. The Wilkinsons being very sound in Euclid to the end of the First Book, and having made considerable progress with the second. Merton had commenced the subject.

In Algebra the two Wilkinsons work easy examples up to problems in simple equations. Merton had also very recently commenced the subject.

In Classics Merton and Caygill had gone through the Latin Grammar to the end of the Irregular Verbs, and had done some exercises in the construction and construing of Latin sentences; this has been the work of little more than half a year, and they have at present only an imperfect recollection of what they had learned. The two Wilkinsons had only very recently commenced the Declensions, which they pronounce with a *quasi-Italian* accent.

In Greek, Merton and Caygill had done a few exercises in the *Initia Græca*. In both Latin and Greek, Caygill has a more perfect recollection of the subject than Merton.

From the result of these examinations I would respectfully submit the following conclusions:—

I. That the progress of the Scholars is so far generally satisfactory; the boys promising ones and worthy of further advancement.

II. That with regard to the Senior or Third Year Scholars, greater accuracy in Classics, and a more even balance of these, Mathematics, and English may be desirable.

III. That with regard to them all, greater proficiency and accuracy in Reading, Punctuation, Geography, and Writing are requisite.

IV. That the English subjects, generally, have been more successfully taught at Pigeon Bay, which is *not* a Classical School, but a good Commercial one.

V. That with regard to the Ordinary Schools, a very short further stay is desirable for boys long since at the head of them.

VI. That, among the Junior Scholars of 1868 and 1867, Dawson, in his first year, is especially fit for the earliest advancement; and the steady and solid progress of Caygill, a Scholar of 1867, *i.e.*, in his Second Year, but working well in a Third Year Course, is highly commendable.

VII. That the early promotion of Triggs, Jennings, and Ladbrook to a "Superior School" is desirable.

The Scholars were examined as follows :—

Merton and Caygill, attending Christ's College Grammar School, specially, in the Board Room, on the 16th Sept. inst.

Thomas Walter Wilkinson and James Reeve Wilkinson, specially, at Pigeon Bay, on the 18th and 19th ult.

The five attending St. Paul's Papanui School, viz., Alfred Dawson, Henry Alfred Ladbrook, Charles Edmund Jennings, Robert Triggs, and Arthur John Parson, specially, at Papanui, on the 28th August inst.

Merton, junior (Alfred J.), and Walter Stanley Bean, on the ordinary examination of their respective Schools, without any special examination.

The scholars, generally, were examined in Sacred History, Reading, English Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation, Arithmetic, Geography, English History and Writing.

The scholars of 1866, and Caygill, of 1867, were further examined as to their knowledge of Ancient History, Geometry, and Classics.

In Sacred History the answers were generally satisfactory: those of Alfred Dawson, Merton (senior), and Wilkinson (junior), were highly commendable. Considering their age, under eleven, Dawson's and the younger Wilkinson's knowledge of the subject is remarkably good; it has been carefully and successfully taught to boys of unusually retentive memory.

The reading of the two Wilkinsons and Merton (junior), shewed greater cultivation of *ease, fluency, intelligence, and expression*, than that of the other scholars. Caygill's and the elder Merton's Reading was also good, but seemingly out of practice. There is not much cultivation of style as to the reading of the scholars at the other Schools. If they name the words aright, in their proper order, and mind the principal stops, the teachers are satisfied.

The English Grammar was generally, more or less, satisfactory; but the Papanui boys, with the exception of Dawson, are still very inaccurate in their knowledge of this subject. They do not understand the words they use.

Their Spelling is mostly very satisfactory, although Merton (senior) and Jennings have made several casual and careless errors in Spelling in several papers.

The Punctuation is, generally, rather *imperfect* from want of care than *inaccurate* from ignorance. The papers of the two Wilkinsons are the least faulty in this respect, next to them Caygill and Merton (junior). The rest ought to mind their stops better than they do.

The Arithmetic is very satisfactory, more especially as to the senior scholars (of 1866), who have been carefully taught the principles, and work their examples with remarkable expertness and accuracy. This remark applies to Merton (senior) and the two Wilkinsons.

The progress of Caygill, Ladbrook, Jennings, and Triggs is also commendable.

None of the Junior, or First Year, Scholars of 1868 exceed the others in their knowledge of this subject; but it is, so far, quite satisfactory.

In Geography generally, and in that of New Zealand in particular, the two Wilkinsons and the Papanui boys have answered well; Merton and Caygill state that they happen to be in the only division of their School *not* studying the Geography of the Australian Colonies; they are, therefore, at a great disadvantage in this respect. Bean, at Kaiapoi, had recently commenced the Geography of New Zealand, and Merton (junior), at Rangiora, was commencing it.

In English History the two Wilkinsons and Dawson are more proficient than the rest, having answered satisfactorily.

The two Mertons, Caygill, Jennings, and Triggs have also answered well, and the others fairly. The subject seems to be that in which most boys take an interest.

Harewood Road School, September 8 ... Present 17 ... The School is thinly attended, the attainments moderate. A map of New Zealand is wanted.

Kaiapoi Wesleyan School, September 9 ... Present 47 ... Considerably improved. A map of New Zealand wanted.

Avonside School, September 10 ... Present 36 ... Two other late Scholars came in at 10.30 and 10.45 respectively; but could not be reckoned in the terms of the Ordinance. There is a satisfactory improvement in the attainments and efficiency.

Christchurch R. Catholic School, Sept. 11... Present 35. ... Satisfactory. The attendance has been reduced by drafting the girls and infants into a separate School.

Christchurch Convent School, Girls and Infants, September 11 } Present 53 ... The School is very satisfactorily conducted by ladies; the children removed from the formerly mixed School have much improved in their lessons, appearance, and manners. The School is in excellent order, children remarkably quiet, clean, and neat.

Riccarton School, September 14 ... Present 49 ... Very satisfactory.

Upper Heathcote School, September 15 ... Present 34 ... Much improved. A new black-board being required, the Chairman of Committee will have one made at once.

Lower Heathcote School, September 17 ... Present 34 ... Very middling.

Lyttelton Wesleyan School, September 18... Present 54 ... The children are of a lower average age and their course more elementary than in the other town Schools. They have, however, been very carefully taught; their reading, especially that of the little children of seven and eight, is very commendable for expression, fluency, and tolerably correct punctuation. The copy books are neat; but the handwriting is not good.

Miss E. Culliford, candidate for the appointment of Mistress to the Rangiora Girls' School, passed a satisfactory examination on the 21st inst., as per Certificate.

The new Committee of the North Road School have made strenuous exertions to put the buildings, fences, and premises in proper order. The buildings are in a much better state of repair, the fences satisfactory, the front playground gravelled, and the whole in sufficiently good order for a master to commence his duties.

I have the honour, to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT ON BOYS HOLDING JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

The boys holding the Provincial Government Scholarships awarded to candidates from the District Schools have been examined as to their progress and proficiency.

A table annexed will supply the names of the scholars and the year of their obtaining their scholarships. It will also shew the state of their attainments in each subject.

Further details of each examination are entered in the Journal

Two Candidates for appointments have been examined: Alfred Wiggins an applicant for the Mastership of the Southbridge School; Charles Howard, an applicant for that of the Loburn School.

Before concluding this Report, I would state that, calling in passing at the North Road School, I observed the buildings and premises to be in a very unsatisfactory state as to repair and cleanliness. The School-room also is badly lighted; the fences are out of repair; the gate has gone. It would be well, if, before the appointment of a new Master, these defects were repaired.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(AUGUST 28—SEPTEMBER 24, 1868.)

SUMMARY REPORT OF INSPECTOR FOR THE MONTH.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

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

The five Government Scholars attending the Papanui St. Paul's School were examined on the 28th instant: the others at different dates, as per Special Report, Appendix A.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Christchurch St. Luke's, ... August 31 ... Present 91 ... Considerably improved in numbers and efficiency. The Bible knowledge (partly due to the Sunday School) is very creditable. A map of New Zealand is wanted.

Christchurch St. Michael's, September 2 ... Present 110 ... Satisfactory. A very general improvement and increasing attendance.

Christchurch St. Andrew's, September 3 ... Present 49 ... The whole School is carefully and successfully taught. Some remarkably well written papers, superior specimens of composition and punctuation, were done by two little girls of ten and nine years of age respectively.

Papanui St. Paul's School, September 4 ... Present 90 ... Satisfactory. The arithmetic and spelling are unusually correct, as compared with the rest of the Schools.

Papanui Wesleyan School, September 7 ... Present 25 ... This is a very elementary School; the attendance had been much interrupted during the winter but has considerably improved since the day of examination. The attainments were very middling.

Eyreton School Same day ... Present, 22 ... Satisfactory. The Bible knowledge is particularly commendable, and also the general accuracy, considering how young the children are.

Oxford School, August 13 ... Present, 15 ... The hooping-cough, very prevalent, has nearly closed the School.

Harewood School, August 13 ... Present, 30 ... Satisfactory, but no map of New Zealand.

Heathcote Valley School August 17 ... Present 38 ... The School is progressing satisfactorily under the new Master and Mistress. The building has undergone some necessary repairs. A map of New Zealand is requisite.

