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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1870.

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TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

SIR,

The Board of Education has the honour to present its Annual Report for the year 1869-70, according to the terms of "The Education Ordinance, 1864."

STATISTICS.

The total number of schools receiving aid from the Board, including two Superior Schools, is 59.

The Geraldine Special Grant School, included in last year's Report, has ceased to obtain a grant from the Board. The school was carried on in a building unsuited for teaching purposes, and the amount and quality of the education given being considered inadequate to the wants of the district, the Board has suggested to the residents that the permanent establishment of a Government District School in the locality is desirable.

The High School, Lyttelton, is no longer in receipt of aid as a Superior School, no funds having been voted by the Provincial Council for that purpose during its session in October and November, 1869. The Superior Schools had, previous to that date, been examined by Examiners appointed by the Board, in accordance with a resolution passed by the Council.

The New Schools that have been brought into operation in regularly constituted Educational Districts, are those of Hororata and North Kowai.

School buildings are in the course of erection in the Halkett District, and steps have been taken with the view of starting Government Schools in the Milford, Pleasant Point (near Timaru), Waihi Crossing, Kowai Pass, and Stoke (Moeraki Downs), Districts.

The school at South Selwyn has been brought under the operation of the Ordinance, and is now carried on in suitable buildings lately erected.

A Master's house has been built in the Mount Grey Downs District.

The school at Prebbleton has been brought under the control of an annually elected Committee, in accordance with resolutions passed at a Public Meeting summoned by the Chairman of the Board, the Committee of the Church School, previously in existence, having forwarded to the Board an application requesting that a Government School might be founded in the district. A New Schoolroom has been put up on land vested in the Superintendent for school purposes, on which a Master's house had already been built by the Board in the year 1864.

The total amounts paid out of the Provincial Treasury for the erection of the buildings above mentioned, have been as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Hororata--Master's House and Schoolroom	250	0	0
North Kowai           "           "           "	195	5	3
South Selwyn           "           "           "	267	0	0
Mount Grey Downs--Master's House	60	0	0
Prebbleton--Schoolroom	70	0	0
Halkett (on account)	97	0	0

Of these sums the inhabitants in each of the respective districts have contributed at least one fourth, in accordance with the terms of "The Education Ordinance, 1864."

The school at Broadfield, near Prebbleton, at present in receipt of a Special Grant of £2 per head for every child in average attendance, will shortly be replaced by one founded under the provisions of the Ordinance.

A new and commodious building for St. Andrew's School, Christchurch, has been erected by means of local contributions. The Board is informed that the residents of Kaiapoi are making efforts to provide better accommodation for the children of the Kaiapoi Wesleyan School.

Public Meetings have been held in Timaru, with the view of obtaining increased educational facilities, and the Board has expressed its willingness to aid the residents to the best of its power in furthering the desired object.

With regard to the statistics for the year 1869, it will be found that the total number of attendants at Ordinary Schools aided by the Board during the December Quarter, was 3356, being an increase of 374 on the same quarter of 1868.

The average attendance during the December Quarter, 1869, was 2362, an increase of 330 on the same quarter of the previous year.

The annexed table shews the total and average attendance of children during the years 1867-8-9 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
1869	4654	2208	4506 14 9	3991 10 5

The total amounts paid during the years 1867-8-9, out of the Provincial Treasury, on account of Education, were distributed as follows :—

	1867.	1868.	1869.
Maintenance of Superior Schools ...	750 0 0	750 0 0	525 0 0
„ Ordinary „ ...	3947 16 8	4299 12 2	4506 14 9
Expenses of Department ...	653 16 0	607 8 0	652 1 7
Scholarships ...	341 2 4	559 7 9	630 0 0
Contingencies ...	63 17 4	127 13 6	88 7 7
Establishment of New Schools ...	646 11 0	1227 11 10	1098 18 7
	£6403 3 4	£7571 13 3	£7501 2 6

Sums amounting to £315 15s. were paid into the Treasury by the residents of the South Selwyn, Hororata, North Kowai, and Halkett Districts, as local contributions towards the erection of school buildings in their respective districts.

If from the total amount spent during the past year 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 £5247 3s. 11d. The average attendance of children being 2208, the current expense to Government in educating each child has been £2 7s. 6d., or a reduction of 7s. 1d. on the current expense during 1868, during which year the cost was £2 14s. 7d.; during 1867, £2 14s.; and during 1866, £2 16s. 9d.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS.

The stimulus to every-day work given by the chance of obtaining a Government Scholarship, seems to be acknowledged by all interested in the education of the youth of the Province. In order, however, that this stimulus may be permanent, it is desirable that the revenue, out of which the Scholarship is provided for, may be placed on a permanent basis, so that a reasonable certainty may be afforded to every boy below the stipulated age, that the studies which he may undertake, with the special view of trying for a Scholarship, will not be thrown away as far as his chance of obtaining such Scholarship is concerned.

The Scholarships competed for during the past year were four in number. The examination did not take place in June, 1869, as originally proposed, but in March of the present year. The Scholarships were open to all boys resident in the Province below eleven years of age, and the subjects of examination were identical with those required in previous years for the Junior Scholarships.

The names of thirty-three qualified Candidates were received, viz. :—

Six from the Wesleyan School, Christchurch.  
 Four from the Kaiapoi Church School.  
 Two from the Kaiapoi Wesleyan School.  
 Two from the Upper Heathcote School.  
 Two from the Avonside School.  
 One from the Christ's College Grammar School.  
 One from St. Luke's School.  
 One from the High School, Christchurch.  
 One from St. Albans School.  
 One from the Papanui Church School.  
 One from the Broadfield School.  
 One from the Templeton School.  
 One from the Leeston School.  
 One from the Halswell School.  
 One from the Rangiora Boys' School.  
 One from the Governor's Bay North School.  
 One from Mr. Gridley's School.  
 One from the Rev. J. D. Fergusson's School.  
 One from Mrs. Alabaster's School.  
 Three taught at home.

All these Candidates underwent a preliminary examination, and the fourteen boys who passed most satisfactorily competed in the final one. With regard to two other Candidates, it was decided that, although their attainments in other subjects were such as would have entitled them to a place among the Candidates in the preliminary, yet their total want of knowledge on the subject of Arithmetic rendered them ineligible to compete in the final examination.

The Scholarships were ultimately awarded as follows :—

1. William Charles Bean, Kaiapoi Church School.
2. Arthur E. Bird, High School, Christchurch.
3. William H. Herbert, Templeton School.
4. Henry J. Knowles, Rev. J. D. Fergusson's School.

It is worthy of remark that the same three boys, viz.—Bean, Bird, and Herbert, occupy the first three places in the same order in both the preliminary and final examinations; and although six weeks elapsed between the two, and boys who worked hard and were efficiently taught in the interval, on the second occasion considerably improved their original position, yet the two lists exhibit very similar results.

A Prize of books was awarded to George Wedge, of the Wesleyan School, Christchurch, the number of whose marks only fell short by seven of those obtained by Knowles.

With regard to the boys already in possession of Government Scholarships, it appeared to the Board that Walter S. Bean, A. J. Parson, and A. J. Merton, the only scholars remaining, in December, 1869, at Ordinary Schools, might advantageously be removed to the Superior ones. At the desire of their respective parents, therefore, all the three boys entered the Christ's College Grammar School.

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	High School, Christchurch
George Merton ...	Rangiora Boys' School ...	1866	Christ's College Grammar School
Alfred Merton ...	" " " " ...	1868	" " " "
Charles E. Jennings ...	Papanui Church School ...	1867	" " " "
Robert Triggs ...	" " " " ...	1867	" " " "
John A. Caygill ...	Wesleyan School, Christchurch...	1867	" " " "
Arthur J. Parson ...	" " " " ...	1868	" " " "
William H. Atack ...	High School, Christchurch ...	1867	High School, Christchurch
Arthur E. Bird ...	" " " " ...	1870	
Walter S. Bean ...	Kaiapoi Church School ...	1868	Christ's College Grammar School
William C. Bean ...	" " " " ...	1870	
Alfred Dawson ...	Prebbleton School ...	1868	High School, Christchurch
William H. Herbert ...	Templeton School ...	1870	
Henry J. Knowles ...	Rev. J. D. Fergusson's School ...	1870	

At the commencement of the present year Thomas W. Wilkinson resigned the Scholarship which he had held for three-and-a half years.

The Board observes with satisfaction that the boys who have obtained Scholarships have continued to maintain a very good position in the schools at which they have been educated. From this it would appear that it is quite possible even at the early age at which the examination takes place, to select those who, at a later time, are destined to distinguish themselves.

#### EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS.

A decided improvement has taken place among the Ordinary Schools in the knowledge shewn by the scholars of the Geography of New Zealand, the Board having frequently pointed out to Local Committees the necessity of children being thoroughly acquainted with the topography of their native country. Several books on this branch of study are now in print, but their price, consequent on the high cost of publication, prevents the extensive use of them in the schools of the Province.

The difficulty experienced by Committees in obtaining duly qualified Teachers for New Schools, or for vacancies occurring in schools already in existence, has increased rather than diminished. Few of the Candidates for such appointments have had previous experience in teaching; the trial of the greater number, therefore, is so far an experiment. The want alluded to will be still more felt as the population increases, and the schools become more numerous. The Board is of opinion that this want can only be met by the establish-

ment of a Normal School. The funds of the Province would, it is assumed, be insufficient to defray the very considerable expense of such an institution, and for this reason, as well as because there is no guarantee that the Masters so trained would remain in the Province, the Board considers it desirable that a Normal Training School for the whole Colony should be established by the General Government.

With regard to destitute children, whose parents are too poor to pay the School Fees, it is suggested by the Board that it should be empowered to require the authorities of a school receiving Government aid to admit a moderate number gratuitously.

The Board having noticed that much inconvenience has at times arisen from unsatisfactory and indefinite agreements being made between Teachers and Local Committees, has issued a Circular recommending that a distinct arrangement should be entered into between the contracting parties as to the length of notice necessary when the Master's services are no longer required by the Committee; and further, that it should be stated in the agreement that the Master's salary was a quarterly one; and, in the event of a portion of it being derived from the money granted by the Board, that the payment of such portion should be contingent on the continuation of the grant.

Prizes have been given by the Board to twenty of the scholars in the Ordinary Schools for diligence and good conduct during the past year. The names of the children to whom these prizes have been awarded will be found in the Appendix.

Ten Candidates for Masterships have been examined. Three of these received Certificates for the special appointments they were desirous of obtaining, and three were passed as competent for the management of Ordinary Schools.

Books, Maps, and Apparatus have been disposed of out of the Educational Depôt to the value of £459 9s. 10d., an increase of £199 9s. 10d. on the value of articles sold during the previous year.

HENRY JOHN TANCRED,

Chairman.

March 31, 1870.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1869.)

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TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Tabular Summary of the Quarterly Returns, and a Schedule as to the efficiency of the schools examined, both for the Quarter ending March 31st.

It will be seen from the Tabular Summary that the number of attendants during the quarter has been 3017, an increase of 372 upon the corresponding quarter of last year, there being also nine more schools than at that time.

The average daily attendance has been 2055, an increase of 363. This is an unusual approximation to the gross increase; but there was an unusual discrepancy in these results last year, owing to the February floods and other circumstances.

The amount of School Fees has been £955 11s. 10d., an increase of £142 7s. 5d. during a quarter in which several schools have reduced their rate of fees.

From the Schedule as to their efficiency, it will be seen that the number of schools examined has been 38, including 1667 children, and that the results have been generally satisfactory.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

# BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1869.

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 Local Committees.
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.		
	Christchurch—							£ s. d.	
1	St. Michael's ...	96	52	148	65	32	97	42 13 0	The Very Rev. The Dean of Christchurch.
2	Wesleyan ...	118	47	165	90	30	120	50 12 0	The Rev. T. Buddle.
3	St. Andrews ...	16	59	75	12	40	52	27 1 6	The Rev. C. Fraser.
4	St. Luke's ...	96	59	155	66	40	106	52 3 0	The Very Rev. The Dean of Christchurch.
5	R. Catholic (Boys') ...	66	...	66	46	...	46	25 10 0	The Rev. Father Chevrier
6	Convent (Girls') &c. ...	23	84	107	15	56	71	30 2 6	„ „
7	Lyttelton — Church of England ...	42	19	61	31	13	44	21 13 3	The Rev. F. Knowles.
8	„ Wesleyan ...	45	41	86	34	32	66	24 8 0	The Rev. A. Reid.
9	Governor's Bay ...	5	7	12	5	3	8	14 13 0	The Rev. R. R. Bradley.
10	„ North ...	24	3	27	20	2	22	31 1 0	Mr. Thos. H. Potts.
11	Kaipoi—Church of England ...	66	44	110	54	35	89	40 5 6	The Rev. W. W. Willcock
12	„ Wesleyan ...	45	31	76	32	22	54	25 3 0	The Rev. J. B. Richardson
13	Woodend ...	22	24	46	18	17	35	12 11 9	Mr. Thos. Wilson.
14	Saltwater Creek ...	18	17	35	11	13	24	11 0 6	Mr. J. C. McWilliam.
15	Leithfield ...	27	14	41	18	11	29	15 2 0	Mr. J. H. Moore.
16	Mount Grey Downs ...	8	12	20	5	8	13	1 9 0	Mr. C. F. Pemberton.
17	Ashley Bank ...	13	11	24	4	3	7	1 18 0	Mr. Joseph Dixon.
18	Loburn ...	14	14	28	9	12	21	1 17 1	Mr. A. H. Cunningham.
19	Rangiora (Boys') ...	77	...	77	64	...	64	29 17 0	The Rev. Canon Dudley.
20	„ (Girls') ...	21	56	77	15	45	60	18 1 6	„ „
21	Fernside ...	14	8	22	10	6	16	5 10 0	Mr. D. McIntyre.
22	Cust Valley ...	22	23	45	14	15	29	9 9 0	Mr. R. L. Higgins.
23	Oxford ...	18	8	26	11	6	20	10 12 0	Mr. C. J. Sale.
24	Harewood ...	22	24	46	12	15	27	15 16 6	Mr. J. H. Simmonds.
25	Byreton ...	9	4	13	7	3	10	3 0 0	Mr. Chas. Hillyard.
26	Flaxton ...	9	13	22	4	10	14	5 10 0	Mr. P. C. Threlkeld.
27	Courtenay ...	15	11	26	7	9	16	6 0 0	Col. De Renzie Brett.
28	South Selwyn ...	15	15	30	9	8	17	8 10 0	Mr. John Stewart.
29	Leeston ...	24	19	43	15	11	26	10 8 6	The Rev. W. J. G. Bluett.
30	Southbridge ...	22	12	34	12	7	19	8 1 6	Mr. C. J. Bridge.
31	Springston ...	20	18	38	7	10	17	9 16 0	Mr. Walter Lawry.
32	Lincoln ...	14	19	33	7	11	18	9 3 0	The Rev. A. P. O'Callaghan
33	Tai Tapu ...	20	18	38	15	14	29	18 9 0	Mr. J. J. Herrick.
34	Akaroa ...	25	22	47	18	17	35	15 4 3	Mr. F. C. Latter.
35	Pigeon Bay ...	18	13	31	17	10	27	19 16 0	Mr. Wm. Stewart.
36	Duvauchelle's Bay ...	27	13	40	18	10	28	15 9 0	Mr. Wm. Livingstone.
37	Okain's Bay ...	25	13	38	22	12	34	12 10 6	Mr. E. W. Harris.
38	Little Akaloa ...	23	16	39	20	15	35	17 12 0	Mr. John Barker.
39	Riccarton ...	24	29	53	15	18	33	17 18 6	The Rev. C. Bowen.
40	Prebbleton ...	16	18	34	10	8	18	10 16 0	Mr. J. N. Tosswill.
41	Templeton ...	34	25	59	13	8	21	6 15 0	Mr. W. B. Tosswill.
42	Broadfield ...	21	23	44	10	12	22	9 14 0	Mr. S. D. Glyde.
43	Upper Heathcote ...	26	14	40	17	9	26	13 5 0	Mr. E. W. Seager.
44	Lower Heathcote ...	28	19	47	21	10	31	15 1 6	Mr. Richard Davis.
45	Heathcote Valley ...	32	30	62	20	16	36	17 9 0	Mr. W. Dunlop.
46	Halswell ...	28	13	41	20	9	29	12 7 0	Mr. W. G. Brittan.
47	Avonside ...	45	29	74	28	18	46	23 6 6	The Rev. H. M. Martin.
48	Papanui—St. Paul's ...	58	53	111	43	39	82	35 16 6	The Rev. L. Moore.
49	„ Wesleyan ...	33	31	64	23	20	43	15 8 6	Mr. John Reese.
50	North Road ...	17	8	25	9	6	15	7 3 0	Mr. P. Tisch.
51	Harewood Road ...	15	5	20	7	3	10	6 1 0	Mr. T. Pavitt.
52	St. Albans ...	63	38	101	34	18	52	14 2 0	Mr. J. T. Peacock.
53	Arowhenua ...	10	13	23	7	11	18	13 14 0	Mr. W. H. Willcox.
54	Timaru ...	73	54	127	53	41	94	44 16 6	The Rev. Geo. Foster.
55	Waimate ...	24	21	45	18	16	34	13 18 0	Mr. S. Goldsmith.
		1731	1286	3017	1190	865	2055	955 11 10	

