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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1871.

To His Honor the Superintendent.

Sir,

The Board of Education has the honour to present its Annual Report for the year 1870-71, 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 65.

Since the date of the last Report, the Harewood (Oxford), and the Papanui Wesleyan Schools have ceased to exist. The former was in receipt of a special grant from the Board, and, in conjunction with the Oxford Church School, also assisted in a similar manner, afforded the means of education to the children in the neighbourhood of Oxford. The

Board is, however, of opinion that one Government School in a good central position would efficiently perform the work which has hitherto been divided between the two schools above mentioned, and it has intimated to the authorities of the Oxford Church School that the grant which the school at present enjoys is to be looked upon as only a temporary one, it being considered desirable that an Educational District should be formed in the locality.

With regard to the Papanui Wesleyan School, which was in existence previous to the year 1864, the Committee have considered it advisable that it should be closed, and are desirous that a District School, managed by a Committee elected by the ratepayers, should be established at Papanui.

Of the schools to be added to the list of those in operation last year, the Addington and St. John's Schools, both in Christchurch, though previously in existence, have only lately come under Government inspection.

The Lyttelton High School is now included among the Ordinary Schools, and is in receipt of a special grant.

The Stoke, Kowai Pass, Waihi, and Halkett Schools have been established in regularly constituted Educational Districts.

A special grant is given towards the maintenance of the Scotsburn School, which is situated at the foot of Mount Peel, a part of the country too thinly populated to maintain a District School.

Schools will immediately come into operation in the Killinchy and Greenpark (near Lake Ellesmere) Districts, and steps have been taken for the establishment of others at Weeden's, West Melton, Selwyn, New Brighton, Geraldine, and on the Mandeville Plains.

Public meetings of the residents in the Heathcote Valley, Timaru, and Halswell Districts respectively, have been held, and in accordance with resolutions passed thereat, the schools in these districts have been brought under the management of Committees elected as provided by "The Education Ordinance, 1864."

The amounts paid out of the Treasury for the erection of the buildings in the new Educational Districts alluded to above, have been as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Stoke—Schoolroom and Master's House	240	0	0
Kowai Pass „ „ „	237	0	0
Waihi „ „ „	250	0	0
Halkett „ „ „	238	12	6

The following sums have also been paid for building and other purposes connected therewith:—

	£	s.	d.
North Kowai—Balance of Grant in Aid	54	14	9
Broadfield—Erection of Schoolroom	107	8	0
Mount Grey Downs—Sinking of Well...	25	0	0
Halswell—Repairs to Buildings	12	0	0

The amounts contributed locally by the various districts being paid into the Treasury, are included in the above amounts. The clause in the Ordinance of 1864, limiting the amount of aid which the Board could grant towards the erection of New Schools to three-fourths of the sums required, was repealed during the last Session of the Provincial Council, and since this alteration in the law, the Board has usually contributed five-sixths of the total cost, the residents finding the remaining one-sixth.

During its last Session, also, the Council repealed the clause by which the annual grant payable by the Board towards the maintenance of District Schools, was limited to £75, and a vote was passed for a sum of money considerably in excess of that voted during previous years for this purpose.

The sums now paid quarterly to the several District Schools under the Ordinance of 1864, vary according to the number of children in average attendance at each school, provision being made for the granting of bonuses in cases where an increase in general efficiency is shewn.

The statistics of attendance for the year 1870, shew that the total number of scholars at Ordinary Schools aided by the Board, was, during the December Quarter, 3662, being an increase of 306 on the number for the same quarter of 1869.

The average attendance during the December Quarter, 1870, was 2626, an increase of 264 on the same quarter of the previous year.

The annexed table shews the total and average attendance of children during the years 1867-68-69-70, 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 :—

Year.	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
1870	4946	2328	4567 11 0	4103 7 4

The total amounts paid during the year 1870 out of the Provincial Treasury on account of Education, were distributed as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Maintenance of Superior Schools	300	0	0
„ Ordinary „	4567	11	0
Expenses of Department	651	1	3
Scholarships	684	11	1
Contingencies	90	16	1
Establishment of New Schools	1068	1	11
	7362	1	4

During the same period sums amounting to £300 were paid into the Treasury as local contributions.