Pigeon Bay Academy, Aug. 18, 19 ... Present 29 ... The junior classes are unusually accurate in elementary knowledge, except that of the Bible, which is not better than in other Schools. The accuracy and proficiency of the whole School in arithmetic and spelling is above the average. The reading is remarkably free from the gross defects of diction. The writing is generally good; that of James Wilkinson, William Hall, and Robert Fleming, is excellent. The upper classes were examined in Euclid, Algebra, Latin and French. The Euclid extended to the third Book, with a more perfect knowledge of the first and second by William Hall, and of the first book by the two Wilkinsons. The study of Geometry is unusually successful. The Algebra comprised easy examples in the earlier rules and in simple equations including an easy problem. The Latin recently resumed by the formation of a class of four boys, does not yet comprise the knowledge of the declensions. The French extends in one instance to construing Fleury's History. In construing, William Hall was the most proficient. In pronunciation, Stephen Le Lievre.

The very satisfactory state of the School indicates the advantage to the day scholars, from the stimulus of the boarders, whose attendance is regular, and progress uninterrupted.

Lyttelton Church School Aug. 21 ... Present 58 ... The children seem habitually talkative and disorderly.

The Bible Knowledge was on the whole, satisfactory.

The younger classes are very imperfect in reading. Considering that they have mostly received previous instruction at an Infant School, it is surprising how little they have learned since their admission. I would instance Wm. Watson, aged 8; John H. Beasley, 8; Mary A. Snoswell, 7; they had attended respectively 127, 278, and 201 days with ordinary regularity, but could not read words of two letters without difficulty. In fact the best in the same class were those who had been less time in School.

The attainments of the whole School in reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic, are below the average, except that three boys are *familiar* with the higher rules of arithmetic.

The first class of 15, includes 13 children of the average age of 13 years, or from 11 to 14 years; and mostly from one to three or four years in School. Their age is above, but their attainments are below the average.

The supply of fittings and apparatus is good, except that a newer edition of the Map of New Zealand is requisite.

The organization and discipline of the School are defective as to general order, and also in the following points:—

1. The Military Drill appears to be taught at desultory intervals, between the other duties of the Drill Instructor, now absent at Timaru.
2. The arrangements for cleaning and warming the room are unsuccessful. Being the day of examination according to notice, the Teachers had cleaned the room; but there was no fire, and the children appeared to suffer from, and, in one instance, to complain of the cold.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(JULY 31—AUGUST 27, 1868.)

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

TO THE HONORABLE H. J. TANCRED, CHAIRMAN.

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

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Kaiapoi Church School, ... Aug. 3 ... Present 71 ... The school was not up to its usual average of accuracy in elementary knowledge, but it had been interrupted by floods, sickness, repairs, and other causes, during the past year, and consequently had been less often examined. Several neat outline maps of New Zealand have been drawn by John Scarvell, and other boys. The arrangement of the enlarged building in the T square form, has this disadvantage, that the Master cannot, from his station at any class, command a view of the whole room. The arrangement of the desks on several sides of the room, is against all modern educational experience. The large and increasing attendance bears witness to the satisfactory character of the School. Handsome and costly map of New Zealand and Australia have been presented by a member of the School Committee.

Woodend School, ... Aug. 4 ... Present 47 ... Moderate. A map of New Zealand is requisite.

Saltwater Creek, ... Aug. 5 ... Present 10 ... The want of a bridge keeps some children from the School, and also affects the punctuality of others. The School has been put into a satisfactory state of repair since the floods; and, except that a map of New Zealand is requisite, is now well supplied with desks, fittings, and apparatus. With better appliances than formerly, the discipline is improved; but a Time-Table is requisite, and the Register is incomplete as to an important column. The attainments are satisfactory, except the Arithmetic.

Leithfield, ... Same day ... Present, 19 ... Improved. A better approach to the school has been made, by an easier gradient up the terrace.

Ashley Bank School, ... Aug. 6 ... Present, 24 ... The attainments were satisfactory, except the Reading, which requires more time and attention.

Flaxton School, ... Aug. 10 Present, 15 ... A larger attendance is expected, when the hooping-cough has ceased. The site is well-chosen as to its central position. The buildings are now satisfactory, the premises are now in good order as to fencing, drainage, &c. The fittings and apparatus are good, including an excellent stove, provided with a space for the evaporation of water, so as to rectify the dried and heated air. Maps:—The two Hemispheres and New Zealand are requisite; also, a black board. The organisation and discipline are satisfactory, including Military drill well-taught by the Master. The children are being carefully and successfully taught.

Rangiora Boys' School, ... August 11 } ... Present, 37 ... The weather and wet day } the hooping-cough, thinned the attendance. The reading of the upper classes is particularly commendable for its fluency and expression, and more especially for the greater freedom from the ordinary gross defects of pronunciation. The Military drill has been discontinued.

Cust District School, ... August 12 ... Present, 25 ... Satisfactory.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(JUNE 26—JULY 30, 1868)

MONTHLY REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

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

I have also submitted, separately, a Report on the Orphan Asylum, examined in obedience to instructions from the Government.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Halswell School July 6 ... Present 29 ... Much improved.

Leeston School July 7 ... Present 22 ... Very creditable. The children have been carefully grounded in each elementary subject. The progress is remarkable, and is, in a great measure, due to the excellent economy of the School-time; every child is constantly employed, whether up at class or in the intervals. The pains taken by several older youths to make up for lost time, have resulted in very gratifying success. They come from long distances and attend regularly. The Military Drill is efficiently conducted by the master, after School hours; the orders are given with smartness, and obeyed with precision. The drill greatly improves the gait and mien of the Scholars, both in and out of School.

Lincoln School July 8 ... Present 20 ... Satisfactory. The first-class spelling was particularly good.

Prebbleton School July 9 ... Present 26 ... Improving.

St. Albans School July 13 ... Present 46 ... Improving.

Templeton School July 15 ... Present 27 ... Considerably improved:

In the Organization and Discipline, as to the cleaner and less encumbered state of the room, the arrangement of the desks, and the good order of the children.

In the Attainments, as to their being, with the exception of the arithmetic, more commensurate with the results of similar schools.

Rangiora Girls' School ... Visited July 16. The examination was unavoidably postponed; for, owing to the prevalence of Hooping-cough, some children were absent; and there is an habitual laxity in assembling the school after the holidays; only six or seven were present, besides the Mistress's own children.

Fernside School July 17 ... Present 30 ... Satisfactory, except as to the arithmetic which is only moderate, and the writing which is stiff and cramped.

Christchurch Wesleyan School July ... Present 95 ... Owing to the increase of Schools, public and private, in Christchurch, and to the consequent competition, the attendance in the older Schools is much reduced. The attainments were satisfactory.

Further 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.

SCHEDULE AS TO EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS EXAMINED DURING QUARTER
ENDING JUNE 30, 1868.

| List of Schools Examined. | | | | | | Date of Examination. | Numbers present. | Site, Buildings, and Premises. | Books and Apparatus. | Organization and Dis- cipline. | Bible Knowledge. | Elementary Secular. | Ordinary Secular. |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Christchurch—St. Luke's | ... | ... | ... | ... | June 1 | 76 | B | B | A | A | A | |
| 2 | „ St. Andrew's | ... | ... | ... | ... | May 20 | 44 | B | A | A | A | A | |
| 3 | Lyttelton—Wesleyan | ... | ... | ... | ... | June 22 | 27 | A | A | A | A | A | |
| 4 | Governor's Bay | ... | ... | ... | ... | April 3 | 9 | B | A | A | A | A | |
| 5 | „ North | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ „ | 20 | New | School. | | | | |
| 6 | Kaiapoi—Wesleyan | ... | ... | ... | ... | June 15 | 27 | C | B | B | A | A | C |
| 7 | Woodend | ... | ... | ... | ... | May 4 | 35 | B | A | A | A | B | |
| 8 | Saltwater Creek | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 5 | 13 | B | B | B | A | A | |
| 9 | Leithfield | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ „ | 18 | A | A | A | A | A | |
| 10 | Rangiora Girls' | ... | ... | ... | ... | April 6 | 35 | B | B | B | A | B | |
| 11 | Fernside | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 7 | 24 | A | A | A | A | A | |
| 12 | Cust Valley | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 8 | 21 | B | A | A | A | A | |
| 13 | Oxford | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 9 | 45 | B | A | A | A | A | B |
| 14 | Harewood | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 9 | 29 | B | A | B | A | B | |
| 15 | Eyreton | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 8 | 14 | A | A | A | A | A | |
| 16 | Courtney | ... | ... | ... | ... | June 10 | 18 | A | A | A | A | A | |
| 17 | Riccarton | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 8 | 27 | A | A | B | A | A | C |
| 18 | Prebbleton | ... | ... | ... | ... | April 22 | 20 | B | A | A | A | A | B |
| 19 | Templeton | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ „ | 22 | A | B | B | B | B | |
| 20 | Lincoln | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 2 | 25 | A | A | A | A | A | B |
| 21 | Leeston | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 21 | 31 | B | A | A | A | A | B |
| 22 | South Selwyn | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ „ and June 23 | 16 | C | B | B | A | A | |
| | | | | | | | (13) | | | | | | |
| 23 | Upper Heathcote | ... | ... | ... | ... | April 8 | 18 | B | B | C | A | B | |
| 24 | Halswell | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 1 | 34 | A | A | A | A | B | |
| 25 | Tai Tapu | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 2 | 31 | B | A | A | A | A | |
| 26 | Heathcote Valley | ... | ... | ... | ... | June 2 | 27 | B | B | B | B | A | |
| 27 | Lower Heathcote | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 18 | 22 | B | B | B | A | A | |
| 28 | Avonside | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 3 | 44 | B | B | B | B | B | |
| 29 | Papanui—St. Paul's | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 19 | 67 | B | A | A | A | B | B |
| 30 | „ Wesleyan | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 12 | 25 | B | B | B | A | B | |
| 31 | North Road | ... | ... | ... | ... | May 7 | 14 | New | Teacher. | | | | |
| 32 | Harewood Road | ... | ... | ... | ... | June 11 | 13 | B | B | B | B | B | |
| 33 | St. Albans | ... | ... | ... | ... | April 23 | 51 | C | B | B | A | A | |
| 34 | Geraldine | ... | ... | ... | ... | May 15 | 15 | B | B | B | B | B | |
| 35 | Arowhenua | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ „ | 16 | A | A | B | B | B | |
| 36 | Timaru | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 & 14 | 72 | A | A | A | A | A | B |
| 37 | Waimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | May 13 | 26 | A | A | C | C | C | |
| | | | | | | | 1071 | | | | | | |