SCHEDULE AS TO EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS EXAMINED DURING QUARTER  
ENDING MARCH 31st, 1869.

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	Christchurch—St. Michael's ... ..	Feb. 24	106	A	A	B	B	A	A
2	„ Wesleyan .. ..	„ 18	130	A	A	B	A	A	A
3	„ St. Andrew's ... ..	„ 17	59	C	A	A	A	A	
4	„ St. Luke's ... ..	„ 27	120	B	B	A	A	A	A
5	„ Roman Catholic (Boys') ... ..	Mar. 2	70	A	A	A	B	A	
6	„ „ „ Convent (Girls') ... ..	Feb. 16	59	A	A	A	A	A	
7	Lyttelton—Church of England ... ..	Mar. 23	42	A	B	A	B	A	B
8	„ Wesleyan ... ..	Feb. 1	60	A	A	A	A	A	
9	Kaipoi—Church of England ... ..	Mar. 12	86	A	A	A	A	A	A
10	„ Wesleyan ... ..	„ 8	62	B	B	B	A	A	
11	Woodend ... ..	„ 9	38	B	A	A	A	A	
12	Saltwater Creek ... ..	„ 11	24	B	A	A	A	A	
13	Leithfield ... ..	„ 11	30	A	A	A	A	A	B
14	Mount Grey Downs ... ..	„ 10	8	New	School				
15	Loburn ... ..	„ 10	21	New	School				
16	Courtenay ... ..	„ 16	14	A	A	A	A	A	
17	South Selwyn ... ..	„ 17	18	C	C	C	B	B	
18	Leeston ... ..	„ 12	29	A	A	A	A	A	
19	Southbridge ... ..	„ 12	27	New	School				
20	Springston ... ..	„ 14	29	A	A	A	A	B	
21	Lincoln ... ..	„ 14	28	New	Teacher				
22	Akaroa ... ..	Feb. 3	37	B	B	B	B	B	
23	Pigeon Bay ... ..	„ 8, 9	24	B	A	A	A	A	A
24	Duvauchelle's Bay ... ..	„ 8	30	B	A	A	A	A	
25	Okain's Bay ... ..	„ 4, 6	35	A	A	A	A	A	A
26	Little Akaloa ... ..	„ 5	37	B	A	A	A	A	
27	Prebbleton ... ..	Jan. 15	26	B	B	A	A	A	
28	Templeton ... ..	„ 15	27	B	A	A	A	A	
29	Broadfield ... ..	„ 11	26	B	B	A	A	A	
30	Upper Heathcote, Lincoln Road ... ..	Mar. 5	28	B	B	B	A	B	B
31	Lower Heathcote, Ferry Road ... ..	„ 1	33	A	B	B	B	B	
32	Heathcote Valley ... ..	Feb. 2	45	B	A	A	A	A	
33	Avonside ... ..	Mar. 4	47	A	B	B	A	B	
34	Papanui—St. Paul's ... ..	„ 3	79	A	A	A	A	A	A
35	„ Wesleyan ... ..	Feb. 12	43	B	B	B	B	A	
36	North Road ... ..	Mar. 19	16	B	B	A	A	A	
37	Harewood Road ... ..	„ 15	14	B	B	A	A	A	
38	St. Albans ... ..	Feb. 15	60	B	B	B	A	B	
			1667						

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

# BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(MARCH 27—APRIL 29, 1869.)

## 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 and candidates examined during the month.

### SCHOOLS EXAMINED:

*Flaxton School* ... April 7 ... (Still affected by the protracted harvest.)  
Present 13 ... Satisfactory.

*Rangiora Boys' School* ... April 8 ... Present 66 ... The Arithmetic and Tables were deficient throughout all the classes. The other subjects and the general order and discipline were very creditable.

*Templeton School* ... April 12 ... Present 34 ... Satisfactory.

*Broadfield School* ... April 13 ... Present 39 ... The excellent order, the cleanliness, and the remarkable accuracy of the children in every class were highly commendable. The teacher, educated in Canterbury, bids fair to be one of our most efficient schoolmasters.

*Southbridge School* ... April 14 ... Present 22 ... Very creditable.

*Leeston School* ... Same day ... Present 21 ... Not fully examined. The ordinary school work and the Military Drill were very creditable.

*Springston School* ... April 15 ... Weather unfavourable. ... Present 17  
Satisfactory.

*Fernside School* ... April 19 ... Present 38 ... Satisfactory.

*Cust Valley* ... April 20 ... Present 34 ... Satisfactory.

F. Irving passed a satisfactory examination on the 19th inst., as Candidate for the Mastership of the Harewood Road School, as per certificate of the above date.

An intending applicant for the Mastership of the projected School at Halkett was examined on the 26th instant, as per report of that date.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(APRIL 20—MAY 27, 1869.)

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### INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the schools examined during the month.

*Governor's Bay North School* ... May 3 ... Present 27 ... The progress in the ordinary branches is very satisfactory. A few boys are proceeding with a higher course. The construing and parsing of different passages of the First Book of the *Æneid* by two elder boys were highly creditable; as also the Latin Exercises and Grammar by two younger ones, respectively. A Superior Boarding School is in course of formation.

*Governor's Bay* ... May 4 ... Present 9 ... Very satisfactory. The Bible knowledge is very satisfactory; the Elementary subjects creditable; the children, although very young, answered remarkably well also, in Geography, History, and Grammar.

*Lincoln* ... May 5 ... Present 24 ... Improving.

*Prebbleton* ... May 6 ... Present 28 ... New Teacher.

*Halswell School* ... May 6 ... Present 36 ... The discipline and order are good in some respects. Certain set rules are observed as to standing at class and taking places. The attainments of a few more intelligent and advanced scholars shew that considerable pains and interest have been taken in their instruction. Below this small class the progress is not, on the whole, satisfactory. The Tables and Arithmetic are fair, but the Reading and Spelling are lame and imperfect; the copybooks are inferior to those of the schools included in this month's report. Fewer and more equal classes, and a more constant supervision of the lower ones would tend to produce more satisfactory results.

*Harewood Road* ... May 10 ... Present 16 ... New Teacher.

*North Road* ... May 18 ... Present 11 ... Improving.

*St. Albans School* ... May 12 ... Present 67 ... There has been considerable improvement since last examination, but the school still suffers some disadvantages. The Sunday services are conducted elsewhere, but the pulpit and pews, or benches, still occupy space otherwise available for desks and for drafting the classes. A number of children capable of learning to write in copybooks had not commenced to do so. The Bible knowledge and other subjects in the second class were very deficient.

*Papanui Wesleyan School* ... May 13 ... Present 39 ... The lower half of the school is carefully instructed by a mistress; the progress of the upper classes under the master is but middling; the copybooks are creditable, but the attainments generally are inaccurate. More frequent revision and recapitulation would secure greater accuracy. A less casual, and more firm correction of errors is also necessary.

*Heathcote Valley* ... May 14 ... Present 28 ... Satisfactory.

*St. Andrew's, Christchurch* ... May 17 ... Present 53 ... The room is too low in the roof, and the space too cramped for a schoolroom. There is, I believe, some intention of providing better accommodation in accordance with the Board's intimation on the subject. In other respects the excellent character of the school is well maintained.

*Lower Heathcote School* ... May 18 ... Present 30 ... The schoolroom very comfortless for want of a fire; doors at each end keep up a constant draft. The day cold and showery. There is no provision whatever for a supply of fuel. In this populous district there would probably be a larger attendance if the children's comfort were considered, and the school satisfactorily conducted. With the exception of a few quick and clever children, the school is backward, and the attainments are below the average.

*Upper Heathcote School* ... May 21 ... Present 40 ... This was a somewhat forced attendance, as the largest this quarter had not exceeded 36, and the average had been 30. The "Summary Register" is requisite, for the method of keeping the registers does not readily show the averages and totals. The school presented a more satisfactory appearance than on last quarter's examination, without notice. In some of the lower classes, however, the children were far too ignorant of some of the plainest truths of the Bible; there has been considerable improvement in other subjects.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(MAY 28—JUNE 24, 1869.)

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### INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the schools examined during the month.

- Papanui, St. Paul's* ... May 28 ... Present 87 ... Satisfactory.  
Order excellent; registers very neat and accurate; copybooks creditable.  
Attainments above the general average, as to accuracy. Several very creditable  
papers were done by the first and second classes.
- Christchurch Wesleyan School* ... May 31 ... Present 136 ... Satisfactory.
- Christchurch St. Luke's* ... June 1 ... Present 119 ... Satisfactory.
- Christchurch St. Michael's* ... June 2 ... Present 124 ... Satisfactory.
- Lyttelton Wesleyan School* ... June 3 ... Present 60 ... Satisfactory.
- Kaiapoi Wesleyan* ... June 4 ... Present 59 ... Very creditable,  
especially on account of the remarkable progress of the younger and more regular  
attendants.
- Kaiapoi Church School* ... June 8 ... Present 70 ... Wet day;  
the average is about 90; greatest attendance 99. Satisfactory.
- Riccarton* ... June 9 ... Present 38 ... Generally  
satisfactory. The copybooks were *remarkably* clean, neat, and well-written.  
The reading has considerably improved, but is still very defective as to ease,  
fluency, and expression.
- Woodend* ... June 14 ... Present 37 ... Satisfactory.
- Rangiora, Girls'* ... June 15 ... Present 56 ... The discipline,  
order, and attainments are, on the whole, satisfactory. The chimney, noticed in a  
former report, has settled and cracked. It appears *unsafe*, but was not affected by  
the recent earthquake. It smokes. There are bricks enough to pay for a suitable  
stove. There are only desks enough for 16 children. Several church-seats, too  
high for the children, should be exchanged for suitable ones.
- Christchurch Convent School* ... June 16 ... Present 66 girls. The discipline  
and order are *excellent*. The girls are remarkably well-behaved. Attainments  
satisfactory.
- Avonside* ... June 17 ... Present 49 ... Considerably  
improved; but more method and neatness are desirable.
- Christchurch Roman Catholic Boys' School* ... June 18 ... Present 72 Satisfactory,  
in most respects; but there has been no fire in this large, lofty, cold room, all  
this winter. In an institution like this the fire could be lighted at eight in the  
morning, to warm the room before opening school.
- Pigeon Bay School* ... June 19, 21, 22 ... Present 30 ... including five  
boarders. Satisfactory. The classes were examined in Bible, Elementary, and  
Ordinary Secular Knowledge; Latin Grammar; Cæsar, Book I. to Cap. xiv.;  
Euclid, Books I., II., III.; Mensuration, Book-keeping, and Algebra.

Further details of the 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 JUNE 30, 1869.)

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### INSPECTOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Tabular Summary of the Quarterly Returns, and a Schedule as to the efficiency of the schools inspected and examined.

It will be seen from the Tabular Summary that the number of Ordinary Schools at work during the quarter has been 55; the number of attendants 3081; the average daily attendance 2118; the amount of School Fees £1085 0s. 4d.