The total amounts paid on account of Education during the years 1867-68-69, were respectively £6403 3s. 4d., £7571 13s. 3d., and £7501 2s. 6d.

If from the total amount spent during 1870 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 £5309 8s. 4d. The average attendance of children being 2328, the current expense to Government in educating each child has been £2 5s. 7d., a reduction of 1s. 11d. on the current expense during 1869, during which year the cost was £2 7s. 6d.; during 1868, £2 14s. 7d.; during 1867, £2 14s.; and during 1866, £2 16s. 9d.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

No examination for Scholarships has been held since that of March, 1870, which was noticed in the last Report of the Board. The names of the present holders of the Government Scholarships and the schools at which they are being educated, are as follows:—

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	" " " "
Arthur E. Bird ...	" " " ...	1870	High School, Christchurch
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	Christ's College Grammar School
Henry J. Knowles ...	Rev. J. D. Fergusson's School	1870	Rev. J. D. Fergusson's School

W. H. Atack has been transferred from the High School to the Christ's College Grammar School since the date of the last Report.

The Board has given notice that the Scholarships gained during the years 1866 and 1867 will terminate on the 30th September next, and that ten new Scholarships will be thrown open to competition in June. Two of these will be open to boys under 17 years of age, four to boys under 16, and four to boys under 11 years of age.

As the Scholarships open to boys under 17 and 16 years of age will be open for competition to successful candidates of 1866 and 1867 respectively, and as it is probable that the advantages which originally gave the latter their Scholarships will enable the most deserving to maintain a relatively high position in the forthcoming examination, it is trusted that the effect of the arrangement made by the Board will be to extend for a further period to such of these scholars as have shewn the greatest amount of intelligence and application, the advantages connected with the tenure of a Government Scholarship.

EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS.

With the view of placing the available income for educational purposes on a permanent footing, in such a manner as to insure its continuance during any period of temporary

depression, the Board has some time since recommended to the Government that the Reserves for Elementary Education should be increased, so as to make the whole quantity set apart for this purpose at least 100,000 acres. The amount at present set apart is 40,000 acres.

A Bill altering and consolidating the Ordinance on Education now in force was under the consideration of the Provincial Council at its last meeting; the Bill was, however, withdrawn.

Being of opinion that the means of education provided for children in towns is not sufficiently extensive and systematic, the Board has exerted itself for the promotion of measures leading to reform in this particular. Although nothing as yet has been done in the matter, it trusts that at the next meeting of the General Assembly a Bill may be passed for the better provision of education in boroughs.

At the last Session of the Provincial Council, also, it addressed the Government on the same subject, stating that it considered it desirable that, as far as the funds of the Province would allow, provision should be made for the erection of School Buildings in the Municipalities of the Province of a better kind than those which now exist, capable of affording accommodation for an increased number of scholars, and better adapted for the introduction of a more complete school organization, and that the schools to be established should be in the same way as the District Schools under the control of the inhabitants, being managed by a Committee representing the ratepayers. With the view of initiating a reform in the direction above mentioned, the Board recommended the expenditure of the sum of £2000 in aiding the inhabitants of Municipalities to effect an alteration of th nature suggested.

Prizes have been given by the Board to forty-two of the scholars in the Ord ary Schools for diligence and good conduct during the past year. The names of the c' ldren to whom these prizes have been awarded will be found in the Appendix.

Twenty-nine candidates for Teacherships have been examined. Fourteen of these received certificates for the special appointments they were desirous of obtaining, and four 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 £499 1s. 7d., an increase of £30 11s. 9d. on the value of articles sold during the previous year. The Board considering it desirable that there should be, to a certain extent, a uniformity in the Elementary Text Books in use in schools receiving Government assistance, has, with this object in view, revised the catalogue of books to be sold out of the Depôt.

HENRY JOHN TANCRED,

Chairman.

March 31, 1870.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(Quarter Ending March 31, 1870.)

INSPECTOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

To the Chairman of the Board.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit a Tabular Summary of the Returns as to Attendance and Payment, and a Schedule as to the Efficiency of the Schools Examined.

It will be seen from the Tabular Summary that during the Quarter the number of attendants has been 2944; the average daily attendance has been 1953.