TABULAR SUMMARY OF RETURNS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1868.

| | List of Schools. | Number of Attendants. | | | Average Daily Attendance. | | | Amount of School Fees. |
|----|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|--------|---------------------------|-----|--------|------------------------|
| | | M. | F. | Total. | M. | F. | Total. | |
| 1 | Christchurch—St. Michael's | 101 | 50 | 151 | 67 | 23 | 90 | £ 41 19 6 |
| 2 | „ Wesleyan | 95 | 47 | 142 | 67 | 28 | 95 | 46 0 6 |
| 3 | „ St. Andrew's | 12 | 48 | 60 | 7 | 31 | 38 | 22 3 0 |
| 4 | „ St. Luke's | 76 | 49 | 125 | 50 | 31 | 81 | 43 10 0 |
| 5 | „ R. Catholic Boys' | 72 | ... | 72 | 40 | ... | 40 | 18 2 0 |
| 6 | „ „ Girls' | ... | 60 | 60 | ... | 36 | 36 | 15 9 6 |
| 7 | Lyttelton — Church of England | 50 | 21 | 71 | 32 | 12 | 44 | 29 0 0 |
| 8 | „ Wesleyan | 39 | 38 | 77 | 23 | 23 | 46 | 18 1 6 |
| 9 | Governor's Bay | 7 | 6 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 16 12 6 |
| 10 | „ North | 17 | 8 | 25 | 12 | 4 | 16 | 21 0 6 |
| 11 | Kaiapoi—Church of England | 64 | 36 | 100 | 45 | 23 | 68 | 35 14 0 |
| 12 | „ Wesleyan | 36 | 24 | 60 | 23 | 16 | 39 | 21 18 0 |
| 13 | Woodend | 22 | 30 | 52 | 14 | 23 | 37 | 14 12 3 |
| 14 | Saltwater Creek | 16 | 13 | 29 | 11 | 8 | 19 | 9 18 9 |
| 15 | Leithfield | 23 | 12 | 35 | 12 | 6 | 18 | 13 19 0 |
| 16 | Ashley Bank | 19 | 10 | 29 | 9 | 5 | 14 | 7 1 6 |
| 17 | Rangiora Boys' | 59 | ... | 59 | 42 | ... | 42 | 21 3 0 |
| 18 | „ Girls' | 11 | 41 | 52 | 6 | 35 | 41 | 14 2 0 |
| 19 | Fernside | 14 | 18 | 32 | 9 | 14 | 23 | 8 0 0 |
| 20 | Cust Valley | 14 | 15 | 29 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 10 8 0 |
| 21 | Oxford | 37 | 15 | 52 | 21 | 8 | 29 | 16 14 0 |
| 22 | Harewood | 19 | 20 | 39 | 11 | 13 | 24 | 14 11 0 |
| 23 | Eyreton | 9 | 13 | 22 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 5 5 0 |
| 24 | Courtney | 11 | 9 | 20 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 5 16 10 |
| 25 | Akaroa | 23 | 23 | 46 | 15 | 15 | 30 | 14 3 3 |
| 26 | Pigeon Bay | 18 | 9 | 27 | 16 | 7 | 23 | 12 0 0 |
| 27 | Duvauchelle's Bay | 23 | 13 | 36 | 14 | 6 | 20 | 14 19 0 |
| 28 | Okain's Bay | 19 | 11 | 30 | 15 | 9 | 24 | 10 13 0 |
| 29 | Little Akaloa | 12 | 13 | 25 | 8 | 11 | 19 | 12 3 0 |
| 30 | Riocarton | 28 | 38 | 66 | 17 | 20 | 37 | 22 0 6 |
| 31 | Prebbleton | 15 | 21 | 36 | 11 | 10 | 21 | 13 17 0 |
| 32 | Templeton | 24 | 12 | 36 | 13 | 5 | 18 | 6 4 6 |
| 33 | Lincoln | 22 | 23 | 45 | 13 | 13 | 26 | 16 9 0 |
| 34 | Leeston | 25 | 19 | 44 | 14 | 12 | 26 | 15 8 0 |
| 35 | South Selwyn | 13 | 12 | 25 | 10 | 9 | 19 | 9 14 0 |
| 36 | Upper Heathcote | 23 | 14 | 37 | 13 | 7 | 20 | 10 11 0 |
| 37 | Halswell | 25 | 16 | 41 | 17 | 7 | 24 | 16 3 0 |
| 38 | Tai Tapu | 20 | 21 | 41 | 14 | 11 | 25 | 18 1 0 |
| 39 | Heathcote Valley | 25 | 28 | 53 | 14 | 14 | 28 | 16 10 0 |
| 40 | Lower Heathcote | 31 | 5 | 36 | 21 | 3 | 24 | 14 10 0 |
| 41 | Avonside | 46 | 23 | 69 | 23 | 10 | 33 | 24 19 6 |
| 42 | Papanui—St. Paul's | 66 | 61 | 127 | 45 | 45 | 90 | 44 7 6 |
| 43 | „ Wesleyan | 29 | 22 | 51 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 11 7 6 |
| 44 | North Road | 22 | 15 | 37 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 7 12 6 |
| 45 | Harewood Road | 20 | 5 | 25 | 14 | 4 | 18 | 10 14 0 |
| 46 | St. Albans | 60 | 35 | 95 | 34 | 8 | 42 | 24 4 0 |
| 47 | Geraldine | 11 | 14 | 25 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 8 11 0 |
| 48 | Arowhenua | 11 | 14 | 25 | 8 | 11 | 19 | 13 6 0 |
| 49 | Timaru | 66 | 51 | 117 | 45 | 35 | 80 | 38 4 6 |
| 50 | Waimate | 16 | 14 | 30 | 11 | 8 | 19 | 9 18 6 |
| | | 1516 | 1115 | 2631 | 964 | 671 | 1635 | £ 987 12 7 |

There has on the whole been a steady increase in the average attendance and the fees, and at a higher ratio than for the same quarter of last year. This is the more satisfactory considering the prevalence of sickness and unfavourable weather.

It will be seen from the Schedule as to their efficiency, that the number of Schools examined has been 37, including 1071 children. The number of Schools examined is ten more than during the corresponding quarter of last year, but the number of children is, however, 66 less; this is owing to my omitting several larger schools, visited during the quarter for the preliminary examination of their Candidates for Junior Scholarships, also, the attendance in those examined has been decreased by the weather and the Hooping-cough. Examination chiefly without notice, has also caused a *less forced* attendance.

The generally efficient, or improving character of the Schools, is a source of considerable satisfaction.

The salutary admonitions of the Board have, in several instances, awakened the interest and attention of parents and others, besides calling forth greater energy on the part of Teachers.

The Scholarship examinations have also reacted beneficially on all connected with the Schools.

The Military Drill, introduced into many of the Schools, has, in several instances, been followed by more precise and orderly habits in the children. It has also proved a very wholesome recreation, after lessons, to the youth of *both* sexes. This is more particularly exemplified in the Leeston School.

The introduction of systems of vocal music into several Schools supplies, in such cases, a great desideratum. "Curwen's Sol-fa System" appears to enable the pupils to speedily acquire the reading of the notation, and the singing of part music in chorus. I believe that this system is introduced by authority into all the Schools of a neighbouring Province, and with a satisfactory result.

The want of assistance in some of the larger Schools, seems to indicate the desirability of initiating a pupil-teacher system in accordance with the provisions of the 20th Clause of the Education Ordinance of 1864.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

The building contains a lot of rough wooden benches, some of them stuck in the ground, and other lumber unfit either for school use, or for domestic purposes.

Two sod chimneys, one at each end of the building, that at the south-western end had fallen down and been re-built.

The building has the appearance of an old one, and has been used for three or four years, only as a temporary place of worship.

VALUATION.

| | | |
|---|--------|-------|
| Sod-work, 80 sq. yds., inclusive of chimneys, @ 2s. 6d. per sq. yd. | ... | £10 |
| Window frames and glass | | 5 |
| Doors, hinges, locks, &c | | 1 |
| Slabs and rough wood work | | 2 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | £18 |

The above is, I believe, a liberal valuation as per new work, but it is now three or four years old; the *present* value of the whole, would not exceed £12.

A low sod fence, comprising about 13 chains, surrounds the section, but is broken and out of repair in several places; in this state, it cannot, on the whole, be worth more than about £5, at about 8s. a chain.

Total value £17, for building and fence.

Particulars of the examinations of each school are fully detailed in the Journal.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1868.)

SUMMARY REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,—I have the honour 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.