It will be seen from the Schedule as to their efficiency that the number of schools examined has been 36, including 1691 children; and that the results have generally been satisfactory.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. BESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

# BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1869.

TABULAR SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RETURNS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING  
JUNE 30.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.			Average Daily Attendance.			Amounts of School Fees.
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	
								£ s. d.
1	Christchurch—St. Michael's ... ..	89	60	149	70	39	109	51 7 6
2	„ Wesleyan ... ..	131	46	177	94	28	122	59 5 0
3	„ St. Andrew's ... ..	20	49	69	13	31	44	27 0 0
4	„ St. Luke's ... ..	109	60	169	72	32	104	58 11 9
5	„ Roman Catholic (Boys') ... ..	75	—	75	50	—	50	30 2 0
6	„ Convent (Girls') &c. ... ..	20	89	109	13	58	71	34 6 6
7	Lyttelton—Church of England ... ..	44	19	63	32	11	43	25 18 9
8	„ Wesleyan ... ..	37	42	79	29	28	57	22 15 6
9	Governor's Bay ... ..	5	7	12	3	5	8	14 13 0
10	„ North ... ..	24	5	29	20	3	23	35 1 6
11	Kaipoi—Church of England ... ..	68	46	114	57	30	87	39 5 6
12	„ Wesleyan ... ..	48	31	79	33	21	54	24 17 3
13	Woodend ... ..	25	24	49	19	19	38	15 6 6
14	Saltwater Creek ... ..	19	16	35	11	10	21	10 2 9
15	Mount Grey Downs ... ..	12	14	26	8	9	17	6 11 0
16	Loburn ... ..	19	14	33	13	11	24	7 2 0
17	Leithfield ... ..	24	15	39	16	10	26	11 11 0
18	Ashley Bank ... ..	10	10	20	5	7	12	4 16 3
19	Rangiora (Boys') ... ..	74	—	74	61	—	61	25 1 0
20	„ (Girls') ... ..	19	54	73	12	41	53	17 12 6
21	Fernside ... ..	23	25	48	18	31	39	12 0 0
22	Cust Valley ... ..	20	23	43	14	18	32	17 18 6
23	Oxford ... ..	23	7	30	15	6	21	15 13 0
24	Harewood ... ..	19	23	42	13	14	27	15 10 0
25	Eyreton ... ..	13	11	24	9	9	18	5 15 0
26	Flaxton ... ..	9	9	18	6	7	13	4 5 0
27	Courtenay ... ..	14	12	26	10	10	20	7 11 6
28	South Selwyn ... ..	16	12	28	9	8	17	4 8 1
29	Leeston ... ..	22	17	39	12	8	20	13 18 0
30	Southbridge ... ..	22	10	32	13	6	19	11 12 6
31	Springston ... ..	20	14	34	9	8	17	10 10 6
32	Lincoln ... ..	10	19	29	5	12	17	10 15 0
33	Tai Tapu ... ..	22	23	45	16	13	29	20 11 0
34	Akaroa ... ..	29	19	48	22	14	36	7 0 6
35	Pigeon Bay ... ..	22	13	35	20	11	31	24 8 0
36	Duvauchelle's Bay ... ..	22	13	35	15	10	25	15 0 0
37	Okain's Bay ... ..	25	14	39	20	11	31	12 14 0
38	Little Akaloa ... ..	22	15	37	19	13	32	17 1 6
39	Riccarton ... ..	28	32	60	20	17	37	20 6 0
40	Prebbleton ... ..	19	15	34	12	10	22	14 4 0
41	Templeton ... ..	30	19	49	18	10	28	9 1 6
42	Broadfield ... ..	19	19	38	13	17	30	16 8 0
43	Upper Heathcote ... ..	30	13	43	22	9	31	17 16 0
44	Lower Heathcote ... ..	31	17	48	20	10	30	16 19 0
45	Heathcote Valley ... ..	27	25	52	17	13	30	16 17 0
46	Halswell ... ..	27	12	39	20	10	30	18 7 6
47	Avonside ... ..	41	29	70	23	17	45	23 19 0
48	Papanui—St. Paul's ... ..	62	59	121	46	43	89	44 16 6
49	„ Wesleyan ... ..	33	31	64	21	19	40	17 7 6
50	North Road ... ..	16	8	24	9	6	15	9 17 6
51	Harewood Road ... ..	23	8	31	15	4	19	14 6 6
52	St. Albans ... ..	58	37	95	40	20	60	25 19 0
53	Arowhenua ... ..	10	17	27	6	11	17	12 12 0
54	Timaru ... ..	86	53	139	60	39	99	47 1 0
55	Waimate ... ..	20	22	42	15	13	28	11 3 6
		1785	1296	3081	1253	860	2118	1085 0 4

# BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1869.

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

	List of Schools Examined.	Date of Examination.	Numbers present.	Site, Buildings, and Premises.	Books and Apparatus.	Organization and Discipline.	Bible Knowledge.	Elementary Secular Knowledge.	Ordinary Secular Knowledge.	Remarks.
1	Christchurch — St. Michael's ...	June 2	124	A	A	A	A	A	A	
2	„ Wesleyan ...	May 31	136	A	A	A	A	A	A	
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	„ 17	53	C	A	A	A	A	A	
4	„ St. Luke's ...	June 1	119	B	A	A	A	A	B	
5	„ R. Catholic (Boys') ...	„ 18	72	A	B	A	A	A	B	
6	„ R. Catholic Convent (Girls') ...	„ 16	66	A	A	A	A	A		
7	Lyttelton—Wesleyan ...	„ 3	60	A	A	A	A	A		
8	Governor's Bay ...	May 4	9	B	A	A	A	A		
9	„ „ North ...	„ 3	27	A	A	A	A	A	A	
10	Kaiapoi—Church of England ...	June 8	70	A	A	A	A	A	A	
11	„ Wesleyan... ..	„ 4	59	B	A	B	A	A		
12	Woodend ...	„ 14	37	B	B	A	A	A	B	
13	Flaxton ...	April 7	13	A	A	A	B	A		
14	Rangiora (Boys') ...	„ 8	66	A	A	A	A	B	A	
15	„ (Girls') ...	June 15	56	B	A	B	A	A		
16	Pigeon Bay ...	„ 19, 20, 21	29	B	A	A	A	A	A	
17	Fernside ...	April 20	38	A	A	A	A	A		
18	Cust Valley ...	„ 21	34	A	A	A	B	A		A good dwelling-house has been built
19	Leeston ...	„ 14	21	A	A	A	A	A		
20	Southbridge ...	„ 14	22	A	A	A	A	A		
21	Springston ...	„ 15	17	A	A	A	A	A		
22	Lincoln ...	May 5	24	A	A	B	B	A		
23	Riccarton ...	June 9	38	A	A	B	A	A	B	
24	Prebbleton ...	May 6	28	B	A	New Teacher				
25	Templeton ...	April 12	34	B	A	A	A	B		
26	Broadfield ...	„ 13	29	B	B	A	A	A		
27	Upper Heathcote ...	May 21	40	B	A	B	B	A		
28	Lower Heathcote ...	„ 18	30	A	B	B	B	B		
29	Heathcote Valley ...	„ 14	23	B	B	A	A	A		
30	Halswell ...	„ 6	36	A	A	B	A	B	A	
31	Avonside ...	June 17	49	A	A	B	A	A		
32	Papanui—St. Paul's ...	„ 28	87	A	A	A	A	A	A	
33	„ Wesleyan ...	May 13	39	B	B	B	B	A	C	
34	North Road ...	„ 11	18	B	B	A	A	A		
35	Harewood Road ...	„ 10	16	B	B	New Teacher				
36	St. Albans ...	„ 12	67	B	B	B	B	B		
			1691							

# BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(JUNE 25—JULY 29, 1869.)

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## INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the schools inspected and examined during the month.

- South Selwyn* ... July 6 ... Inspected (not examined) ... Present 23. Desks much too sloping. A fall of half-an-inch is sufficient, but these slope three or four inches. The routine appears to be satisfactory; the mode and method of instruction earnest, careful, and judicious.
- Leeston School* ... July 6 ... Present 19 ... Satisfactory, except as to the small attendance. The Committee and the parents take great interest in the school; several attended the examination.
- Southbridge* ... July 7 ... Present 25 ... Satisfactory. The Committee and others take great interest in the school; the Chairman and several friends attended the examination.
- North Road School* ... July 12 ... Present 16 ... Inspected only *en route*; in good working order.
- Flaxton School* ... July 12 ... Present 20 ... Satisfactory on the whole, and except as to the small and interrupted attendance.
- Eyreton School* ... July 13 ... Present 25 ... Satisfactory.
- Courtenay School* ... July 14 ... Present 27 ... Satisfactory.
- Broadfield School* ... July 15 ... Present 37 ... *No stove, no firing all the winter*; the necessity was pointed out and reported last year. Subsequent caution has been given, and also a fortnight's notice of examination. Except that the knowledge of Bible History was very moderate, the attainments were satisfactory.
- Templeton School* ... July 15 ... Present 36 ... Considerably improved. A new stove had been put up instead of the unsafe chimney; the building had been repaired and painted. The school was in excellent order as to conduct and neatness. The Committee evidently take great interest in the school, but the very busy season prevented their attendance.
- Saltwater Creek* ... July 19 ... Present 32 ... Satisfactory.
- Ashley Bank* ... July 20 ... Present 20 ... Satisfactory progress, allowing for the very interrupted attendance.

*Loburn* ... July 20 ... Present 28 ... Improving.

*Leithfield* ... July 21 ... Present 32 ... Very moderate.

There is no control over the late and unpunctual attendance; owing to this cause, the Bible knowledge is rather deficient, for many do not arrive until the lesson is nearly or partly finished. The teaching of Writing and Arithmetic is deferred too long; several children over nine years of age had not begun to use copybooks, and only seven, the upper classes, had made any progress in Arithmetic.

*Mount Grey Downs* ... July 22 ... Present 22 ... The desks have been disarranged and confused in a manner quite contrary to the intention of the Board, and ill-adapted to the dimensions of the school. The children have been carefully taught. Their progress is very creditable.

Details of each examination and inspection are entered in the journal.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(JULY 30—AUGUST 26, 1869.)

### 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.

*Papanui Wesleyan School* ... August 2 ... Present 45 ... Some improvement, with reason to hope for more by next quarter's examination.

*St. Albans School* ... August 3 ... Present 53 ... The schoolroom has been enlarged. There is now a very fine, lofty room, of 45 x 27 feet, with a wing, a part of the old building, opening into the new room at right angles to it. The walls and roof have been completely lined. There is some improvement in the discipline and attainments; and now that enlarged accommodation permits of better arrangements, a more satisfactory state of the school may reasonably be expected. The defects were pointed out at the time. The attendance of some members of committee at the next notified examination may be desirable.

*Harewood Road School* ... August 5 ... Present 23 ... Improving.

*St. Andrew's School, Lichfield Street* August 6 ... Present 51 ... No attention has been paid to the intimation from the Board of the 8th March, 1869, as to the inadequate size of the room. The dimensions and height are not at all fitted for a school. Setting aside several minor, but obvious objections, there is only suitable space for about 35 children; there are now 51; in hot weather sickness, and the foundation of organic disease will be inevitable, unless the height and dimensions of the room be enlarged. The mistress is one of the best teachers in "Ordinary Schools." The attainments are very creditable, considering the large number in the care of one person.

*Heathcote Valley School* ... August 9 ... Present 39 ... The attendance and progress have been much interrupted by the winter and the bad roads; the results are fair, under the circumstances.

*Tai Tapu School* ... August 10 ... Present 33 ... Very creditable; the attainments generally satisfactory. Neat and well-written copy-books indicate careful habits.

*Lincoln School* ... August 11 ... Present only 16 ... the first class being absent at the Champion Ploughing Match. Attainments satisfactory. The chimney has been removed, and a stove procured. It should be put up without delay.

*Prebbleton School* ... Same day .. Present 18 ... Weather unfavourable. Attainments moderate; considerable improvement should be shewn by next quarter's examination, especially in the spelling, for it is very defective in all the classes. The Chairman of the Local Committee attended the examination.

*Springston School* ... August 12 ... Present 33 Satisfactory. The attainments were very satisfactory, except that sufficient time has not been spared for the Reading; more time should be given to it. Mr. Lawry, the Chairman of the Local Committee, attended.

*Halswell School* ... August 13 ... Present 38 ... There is observable improvement since last examination, and first in the lessons learned from memory, such as the Tables and Spelling; the Arithmetic was fair, but not good; the Reading, and the Writing in copybooks were less satisfactory. Mr. Miln, a member of the committee, attended the examination.

*Rangiora School* ... August 18 ... Present 70 Satisfactory. The Rev. Canon Dudley, Chairman of Committee, attended.

*Fernside School* ... August 19 ... Present 16 ... Weather unfavourable; not examined.

*Cust District School* ... Same day ... Present 7 ... Weather unfavourable; not examined.

*Harewood School, near Oxford* ... August 20 ... Present 24 Satisfactory.

*Oxford School* ... August 20 .. Present 21 ... Improving. Some minor defects were pointed out at the time.

The attendance in the two above schools has been reduced by the winter weather, but the number found present will probably afford a fair average for the quarter.

*Lyttelton Church School* ... August 24 ... Present 52 ... The organization, discipline, attendance, and attainments, are considerably improved; and there is a fair promise of further improvement.

Maurice H. Berkely, Candidate for the Mastership of the St. Luke's School, passed his examination very satisfactorily on the 23rd instant, and has obtained a certificate of fitness for the Mastership of an "Ordinary School."

The Upper Heathcote School was visited in passing, on the 10th instant. Present 40; organization and discipline much improved; the school in good working order.

The Halswell School, similarly visited on the same day, present 34, also presented a generally satisfactory appearance.

Details of 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.

(AUGUST 27—SEPTEMBER 30, 1869.)

### 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.

*St. Paul's, Papanui* ... August 27 ... Present 93 ... Very creditable.

*Governor's Bay* ... August 30 ... Present 9 ... Satisfactory.

The Bible knowledge, remarkably accurate, and every subject well taught.

*Governor's Bay North* ... August 31 ... Present 19 ... The attendance is below former averages. The attainments are very creditable.

*Upper Heathcote* ... September 1 ... Present 40 ... The attendance and efficiency are considerably improved.

*Avonside* ... September 2 ... Present 44 ... The school has suffered from the illness and absence of the assistant mistress. There is considerable improvement in the order and efficiency, but the children are still very backward, many of them are shamefully ignorant of the plainest truths of Old and New Testament History.