The amount of School Fees has been £882 14s. 5d.

It will be seen from the Schedule as to their Efficiency that the number of Schools examined during the quarter has been 28, including 1238 children; and that the progress has for the most part been satisfactory.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

TABULAR SUMMARY OF RETURNS, ATTENDANCE, AND PAYMENT, FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1870.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.			Average Daily Attendance.			Amount of School Fees.			List of Chairmen.
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	£	s.	d.	
	Christchurch—										
1	,, St. Michael's ...	100	52	152	68	34	102	42	11	0	The Very Rev. the Dean
2	,, Wesleyan	138	36	174	97	22	119	50	16	6	The Rev. W. Kirk
3	,, St. Andrew's ...	15	51	66	13	36	49	24	3	0	The Rev. C. Fraser
4	,, St. Luke's	71	43	114	49	28	77	37	17	11	The Very Rev. the Dean
5	,, R. Catholic (Boys') ...	71	—	71	47	—	47	25	17	0	The Rev. J. C. Chervier
6	,, ,, (Girls'), &c....	31	96	127	21	74	95	37	15	9	The Rev. J. C. Chervier
7	Lyttelton—Church of England ...	37	16	53	26	13	39	17	10	0	The Rev. F. Knowles
8	,, Wesleyan	33	33	66	24	23	47	21	4	6	Mr. W. Reid
9	Governor's Bay	4	7	11	3	6	9	14	9	0	The Rev. R. R. Bradley
10	Governor's Bay North	14	4	18	12	3	15	20	18	0	The Rev. B. Harvey
11	Kaiapoi—Church of England ...	59	40	99	47	27	74	34	0	6	The Rev. W. W. Willock
12	,, Wesleyan	52	40	92	36	28	64	27	4	0	The Rev. R. Bunn
13	Woodend	26	23	49	18	18	36	13	7	6	Mr. C. J. Norton
14	Saltwater Creek	22	17	39	13	10	23	6	6	6	Mr. W. Thompson
15	Mount Grey Downs	9	8	17	6	5	11	1	9	0	Mr. G. Bruère
16	Leithfield	19	17	36	15	11	26	9	18	0	Mr. J. H. Moore
17	North Kowai	5	17	22	4	11	15	5	10	0	Mr. J. Ford
18	Loburn	13	12	25	5	7	12	3	11	3	Mr. A. H. Cunningham
19	Ashley Bank	14	7	21	5	3	8	5	5	0	Mr. Joseph Dixon
20	Rangiora (Boys')	56	—	56	46	—	46	19	17	0	Rev. B. W. Dudley
21	,, (Girls')	17	42	59	10	34	44	13	10	6	Rev. B. W. Dudley
22	Fernside	13	12	25	9	8	17	5	5	0	Mr. D. M. McIntyre
23	Cust Valley	21	13	34	9	8	17	8	10	0	Mr. R. L. Higgins
24	Oxford	22	11	33	16	4	20	8	5	0	The Rev. F. T. Opie
25	Harewood	21	24	45	14	16	30	10	10	0	Mr. Simmonds
26	Eyreton	5	5	10	3	3	6	1	17	6	Captain J. Row
27	Flaxton	11	13	24	6	8	14	5	15	0	Mr. Philip C. Threlkeld
28	Courtenay	17	11	28	8	7	15	4	4	3	Mr. Jas. Robertson
29	Hororata	7	10	17	6	5	11	2	19	6	Mr. John Hall
30	South Selwyn	20	17	37	11	9	20	4	10	9	Mr. John Cunningham
31	Leeston	25	19	44	14	11	25	8	18	6	Mr. J. J. Loe
32	Southbridge	19	12	31	11	7	18	6	15	6	Mr. C. J. Bridge
33	Springston	21	17	38	13	6	19	7	14	0	Mr. W. Lawrey
34	Lincoln	9	18	27	5	10	15	5	9	0	The Rev. A. P. O'Callaghan
35	Tai Tapu	18	24	42	11	16	27	17	11	0	Mr. H. W. Peryman
36	Akaroa	28	20	48	20	15	35	14	14	6	Mr. E. C. Latter
37	Pigeon Bay	16	14	30	14	12	26	21	15	0	Mr. Wm. Stewart
38	Duvauchelle's	20	10	30	14	7	21	13	0	0	Mr. Wm. Livingstone
39	Okain's Bay	22	17	39	19	15	34	13	0	0	Mr. E. W. Harris
40	Little Akaloa	20	17	37	18	16	34	18	12	0	Mr. J. Barker
41	Riccarton	30	27	57	18	12	30	15	11	0	The Rev. C. Bowen
42	Prebbleton	12	16	28	6	10	16	8	10	0	Mr. J. N. Tosswill
43	Templeton	31	26	57	13	12	25	6	15	6	Mr. N. B. Tosswill
44	Broadfield	18	23	41	10	14	24	8	9	0	Mr. S. D. Glyde
45	Upper Heathcote	30	12	42	21	8	29	13	13	6	Mr. E. W. Seager
46	Lower Heathcote	30	16	46	21	10	31	15	2	6	Mr. J. H. Hopkins
47	Heathcote Valley	34	29	63	24	20	44	21	2	0	Mr. H. B. Huddlestone
48	Halswell	34	19	53	20	10	30	11	5	0	Mr. John Miln
49	Avonside	62	36	98	39	22	61	31	15	6	Mr. W. Kennaway
50	Papanui—St. Paul's	62	62	124	43	44	87	39	18	0	The Rev. L. Moore, M.A.
51	,, Wesleyan	28	29	57	19	20	39	15	12	6	Mr. John Reese
52	,, North Road	11	7	18	5	5	10	3	12	6	Mr. P. Tisch
53	,, Harewood Road ...	16	10	26	10	5	15	6	10	0	Mr. T. Pavitt
54	St. Albans	53	34	87	30	17	47	18	0	6	Mr. J. T. Peacock
55	Timaru	73	28	101	46	19	65	31	14	6	Mr. H. Belfield
56	Arowhenua	School closed									Mr. T. O. Rayner, M.D.
57	Waimate	27	33	60	19	19	38	21	14	0	Mr. S. N. Goldsmith
		1692	1252	2944	1130	823	1953	881	14	5	