It will be seen from the Tabular Summary of Quarterly Returns, that during the quarter the attendance has amounted to 2831 children,—1516 boys 1115 girls—a total increase of 349 in the year. The average daily attendance to 1635,—964 of boys and 671 of girls—an increase of 141. The amount of School Fees to £887 13s. 7d., an increase of £63 8s. 8d.

- Harewood Road School*, ... June 11 ... Present, 13 ... Moderate.
- Papanui Wesleyan School*, June 12 ... Present, 25 ... Improving.
- Kaiapoi Wesleyan School*, June 15 ... Present, 27 ... Improving. The master proposes, to the Local Committee, to remove the school children to his own dwelling, nearly adjoining the Church of England School. The proposed Schoolroom is objectionable except as an unavoidable make-shift.
- Lower Heathcote School*, } June 18 ... Present, 22 ... Attainments, moderate.
 Ferry Road. }
 Not enough books. No fire, no sign of there having been one during the last few cold and rainy days. The approaches to the School were ankle-deep in mud; muddy paths and wet grass about the building lessened what comfort the children got by being sent out to get warm in the sunshine. Some necessary repairs and improvements are still neglected, although the Local Committee retain £25 per annum, of the grant in aid, in order to defray expenses.
- Papanui St. Paul's School*, June 19 ... Present, 67 ... Satisfactory on the whole, although not quite up to their usual standard.
- Lyttelton Wesleyan School*, June 22 ... Present 27 ... Improving.
- South Selwyn School*, ... June 23 ... Present, 13 ... Note.—The average for the quarter is 20, but the flooded roads have kept away seven regular attendants, three Buckleys, one Bishop, one Moon, and two Rapleys. The Buttricks, less regular, are also cut off by the overflow. The progress satisfactory, except that that the copybooks might be better. Darnell's copybooks would be preferable.
- The repairs at Saltwater Creek School had been progressing slowly, but satisfactorily; on June 5 they were still incomplete. New desks are being made.

SPECIAL REPORT ON A SOD BUILDING AT MOUNT GREY DOWNS.

It has a south-easterly aspect, standing upon an acre of ground $4 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ chains, near the corner of a cross road.

The dimensions are :—

Outside, 33 x 15 feet.

Inside 30 x 12 feet.

The longer walls $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet in height; the end walls about 13 or 14 feet to the ridge of the roof.

Rough slabs floor more than half the room; they lie on the bare ground.

The roof is lightly thatched on thin cross rails and sticks, it is out of repair, and quite open in some parts along the ridge.

There are two good windows, each of 14 x 12in. glass, in front of the building, and two other windows of irregular sizes and position in the back wall. In all 30 panes of 14 x 12in. glass, and several strips of 5in. glass overlapped.

Two rough doors, one at front, and one at back, lop-sided, badly made and badly put up.

Four common hinges.

One „ mortice lock and key.

One „ bolt and catch.

One „ latch and do.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(MAY 29,—JUNE 25, 1868.)

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

TO THE HON. H. J. TANCRED, CHAIRMAN.

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

One Candidate, C. G. Chapman, for the mastership of the Akaloa School, passed a satisfactory examination on the 29th inst., as per Certificate of that date.

The hooping-cough and the weather have thinned the attendance, in some Schools keeping away one-half of the usual number.

Notwithstanding the weather and the ill-health prevailing, two Schools were without any fire at the time of my unexpected visit. The children in one School were shivering with cold in a most pitiable manner.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

- St. Luke's School*, ... June 1 ... Present, 76 ... Below the average, to-day being Whit-Monday. Attendance and efficiency increasing.
- Heathcote Valley School*, ... June 2 ... Present, 27 ... Improved as to building, fittings, order and attainments. No fire in the stove, the room bitterly cold, and six small, broken panes made it worse. Some useful repairs have been effected; but the windows require to be mended; and the crevices, in the window-sills and other wood work to be stopped; in order to fit the room for use in winter. The ventilators, fixed open, should be contrived to close, when necessary.
- Avonside School*, ... June 4 ... Present, 44 ... Improving slowly. With two adult teachers more satisfactory progress may, in future, be expected. The smoke and ashes blow out into the room, in every south-westerly wind; so that in the coldest weather, when a fire is most wanted, one cannot be had without the greatest discomfort. A stove would obviate all this; but, it is objected, that it would increase the cost of insurance. Ventilators, fixed open, make the room too cold in severe weather.
- Upper Heathcote School*, ... June 8 ... Present, 16 ... Want of method. Shelves and table, untidy and dirty. Some of the copy books have been trodden under foot, some were lying under foot. Register untidy and incomplete as to the amount of each child's attendance. *This information is not included in the Returns, but it is often required during inspection, it is also a valuable record in each school, for this reason, a column is provided for it in the School Register, and it is required to be filled up in accordance with the Board's Circular of December 8, 1866.* Attainments moderate.
- Riccarton School*, ... Same day ... Present, 27 ... Very clean and orderly, except the *dis-arrangement* of desks for the day, in consequence of notice of examination. To have seen the ordinary arrangement would have been preferable. Attainments, Satisfactory.
- Courtney School* ... June 10 ... Present, 18 ... Very clean and orderly, careful method, satisfactory results, except as to the arithmetic, which is moderate at present. The School contrasts favourably with similar Schools complained of during the quarter. Insufficient ventilation.

SCHEDULED REPORT ON CANDIDATES FOR JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS
AND
ORDER OF MERIT,
ACCORDING TO RESULTS OF PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

| | List of Candidates. | Schools. | How long at this School. | | Age at June 30, 1868. | Bible Knowledge. | English History. | Geography. | Grammar. | Spelling. | Arithmetic. | Reading. | Writing. | Totals. |
|----|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|---------|
| | | | Y. M. | Y. M. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Walter S. Bean ... | Kaiapoi, Church | 4½ | 10 9 | 133 | 85 | 54 | 48 | 80 | 107 | 75 | 90 | 672 | |
| 2 | Alfred Dawson ... | Prebbleton ... | 4 | 10 8 | 112 | 80 | 93 | 50 | 55 | 71 | 50 | 90 | 601 | |
| 3 | Alfred J. Merton... | Rangiora ... | 4½ | 10 8 | 103 | 57 | 70 | 51 | 56 | 87 | 60 | 90 | 574 | |
| 4 | Alfred Brake ... | Halswell ... | 4 | 9 9 | 87 | 62 | 78 | 24 | 70 | 73 | 60 | 85 | 539 | |
| 5 | William Heney ... | Kaiapoi, Church | 4½ | 11 3 | 86 | 37 | 60 | 44 | 49 | 99 | 50 | 60 | 485 | |
| 6 | Wm. Charles Bean | " " | 4½ | 9 0 | 66 | 45 | 19 | 36 | 65 | 86 | 45 | 85 | 447 | |
| 7 | A. J. Parson ... | Ch.ch. Wesleyan | 3 | 11 0 | 15 | 38 | 26 | 60 | 60 | 88 | 75 | 80 | 442 | |
| 8 | George Lawrence | Rangiora ... | 6 | 10 10 | 28 | 20 | 85 | 43 | 45 | 63 | 60 | 80 | 424 | |
| 9 | Henry Seager ... | Rangiora ... | 1½ | 10 9 | 69 | 10 | 52 | 32 | 47 | 62 | 45 | 90 | 407 | |
| 10 | H. Kitchingman... | Ch.ch. Wesleyan | 4 | 10 0 | 65 | 8 | 56 | 42 | 20 | 65 | 60 | 75 | 391 | |
| 11 | { C.H. Schumacher | Papanui Wes.... | 5 | 10 9 | 3 | 5 | 38 | 37 | 45 | 77 | 60 | 90 | 355 | |
| | { Mark Melbourn | Rangiora ... | 4 | 10 4 | 49 | 5 | 4 | 35 | 45 | 67 | 60 | 90 | 355 | |
| 12 | Thos. Carmichael | Ch.ch. Wesleyan | 4 | 10 2 | 38 | 28 | 17 | 38 | 15 | 50 | 70 | 75 | 340 | |
| 13 | Wm. Pepper ... | St. Luke's ... | 1 | 10 9 | 0 | 15 | 11 | 40 | 55 | 80 | 60 | 70 | 331 | |
| 14 | Joseph Prudhoe... | Ch.ch. Wesleyan | 2 | 9 8 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 65 | 59 | 70 | 75 | 320 | |
| 15 | Alex. Webster ... | Riccarton ... | 2½ | 9 5 | 51 | 25 | 10 | 15 | 10 | 79 | 45 | 80 | 315 | |
| 16 | Fredk. Bartrum... | Ashley Bank ... | 4 | 10 5 | 10 | 19 | 0 | 10 | 50 | 70 | 60 | 75 | 294 | |
| 17 | Herbert Cole ... | Ch.ch. Wesleyan | 2 | 10 2 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 20 | 40 | 54 | 60 | 70 | 269 | |
| 18 | J. E. Tomlinson... | Oxford... .. | 1 | 10 8 | 16 | 43 | 0 | 20 | 32 | 58 | 60 | 35 | 264 | |
| 19 | Wm. Butcher ... | St. Michael's ... | 2½ | 9 10 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 15 | 40 | 60 | 0 | 90 | 260 | |
| 20 | H. Hyde Parker.. | St. Albans ... | 6 | 10 3 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 15 | 30 | 53 | 60 | 75 | 257 | |
| 21 | Samuel Stansell ... | Ch.ch. Wesleyan | 4 | 11 1 | 22 | 14 | 0 | 10 | 45 | 23 | 60 | 65 | 239 | |
| 22 | George Derrett ... | Papanui, St Paul's | 4 | 10 10 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 40 | 48 | 45 | 70 | 228 | |
| 23 | John Burns ... | Ch.ch. Wesleyan | 1½ | 10 4 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 32 | 15 | 75 | 30 | 65 | 225 | |
| 24 | Thomas Reaney... | St. Michael's ... | 4 | 10 9 | 30 | 20 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 51 | 45 | 50 | 216 | |
| 25 | { Walter White ... | Oxford... .. | 1 | 9 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 70 | 45 | 55 | 210 | |
| | { Sydney Sanders | Heathcote Valley | 3 | 9 9 | 5 | 20 | 0 | 10 | 20 | 60 | 45 | 50 | 210 | |
| 26 | Arthur Lye ... | Ch.ch. St Michael's | 2 | 10 2 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 34 | 18 | 60 | 75 | 206 | |
| 27 | William Smith ... | " " | 3 | 9 6 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 35 | 25 | 65 | 70 | 200 | |
| 28 | Albert Isles ... | St. Luke's | 1 | 10 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 40 | 31 | 30 | 80 | 194 | |
| 29 | Joe Beverley ... | Ch.ch. St Michael's | 9 | 9 11 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 22 | 60 | 75 | 185 | |
| 30 | Walter Jackson ... | Papanui, St Paul's | 3 | 10 0 | 38 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 20 | 45 | 60 | 176 | |
| 31 | James Wilson ... | Ch.ch. St Michael's | 1½ | 9 7 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 15 | 78 | 30 | 30 | 169 | |
| 32 | Thomas Clephane | " " | 2 | 9 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 60 | 70 | 160 | |
| 33 | William Todd ... | " " | 1½ | ? | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 0 | 90 | 159 | |
| 34 | Arthur Little ... | Ch.ch. St. Luke's | 6 | 10 6 | 30 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 11 | 30 | 45 | 139 | |
| 35 | Wm. Steere ... | " " | 2 | 10 11 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 18 | 30 | 45 | 108 | |
| 36 | William Tomkins | " " | 6 | 10 0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 10 | 30 | 30 | 104 | |
| 37 | James Boon ... | Riccarton | 6 | 9 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 40 | 74 | |
| 38 | Thos. Boag ... | " | 2½ | 9 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 28 | |