- Lyttelton Wesleyan School* ... September 3 ... Present 45 ... Satisfactory.
- Waimate* ... September 9 ... Present 48 ... Much improved.
- Timaru* ... September 10 ... Present 81 ... Below the average daily attendance. The unfenced state of the premises, which have now remained in that state for four years, indicates a want of local interest in the school. Maps of Australia and New Zealand were wanted. The teachers appear to be very diligent; the attainments are generally satisfactory, and, in some respects, very creditable. The children were unacquainted with the Geography of the Australian Colonies, for want of Maps, as above.
- Arowhenua School* ... September 10 ... Present 25 ... The children are well-behaved; they appear to be kindly treated by the master, and to be attached to him; but their progress is unsatisfactory; they are backward in every subject, and inaccurate even in the lessons they have gone over.
- Christchurch St. Michael's School*, September 15 ... Present 112 ... Satisfactory.
- Christchurch Wesleyan School* ... September 16 ... Present 133 ... Satisfactory.
- Riccarton* ... September 17 ... Present 41 ... Considerably improved.
- North Road* ... September 20 ... Present 21 ... Considerably improved.
- Kaiapoi Church School* ... September 22 ... Present 86 ... The school is carefully taught by the master, his wife and daughter; the teaching-power thus being more adequate than ordinarily, the result is more satisfactory. The younger children are better taught and more accurate than in most schools. The Writing is the subject which most needs improvement, but a few boys write remarkably well.
- Woodend Wesleyan School* ... September 23 ... Present 52 ... A local holiday had reduced the attendance. A fine new school, of 36 x 18, has been well built. The school has been removed from the Chapel, on the same site, into the new building. Great improvement in the organisation results from this very advantageous change. More assistance is wanted; the master has not time to bring on the lower classes without neglecting the higher ones.
- Rangiora Girls' School* ... September 23 ... Present 50 ... Satisfactory. Steps are being taken to alter the chimney complained of in a former report.
- Kaiapoi Wesleyan School* ... September 24 ... Present 58 ... The school has out-grown the schoolroom; it is mainly conducted in the Chapel; the pews interfere with the arrangement of classes; the teachers are at a great disadvantage on this account. The results are, on the whole, as creditable as the circumstances will permit, except that the junior classes, while reading the Books of Kings, had forgotten the plainer truths of Old and New Testament History.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1869.)

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### INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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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 during the quarter.

It will be seen from the Tabular Summary that the number of schools at work during the quarter has been 55; the number of attendants 3238; the average daily attendance 2296; and the amount of school fees, £1166 16s. 5d.

It will be seen from the Schedule as to their efficiency that the number of schools inspected and examined has been 47, comprising 1951 children; a few of the above schools, and the rest, with the exception of those in the Bays and Akaroa, have also received casual visits. The result has mostly been satisfactory, and, in some instances, highly creditable.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

# BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1869.

TABULAR SUMMARY OF RETURNS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.			Average Daily Attendance.			Amounts of School Fees.
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	
								£ s. d.
1	Christchurch—St. Michael's ... ..	98	61	159	72	45	117	53 11 0
2	„ Wesleyan ... ..	137	45	182	102	28	130	57 13 6
3	„ St. Andrew's ... ..	22	48	70	15	32	47	29 12 6
4	„ St. Luke's ... ..	102	52	154	66	32	98	54 7 0
5	„ Roman Catholic (Boys) ... ..	84	—	84	51	—	51	32 13 0
6	„ Convent (Girls') &c. ... ..	26	96	122	19	72	91	39 19 6
7	Lyttelton—Church of England ... ..	52	20	72	35	14	49	30 12 0
8	„ Wesleyan ... ..	38	39	77	26	27	53	25 4 6
9	Governor's Bay ... ..	5	8	13	5	7	12	16 8 0
10	„ North ... ..	20	3	23	17	1	18	28 8 0
11	Kaipoi—Church of England ... ..	66	44	110	55	34	89	41 0 6
12	„ Wesleyan ... ..	51	35	86	35	23	58	27 13 0
13	Woodend ... ..	37	32	69	27	24	51	20 3 3
14	Saltwater Creek ... ..	23	19	42	18	17	35	8 19 3
15	Mount Grey Downs ... ..	18	14	32	12	10	22	8 1 0
16	Leithfield ... ..	27	20	47	17	13	30	14 1 0
17	Loburn ... ..	15	13	28	11	12	23	6 0 0
18	Ashley Bank ... ..	14	11	25	8	6	14	5 0 0
19	Rangiora (Boys') ... ..	77	—	77	67	—	67	26 18 0
20	„ (Girls') ... ..	16	48	64	10	40	50	14 18 0
21	Fernside ... ..	27	28	55	23	22	45	12 15 0
22	Cust Valley ... ..	20	16	36	15	12	27	13 13 6
23	Oxford ... ..	21	5	26	15	4	19	11 2 0
24	Harewood ... ..	18	19	37	10	11	21	14 11 0
25	Eyreton ... ..	18	12	30	14	10	24	7 0 0
26	Flaxton ... ..	12	12	24	9	10	19	5 15 0
27	Courtenay ... ..	19	12	31	14	10	24	8 17 3
28	South Selwyn ... ..	26	21	47	14	12	26	12 0 8
29	Leeston ... ..	20	14	34	13	12	25	15 17 0
30	Southbridge ... ..	22	10	32	14	8	22	13 15 6
31	Springston ... ..	26	22	48	16	14	30	17 18 6
32	Lincoln ... ..	9	16	25	6	12	18	9 18 6
33	Tai Tapu ... ..	21	23	44	17	17	34	21 9 0
34	Akaroa ... ..	37	25	62	28	18	46	24 15 0
35	Pigeon Bay ... ..	16	7	23	14	6	20	22 8 0
36	Duvauchelle's Bay ... ..	24	14	38	16	10	26	15 14 0
37	Okain's Bay ... ..	25	15	40	20	13	33	14 18 6
38	Little Akaloa ... ..	15	9	24	13	9	22	12 2 0
39	Riccarton ... ..	27	35	62	20	24	44	26 19 6
40	Prebbleton ... ..	19	13	32	12	8	20	11 7 0
41	Templeton ... ..	38	25	63	26	13	39	11 15 0
42	Broadfield ... ..	25	25	50	18	20	38	22 7 6
43	Upper Heathcote ... ..	34	18	52	26	11	37	23 12 6
44	Lower Heathcote ... ..	30	15	45	21	7	28	15 19 6
45	Heathcote Valley ... ..	30	29	59	20	16	36	22 10 0
46	Halswell ... ..	34	17	51	22	11	33	21 2 6
47	Avonside ... ..	42	28	70	29	17	46	22 16 6
48	Papanui—St. Paul's ... ..	65	64	129	48	48	96	43 18 0
49	„ Wesleyan ... ..	36	29	65	27	18	45	22 2 6
50	North Road ... ..	14	8	22	11	5	16	11 0 0
51	Harewood Road ... ..	25	8	33	18	4	22	12 14 0
52	St. Albans ... ..	56	45	101	33	27	60	26 3 6
53	Arowhenua ... ..	14	17	31	9	12	21	11 15 0
54	Timaru ... ..	81	44	125	63	32	95	45 18 0
55	Waimate ... ..	23	33	56	14	20	34	19 2 0
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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	Christchurch—St. Michael's	...	...	Sept. 15	112	A	A	A	A	A	B
2	„ Wesleyan	...	...	„ 16	133	A	A	A	A	A	A
3	„ St. Andrew's	...	...	Aug. 6	51	C	A	A	A	A	
4	„ St. Luke's	...	...	Sept. 2	109	B	A	A	A	A	B
5	Lyttelton—Church of England	...	...	Aug. 24	52	A	A	B	A	B	B
6	„ Wesleyan	...	...	Sept. 3	45	A	A	A	A	A	
7	Governor's Bay	...	...	Aug. 30	9	B	A	A	A	A	
8	„ „ North	...	...	„ 31	19	A	A	A	A	A	A
9	Kaipoi—Church of England	...	...	Sept. 22	86	A	A	A	A	B	A
10	„ Wesleyan	...	...	„ 24	58	B	B	B	B	A	
11	Woodend	...	...	„ 23	52	A	A	A	A	A	
12	Saltwater Creek	...	...	July 19	32	B	A	A	A	A	
13	Mount Grey Downs	...	...	„ 22	22	A	B	B	A	A	
14	Leithfield	...	...	„ 21	32	A	A	B	B	B	
15	Loburn	...	...	„ 20	28	A	A	A	A	B	
16	Ashley	...	...	„ 20	20	B	B	A	A	A	
17	Rangiora (Boys')	...	...	Aug. 18	70	A	A	A	A	B	A
18	„ (Girls')	...	...	Sept. 23	50	B	A	B	A	A	
19	Fernside	...	...	Aug. 19,	16	A	A	A	A	A	
20	Cust Valley	...	...	wet day.	7	Not examined					
21	Oxford	...	...	Aug. 20	21	B	B	B	B	A	
22	Harewood	...	...	„ 20	24	B	B	B	B	A	
23	Eyreton	...	...	July 13	25	A	A	A	A	A	
24	Flaxton	...	...	„ 12	20	A	A	A	A	A	
25	Courtenay	...	...	„ 14	27	A	A	A	A	A	
26	South Selwyn	...	...	„ 5	23	A	A	B	A	A	
27	Leeston	...	...	„ 6	19	A	A	A	A	A	A
28	Southbridge	...	...	„ 7	25	A	A	A	A	A	
29	Springston	...	...	Aug. 12	33	A	A	B	B	A	
30	Lincoln	...	...	„ 11	16	A	A	B	B	A	
31	Tai Tapu	...	...	„ 10	33	A	A	A	A	A	A
32	Riccarton	...	...	Sept. 17	41	A	A	A	A	A	B
33	Prebbleton	...	...	Aug. 11, wet day.	18	B	B	B	C	B	
34	Templeton	...	...	July 15	36	A	A	A	A	B	
35	Broadfield	...	...	„ 15	37	B	B	A	A	A	
36	Upper Heathcote	...	...	Aug. 10,	40	B	B	A	B	A	
37	Heathcote Valley	...	...	Sept. 1, Aug. 9	39	B	A	A	A	A	
38	Avonside	...	...	Sept. 2	44	B	A	B	C	B	
39	Halswell	...	...	Aug. 13	38	A	A	B	A	B	A
40	Papanui—St. Paul's	...	...	„ 27	93	A	A	A	A	A	A
41	„ Wesleyan	...	...	„ 2	45	B	A	B	B	B	
42	North Road	...	...	July 12	21	B	A	A	A	A	
43	Harewood Road	...	...	Aug. 5	23	B	A	A	A	A	
44	St. Albans	...	...	„ 3	53	A	B	B	B	B	
45	Arowhenua	...	...	Sept. 10	25	A	A	B	C	C	
46	Timaru	...	...	„ 10	81	B	B	A	A	A	B
47	Waimate	...	...	„ 9	48	A	B	A	B	A	
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## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(OCTOBER 1—28, 1869.)

## INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the schools examined during the month.

At this season, there being much less out-door work, the country schools are more fully attended; their increasing efficiency is, generally, very satisfactory. In several instances, however, the supply of books was either insufficient or unsuitable, a common excuse being the uncertain supply at the Educational Depôt. The supply does not increase in a similar ratio to the increased number of schools. Many useful articles are, consequently, for a long time, out of stock. Such is the continual complaint of teachers and school managers.

I would respectfully request leave to suggest that either a supplementary grant to the depôt is desirable; or else that an increase upon the very low price for the books and apparatus may afford a margin of profit, the means for a more constant supply.

*Duvauchelle's Bay School* ... .. October 5 ... Present 22 ... Satisfactory.

*Little Akaloa* ... .. October 7 ... Present 35 ... Much improved.

*Okain's Bay School* ... .. October 8 ... Present 37 ... Highly creditable. The school is very carefully and successfully taught throughout all the classes. Two boys have acquired some knowledge of Latin, Algebra, and Mensuration. The Latin comprises grammar and exercises. The Algebra is accurate up to the commencement of simultaneous equations. The Mensuration includes the correct working of questions in the measurement of superficies, and also indicates a knowledge of Evolution. Their examination papers are very creditable. The presence of advanced scholars is only objectionable when their progress is in contrast with the backward state of the more elementary classes; but, otherwise, as in this instance, their conduct and proficiency afford an example and a stimulus to their schoolfellows.

*Akaroa School* ... .. October 11 ... Present 50 ... Considerable improvements have been made on the premises and in the schoolroom, by mending the fences, forming a garden, erecting a swing, closing the doorway between the school and the dwelling, and other advantageous alterations. The interest displayed in the welfare of the school has restored the confidence of parents, and resulted in a largely increased attendance. The substitution of the Scottish School-book Association's books for those obtainable from the Board's Depôt is undesirable. The efficiency of the school is, at present, at a low ebb; the registers are not posted up from last quarter; the pens are badly held; the handwriting has fallen off in an instance which should most readily have shewn improvement; the attainments are very moderate; more especially the Arithmetic

and the Bible knowledge. The Bible is not read, the master states that there are no Bibles in the school, but most of the children able to read them have their own.

*Templeton School* ... .. October 18 ... Present 49 ... The school-buildings have undergone considerable improvement by painting and other repairs. The attendance and efficiency have increased, but the attainments are very backward, chiefly on account of the irregular attendance.

*South Selwyn* ... .. October 19 ... Present 41 ... The school has been carefully conducted. The teacher is energetic. There is every reason to hope for thorough efficiency; at present, however, a few improvements are desirable.

1. More complete control in order to lessen the frequent chatter.
2. A better supply of elementary books.
3. A better adaptation of the books to each class.

The result of the too difficult gradations has been the *acquisition* of habitual halting, instead of fluency.

*Southbridge School* ... .. October 20 ... Present 16 ... Not examined. The school had been interrupted by serious illness in the teacher's family in the earlier part of the week.

*Leeston School* ... .. October 20 ... Present 35 ... The teacher is very successful in method and organisation. An air of cheerfulness and good order prevails. There is a strict and judicious economy of the school time. Without great proficiency of any elder pupils, the instruction is equable, the attainments well balanced and very satisfactory.

*Springston School* ... .. October 21 ... Present 39 ... The attendance and efficiency are increasing.

*Broadfield School* ... .. October 21 ... Present 47 ... Very creditable.

*Prebbleton School* ... .. October 22 ... Present 23 ... The clock has not been going for the last three months. The school is not successfully taught; except in the instance of one boy, the attainments are very defective and inaccurate; there is no reason to infer any intentional negligence, but there is a great want of method.

Wm. McClure, junior, a candidate for an appointment, has been examined, as per special report and certificate of fitness, dated October 26th.

The details of 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.

(OCTOBER 29—NOV. 25, 1869.)

### INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the schools inspected and examined during the month.

<i>Leithfield</i>	...	Nov. 1	...	Present 32	...	Improving.
<i>North Kowai</i>	...	Nov. 2 (wet day)	...	Present 12	...	New school, without register or apparatus; may be said to have hardly commenced. The ventilators do not close; the same defect being frequently observable in new schools, it may be desirable to insist on provision for closing the ventilators in future, both in the plans and their fulfilment. The room is well built, and is lined from the floor to the roof; but there is no fireplace. The day was wet and cold; but the inmates did not appear to suffer.
<i>Mount Grey Downs</i>	...	Nov. 3	...	Present 25	...	Satisfactory. The desks are more suitably arranged; the progress indicates great care; the copybooks are remarkably neat and well written.
<i>Saltwater Creek</i>	...	Same day	...	Present 28	...	Satisfactory. The school in excellent order; the children carefully taught.
<i>Loburn</i>	...	Nov. 4	...	Present 32	...	Improving; but the Spelling, Writing and Arithmetic are, as yet, very moderate.
<i>Ashley Bank</i>	...	Same day	...	Present 18	...	Satisfactory.
<i>Flaxton</i>	...	Nov. 5	...	Present 26	...	Improving.
<i>Papanui, Wesleyan</i>	...	Nov. 8	...	Present 43	...	The discipline and control are weak; the progress of the upper classes is unsatisfactory; the head boy is doing no good here.
<i>Heathcote Valley</i>	...	Nov. 10	...	Present 46	...	Improving.
<i>St. Albans</i>	...	Nov. 12	...	(Wet day)	...	Too few for examination. Postponed until the 26th instant.
<i>Rangiora Girls'</i>	...	Nov. 15	...	Present 52	...	Satisfactory.
<i>Rangiora Boys'</i>	...	Nov. 16 (wet day)	...	Present 45	...	Satisfactory.
<i>Oust School</i>	...	Nov. 17	...	Present 48	...	Satisfactory.
<i>Oxford School</i>	...	Same day	...	Present 34	...	The attainments very moderate; the progress slow.

*Harewood School* ... Same day (inspected only, not examined) Present 40. In good order. The wet weather prevented the examination on the following day.

*Fernside School* ... Nov. 19 ... Present 39 ... Very satisfactory; the children have been very carefully and successfully taught.

A candidate for the Mastership of the Hororata School was examined on the 22nd instant. (Special Report.)

The boys holding the Scholarships awarded to candidates from the "Ordinary Schools" were examined on the 23rd instant. (Special Report).

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(NOVEMBER 26—DECEMBER 30, 1869.)

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### INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the schools examined during the month.

*St. Albans* ... November 26 ... Present 66 ... Considerably improved; but the attainments are not well balanced. Those of the second class, reading the Dublin Third Book, are very disproportionate to those of the first class; this class cannot have had its full share of attention; their reading-book, not well chosen, is, at present, too difficult; their Bible knowledge, Spelling, Tables, and Arithmetic, are very imperfect. The lower or Infants' School is satisfactory; the first class of the Upper School much improved. Another set of desks is wanted; there is at present only desk-room for two-thirds of the Upper School.

*St. Luke's School* ... December 2 ... Present 78 ... The lower school satisfactory; the upper school, formed and provided for by the Committee, has suffered in attendance and efficiency by losing the former master.

*St. Andrew's* ... December 3 ... Present 65 ... A newly erected schoolroom is on the point of completion; it is well built, and satisfactory in every respect, except that *the ventilators will not close*, and thus there will be too much cold and draught in wintry weather. The superior character of the school is well sustained.

- Kaiapoi Wesleyan School* ... December 6 ... Present 71 ... The building is unsuitable, it being the chapel fully stocked with pews, &c.; the school is conducted at considerable inconvenience as to the position and arrangement of the classes. Set apart for a schoolroom, with a little alteration, it would be an excellent one. The increased attendance and improved efficiency are very satisfactory. Several younger children of great promise are coming up the school.
- Kaiapoi Church School* ... December 7 ... Present 91 ... The excellent character of the school is well sustained.
- Upper Heathcote School* ... December 8 ... Present 35 ... This school always does better upon a notified examination. This time, without notice, it appeared at a disadvantage. There was no Map of New Zealand, the one lent had been removed. The Bible knowledge was very defective. With the exception of the Arithmetic, which is creditable, there was an unusual degree of inaccuracy in every subject in all the classes except the first. The errors become habitual for want of efficient correction.
- Lyttelton Wesleyan School* ... December 9 ... Present 51 ... The lower classes have joined the higher in collective lessons on the Books of Kings, books beyond their comprehension; in the meanwhile they have forgotten earlier Bible History. The Secular knowledge is highly creditable, except the Writing, which is not successfully taught. There are no specimens of really good penmanship.
- Riccarton School* ... December 10 ... Present 59 ... The lower classes are backward, and the Elementary knowledge is deficient. The first class failed in Arithmetic; they cannot attain accuracy in the higher rules without being well grounded in the ordinary ones; their Mapping and other attainments would be creditable, if supported by greater accuracy in Arithmetic, and by a satisfactory state of the lower classes. Full time, great pains, and much care have been bestowed; their more equable distribution may render this an excellent school.
- St. Michael's* ... December 13 & 15 ... Present 126 ... The organization has been improved by the employment of two assistants, thus making a complement of four adult teachers. A higher standard of efficiency, at least commensurate with that of similar schools, may be reasonably expected. There seems at present too great a reliance on the proficiency of a few children in each class. The Reading is rough, slovenly, and incorrect. Several of the best readers (Dutton, R. and H. Wright, and Sanders) are from other schools. There is great improvement in the neatness of the copybooks, and the style of the written examinations.
- Papanui, St. Paul's* ... December 17 ... Present 95 ... Satisfactory.
- Lyttelton, Church of England*, December 20 ... Present 40 ... Some good arithmetical papers were shewn; they had been done by the first class, without stint as to time; the proficiency, neatness, and accuracy were remarkable; the boys, however, when required to work against time, fail as to speed and accuracy, essential acquirements in practical Arithmetic. The attainments of the lower classes are inferior in accuracy to those of similar schools.
- Governors Bay North School*...December 21 ... Present 17 ... The attendance is small; the attainments are, as they ought to be, in an inverse ratio. Those of the younger children afford a remarkable contrast with those of children of the same age in larger schools with less adequate teaching power. The superior acquirements of the more advanced classes are well supported by the

thorough efficiency of the whole school. The study of the Geography of the Australian Colonies receives due attention. The paper examination of more than two-thirds of the school, the Maps, Pencilled Drawings, and Recitations were creditable. The date of the examination had been long previously arranged, but without any such notice an examination was due about this time.

*Woodend School* ... December 24 ... Present 52 ... There is an absence of cheerfulness and of that smartness and precision which *school-drill*, at least, if not exercises in military drill, should impart. The attainments are, on the whole, more or less satisfactory ; those of the first class very creditable.

John Digby, Candidate for the Mastership of an Ordinary School, and W. H. Gorton, for that of the Halkett District, were examined on the 28th Dec., and acquired certificates of fitness.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1869.)

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### INSPECTOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

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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 3356, an increase of 374 upon the corresponding quarter of 1868 ; the average attendance 2362, an increase of 330.

The amount of school fees has been £1164, an increase of £124 5s.

Added to this report are tabulated statistics adapted to the requirement of the General Government in former years.

It is satisfactory to observe the generally efficient or improving state of the schools. This, however, would be enhanced by the introduction of a pupil-teacher system, similar to what is in vogue in the older colonies and in England.

The recurrence of similar complaints in several schools indicates the necessity of some more decisive check against inefficiency.

The schools excelling in efficiency have already been sufficiently indicated in the monthly and quarterly reports throughout the year.

The class of successful Candidates for Masterships has included several persons of very little previous experience in the conduct of schools; in the absence of any of higher qualifications, it has been necessary to "pass" those who have shewn aptitude for their work. The skill and efficiency acquired by practice is in several instances very satisfactory, although the efficiency of the school has been of slower growth than where more competent masters have entered upon their duties.

*A revision of the list of certified teachers, and a system of graduated certificates, appears to be desirable.*

A list has been prepared of children commended for good conduct, attendance, and progress during the year.

The names of the children who distinguished themselves at each examination are entered in the journal in order of merit; and the names of most frequent recurrence are selected for commendatory notice to the Board. On this plan, children from the junior classes occasionally take precedence of their seniors. The names in italics are those recommended to the Board for rewards. The returns have been consulted as to the regularity of their attendance.

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LIST OF SCHOOLS COMMENDED.

From the *Christchurch St. Michael's School*—

*Robert Page, Charles Sydney White, Charles Allard, Joe Beverley, William White, Barbara Hughes, David Butcher, William Todd, Florence Evans, Henry Winney, John Winney.*

*Christchurch Wesleyan*—

*Frederick John Cumberworth, Benjamin Connal, Herbert Cole, Henry Kitchingman, Albert Palmer, Harriett Hudson, Ellen Pemberthey, Charles Pearse, Martha Cumberworth, J. Prudhoe, Wm. Prudhoe, Henry Wagstaff, Charles Buddle, Edmund Jones, Alfred Fielder.*

*St. Andrew's School*—

*Minnie Bannister, Mary Bartram, Ebba Bannister, Jane Sarjeant, Ellen Ivey, Caroline Jones, Fanny Bartram, John Innes, Ellen Bruce, Margaret Sutherland.*

*St. Luke's*—

*Mary St. Quentin, Joseph Newsome, J. Corry, Jas. McGregor, Charlotte Mansell, Wm. Lamb, Mercy Webb, Martha Ansley.*

*Roman Catholic Boys' School*—

*Francis Hyman, John Robert Courtney, Joseph Pepper, Martin Cusack, Francis Sheath, Alfred Sheath, Francis Harvey, John Murphy, senior, Alfred LeBreton, Laurence M'Calmin, Edward Lagg, James Close.*

*Roman Catholic Girls' School—*

*Mary Loughnan, Catherine Donnelly, Gertrude Sheath, Catherine McIntosh, Margaret Harrington, Mary Harrington, Eliza Cronin.*

*Lyttelton Church of England—*

*Sarah Ann Rutledge, James Hollis, Wm. Willcox, Maria Hinett, Robert Walker, Alfred Oldfield, Caroline Oldfield, J. Elmsley.*

*Lyttelton Wesleyan—*

*Frederick England, Arthur Davidson, Jessie Chambers, George Jenkins, Emily Jenkins, Thomas Faull, Henry Hewston, Eldred B. Faull.*

*Governor's Bay—*

*Henry Manson, Lydia Blatchford.*

*Governor's Bay North—*

*Alfred Kenneth Vigers, James Gray, James Robertson, John Dyer, Walter Potts, Freeman Potts, Mansfield Beechey.*

*Kaiapoi Church of England—*

*Walter Stanley Bean, Charles Bean, Thomas Avery Weston, Charles J. Vogeler, Joseph Dudson, Harry Beswick, Catherine McIntosh, Mary S. Thomas, Margaret Taylor, Jessie Billens, Frederick Funston.*

*Kaiapoi Wesleyan School—*

*Frederick William Wake, Edwin Lock, Samuel Stanton, James Anderson, John Clothier, Mary Hall, Robert Wake, John D. Wyllie, Alfred Hills, Jane Wyatt, Jessie Stevens, Mary J. Stanton, Christopher Johnson.*

*Woodend—*

*Rebecca Ayres, Lydia Brown, John Judson, Louisa Norton, Mary Ann Ball, Sarah Bowmaker, Arthur Moore, Joseph Bettle, Phœbe Brown.*

*Saltwater Creek—*

*George White, Jessie Barclay, Jemima Barclay.*

*Mount Grey Downs—*

*Robert Pemberton, Margaret Sutherland, Eliza Dalziell.*

*Leithfield—*

*Charles Hood, Thomas Deavoll, Alice May.*

*Ashley Bank—*

*William Dixon.*

*Rangiora Boys—*

*Alfred J. Merton, George Lawrence, Wm. Charlesworth, John Scarvell, Charles Jennings, junior, Walter Melbourn, Charles Luxton, Eugene Bean, Frederick Shrimpton.*

*Langiora Girls—*

*Alice Smith*, Frances Lilly, Eliza J. Shrimpton, Emily Stephens, Ellen Wycherley,  
Emma Barnard, James Pearce, Eliza Hessel.

*Fernside—*

*John McIntyre*, Eliza Woodley, Wm. Woodley, Frederick Bartrum, Jane Chapman,  
Alice Chapman, George Prestney, Caroline Woodley.

*Cust—*

Alexander Cumming, John Cook, Marion Cumming, Wm. Horrell, Robert Kings-  
bury, Alice Cumming, Edith Thompson, Richard M'Cullagh.

*Oxford—*

*John Knowles*, Thomas Knowles.

*Harewood—*

George Dolamore, Alfred Dolamore, Mary Ann Fenwick, Eliza Gundry, Hannah  
Crowe.

*Eyreton—*

*George Scott Cox*, Edward Chilton, Elias Low, Emily Ann Cox, William Greig,  
William Bailey.

*Flaxton—*

Richard Dudding, T. W. May, Eliza Lammie, Eliza Seeley.

*Courtenay—Robert Cheyne*, Mabel White, Charles Cheyne, John Barr.

*South Selwyn—*

Charles William Withell, Ellen Buckley, Arthur Stewart, George Watson.

*Leeston—*

*Mary Marshall*, *William James Napier*, Matthew Rowland, Alfred W. A. Loe,  
W. H. Rowland, William Thomas Durant, James Mawson.

*Southbridge—*

*John Storry*, Harry Wilkinson, Janet Ferguson, Frederick Wilkinson, George  
Andrews, Robert Moore.

*Springston—*

*Ellen Lawrey*, Samuel Lawrey, William J. Baxter, Esther Gilling, Peter Wills, Ellen  
Watson, Ellen Taylor.

*Lincoln—*

*Annie Dunn*, William Pannett, Agnes Pannett, Edwin Wright, Elizabeth Galletly.

*Tai Tapu—*

Sophia Barnett, John Sycamore, Frederick Tanner, Elizabeth Gardiner, Amelia  
Davies, Wallace Latham, Isabella Carr, Henry Edward Peryman.

*Pigeon Bay—**Mary Firmston.**Duvauchelle's Bay—**Isaac Salek, Isabella Bruce, Amelia Shadbolt, Edwin Pawson, John Pawson.**Okain Bay—**William Moore, Charles Moore, George Priest, Mary Ann Ware, William Thacker, Ernest Sefton, William Harris, Catherine James.**Little Akaloa—**Lavinia Cooke, Emily Waghorn, Beilby Barker, Judith Brown, Alexander McIntosh, Henry McIntosh.**Riccarton—**Jane Boag, Catherine M. Tulley, Sarah Boag, Annie Thomson, Alexander Webster, Louisa Tulley, Ellen Watson, Jane Watson.**Prebbleton—**James Walter Prebble, Alice Winter.**Templeton—**Hugh Edward Morgan, Emily Maddison, John Maddison, Mary Ann Marsh, Sarah Ann Davison, Charles Turner, Thomas Bailey.**Broadfield—**Mary Shehan, James Patterson, Alfred Lawrence, Mary Laffey, Matthew Grainger, Patrick Henelly, Frederick J. Carr, John Adam, Henry Alexander Grant.**Upper Heathcote—**Christina Whyte, James Carter, Margaret Ann Kelly, Thomas A. Dixon, Charles Seager, Rose Seager.**Lower Heathcote—**John Smith, William Attwood, Walter Harper, J. T. Virtue, James Moody.**Heathcote Valley—**Marian Mitchell, James Dunlop, John Kneeshaw, Jeremiah Harrison, Esther Young.**Halswell—**James Gordon, John Burrows, Samuel Burrows, Charles Roskruge, John Brake, George Chapman, Walter Clark.**Avonside—**W. D. Bowley, J. T. Kerridge, Edmund F. Buxton, John Elvines, Frederick J. P. West.*

*Papanui, St. Paul's—*

*Richenda Ladbrooke, O. Thomson, John Leigh, George Reese, John Marshall, David Thomson, Harry Godfrey, Thomas McIlroy, James Harris, Annie Tomes, Frederick Mayo.*

*Papanui, Wesleyan—*

Charles Reese, Thomas Pole, William Elliott, Marthan Ann Elliott, Albert Langdon.