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1870.)

SCHEDULE AS TO EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS EXAMINED.

	List of Schools Examined.	Date of Examination.	Numbers Present.	Sites, Buildings, and Premises.	Books And Apparatus.	Organization and Discipline.	Bible Knowledge.	Elementary Secular.	Ordinary Secular.
1	Christchurch—St. Michael's ...	Mar. 22	108	A	A	B	A	B	B
2	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 21	110	B	A	A	A	A	A
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	„ 18	53	A	A	A	A	A	—
4	„ St. Luke's ...	„ 23	83	B	A	A	A	A	—
5	„ R. C. (Boys') ...	Feb. 7, 8	57	A	A	A	A	A	—
6	„ „ (Girls') ...	„ 7	64	A	A	A	A	A	—
7	Lyttelton—Church of England ...	Mar. 29	44	A	A	B	A	B	B
8	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 21	52	A	A	A	A	A	—
9	South Selwyn	Jan. 14	25	A	A	A	C	A	—
10	Leeston	„ 13, wet	21	A	A	A	A	A	A
11	Southbridge	„ 13, wet	21	A	A	B	A	A	A
12	Springston	„ 11	23	A	A	A	A	B	—
13	Lincoln	„ 12	23	A	A	B	A	A	B
14	Akaroa	Feb. 2	28	B	B	B	B	C	—
15	Pigeon Bay	„ 3	28	B	A	B	B	B	—
16	Duvauchelle's Bay	„ 2	17	B	A	A	A	A	—
17	Okain's Bay	Mar. 2	39	A	A	A	A	A	A
18	Little Akaloa	„ 3	37	B	A	A	A	A	—
19	Riccarton	„ 28	42	A	A	A	A	B	A
20	Templeton	Jan. 10	28	A	A	A	A	B	—
21	Upper Heathcote	Mar. 28	31	B	A	B	B	A	—
22	Lower Heathcote	Feb. 10, and Mar. 30	30	A	A	B	B	C	—
23	Halswell	Mar. 25	36	A	A	B	A	B	—
24	Avonside	Feb. 22	73	A	A	C	A	C	—
25	St. Albans	„ 28	40	A	A	B	B	B	—
26	Arowhenua	Mar. 9	12	A	A	A	—	—	—
27	Timaru	„ 8	72	A	B	B	A	B	A
28	Waimate	„ 7	41	A	B	A	B	B	—
			1238						

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(April 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.