7. In what reign were the Norman and Saxon lines united?
8. What English Kings or Princes went to the Crusades?
9. In whose reign was the first Parliament?
10. In what reign lived Wickliffe?
11. " " Caxton?
12. " " Sir T. Cromwell?
13. " " Cecil, Lord Burleigh?
14. " " Admiral Drake?
15. " " Commodore Anson?
16. " " Marlborough?
17. Which was the longest reign?
18. Who was the father of Queen Victoria?

GEOGRAPHY.

1. Where does the Elbe rise and fall?
2. What River drains Lake Geneva?
3. And into what Sea?
4. What River drains Lake Constance?
5. And into what Sea?
6. Where does the Don fall into?
7. Which are the most important seaports of the Black Sea?
8. Which are the most important seaports of the Mediterranean?
9. Through what counties does the Severn flow?
10. Through what counties does the Trent flow?
11. What Rivers of Scotland fall into the German Ocean?
12. What Rivers fall into the Bay of Bengal?
13. Kherson—Where is it? Where near? What famous for?
14. Memel " " "
15. Lima " " "
16. Aden " " "
17. Singapore " " "
18. Colombo " " "

GRAMMAR.

1. To point out the Parts of Speech only, without parsing, in a selected passage of about twenty-four words.

Sentences.

2. Make a Sentence using the word "that" as a Demonstrative Pronoun.
3. " " "that" as a Relative Pronoun.
4. " " "that" as a Conjunction.
5. " " "then" as an adverb of Time.
6. " " "then" as a Conjunction.

SPELLING.

Equitable, rapacity, ferocity, immaterial, doubtful, extremities, necessity, possession, possibility, irresistible, immensity, eminence, achievement, mischievous, perceptible, accommodation, recommendation, condescension.

ARITHMETIC.

1. Set down in figures thirteen million, seven thousand and fourteen.
2. Multiply the number 456,789 by itself (456,789).
3. Divide 37,876,965,432 by 298.
4. Multiply £7 8s. 9½d. by 48, by exact factors.
5. Multiply £5 16s. 11½d. by 87, by long multiplication of money.
6. Divide £5764 13s. 2½d. by 39; by long division of money.
7. Reduce 200 inches to nails.
8. Reduce 3784 yards (long measure) to poles long measure.
9. Reduce 12,100 square yards to perches, land measure.

OTHER SUBJECTS.

Reading and Writing.

SPECIAL REPORT ON CANDIDATES FOR JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS,
ACCORDING TO RESULT OF THEIR PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

Forty Candidates have offered to compete for these Scholarships.

They are from the following Ordinary Schools :—

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|
| Christchurch St. Michael's | ... | ... | ... | Eight Candidates. |
| Christchurch Wesleyan | ... | ... | ... | Seven " |
| Christchurch St. Luke's | ... | ... | ... | Five " |
| Rangiora School | ... | ... | ... | Four " |
| Kaiapoi Church School | ... | ... | ... | Three " |
| Riccarton School | ... | ... | ... | Three " |
| Papanui St. Paul's | ... | ... | ... | Two " |
| Papanui Wesleyan | ... | ... | ... | One " |
| Halswell School | ... | ... | ... | One " |
| Prebbleton School | ... | ... | ... | One " |
| Oxford | ... | ... | ... | Two " |
| St. Albans | ... | ... | ... | One " |
| Ashley Bank | ... | ... | ... | One " |
| Heathcote Valley | ... | ... | ... | One " |

The papers from Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Halswell and Prebbleton Schools, reflect credit upon the Candidates, and upon their several Schools and Teachers. The others are, mostly, very inferior; and the boys sent up, being the best of their age from their several Schools, a very meagre standard of attainment is indicated by them. There has been a great disregard to punctuation, the correction of errors, and to the manner of holding pens.

William Dixon, of the Ashley Bank School, offers himself as a Candidate for an open Scholarship. He has, however, no knowledge of either Latin, Greek, Ancient (profane) History, or Algebra; his Arithmetic, Mensuration, Geometry and writing are very creditable; his spelling very faulty.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION QUESTIONS, FOR JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES.

BIBLE.

1. An account of the taking of Jericho.
2. The resurrection of Christ.
3. From which tribe was Christ descended?
4. The father of Ephraim?
5. To what tribe did Caleb belong?
6. How many Cities of Refuge were there?
7. Name them.
8. Which of the Judges was raised up to deliver the Israelites from the oppression of the Midianites?
9. Which of the Judges was raised up to deliver the Israelites from the oppression of the Moabites?
10. What was the end of King Saul?
11. Who attempted to usurp the throne after Saul's death?
12. Who attempted to usurp the throne at David's death?
13. What Prophet foretold the birthplace of Christ?
14. What Prophet foretold time of Christ's birth?
15. Mention any parable foreshewing the Day of Judgment?
16. Why was Elymas struck blind?
17. What was the sin of Simon Magus?
18. What was the first Miracle of healing performed by any of the Apostles after Christ's ascension?

ENGLISH HISTORY.

1. What Roman General first determined Britain to be an Island?
2. Name the Grandsons of King Egbert.
3. Who first founded Schools at Oxford?
4. Who first founded Schools at Cambridge?
5. Name a Saxon King at first cowardly and afterwards cruel as to the Danes.
6. What Dane defeated Edmund Ironsides?

Saltwater Creek School May 5th ... Present 13 ... Attendance reduced and still interrupted by loss of Bridge; the Master ferries children over every morning and evening. Attainments improving.

Leithfield School ... May 5 ... Present 18 ... Improving.

North Road School ... May 7 ... Present 14 ... New Teacher.

Timaru School ... May 12 & 14 ... Present 72 ... Much improved.

Waimate ... May 13 ... Present 26 ... The attendance has fallen off. It is probable that this is owing to dissatisfaction on the part of the parents. The Master and his family set an example of unpunctual attendance; they were not all in the room until a quarter to ten, although the School bell is rung at half-past eight; in this and in other respects the Master is more disposed to *give way to*, than to *control* irregularity. The children are clean and orderly, but dull and slow. The room disorderly, as to the misplacement of some of the desks; the cupboard and its shelves, as to the books and papers. The teaching has either been neglected or badly done, for the children seem to have made little, if any, progress in reading, spelling, and arithmetic. The copy books are not bad, but would be better if the Master had gone about among the children when they were writing. The blackboard seems to have been only used for setting sums, but not for explanation. The Bible knowledge, better than the other subjects, is probably for the most part attributable to the Sunday School. The Teacher's own children are almost alone in any creditable attainment, but they are considerably behind similar children in other schools. Better results could be produced by an ordinary Schoolmistress.

Geraldine School ... May 15 ... Present 15 ... Improving.

Arowhenua School ... May 15 ... Present 16 ... The attendance has been much reduced by the loss of the Temuka Bridge. The fees also reduce the attendance; there is also great difficulty in obtaining the fees. The School does not seem to be valued in the district. The School hours are irregularly observed, both from my own observation at different times and from reliable report. There is a want of better local supervision and control. The Chairman of the Committee lives at a distance, the Master is Secretary, and the other Committeemen do not interfere. The School-room and the children are very clean and orderly. The class of attendants, the numbers and the standard of attainment, are reduced to what could be easily conducted and effected by an ordinary Schoolmistress.