*St. Albans—*

*Maria Paddy, Henry Hyde Parker, Henry Scot Philpott, Philip Philpott, R. Livingston, John T. Tooth, Wallace Ellen, Geo. Dumphey.*

*North Road—*

Mary Tisch, Richard Treleaven, Alexander Duncan. James Duncan, Christina Shmek.

*Harewood Road—*

Susan Stanley, Isaac W. Philpott, Fanny Cole, William Donald.

*Arrowhenua—*

*Evangeline Eva Dean, Agnes M'Culloch, Mary M'Kay.*

*Timaru—*

*Edith Jaggar, John Melton, Arthur Turnbull, Leonard Jaggar, John Gerity, Jane Wilson, William M'Nicol, James Newton.*

*Waimate—*

*Minnie Bowles, William Munro, Minnie Clark, Sarah Freeman, Bennett Tregoning Eliza Freeman, Hannah Fox, William McIlwraith, Alexander M'Kay.*

List of the first twenty scholars above commended, in their order of merit:—

- I. *William Moore*, Okain Bay.
- II. *Charles Moore*, Okain Bay.
- III. *Frederick John Cumberworth*, Christchurch Wesleyan School.
- IV. *Walter Stanley Bean*, Kaiapoi Church School.
- V. *Alfred J. Merton*, Rangiora School.
- VI. *William Charles Bean*, Kaiapoi Church School.
- VII. *Mary Marshall*, Leeston.
- VIII. *Minnie Bannister*, St. Andrew's School.
- IX. *Ellen Lawry*, Springston.
- X. *Richenda Ladbrooke*, St. Paul's, Papanui.
- XI. *George Gordon*, Halswell.

- XII. *Oliver Thomson*, St. Paul's, Papanui.
- XIII. *Rebecca Ayres*, Woodend.
- XIV. *Henry Kitchingman*, Christchurch Wesleyan School.
- XV. *Lydia Brown*, Woodend.
- XVI. *Mary Loughnan*, Roman Catholic, Girls'.
- XVII. *Robert Page*, Christchurch, St. Michael's.
- XVIII. *Edith Jaggard*, Timaru.
- XIX. *George Scott Cox*, Eyreton.
- XX. *Frederick Wake*, Kaiapoi, Wesleyan.

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TABULAR SUMMARY OF RETURNS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.			Average Daily Attendance.			Amounts of School Fees.
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	
								£ s. d.
1	Christchurch—St. Michael's ... ..	103	66	169	72	46	118	52 4 6
2	„ Wesleyan ... ..	141	38	179	112	26	138	57 2 0
3	„ St. Andrew's ... ..	24	53	77	16	38	52	26 15 0
4	„ St. Luke's ... ..	68	52	120	33	46	79	42 17 6
5	„ Roman Catholic (Boys') ... ..	83	—	83	53	—	53	27 1 6
6	„ Convent (Girls') &c. ... ..	28	101	129	20	79	99	40 14 6
7	Lyttelton—Church of England ... ..	42	20	62	31	14	45	28 7 0
8	„ Wesleyan ... ..	36	39	75	27	26	53	22 5 0
9	Governor's Bay ... ..	5	8	13	4	7	11	16 8 0
10	„ North ... ..	19	2	21	14	1	15	27 15 0
11	Kaipoi—Church of England ... ..	65	43	108	51	29	80	38 15 6
12	„ Wesleyan ... ..	47	35	82	36	24	60	28 13 0
13	Woodend ... ..	41	36	77	29	27	56	22 3 6
14	Saltwater Creek ... ..	24	21	45	18	15	33	8 8 8
15	Mount Grey Downs ... ..	20	17	37	9	9	18	6 12 6
16	Leithfield ... ..	22	20	42	14	13	27	12 6 0
17	North Kowai ... ..	5	13	18	5	9	14	4 10 0
18	Loburn ... ..	20	15	35	13	12	25	6 10 3
19	Ashley Bank ... ..	13	11	24	8	6	14	6 8 0
20	Rangiora (Boys') ... ..	80	—	80	67	—	67	27 8 0
21	„ (Girls') ... ..	17	54	71	10	40	50	14 12 0
22	Fernside ... ..	25	28	53	21	22	43	13 5 0
23	Cust Valley ... ..	29	26	55	20	20	40	24 1 3
24	Oxford ... ..	25	13	38	17	8	25	9 0 0
25	Harewood ... ..	21	23	44	14	14	28	11 0 0
26	Eyreton ... ..	18	13	31	11	8	19	7 5 0
27	Flaxton ... ..	19	14	33	14	12	26	8 0 0
28	Courtenay ... ..	21	12	33	16	9	25	10 3 3
29	South Selwyn ... ..	25	22	47	18	15	33	15 18 0
30	Leeston ... ..	33	19	52	22	13	35	22 3 6
31	Southbridge ... ..	23	10	33	15	6	21	12 17 6
32	Springston ... ..	29	21	50	21	16	37	16 13 0
33	Lincoln ... ..	10	18	28	7	13	20	10 7 6
34	Tai Tapu ... ..	17	25	42	13	17	30	19 19 0
35	Akaroa ... ..	34	23	57	24	17	41	19 15 9
36	Pigeon Bay ... ..	15	10	25	10	8	18	17 13 0
37	Duvauchelle's Bay ... ..	22	15	37	17	12	29	17 16 0
38	Okain's Bay ... ..	23	15	38	19	13	32	14 5 6
39	Little Akaloa ... ..	23	18	41	20	16	36	18 6 0
40	Riccarton ... ..	32	41	73	23	28	51	27 8 0
41	Prebbleton ... ..	17	13	30	11	10	21	11 9 0
42	Templeton ... ..	49	32	81	31	18	49	15 18 6
43	Broadfield ... ..	29	25	54	16	18	34	20 14 6
44	Upper Heathcote ... ..	34	14	48	23	8	31	19 7 0
45	Lower Heathcote ... ..	32	12	44	20	6	26	13 12 6
46	Heathcote Valley ... ..	28	30	58	20	21	41	24 16 6
47	Halswell ... ..	37	21	58	24	14	38	25 11 0
48	Avonside ... ..	44	32	76	33	17	50	25 3 6
49	Papanui—St. Paul's ... ..	66	65	131	45	44	89	44 2 6
50	„ Wesleyan ... ..	34	29	63	22	16	38	16 12 6
51	North Road ... ..	14	8	22	10	5	15	9 17 0
52	Harewood Road ... ..	25	11	36	16	8	24	17 8 0
53	St. Albans ... ..	53	38	91	36	26	62	27 0 6
54	Arowhenua ... ..	15	19	34	6	13	19	11 4 4
55	Timaru ... ..	81	36	117	63	25	88	41 7 6
56	Waimate ... ..	24	32	56	18	23	41	26 0 6
		1929	1427	3356	1358	1004	2362	1164 0 0

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ABSTRACT OF TEACHERS' RETURNS AS TO ATTENDANCE AND PAYMENTS FOR  
THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1869.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.			Averages of Daily Attendance.			Amounts of School Fees.
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	
								£ s. d.
1	Christchurch—St. Michael's ... ..	185	96	261	70	40	110	183 3 0
2	„ Wesleyan ... ..	189	67	256	100	28	128	214 4 6
3	„ St. Andrew's ... ..	43	93	136	14	35	49	97 2 6
4	„ St. Luke's ... ..	157	101	258	62	35	97	193 18 3
5	„ Roman Catholic (Boys') ... ..	116	—	116	50	—	50	98 17 6
6	„ „ (Girls') &c. ... ..	42	146	188	17	66	83	120 16 0
7	Lyttelton—Church of England ... ..	58	27	85	32	13	45	70 17 6
8	„ Wesleyan ... ..	57	52	109	29	28	57	93 19 6
9	Governor's Bay North ... ..	32	6	38	17	2	19	122 5 6
10	Governor's Bay ... ..	7	9	16	4	6	10	46 4 0
11	Kaiapoi—Church of England ... ..	84	66	150	54	32	86	148 12 0
12	„ Wesleyan ... ..	67	39	106	35	22	57	119 7 7
13	Woodend ... ..	42	37	79	23	22	45	63 12 0
14	Saltwater Creek ... ..	33	28	61	14	14	28	38 11 2
15	Mount Grey Downs ... ..	24	20	44	8	9	17	22 13 6
16	Leithfield ... ..	35	24	59	16	12	28	44 5 6
17	North Kowai (new school) * ... ..	6	13	19*	3	10	13*	5 17 6*
18	Loburn ... ..	24	16	40	12	11	23	21 9 4
19	Ashley Bank ... ..	21	15	36	7	5	12	18 2 3
20	Rangiora (Boys') ... ..	105	—	105	63	—	63	72 10 0
21	„ (Girls') ... ..	30	76	106	10	41	51	61 19 0
22	Fernside ... ..	33	38	71	18	18	36	43 5 0
23	Cust Valley ... ..	34	32	66	16	16	32	41 7 0
24	Oxford ... ..	34	18	52	15	4	19	42 13 0
25	Harewood ... ..	35	32	67	12	13	25	55 17 6
26	Eyreton ... ..	21	15	36	10	8	18	19 12 6
27	Flaxton ... ..	23	23	46	9	10	19	24 5 0
28	Courtenay ... ..	24	12	36	12	9	21	32 12 3
29	South Selwyn ... ..	31	24	55	14	12	26	18 2 10
30	Leeston ... ..	45	26	71	15	11	26	43 1 6
31	Southbridge ... ..	31	15	46	14	7	21	43 7 0
32	Springston ... ..	36	28	64	13	13	26	50 16 0
33	Lincoln ... ..	18	26	44	6	13	19	40 4 0
34	Ta Tapu ... ..	27	28	55	15	15	30	80 8 0
35	Akaroa ... ..	48	33	81	23	17	40	67 15 6
36	Pigeon Bay ... ..	22	17	39	15	7	22	66 9 0
37	Duvauchelle's Bay ... ..	34	18	52	18	12	30	49 9 0
38	Okain's Bay ... ..	27	17	44	20	13	33	54 8 6
39	Little Akaloa ... ..	25	20	45	18	13	31	65 1 6
40	Riccarton ... ..	42	51	93	19	22	41	81 4 4
41	Prebbleton ... ..	24	24	48	11	9	20	47 2 0
42	Templeton ... ..	52	44	96	22	12	34	41 9 0
43	Broadfield ... ..	35	26	61	14	16	30	67 5 0
44	Upper Heathcote ... ..	39	20	59	22	9	31	58 11 1
45	Lower Heathcote ... ..	40	25	65	20	8	28	73 8 0
46	Heathcote Valley ... ..	43	36	79	19	16	35	77 6 6
47	Halswell ... ..	42	24	66	20	12	32	73 16 6
48	Avonside ... ..	69	51	120	30	17	47	92 14 6
49	Papanui—St. Paul's ... ..	83	74	157	45	44	89	164 6 0
50	„ Wesleyan ... ..	50	41	91	22	18	40	64 9 0
51	North Road ... ..	17	11	28	10	5	15	37 17 6
52	Harewood Road ... ..	31	14	45	14	5	19	40 2 6
53	St. Alban's ... ..	56	45	101	34	22	56	93 12 0
54	Arowhenua ... ..	24	28	52	7	12	19	49 8 10
55	Timaru ... ..	123	71	194	59	34	93	163 13 0
56	Waimate ... ..	26	35	61	16	18	34	58 1 6
		2681	1973	4654	1287	921	2208	3991 10 5

\* For the four months.

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

	List of Schools Examined.	Date of Examination.	Numbers present.	Site, Buildings, and Premises.	Books and Apparatus.	Organization and Discipline.	Bible Knowledge.	Elementary Secular Knowledge.	Ordinary Secular Knowledge.	Remarks.
1	Christchurch — St. Michael's ...	Dec. 13	126	A	A	A	A	B	A	
2	„ St. Andrew's	„ 3	65	A	A	A	A	A	A	
3	„ St. Luke's ...	„ 2	78	B	A	B	A	A		
4	Lyttelton—Church of England	„ 20	40	A	A	B	A	B	A	
5	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 9	51	A	A	A	A	A	B	
6	Governor's Bay N...	„ 21	17	A	A	A	A	A	A	
7	Kaiapoi—Church of England ...	„ 7	91	A	A	A	A	A	A	
8	„ Wesleyan...	„ 6	71	B	B	A	A	A	B	
9	Woodend ...	„ 24	52	A	A	C	A	A	B	
10	Saltwater Creek ...	Nov. 3	28	A	A	B	A	A		
11	Mount Grey Downs	„ 3	25	A	A	A	B	A		
12	Leithfield ...	„ 1	32	A	A	B	A	A		
13	North Kowai ...	„ 2, wet day.	12	New School						
14	Loburn ...	Nov. 14	32	A	A	B	B	B		
15	Ashley Bank ...	„ 4	19	A	A	A	A	A	A	
16	Rangiora (Boys') ...	„ 16, wet day.	45	A	A	A	A	A	A	
17	„ (Girls') ...	Nov. 15	58	A	A	A	A	A		
18	Fernside ...	„ 19	39	A	A	A	A	A	A	
19	Cust ...	„ 17	46	A	A	A	A	A		
20	Oxford ...	„ 17	34	B	B	B	B	B		
21	Harewood ...	„ 17	40	B	B	B	Not examined			
22	Flaxton ...	„ 5	27	A	A	A	A	A		
23	South Selwyn ...	Oct. 19	41	A	A	B	A	B		
24	Leeston ...	„ 20	35	A	A	A	A	A	A	
25	Southbridge ...	„ 20	16	A	A	A	Not examined			on account of illness in doors
26	Springston ...	„ 21	19	A	A	A	A	A	A	
27	Akaroa ...	„ 11	50	B	A	A	New Teacher			
28	Pigeon Bay ...	„ 12, very wet day.	17	B	A	New Teacher				
29	Duvauchelle's ...	„ 5	22	B	A	A	A	A		
30	Okain's ...	„ 8	37	A	A	A	A	A	A	
31	Little Akaloa ...	„ 7	35	B	A	A	A	A		
32	Riccarton ...	Dec. 10	59	A	A	A	A	B	A	
33	Prebbleton ...	Oct. 22	23	B	B	B	B	B		
34	Templeton ...	„ 18	49	A	A	A	A	B		
35	Broadfield ...	„ 21	47	B	A	A	A	A		
36	Upper Heathcote ...	Dec. 8	35	B	A	B	B	B	B	
37	Heathcote Valley ...	Nov. 10	47	B	A	A	A	A		
38	St. Paul's, Papanui...	Dec. 17	95	A	A	A	A	A	A	
39	Papanui Wesleyan...	Nov. 8	45	B	B	C	B	B		
40	St. Albans ...	„ 26	66	A	A	C	A	B	B	

TABLE SHEWING THE NUMBER OF ATTENDANTS DURING THE DECEMBER QUARTER OF 1889,  
AND ARRANGED AS TO ATTAINMENTS.