Harewood Road School (Papanui) April 5 ... Present 19 ... Satisfactory.

Courtenay ... ... April 6 ... Present 20 ... Satisfactory.

Hororata ... ... April 7 ... Present 17 ... New school. The site is a good selection. The buildings are suitable, and well built. The premises are unfenced. There is at present no stove in the schoolroom; but I believe it is the intention to have one fitted up shortly. Maps, a larger black board, an easel, other apparatus and exercise books will be requisite, before the school has its complement, but they are not in immediate request. The school is in good order, except that the desks and seats have been arranged more with a view to the Sunday services than to school usage. The examination, being the first one of this school, was preliminary. The care and pains taken by the teacher give fair hope of successful results.

South Selwyn ... ... April 8 ... Present 24 ... The protracted harvest has hindered the progress of the school; allowing for this and other drawbacks, the progress is satisfactory.

Templeton ... ... April 12 ... Present 19 ... The week having begun wet has affected the attendance here and at the other schools examined during the remainder of the week. The knowledge of Arithmetic is very deficient.

Prebbleton ... ... April 12 ... Present 23 ... The school in the new building has commenced. The stove stands an obstruction in the midst of the room; further back a few feet nearer the long wall would be a better position. A clock, a table, a larger black board, and an easel are requisite. The routine of daily lessons should be conducted in strict accordance with a suitable time-table.

Springston ... ... April 13 ... Present 23 ... The reading is very backward, far behind that of children of the same age in similar schools. Greater importance should be attached, and more time and attention paid to it. Other subjects were very creditable.

Broadfield School... ... April 13 ... Present 18 ... Good order is cheerfully kept up. The standard of attainment would excel that of the surrounding schools, if there were a better knowledge of Sacred History.

Leeston ... ... April 14 ... Present 16 ... Satisfactory.

Southbridge ... ... April 14 ... Present 20 ... Satisfactory.

North Road (Papanui) ... April 19 ... Present 23 ... The standard of attainment has considerably improved. The school has been very carefully and so far successfully taught.

Woodend ... ... April 19 ... Present 48 ... The school is carefully conducted by efficient teachers, a master and mistress. The attendance is affected by the harvest, but a large proportion have attended regularly and made very satisfactory progress. The fidelity and energy of the teachers are exemplary.

North Kowai ... ... April 20 ... Present 22 ... Satisfactory. The Bible knowledge good. The standard of attainment in secular knowledge is, as yet, low, this being a new school; but the writing is very carefully taught, and errors of diction are less prevalent than in many schools.

Leithfield ... ... April 20 ... Present 23 ... There is a great want of life and energy in the teaching of the school; some subjects were satisfactory, others much less so; the reading in the middle classes was lame; the writing has not been judiciously taught; the copybooks were ill chosen; and the copies set, not at all adapted to the capability of the children.

Saltwater Creek ... ... April 21 ... Present 25 ... The attendance having been very irregular, the attainments are far from satisfactory; much greater accuracy in elementary knowledge used to characterise the school. The discipline, not very good, has mostly been compensated by the fatherly kindness of the master, one of the oldest in Canterbury, and by the children's attachment to him.

Mount Grey Downs ... April 21 ... Present 19 ... There is no proper attendance register; Bibles and maps are wanted; the Bible knowledge is deficient; the other subjects satisfactory, considering that the new teacher has not been long in office.

Ashley Bank ... ... April 21 ... Present 12 ... Sickness prevents several children from attending. The standard of attainment is very elementary, with the exception of that of William Dixon, who works alone at a disadvantage; he requires promotion to a good boarding school, or one of the "Superior Schools."

Loburn ... ... April 21 ... Present 26 ... Very creditable. At the former examination of this school, in the presence of the Committee, the performances of his pupils did not at all equal the expectations of their teacher; he has used great and successful exertions to effect a higher standard of attainment; and the excellent order of the school has conduced to the satisfactory result.