St. Andrew's School } May 20 ... Present 44 ... Satisfactory.
Christchurch }

Arrangements were made for the examination of two Candidates for Masterships. One declined examination from his insufficient Bible Knowledge. One re-examined, still spelled so badly as to be ineligible.

Further details are entered in the Journal.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

Prebleton School ... April 22 ... Present, 20 ... Considerably improved. But the Teacher wants energy; (can drill, but has not commenced).

Templeton School ... Same day ... Present, 22 ... Middling The progress in elementary knowledge is not yet commensurate with that of similar schools.

St. Albans School ... April 23 ... Present, 51 ... Considerably Improved. Instruction in Military drill has commenced under Mr Long. The singing has been well taught.

OF THE CANDIDATES EXAMINED:—

Spencer A. Perceval for the Heathcote Valley School. A more experienced Schoolmaster is required. Mr. Perceval might attempt a more Elementary School.

Howard Charles Jacobson, has been certified to be competent for the charge of an Ordinary School.

William Francis Morton, has been certified to be competent for the charge of an Elementary Country School.

Thomas Oldfield, has been certified to be competent for a similar appointment.

Charles Allsop, has been certified to be competent for the Mastership of the North Road School.

Morean Amy, Candidate for the Mastership of the Flaxton School, has been certified to be competent for that appointment.

The papers of the above Candidates are for the most part very creditable, and better than the usual average.

The details of the School examinations are entered in the Journal.

I have the honour, to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(MAY 1—28, 1868.)

MONTHLY REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE HONORABLE H. J TANCRED, CHAIRMAN.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the Schools and Candidates examined during the month, also a Report upon the Candidates for Junior Scholarships according to the result of their preliminary examination.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

Woodend ... May 4 ... Present 35 ... Attendance reduced by Hooping-cough. Attainments satisfactory. Of the Registers missing, only some had been returned by the former Master.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(MARCH 27—APRIL 30, 1868.)

INSPECTOR'S SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

TO THE HON. H. J. TANCRED, CHAIRMAN.

SIR,—I have the honour, in obedience to your instructions, to submit a Summary Report on the Schools and Candidates examined during the month.

Sixteen Schools, including 422 children, and six Candidates for appointments as Teachers, have been examined.

OF THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED:—

- Harewood Road School* ... March 27 ... Present, 16 ... The ventilation insufficient. The attendance has not recovered since the harvest.
- Halswell School* ... April 1 ... Present, 34 ... Improved in most of the subjects of complaint last quarter, except that the lower classes still *read* badly, although they spell well from memory.
- Lincoln* ... April 2 ... Present, 25 ... Satisfactory.
- Tai Tapu* ... Same day ... Present, 31 ... Satisfactory.
- Governor's Bay* ... April 3 ... Present, 9 ... Satisfactory.
- Governor's Bay North*, School in course of formation, and School Buildings nearly completed.
- Rangiora Girls' School* ... April 6 ... Present, 35 ... The copy books were discreditable, shewing a want of sufficient supervision. The reading and spelling of a large class of fourteen children, from six to eleven years of age, unusually imperfect and deficient.
- Fernside School* ... April 7 ... Present, 24 ... Satisfactory. The building and fences suffered in the recent floods; the building has already been repaired.
- Eyreton School* ... April 7 ... Present, 14 ... Satisfactory.
- Cust Valley School* ... Same day ... Present, 21 ... Satisfactory.
- Harewood (near Oxford)* ... April 9 ... Present, 29 ... Middling.
- Oxford* ... Same day ... Present, 45 ... Satisfactory
- Leeston School* ... April 21 ... Present, 31 ... Highly commendable. Excellent order; good method; Registers satisfactory; copybooks, creditable. The School appears to give great satisfaction. Besides those living nearer, the attendance includes that of children from eight to eighteen years of age, who walk, ride, or drive four, five, or six miles to the School. The drill exercises are gone through with remarkable smartness and precision. N.B.—*No stove or fireplace*, premises unfenced, but the ground too dry for cutting sods.
- South Selwyn School* ... Same day ... Began again on the 13th instant. Present, 16. New Teacher.

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TABULAR SUMMARY OF RETURNS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31.

| | List of Schools. | Number of Attendants. | | | Average Daily Attendance. | | | Amount of School Fees. | List of Chairmen of School Committees. |
|----|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|--------|---------------------------|-----|--------|------------------------|--|
| | | M. | F. | Total. | M. | F. | Total. | | |
| 1 | Christchurch — St. Michael's ... | 108 | 53 | 161 | 70 | 33 | 103 | £ s. d. 47 15 0 | Very Rev. Dean Jacobs. |
| 2 | „ Wesleyan... | 124 | 67 | 191 | 82 | 38 | 120 | 55 15 6 | Rev. T. Buddle. |
| 3 | „ St. Andrew's | 10 | 55 | 65 | 7 | 41 | 48 | 24 0 0 | „ C. Fraser. |
| 4 | „ St. Luke's... | 68 | 54 | 122 | 44 | 29 | 73 | 40 5 0 | Very Rev. Dean Jacobs. |
| 5 | „ R. Catholic | 70 | 49 | 119 | 46 | 34 | 80 | 38 0 6 | Rev. — Chatagniaz. |
| 6 | Lyttelton — Church of England ... | 48 | 21 | 69 | 37 | 15 | 52 | 28 19 0 | „ F. Knowles. |
| 7 | „ Wesleyan... | 49 | 45 | 94 | 34 | 31 | 65 | 22 7 6 | „ Alex. Reid. |
| 8 | Governor's Bay ... | 7 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 15 1 0 | „ R. R. Bradley. |
| 9 | Kaiapoi—Church of England ... | 61 | 38 | 99 | 44 | 23 | 67 | 30 3 0 | „ W. W. Willock. |
| 10 | „ Wesleyan... | 32 | 23 | 55 | 17 | 15 | 32 | 16 7 0 | „ R. Bavin. |
| 11 | Woodend ... | 23 | 35 | 58 | 16 | 24 | 40 | 15 13 9 | Mr. T. Wilson. |
| 12 | Saltwater Creek ... | 19 | 15 | 34 | 11 | 9 | 20 | 6 2 0 | „ A. Pavitt. |
| 13 | Leithfield ... | 20 | 14 | 34 | 12 | 7 | 19 | 13 0 6 | „ J. H. Moore, MPC. |
| 14 | Ashley Bank ... | 14 | 9 | 23 | 6 | 4 | 20 | 2 15 6 | „ J. Dixon. |
| 15 | Rangiora Boys' ... | 55 | ... | 55 | 47 | ... | 47 | 21 16 0 | Rev. Canon Dudley. |
| 16 | Rangiora Girls' ... | 11 | 39 | 50 | 7 | 35 | 42 | 11 19 0 | „ „ |
| 17 | Fernside ... | 15 | 15 | 30 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 7 10 0 | Mr. D. M'Intyre. |
| 18 | Cust Valley... | 13 | 14 | 27 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 4 6 0 | „ R. L. Higgins. |
| 19 | Oxford ... | 40 | 16 | 56 | 22 | 8 | 30 | 14 13 0 | Rev. A. P. O'Callaghan |
| 20 | Harewood ... | 17 | 20 | 37 | 11 | 13 | 24 | 12 8 0 | Mr. G. A. White. |
| 21 | Eyreton ... | 8 | 10 | 18 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 4 5 0 | „ C. Hillyard, MPC. |
| 22 | Courtney ... | 11 | 10 | 21 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 5 8 6 | Col. DeR. Brett. |
| 23 | Akaroa ... | 22 | 24 | 46 | 16 | 17 | 33 | 14 6 11 | Mr. E. C. Latter. |
| 24 | Pigeon Bay... | 16 | 8 | 24 | 14 | 7 | 21 | 11 15 0 | „ T. Kay. |
| 25 | Duvauchelle's Bay... | 24 | 12 | 36 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 16 9 0 | „ John Barwick. |
| 26 | Okain's Bay ... | 17 | 11 | 28 | 13 | 8 | 21 | 9 16 0 | „ E. W. Harris. |
| 27 | Akaloa ... | 14 | 15 | 29 | 12 | 12 | 24 | 11 15 0 | „ John Barker. |
| 28 | Riccarton ... | 21 | 31 | 52 | 13 | 15 | 28 | 13 12 0 | Rev. C. Bowen. |
| 29 | Prebbleton ... | 20 | 20 | 40 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 10 11 0 | „ R. S. Jackson. |
| 30 | Templeton ... | 29 | 15 | 44 | 13 | 5 | 18 | 6 12 0 | Mr. W. B. Toeswill. |
| 31 | Lincoln ... | 23 | 22 | 45 | 12 | 10 | 22 | 11 2 6 | „ John Murray. |
| 32 | Leeston ... | 21 | 18 | 39 | 11 | 14 | 25 | 7 6 0 | Rev. W. J. G. Bluett. |
| 33 | Upper Heathcote ... | 25 | 16 | 41 | 16 | 19 | 25 | 15 10 6 | Mr. E. W. Seager. |
| 34 | Halswell ... | 26 | 21 | 47 | 16 | 14 | 30 | 14 15 0 | „ W. G. Brittan. |
| 35 | Tai Tapu ... | 18 | 23 | 41 | 13 | 16 | 28 | 17 17 0 | „ H. W. Peryman. |
| 36 | Heathcote Valley ... | 25 | 33 | 58 | 15 | 19 | 34 | 18 17 3 | „ W. Dunlop. |
| 37 | Lower Heathcote ... | 30 | 4 | 34 | 21 | 3 | 24 | 12 3 0 | „ J. S. Willis. |
| 38 | Avonside ... | 42 | 24 | 66 | 24 | 12 | 36 | 23 4 6 | Rev. J. C. Bagshaw. |
| 39 | Papanui—St. Paul's | 67 | 59 | 126 | 50 | 44 | 94 | 37 10 6 | „ L. Moore. |
| 40 | „ Wesleyan... | 26 | 14 | 40 | 17 | 8 | 25 | 12 5 0 | Mr. J. Reese. |
| 41 | North Road ... | 24 | 18 | 42 | 12 | 10 | 22 | 8 0 6 | „ J. Abbott. |
| 42 | Harewood Road ... | 22 | 5 | 27 | 10 | 3 | 13 | 7 16 6 | „ Thos. Pavitt. |
| 43 | St. Albans ... | 66 | 46 | 112 | 45 | 26 | 71 | 32 19 0 | „ R. H. Rhodes, MPC. |
| 44 | Geraldine ... | 8 | 13 | 21 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 5 15 0 | Rev. L. L. Brown. |
| 45 | Arowhenua... | 15 | 18 | 33 | 7 | 11 | 18 | 9 0 0 | Mr. And. Paterson. |
| 46 | Timaru ... | 60 | 48 | 108 | 46 | 30 | 76 | 34 18 6 | Rev. G. Foster. |
| 47 | Waimate ... | 15 | 22 | 37 | 9 | 10 | 19 | 10 16 0 | Mr. S. W. Goldsmith. |
| | | 583 | 470 | 1053 | 359 | 274 | 633 | 310 11 9 | |