	LIST OF SCHOOLS RECEIVING GOVERNMENT AID.	MALES.							FEMALES.							TOTAL.				
		Reading.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Music.	Writing.	Geography.	History.	Other Subjects.	Reading.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Music.	Writing.	Geography.	History.	Other Subjects.	Males.	Females.	Grand Total.
		1	Christchurch—St. Michael's ...	103	103	31	—	103	38	31	31	66	66	18	—	66	25	18	—	103
2	„ Wesleyan ...	141	116	73	116	116	73	73	73	38	26	18	38	30	14	14	14	141	38	179
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	24	5	1	—	20	—	—	—	59	28	16	5	48	12	12	40	24	53	77
4	„ St. Luke's ...	68	68	30	30	68	30	30	—	52	52	18	18	52	18	18	45	68	52	120
5	„ R. C. (Boys') ...	83	83	35	—	83	40	20	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	83	—	83
6	„ „ (Girls') ...	28	28	—	—	28	—	—	—	101	101	32	27	101	32	26	30	28	101	129
7	Lyttelton—Church England ...	42	30	16	—	42	30	8	42	20	15	11	—	20	15	—	20	42	20	62
8	„ Wesleyan ...	36	17	7	—	8	6	3	—	39	20	10	—	17	10	4	—	36	39	75
9	Governor's Bay ...	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	8	13
10	„ „ North ...	19	18	16	—	18	7	7	6	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	2	21
11	Kaiapoi—Church England ...	65	65	29	—	65	29	8	3	43	43	19	1	43	19	5	43	65	43	108
12	„ Wesleyan ...	47	47	17	—	47	17	13	47	35	35	16	—	35	16	7	35	47	35	82
13	Woodend ...	41	41	18	—	24	18	18	41	36	36	18	—	21	18	18	36	41	36	77
14	Saltwater Creek ...	24	14	6	—	13	6	5	—	21	17	9	—	14	8	2	19	24	21	45
15	Mount Grey Downs ...	20	12	—	—	14	—	13	—	17	15	—	—	16	—	15	—	20	17	37
16	Leithfield ...	22	14	5	—	17	12	1	—	20	12	4	—	16	8	1	—	22	20	42
17	North Kowai ...	5	4	2	—	5	2	—	—	13	9	6	—	12	6	—	—	5	13	18
18	Loburn ...	20	18	6	—	20	19	—	20	15	13	6	—	15	12	—	15	20	15	35
19	Ashley Bank ...	13	12	1	—	12	13	1	—	11	10	—	—	10	11	—	—	13	11	24
20	Rangiora (Boys') ...	80	47	39	20	80	39	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	—	80
21	„ (Girls') ...	17	12	2	—	12	2	2	17	54	40	31	—	53	31	31	54	17	54	71
22	Fernside ...	25	24	14	—	25	25	25	25	28	28	9	—	28	28	28	28	25	28	53
23	Cust Valley ...	29	29	9	—	25	9	—	—	26	26	6	—	18	6	—	—	29	26	55
24	Oxford ...	25	15	5	—	25	10	—	—	13	10	5	—	13	5	—	—	25	13	38
25	Harewood ...	21	17	8	—	17	8	8	—	23	21	8	—	21	8	8	—	21	23	44
26	Eyreton ...	18	18	11	—	18	11	3	—	13	12	7	—	13	7	3	—	18	13	31
27	Flaxton ...	19	13	3	—	19	3	3	—	14	9	1	—	12	1	3	—	19	14	33
28	Courtenay ...	21	20	19	—	19	19	8	21	12	12	8	—	9	8	4	12	21	12	33
29	South Selwyn ...	25	22	6	—	22	6	6	4	22	21	6	—	22	6	9	—	25	22	47
30	Leeston ...	33	24	18	33	25	18	3	33	19	14	5	—	15	5	2	19	33	19	52
31	Southbridge ...	23	19	8	—	19	8	9	—	10	7	3	—	7	3	3	—	23	10	33
32	Springton ...	28	26	8	—	28	8	2	2	21	20	12	—	21	12	4	4	29	21	50
33	Lincoln ...	10	10	6	—	10	6	6	4	18	16	7	—	16	7	7	—	10	18	28
34	Tai Tapu... ...	17	12	6	—	15	8	8	2	25	18	5	—	19	10	10	—	17	25	42
35	Akaroa ...	34	27	11	—	34	11	11	—	23	19	7	—	23	7	7	23	34	23	57
36	Pigeon Bay ...	15	9	3	12	10	15	—	—	10	8	4	8	8	10	—	—	15	10	25
37	Duvauchelle's ...	22	14	3	22	21	14	5	5	15	7	4	15	15	7	4	4	22	15	37
38	Okain ...	23	19	16	—	19	19	16	3	15	11	7	—	11	11	7	—	23	15	38
39	Little Akaloa ...	23	14	11	—	17	12	6	—	18	13	11	—	16	10	6	—	23	18	41
40	Riccarton ...	32	32	20	—	32	20	20	—	41	41	27	—	41	27	27	—	32	41	73
41	Prebbleton ...	17	17	6	—	17	10	10	—	13	13	6	—	13	9	9	—	17	13	30
42	Templeton ...	49	42	14	—	47	25	5	2	32	23	11	—	30	12	5	—	49	32	81
43	Broadfield ...	29	24	5	—	29	5	5	—	25	20	7	—	25	7	7	—	29	25	54
44	Upper Heathcote ...	34	31	18	—	30	18	8	—	14	10	7	—	10	7	2	—	34	14	48
45	Lower Heathcote ...	32	30	8	—	30	8	—	—	12	10	2	—	10	2	—	—	32	12	44
46	Heathcote Valley ...	28	28	15	—	28	15	7	—	30	30	16	—	30	16	9	—	28	30	58
47	Halswell ...	37	35	17	—	37	17	17	3	21	20	7	—	20	7	7	—	37	21	58
48	Avonside... ...	44	32	13	—	37	13	6	—	32	19	9	—	23	8	6	32	44	32	76
49	Papanui—St. Paul's... ..	16	53	27	66	66	27	27	—	65	53	18	65	65	18	18	—	66	65	131
50	„ Wesleyan... ..	34	21	7	1	34	8	2	—	29	17	8	2	29	9	5	—	34	29	63
51	North Road ...	14	13	10	—	14	10	10	—	8	6	4	—	8	4	3	—	14	8	22
52	Harewood Road ...	25	16	6	25	19	6	8	—	11	5	3	11	5	3	5	—	25	11	36
53	St. Alans ...	53	49	38	49	53	38	38	20	38	28	26	28	38	26	26	14	53	38	91
54	Arowhenua ...	15	7	4	—	15	6	1	—	19	12	5	—	19	13	2	15	15	19	34
55	Timaru ...	81	49	29	81	29	29	81	36	19	11	36	—	36	11	11	36	81	36	117
56	Waimate... ..	22	18	2	—	14	2	2	—	33	33	8	—	24	8	8	—	22	32	56
		1876	1588	743	460	1751	853	572	493	1426	1175	527	259	1298	598	428	560	1929	1427	3356

TABLE SHEWING THE NUMBER OF ATTENDANTS DURING THE DECEMBER QUARTER, 1869, AND ARRANGED AS TO AGE AND SEX.

	LIST OF SCHOOLS RECEIVING GOVERNMENT AID.	MALES.				FEMALES.				BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
		Under Five Years.	Five and under Ten.	Ten and under Fifteen.	Fifteen and upwards.	Under Five Years.	Five and under Ten.	Ten and under Fifteen.	Fifteen and upwards.			
1	Christ's College Grammar School ...	—	3	75	18	—	—	—	—	96	—	96
2	Christchurch High School ...	—	22	78	26	—	—	—	—	126	—	126
3	Lyttelton High School ...	—	25	32	1	—	10	16	1	58	27	85
4	Christchurch—St. Michael's ...	6	59	38	—	3	46	17	—	103	66	169
5	„ Wesleyan ...	10	79	52	—	—	26	12	—	141	38	179
6	„ St. Andrew's ...	4	20	—	—	4	35	14	—	24	53	77
7	„ St. Luke's ...	9	35	24	—	7	32	13	—	68	52	120
8	„ Roman Catholic (Boys') ...	—	57	26	—	—	—	—	—	83	—	83
9	„ „ (Girls') &c. ...	3	25	—	—	9	56	26	10	28	101	129
10	Lyttelton—Church of England ...	—	23	18	1	—	10	10	—	42	20	62
11	„ Wesleyan ...	2	27	7	—	3	24	12	—	36	39	75
12	Governor's Bay ...	—	—	3	2	—	7	—	1	5	8	13
13	Governor's Bay North ...	—	10	8	1	—	2	—	—	19	2	21
14	Kaiapoi—Church of England ...	6	44	15	—	—	29	14	—	65	43	108
15	„ Wesleyan ...	4	33	9	1	1	21	13	—	47	35	82
16	Woodend ...	—	32	9	—	—	27	9	—	41	36	77
17	Saltwater Creek ...	2	15	6	1	1	13	7	—	24	21	45
18	Mount Grey Downs ...	—	10	10	—	—	6	9	2	20	17	37
19	Leithfield ...	5	11	6	—	5	13	2	—	22	20	42
20	North Kowai ...	1	4	—	—	—	8	5	—	5	13	18
21	Loburn ...	—	15	4	1	—	10	5	—	20	15	35
22	Ashley Bank ...	—	6	7	—	—	7	4	—	13	11	24
23	Rangiora (Boys') ...	—	32	46	2	—	—	—	—	80	—	80
24	„ (Girls') ...	5	12	—	—	1	31	21	1	17	54	71
25	Fernside ...	1	12	12	—	—	18	9	1	25	28	53
26	Cust Valley ...	—	17	10	2	—	17	8	1	29	26	55
27	Oxford ...	5	17	3	—	1	8	4	—	25	13	38
28	Harewood ...	4	12	5	—	—	14	9	—	21	23	44
29	Eyretton ...	—	12	6	—	—	8	5	—	18	13	31
30	Flaxton ...	—	12	6	1	1	7	6	—	19	14	33
31	Courtenay ...	1	5	15	—	—	9	3	—	21	12	33
32	South Selwyn ...	—	17	8	—	—	14	8	—	25	22	47
33	Leeston ...	—	20	9	4	2	10	6	1	33	19	52
34	Southbridge ...	1	10	10	2	—	7	3	—	23	10	33
35	Springston ...	1	14	11	3	—	6	14	1	29	21	50
36	Lincoln ...	—	5	4	1	2	13	3	—	10	18	28
37	Tai Tapu ...	—	10	7	—	—	12	13	—	17	25	42
38	Akaroa ...	3	18	12	1	2	10	11	—	34	23	57
39	Pigeon Bay ...	—	11	4	—	—	7	3	—	15	10	25
40	Duvauchelle's Bay ...	1	16	5	—	—	7	8	—	22	15	37
41	Okain's Bay ...	1	8	13	1	1	10	4	—	23	15	38
42	Little Akaloa ...	4	11	8	—	1	14	3	—	23	18	41
43	Riecarton ...	—	19	12	1	—	19	21	1	32	41	73
44	Prebbleton ...	—	12	5	—	1	8	3	1	17	13	30
45	Templeton ...	1	27	20	1	1	22	9	—	49	32	81
46	Broadfield ...	3	17	6	3	5	10	10	—	29	25	54
47	Upper Heathcote ...	1	21	11	1	1	9	4	—	34	14	48
48	Lower Heathcote ...	2	20	10	—	—	7	5	—	32	12	44
49	Heathcote Valley ...	3	19	6	—	5	17	8	—	28	30	58
50	Halswell ...	—	20	16	1	—	14	7	—	37	21	58
51	Avonside ...	3	34	7	—	4	17	11	—	44	32	76
52	Papanui—St. Paul's ...	1	42	22	1	—	41	23	1	66	65	131
53	„ Wesleyan ...	5	24	5	—	1	18	10	—	34	29	63
54	North Road ...	—	4	8	2	—	7	1	—	14	8	22
55	Harewood Road ...	3	12	10	—	1	5	5	—	25	11	36
56	St. Alban's ...	7	29	17	—	3	21	14	—	53	38	91
57	Arowhenua ...	—	13	2	—	1	11	7	—	15	19	34
58	Timaru ...	12	55	13	1	8	22	6	—	81	36	117
59	Waimate ...	1	17	6	—	1	12	17	2	24	32	56
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# BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(JANUARY 1—28, 1870.)

## INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the schools examined during the month.

The Christmas holidays having been succeeded by the harvest holidays, which commenced earlier than usually, and the occurrence of other holidays, have prevented the examination of more than a few schools.

*Templeton School* ... January 10 ... Present 28 ... The elder children being already engaged in the harvest, the younger ones were more fully examined. They did fairly well, excepting in Arithmetic, in which they are very backward.

*Springston School* ... January 11 ... Present 23 ... Satisfactory.

*Lincoln School* ... January 12 ... Present 23 ... Satisfactory, as to the attainments generally; but the geography of New Zealand had been neglected for want of a Map.

*Leeston School* ... January 13 ... Present 21 ... Satisfactory.

*Southbridge School* ... January 13 ... Present 21 ... Satisfactory, except that the admission register had not been obtained.

*South Selwyn* ... January 14 ... Present 25 ... Improving.

Two Candidates for Masterships have been examined as per special report of the 24th instant.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(JANUARY 28—FEBRUARY 24, 1870.)

### INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the schools examined, and on the preliminary examination of the Candidates for Scholarships.