Lincoln School ... ... April 26 ... Present 18 ... The stove stands out in the room among the desks, partly closing one of the alleys. The school is still without a Map of New Zealand. The children, in good order, are making fair progress, except that they cannot learn the Geography of New Zealand without a map.

Tai Tapu ... ... April 26 ... Present 34 ... The size of the room is inadequate to the attendance, the greatest number present on any day this quarter having been 39. The attainments were generally satisfactory.

William Souter, candidate for the Mastership of the Governor's Bay North School, and James Leete, for that of an Ordinary School, were examined on the 25th instant, and obtained certificates of fitness.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(April 29—May 26, 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.

Papanui Wesleyan School ... April 29 ... Present 26 ... New Teacher; school improving, but not enough books. A change in the arrangement of the desks is desirable; at present they face the wall, close against it, the children having their backs to the teacher.

Cust School ... ... May 3 ... Present 25 ... Improving.

Harewood School ... ... May 4 ... Present 40 ... Satisfactory, except as to the imperfect knowledge of Sacred History, and the number of children not writing for want of copybooks.

Oxford School ... ... May 4 ... Present 36 ... The very moderate attainments are attributable to the interruption of the school on account of the serious illness of the master. He is now employing an assistant to relieve him during the winter months. The supply of reading books was deficient.

Eyreton School ... ... May 5 ... Present 21 ... The progress of the children reflects great credit upon the diligence and assiduity of the teacher.

Flaxton School ... ... May 5 ... Present 23 ... Order, good; progress, creditable.

Kaiapoi Wesleyan School ... May 6 ... Present 69 ... The progress is for the most part very creditable.

Rangiora Boys' School ... May 10 ... Present 50 ... Several of the elder boys drew neat Maps of New Zealand, and wrote creditable papers; the general progress was satisfactory.

Fernside ... ... May 11 ... Present 30 ... The visitors' book has not been received. The registers are very complete and satisfactory. The attainments are creditable. Some maps and exercises in drawing indicate that the teacher's interest in his pupils' progress extends beyond the satisfactory routine of school work.

Rangiora Girls' School ... May 11 ... Present 50 ... The cleanliness and order of the room and the children are very pleasing; the attainments creditable.

Kaiapoi Church School ... May 12 ... Present 81 ... Satisfactory.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(MAY 27—JUNE 30, 1870.)

INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit:—

1. A Summary Report on the Schools Examined during the month.
2. A Special Report upon the Lyttelton High School.
3. A Report upon the progress of the Government Scholars attending the Christchurch High School.
4. Result of conference with Local Committee Saltwater Creek.
5. Remarks on the "General Regulations of the Board of Education" in Victoria.
6. A Certificate of the fitness of William Christian for the Mastership of the North Road School.

SCHOOLS EXAMINED.

Lower Heathcote ... ... May 30 ... Present 24 ... The continued inefficiency of this school is a matter of the most painful regret. The attendance is very disproportionate to the population. The number of small schools of private adventure attests the dissatisfaction of the residents. The clock not going for want of being wound up, is a mark of the general dilatoriness and apathy of the teacher. Persons call on the master on other business during school hours. This is the third time of such an occurrence on the day of casual inspection. The defective organisation was evidenced by the want of books; one class which should have read the Nelson's sequel had not a single book, nor could the master find one. The writing is taught without method; the pens are badly held; the letters badly shaped; several children were writing words they could not read. The knowledge of the Bible was deficient; the reading, spelling, and ciphering very elementary and imperfect.

Roman Catholic Boys' School May 31 ... Present 51 ... Generally satisfactory.

Roman Catholic Girls' School June 1 ... Present 83 ... The excellent character of the school was fully borne out by this examination.

Upper Heathcote School ... June 14 ... Present 26 ... The Bible knowledge defective; generally there is a want of precision in the school work, more especially as to the correction of errors and the requirement of accuracy in elementary knowledge. There is no wilful negligence, but a little want of energy.

Heathcote Valley ... ... June 15 ... Present 39 ... The schoolroom is far from being weatherproof; although lined, it has been so shaken by storms that the cold air pours in at many crevices. The children have been carefully and successfully taught; the attainments are not beyond the range of a good suburban school, but so far are fairly accurate.