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SCHEDULE AS TO EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS EXAMINED DURING QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31.

| | List of Schools Examined. | Date of Examination. | Numbers present. | Site, Buildings, and Premises. | Books and Apparatus. | Organization and Discipline. | Bible Knowledge. | Elementary Secular. | Ordinary Secular. | Remarks. |
|----|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| 1 | Christchurch — St. Michael's ... | Feb. 25 | 106 | A | A | B | B | A | A | Improved as to accuracy. |
| 2 | „ Wesleyan | „ 24 | 139 | A | A | A | A | B | A | Very fair. |
| 3 | „ St. Andrew's | „ 19 | 49 | B | A | A | A | A | | Very fair. |
| 4 | „ St. Luke's | Mar. 5 | 80 | B | A | B | B | A | | Improving. |
| 5 | „ R. Catholic | Feb. 20 | 92 | A | B | A | B | A | B | Fair. |
| 6 | Lyttelton — Church of England ... | Mar. 16 | 46 | A | A | B | A | C | B | Fluctuation in the attainments |
| 7 | „ Wesleyan... | „ „ | 55 | A | A | A | B | A | | Improving. |
| 8 | Kaipoi — Church of England ... | „ 12 | 66 | B | B | B | A | A | A | Fair ; suffered from floods. |
| 9 | „ Wesleyan... | „ 2 | 38 | C | B | B | A | B | | Fair ; suffered from floods. |
| 10 | „ R. Catholic | Jan. 21 | 16 | O | | | | | | Since given up ; suffered much from floods. |
| 11 | Woodend ... | „ 21 | 49 | B | A | C | B | B | | Improving, but badly arranged |
| 12 | Saltwater Creek ... | „ 20 | 17 | C | C | C | B | B | | Suffered much from floods. |
| 13 | Leithfield ... | „ 20 | 17 | A | A | B | A | B | | Improved, except as to attendance. |
| 14 | Ashley Bank ... | Mar. 10 | 7 | B | A | A | A | A | | Not recovered from harvest recess. |
| 15 | Rangiora Boys' ... | „ 11 | 52 | A | A | A | A | A | A | Very fair. |
| 16 | Courtney ... | Jan. 10 | 20 | A | A | A | A | A | | Much improved. |
| 17 | Akaroa ... | Mar. 23 | 40 | B | B | B | A | A | | Improving. |
| 18 | Pigeon Bay... .. | 17 & 18 | 22 | A | A | A | A | A | A | Very fair, except attendance. |
| 19 | Okain's Bay ... | „ 20 | 19 | A | A | A | A | A | A | Very fair, except attendance. |
| 20 | Duvauchelle's Bay... | „ 24 | 27 | B | B | B | B | A | | Improving. |
| 21 | Akaloa ... | „ 19 | 28 | C | B | B | C | C | | Very middling. |
| 22 | Riccarton ... | „ 13 | 45 | A | A | B | A | B | B | Improving. |
| 23 | Prebbleton ... | Jan. 9 | 21 | B | B | B | A | C | B | Tolerable. |
| 24 | Lincoln ... | „ 7 | 41 | A | B | A | A | A | | Much improved. |
| 25 | Templeton ... | „ 9 | 26 | A | B | B | B | B | | Tolerable. |
| 26 | Leeston ... | „ 8 | 9 | B | C | | | | | New school ; very heavy weather. |
| 27 | Upper Heathcote ... | Mar. 13 | 28 | A | A | B | B | A | | Tolerable. |
| 28 | Halswell ... | Jan. 26 | 36 | B | A | B | A | B | A | Improving in some respects. |
| 29 | Heathcote Valley ... | Feb. 21 | 30 | C | B | B | B | A | | Improving. |
| 30 | Lower Heathcote ... | „ „ and Mar. 29 | 29 | B | A | B | B | B | | Tolerable. |
| 31 | Avonside ... | „ 2 | 46 | B | A | B | B | B | | Tolerable. |
| 32 | Papanui—St. Paul's | Feb. 28 | 75 | B | A | A | A | A | A | Very fair. |
| 33 | „ Wesleyan ... | Jan. 22 | 24 | B | B | B | B | A | | Some improvement. |
| 34 | North Road ... | „ 15 | 25 | B | B | A | B | A | | Some improvement. |
| 35 | Harewood Road ... | Mar. 27 | 16 | B | B | B | B | A | | Tolerable. |
| 36 | St. Albans ... | Jan. 13 | 45 | C | A | B | B | B | | Middling. |

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A, Satisfactory ; B, Middling ; C, Unsatisfactory.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(QUARTER ENDING MARCH, 1868.)

SUMMARY REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE HON. 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.

It will be seen from the Tabular Summary that during the quarter the number of attendants has been 2645, an increase of 208 upon the corresponding quarter of 1867. The average daily attendance has been 1692 an increase of 116. The amount of School Fees £813 4s. 5s. an increase of £54 15s. 8d.

The attendance and progress of the Country Schools have been hindered by the floods, the harvest, and general depression.

It will be seen from the Schedule as to efficiency that the number of Schools examined has been 36, including 1481 children, and that the progress has been on the whole satisfactory, after allowing for the drawbacks above-mentioned.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

The following are the names of the Government Scholars and the Schools at which they are being educated:—

| Name of Scholar. | School from which Scholarship was gained. | Date of Scholarship. | School at which Scholar is being now educated. |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------|--|
| Arthur W. E. Stiffe ... | Christ's College Grammar School | 1866 | Christ's College Grammar School |
| Henry Cotterill | " " " " | 1866 | " " " " |
| William P. Reeves | " " " " | 1867 | " " " " |
| William Hartland | " " " " | 1868 | " " " " |
| Louis Gibson | " " " " | 1868 | " " " " |
| James R. Wilkinson ... | Halswell School | 1866 | Pigeon Bay School. |
| Thomas W. Wilkinson ... | " " | 1866 | " " " |
| George Merton | Rangiora Boys' School | 1866 | Christ's College Grammar School |
| Alfred Merton | " " " | 1868 | Rangiora Boys' School. |
| Charles E. Jennings ... | Papanui Church School | 1867 | Christ's College Grammar School |
| Robert Triggs | " " " | 1867 | " " " " |
| John A. Caygill | Wesleyan School, Christchurch. | 1867 | " " " " |
| Arthur J. Parson | " " " | 1868 | Papanui Church School. |
| William H. Atack | High School, Christchurch ... | 1867 | High School, Christchurch. |
| Alfred Dawson | Prebbleton School | 1868 | " " " |
| Walter S. Bean | Kaiapoi Church School | 1868 | Kaiapoi Church School. |

EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS.

The efficiency of the Schools under the inspection of the Board has been maintained during the past year. The Quarterly Returns have been supplied by the Local Authorities with greater punctuality, and have been compiled with greater care than during previous years.

The attempt, mentioned in the Board's Report of 1867-8, to introduce a system of Military Drill into the Schools has been but partially successful, as owing to the withdrawal of nearly all the drill instructors by the General Government, the Schools have been thrown almost entirely on their own resources. A few of the Teachers have, however, been able to drill their pupils, and a more particular notice of the favourable results produced in such cases will be found in the Inspector's Reports annexed.

The Board, considering that it would add to the efficiency of District Schools if a record were preserved of any suggestions that might occur to the persons authorized to visit them, has distributed Visitor's Books for the insertion of any general or special remarks, and of the number of children present at the time of the visit.

Eighteen Candidates for Mastership have been examined. Of these nine obtained Certificates qualifying them for the special appointments they were desirous of obtaining; three were passed as competent for the management of small Country Schools, and two for that of Ordinary Schools.

Books, maps, and apparatus have been disposed out of the Educational Depôt to the value of £269 16s. 7d.