*Akaroa School* ... February 2 ... Present 28 ... The Scottish School-book Association's books having been substituted by the former master for those in the Board's catalogue, their use is still continued. The books are good, but a course more uniform with that of the rest of the schools would be preferable. There is no very great objection to the means or method, so that the results are satisfactory; but the progress of the lower classes here has hitherto been unusually slow, and a ready comparative test has been baffled by the substitution of a different set of books. The necessity of a clock, and of inkwells, was pointed out to the Chairman of the Local Committee, who will, I believe, attend to it.

*Duvauchelle's Bay* ... February 2 ... Present 17 ... Satisfactory.

*Pigeon Bay* ... February 3 ... Present 28 ... The removal of the school, to a more central site, in accordance with the growth of population up the valley, seems desirable. But possibly in a few years a school on the present site, and another elsewhere, may be required. The neatness of the registers and the copybooks has fallen off; several columns formerly kept in the register have been neglected. The clock having stopped, affords a screen for want of punctuality; five children came in very late. The Bible knowledge, Reading, and other attainments of the two lower classes are very deficient. There is a want of personal cleanliness and of ventilation; a very unpleasant odour prevailed.

*Christchurch Roman Catholic Schools* (inspected February 7.)—

<i>Boys' School</i>	...	...	Present 57
<i>Girls' „</i>	...	...	Present 64

Same day Girl's school examined.

The discipline is excellent; the cleanliness of the room, the children, and their books, are highly commendable; the soundness and accuracy of each class in Secular knowledge are very satisfactory. The knowledge of Sacred History is limited to the outlines given in the reading-books, and is, so far, satisfactory.

*The Boys' School, February 8.*

The discipline and attainments are fairly proportioned to the teaching power—one efficient master.

*Lower Heathcote School, Ferry Road* ... February 10 ... Present 30 The attendance and efficiency are decreasing. The last quarters of 1868 and 1869 show a decrease of 13 actual attendants, and of 11 in the average of daily

attendance. The premises are much improved by a better approach to the school, gravelled walks, and new fencing. The apparatus satisfactory; books deficient. The register has been very neatly kept, but was not posted up on the day of inspection. The discipline is weak, and the order loose; continual talking, and other irregularity interrupted the earlier part of the examination; the daily newspaper in the schoolroom was an unfavourable index. The examination was very elementary; the Arithmetical examples very simple; but the results were most unsatisfactory, displaying great ignorance of the most simple truths of Sacred History; and in other subjects also, gross neglect of the junior classes. Several children seem to have been scarcely taught at all during more than twelve months in the school. Several others, tolerably regular during four, three, or two years, are very backward; under teachers having an ordinary interest in their work, some of these boys would have been promising candidates for scholarships. Most of the Writing below the first class is a most careless scribble, uncorrected by any attempt to improve it. One boy of 14, formerly at the High School, is wasting his time here among boys considerably his inferiors in age and ability.

*Christchurch Wesleyan School* ... February 21 ... Present 110 ... This is perhaps the worst ventilated building in Christchurch. Several attempts have been made to improve the ventilation by small apertures in the inner roof, but they do little except letting in the hot air accumulated there. If, *even, only one* of the larger windows would open, greater relief would be afforded than by all the holes in the roof. The small proportion of girls attending this school is worthy of the attention of the Local Committee; it may be caused by either or both the want of a separate playground, and that of a mistress to teach sewing. The attainments were satisfactory.

*Avonside* ... February 22 ... Present 73 ... The improvement is partial; it relates to the Bible knowledge, Spelling, and Writing; the Reading is unusually deficient, the classes are very backward in it; it seems difficult to awaken the master to a sense of how much more time and attention to the subject are necessary; the Arithmetic is also very backward and imperfect. The state of the room is improvable; it is encumbered by chairs and benches out of place; books, slates, and other litter strew the table and desks.

The preliminary examination of the Candidates for Scholarships was conducted as follows:--

Five boys were examined at Kaiapoi, on the 9th instant.

Six at my own house, on the 11th instant.

Nineteen at Mr. Gee's school, the Christchurch Academy, on Saturday, the 12th instant.

And one, who had not obtained his notice from the Post Office, on the 18th instant.

The original number of candidates who had applied in the terms of the advertisement was thirty-three; but one candidate, Herbert Cooke, having left this province, and another, William Haine, having removed from Kaiapoi, and not attending the examination there, the number was reduced to thirty-one.

Their names, arranged in the order of merit in which they have passed the preliminary examination, will be found in the Scheduled Report annexed.

Several boys who come low in the list are very young; their failure to pass the preliminary examination this time should afford them no discouragement; their attainments indicate very praiseworthy diligence, and reflect credit upon their teachers and themselves. Among these are W. B. D. Wilson, W. Bannister, F. Wake, R. Wake, J. M. Beechey, and John Veysey.

The Bible knowledge of Edward Reese, George F. Bridge, William H. Herbert, A. O. Merton, W. Charles Bean, and W. B. D. Wilson, is very creditable; that of Lawrence, Blake, Dixon, Burrows, Willmer, and Bannister, very deficient.

In Reading, most boys have done fairly well.

The Spelling of W. H. Herbert, Edward Reese, and Benjamin Connal, is very accurate; they have only made one mistake in a large number of difficult words.

The Writing of A. E. Bird, W. G. Napier, and J. R. B. Craig, is good.

The Arithmetic of Bean and H. J. Knowles is very accurate; that of Bridge, Merton, and Wilson, very deficient.

In Geography, Reese and Bean have done the best; Bridge and Herbert very fairly.

Bridge, Bird, and W. B. D. Wilson have done best in History.

The English Grammar seems to be very imperfectly understood; but better by Bird, Bean, Connal, Bridge, Wilson, Knowles, Samuel Jones, and Frost, than by the rest. The subject seems to be imperfectly understood, and unsuccessfully taught, in the majority of the Ordinary Schools.

The examination afforded a test of several different classes of instruction—those of Superior Schools, Private Schools, Home, and the Ordinary Schools. The Bible knowledge and English are at a discount in some of the Superior and Private Schools; progress in these subjects seems inconsistent with a higher course.

Home instruction favours special subjects, to the partial or total neglect of others. The pupils suffer also from want of competition. Some other advantages probably compensate for what is thus lost. The course in the Ordinary Schools varies with the relative efficiency of each; but, time not being required for a superior course, a more even and accurate standard of general knowledge is attainable.

Possibly the acquirement of habitual accuracy in a simple course may be the best security for sounder progress at a later age in a higher one.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

# BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1869.

## SCHEDULED REPORT ON PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR OPEN SCHOLARSHIPS, 1870.

	List of Candidates.	Where Taught.	Age in Years.	Last Birthday.	TABLE OF MARKS.								
					Bible.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	History.	Grammar.	Totals.
1	Wm. Charles Bean ... ..	Kaipoi, Church ... ..	10	1869, July 2 ...	53	75	85	80	99	56	42	48	538
2	Arthur Edward Bird ... ..	Christchurch High School ...	9	1870, Feb. 4 ...	30	80	85	90	83	40	51	54	513
3	Wm. Henry Herbert ... ..	Templeton ... ..	10	1869, Sept. 20	57	80	96	85	53	48	46	32	467
4	Edward Reese ... ..	Papanui ... ..	10	1869, Oct. 2 ...	68	60	95	80	51	59	48	20	481
5	Henry J. Knowles ... ..	Rev. J. D. Fergusson ... ..	10	1869, April 25	30	80	80	80	99	14	26	43	452
6	James A. Frost ... ..	Mrs. Alabaster ... ..	10	1869, Dec. 29	36	85	80	75	54	36	39	40	445
7	Samuel Jones ... ..	St. Luke's ... ..	10	1869, Aug. 5	40	75	75	65	87	39	21	42	444
8	George Wedge ... ..	Christchurch Wesleyan ... ..	9	1869, Oct. 15	45	80	80	65	64	31	26	35	426
9	Benjamin Connal ... ..	Do do ... ..	8	1869, March 23	46	85	95	50	29	20	39	48	412
10	Wm. George Napier ... ..	Leeston ... ..	9	1869, March 9	40	70	45	90	60	39	21	33	398
11	George F. Bridge ... ..	Taught at home ... ..	8	1870, Feb. 4	58	70	50	60	0	40	53	44	384
12	Edward J. Ross ... ..	Do do ... ..	10	1870, Jan. 29	36	80	40	75	21	51	39	31	373
13	Arthur O. Merton ... ..	Rangiora ... ..	10	1869, Nov. 14	54	75	65	70	0	29	36	32	361
14	Herbert Buxton ... ..	Avonside ... ..	9	1869, April 17	38	80	75	75	24	13	13	22	340
15	George Marcroft ... ..	Christchurch Wesleyan ... ..	10	1869, April 7...	43	78	55	70	17	32	24	20	339
16	Jas. Robt. B. Craig ... ..	Mr. Gridley ... ..	9	1869, March 17	14	80	65	90	28	18	11	31	337
17	Wm. B. D. Wilson ... ..	Taught at home ... ..	9	1869, May 18	51	60	20	60	5	35	50	44	325
18	Wm. Bannister ... ..	Christchurch Wesleyan ... ..	8	1869, Sept. 14	11	75	75	65	28	25	14	26	319
19	Fredk. Wake ... ..	Kaipoi Wesleyan ... ..	8	1869, Aug. 2 ...	15	65	60	50	68	34	13	12	317
20	Robt. S. Wake ... ..	Do do ... ..	7	1869, Oct. 25...	18	65	65	50	61	26	19	5	309
21	Philip Philpott ... ..	St. Albans ... ..	10	1869, Sept. 5...	26	50	50	60	54	31	15	23	309
22	James Mansfield Beechey ...	Governor's Bay North ... ..	8	1869, March 27	37	80	57	80	27	5	2	18	306
23	John Blake ... ..	Upper Heathcote... ..	10	1869, April 2...	4	60	60	40	59	33	27	22	305
24	Horace Baxter ... ..	Avonside ... ..	9	1870, May 28	21	70	85	65	11	11	6	16	285
25	Gilbert Dixon... ..	Upper Heathcote, Lincoln Road	10	1870, Jan. 2 ...	7	60	70	65	38	17	10	11	278
26	John Veysey ... ..	Kaipoi Church ... ..	8	1869, March 8	19	70	65	50	33	14	6	13	270
27	George Weston ... ..	Do do ... ..	9	1869, Dec. 24	12	70	30	75	34	22	5	15	263
28	Charles J. Lawrence ... ..	Broadfield ... ..	10	Did not know	2	75	60	85	37	0	0	2	261
29	Edmund Jones ... ..	Christchurch Wesleyan ... ..	10	1869, Dec. 15	23	50	40	60	36	17	4	23	253
30	Wm. S. Willmer ... ..	Christ's College Grammar School ... ..	10	1869, April 14	11	50	30	60	17	19	17	40	244
31	John Burrows ... ..	Halswell ... ..	9	1869, March 14	7	55	20	55	31	13	15	8	204
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## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(FEBRUARY 25—MARCH 31, 1870.)

### 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 or visited only during the month.

The attendance in the town schools is decreasing. The high rate of fees affords a field for competition to numerous private schools, some of them conducted at the same fees, without Government aid.

#### THE SCHOOLS EXAMINED.

- St. Albans School* ... .. February 28 ... Present 40 ... The attendance is affected by the harvest. The discipline is weak; the attainments moderate.
- Okain's Bay School* ... .. March 2 ... Present 39 ... Very creditable.
- Little Akaloa* ... .. March 3 ... Present 37 ... The attendance and efficiency have increased, but a decrease may be expected should the present depression in the timber trade continue.
- Waimate* ... .. March 7 ... Present 41 ... The stock of reading-books and copybooks has been deficient for about four months. The teacher pleads this excuse for the unsatisfactory progress of certain classes in Reading and Writing. Two classes, and half of another one, are without copybooks. The school is well supplied with Maps, Diagrams, and such other apparatus as the chairman has been able to obtain from the depôt. He speaks of endeavouring to get the rest from Dunedin. The Bible knowledge of one class was deficient. The other subjects were satisfactory, allowance being made for the drawbacks above-mentioned.
- Timaru School* ... .. March 8 ... Present 72 ... Below the average, from harvest and other causes. Attainments satisfactory on the whole, but below the usual standard of accuracy of this school in Elementary knowledge. They read and pronounce badly. The Church of England Catechism is taught in this school, which is really an undenominational one. The Sunday school and other observances are similar. A wrong impression has hence got abroad as to the status of the school.
- Arowhenua School* ... .. March 10 ... Present 12 ... Visited, but not examined, The discipline and method are good, the teacher skilful, but the desks have been disarranged. The room is used on Sundays, and left in disorder. There is no proper register of attendance. The visitors' book is never used.

- St. Andrew's, Christchurch* ... March 18 ... Present 53 ... Very creditable.
- Lyttelton Wesleyan School* ... March 21 ... Present 52 ... Satisfactory.
- Christchurch, St. Michael's* ... March 22 ... Present 108 ... The aim here is to maintain a matter-of-fact standard of attainment good enough to pass muster without any very glaring cause of complaint. But, with every appliance, and the help of three adult teachers, this school, ably conducted by a skilful, zealous, and intelligent schoolmaster, would achieve very different results, and take its stand as a model school for the province. The master confines his attention too much, almost entirely, to the first class. The lower classes do not shew the impress of any better guidance than that of the assistants, who have not profited by any training from the master; their work has not been turned to good account; their classes have decreased in numbers.
- St. Luke's* ... March 23 ... Present 83 ... The discipline has much improved. The classes have acquired greater accuracy in rudimentary knowledge.
- Halswell* ... March 25 ... Present 36 ... The usual interruption of the harvest season accounts for temporary inaccuracy.
- Upper Heathcote* ... March 28 ... Present 31 ... Improving.
- Riccarton School* ... March 28 ... Present 42 ... Visited, and partly examined. Order good; accuracy improving.
- Lyttelton Church School* ... March 29 ... Present 44 ... Considerable improvement is observable. The school presented a very orderly appearance at first up at class, but order is not well sustained during the preparation of lessons at the seats. The younger children require more effective instruction. A reconstruction of all the classes and a change of books might enliven the school work. The best places were taken by two pupils from other schools, Jones and Clarkson.
- Lower Heathcote School* ... March 30 ... Present 30 ... The numbers are not yet increasing. Considerable improvement is observable. The discipline is better, but still weak. An under-current of chit-chat hinders progress, but escapes notice. The Riccarton and Heathcote Valley schools visited this week afford a striking contrast as to the well-sustained order of the children at their seats. In the Reading lessons greater attention is requisite to the correction of mistakes, and greater precision in the corrections themselves both in these lessons and in the Spelling. The copybooks are more creditable. The register is very neat.
- Heathcote Valley* ... March 30 ... Present 44 ... Good order is the rule, and it is well kept up. The attainments are satisfactory.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,  
Inspector of Schools.

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