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.

HENRY JOHN TANCRED,

Chairman.

31st March, 1869.

not defrayed by the Board, but were paid out of the general vote for printing on the Provincial estimates, whereas during the year 1868 the whole of this charge has been borne by the Board, out of the vote on account of Education.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

The examination of Candidates for the six Government Scholarships of 1868 took place in the month of June.

Seven boys competed for the Open Scholarships, two of whom were being educated at Christ's College Grammar School, one at the Christchurch High School, one at the Ashley Bank School, and two at Mr. Scott's School.

For the Scholarships open only to boys attending District Schools aided by the Board, forty competitors offered themselves as Candidates, viz :—

- Eight from St. Michael's School.
- Five from St. Luke's School.
- Seven from the Wesleyan School, Christchurch.
- Four from Rangiora Boys' School.
- Three from Kaiapoi Church School.
- Three from Riccarton School.
- Two from Papanui Church School.
- One from Papanui Wesleyan School.
- One from Halswell School.
- One from Prebbleton School.
- Two from Oxford School.
- One from St. Albans School.
- One from Ashley Bank School.
- One from Heathcote Valley School.

Five of these were disqualified on account of their names having been sent in after the date specified by the Board; seventeen others were not considered by the Board to have passed the preliminary examination in such a manner as to justify any further competition on their part. The Candidates for the Junior Scholarships were thus reduced to eighteen.

In the final examination the two Open Scholarships were awarded to—

1. William Hartland, Christ's College Grammar School.
2. Louis Gibson, Christ's College Grammar School.

William Dixon, Ashley Bank School, although unacquainted with Ancient History or Latin stood next in the order of merit, as tested by the number of marks obtained. The Board to mark their approval of the manner in which he passed the examination awarded to him a prize of books.

The four Junior Scholarships were awarded to—

1. Alfred Dawson, Prebbleton School.
2. Alfred Merton, Rangiora Boys' School.
3. A. J. Parson, Wesleyan School, Christchurch.
4. Walter S. Bean, Kaiapoi Church School.

The Board also awarded prizes of books to Alfred Brake, Halswell School, and William Heney, Kaiapoi Church School.

In September it was found desirable that Alfred Dawson, a Junior Scholar of 1868, and R. Triggs, C. E. Jennings, and H. A. Ladbroke, should be advanced to Schools where they would receive a class of instruction superior to that obtainable in District Schools. At the desire of his parents Dawson was removed to the High School, Christchurch; the parents of Triggs and Jennings chose the Christ's College Grammar School, as the school at which their sons should for the future be educated. H. A. Ladbroke resigned his scholarship after a tenure of about fourteen months. One of the Junior Scholarships also having been resigned last year, two vacancies are created, and the Board proposes in June of the present year to fill these up and add two new Scholarships, thus raising the total number of Scholarships to twenty.

in their favour of the sum of £750. That amount has now been reduced to £450, a sum of £300 having been passed with the ordinary estimates and a further sum of £150 with the supplementary estimates under the following resolution—"That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the supplementary estimates the sum of £150 in aid of Superior Schools, provided always that it shall be lawful for the Board of Education to cause such schools to be inspected in such manner, at such times, and by such person or persons, as it shall think fit."

The Board anticipates that a permanent source of Revenue for Educational purposes will shortly become available. Upwards of ten thousand acres have been reserved for this special purpose; preliminary arrangements have also been made for letting the land.

The following statistics are drawn up for the year 1868, and do not apply like the remainder of the Report to the year ending 31st March, 1869. The total number of attendants at Ordinary Schools aided by the Board during the December Quarter 1868 was 2982 being an increase of 167 on the December Quarter 1867.

The average attendance during the same Quarter was 2032; that of the December Quarter in the previous year being 1950.

The annexed table shews the total and average attendance of children during the years specified at Ordinary Schools in receipt of aid from the Board, as well as the sums spent in the maintenance of such Schools, and the amount of School fees received:—

| Date | Total Number of Children. | Average Attendance of Children. | Sums spent on the Maintenance of Ordinary Schools. | School Fees Received. |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1867..... | 4039 | 1728 | 3947 16 8 | 3354 14 4 |
| 1868..... | 4178 | 1845 | 4299 12 2 | 3607 7 3 |

The total amount paid during the years 1867 and 1868 out of the Provincial Treasury on account of Education was distributed as follows:—

| | 1867. | | | | 1868. | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----|----|-----|-------|------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | ... | £ | s. | d. | |
| Maintenance of Superior Schools... | 750 | 0 | 0 | ... | 750 | 0 | 0 | |
| " Ordinary Schools... | 3947 | 16 | 8 | ... | 4299 | 12 | 2 | |
| Expenses of Department | ... | 653 | 16 | 0 | ... | 607 | 8 | 0 |
| Scholarships | ... | 341 | 2 | 4 | ... | 559 | 7 | 9 |
| Contingencies | ... | 63 | 17 | 4 | ... | 127 | 13 | |
| Establishment of New Schools | ... | 646 | 11 | 0 | ... | 1227 | 11 | 10 |
| | <hr/> | | | | <hr/> | | | |
| | £6403 | 3 | 4 | ... | 7571 | 13 | 3 | |

If from the amount expended during the year 1868, the sums spent on the maintenance of Superior Schools, on Scholarships, and on the establishment of New Schools, be deducted, the current expenditure on Ordinary Schools will be found to be £5034 13s. 6d. The average attendance of children being 1845, the current expense incurred by the Government in educating each child has been £2 14s. 7d. The current cost in 1867 was £2 14s., and in 1866 £2 16s. 9d. Seeing however that the flood in February 1868, may be considered an abnormal event, and the expense incurred thereby unlikely to be repeated, the sum of £28 11s. 5d., granted to the Saltwater Creek School to repair damages done on that occasion, may be deducted from the annual current expenditure. The total amount will then be reduced to £5006 2s. 1d., and the average cost of educating each child to £2 14s., or a sum exactly equal to the average cost during 1867. The Board cannot but consider this result as highly satisfactory, considering the continued monetary depression in the Province, and the heavy losses by floods sustained in country districts.

The explanation of the large increase under the head Contingencies, in the above table, it is to be observed that during the first half of the year 1867, the expenses for printing were

In addition to these new District Schools, the South Selwyn School has been re-opened under a duly qualified Teacher, and receives a grant at the rate of £2 per annum for every child in average attendance. A similar grant has, since last July, been bestowed on the Christchurch Convent School.

The Board has also agreed to grant a sum in aid of the Broadfield School, for six months dating from 1st January 1869, provided that such sum does not exceed the rate of £30 per annum, or the rate of £2 per annum for every child in average attendance. The Board although it has adopted the principle of not making special grants to Schools, unless in very exceptional cases, has been willing to aid this latter School, in order to maintain it in working order until the erection of buildings in a regularly constituted Educational District, it being the wish of residents that this should be done during the course of the present year.

The total sums spent on the new Schools above mentioned, have been as follows :—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|----------------------|-----|----|----|
| Governor's Bay North | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| Flaxton | 245 | 19 | 2 |
| Southbridge | 280 | 0 | 0 |
| Springston | 242 | 0 | 0 |
| Mount Grey Downs | 114 | 0 | 0 |
| Loburn | 250 | 0 | 0 |

The inhabitants in each of these districts have contributed one-fourth of the cost of the erection of the respective buildings as provided by "The Education Ordinance, 1864."

The Governor's Bay North School is situated in Governor's Bay Proper, the School known as Governor's Bay School, being situated at the Head of the Bay. The residents in the former district being desirous of establishing a somewhat superior School with accommodation for Boarders in the Master's house, the Board made a grant of a sum of money in excess of that usually allowed, as the locality is well suited for a school of this description, both on account of its geographical situation, and on account of the healthiness of its climate.

A Schoolroom only has been erected in the Mount Grey Downs District, as the residents were not prepared at the time to contribute one-fourth of the cost of the erection of a Master's house.

The Board anticipates that Schools will shortly be erected in the Educational Districts of South Selwyn, Milford (near Temuka), North Kowai, and Halkett (West Coast Road), which have been duly constituted by Proclamation of His Honor the Superintendent.

A meeting of the residents in the district lying between the Hororata and Wakaepa branches of the River Selwyn has been held with the view of forming that locality also into an Educational District.

The School buildings at Saltwater Creek having been severely damaged, and the school books totally destroyed by the floods in February 1868, the Board made a grant out of the vote for contingencies of £28 11s. 5d. in favour of the School, that sum being the estimated cost of the damage sustained. A Teacher's residence is being erected in the Cust District, the inhabitants having paid into the Treasury one-fourth of the cost of construction.

A new building for the Girls School has been erected in the District of Rangiora by means of local contributions; in the Papanui District also, St. Paul's School has been enlarged by the residents at a cost of about £60.

The Board being of opinion that the time has come when the grants to certain of the Schools in existence previous to the coming into force of "The Education Ordinance, 1864," should be reduced, and that the sum of £100 should be the maximum of the aid bestowed on any School, brought the subject under the notice of the Government previous to the late Session of the Provincial Council; a resolution was passed by the Council confirming the opinion of the Board, and accordingly a three months' notice of the intended reduction was, as provided by the Ordinance, given to all Schools in receipt of a grant in excess of £100. The effect of this measure will be a saving to the Provincial Revenue of an annual sum of £417 15s.

The Legislature has also reduced the annual sum payable on behalf of the Superior Schools. Previous to the late Session of the Provincial Council an annual grant was made