Lyttelton Wesleyan School ... June 16 ... Present 48 ... Satisfactory; up to the usual standard of this school.

Mount Grey Downs ... June 21 ... Present 17 ... The drainage is bad; the water stands in the hollows about the doorway and on the footpaths. The school is still without a sufficiency of maps. The discipline and order were very good; the children are making considerable progress. This was an extra and casual visit, not in the routine of examination.

Saltwater Creek ... ... Same day ... Present 23 ... Extra and casual inspection. The school was in somewhat better order than at the examination, but strict discipline is not a qualification of the present master. There is a little too much freedom, but nothing like gross disorder. The copybooks shewed some improvement; the other subjects appear to be improving.

Special Report on the Lyttelton High School.—The directors being desirous of its being brought under the Special Grant Clauses of the Education Ordinance, it was examined on the 17th instant.

It is conducted in the old premises formerly described. They are well adapted to a school of this description. It is taught by Mr. Ross, assisted by Miss Stout, who formerly attained a very superior standard of proficiency at this school. She is, therefore, well educated, and is thoroughly conversant with her work.

The highest attendance this quarter has been 60; the same number, including children of both sexes, attended the examination.

The school is divided in all into nine classes, some of them little driblets of four or five in each, which might better be classed in larger classes, their attainments being so nearly equal.

The school still retains much of its former excellence, notwithstanding the establishment of private schools by former masters, with a view to afford a superior class of education without the interruption of large elementary classes.

The age of the scholars is of a considerably higher average than at the Ordinary Schools in Lyttelton, and the attainments are proportionable.

The school is superior to the generality of Ordinary Schools, and to those in Lyttelton; a good *Lyttelton*, but not a *Provincial* High School, not a "Superior" School in the terms of the Ordinance. The same statement was made the last time I examined the school in 1864.

With the exception of the want of some new wall maps, the school is well supplied with requisites. The discipline and behaviour are good, although not excelling those of the best Ordinary Schools.

The attainments throughout the school, in elementary and ordinary subjects, are very creditable. One advanced class of seven is studying higher branches, but the time can scarcely be spared for such a class without more assistance. It would be better to devote the time so taken up to the instruction of this and the next class combined, and to omit the higher branches except for pupils, who can either study by themselves or receive extra instruction out of the Ordinary School hours.

If the school should be again placed under the Board, a more complete registration will be requisite.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARS ATTENDING THE CHRISTCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL.

The Government Scholars attending the High School were examined as to their progress on the 9th, 10th, and 12th instants.

These scholars are:—

Atack, aged 13½	...	...	...	Scholar of	1866.
Wilkinson, aged 13	...	...	...	„	1866.
Dawson, aged 12¾	...	...	...	„	1868.
Bird, aged 9 ...	...	...	...	„	1870.

They were examined in Sacred, Grecian, Roman and English History, Geography, Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Mechanics, Algebra, Geometry, Astronomy, Mineralogy, Geology, French, Latin, and Greek.

In former examinations of the Government Scholars, those attending different schools and instructed in a variety of courses, have been examined at the same time, thus rendering necessary an independent set of questions on what they might generally be expected to know.

On this occasion a programme was obtained from the Rector of the High School, of the course each boy had gone over, and questions were framed in accordance with it.

A copy of the programme is appended. It represents a degree of attainment quite above the standard of ordinary boys at so early an age.

The style of their written papers and the excellence of many of their answers are very commendable. The scholars have been industrious; the teachers have taken great pains with them.

A perusal, however, of the programme and of the answers on some subjects, leads to the conclusion that zeal has outrun discretion, and that too much has been attempted.

This remark applies to the hurried manner in which the languages have been taught, and to the suddenness and haste with which the boys have been pushed on faster than they can go, while studying, also, so many and such various subjects. In Greek, for instance, Atack is stated to have learnt the Grammar only to the end of the regular verbs, but to have been construing Xenophon and Homer. In Latin, Wilkinson and Dawson, who six months ago had but a very slight knowledge of the subject, are now stated to he construing Virgil. The Homer in Atack's case has been discontinued for some time past—about two months. In each instance the knowledge of Grammar is quite unequal to the construing.

The subjects pertaining to Mathematics have, so far, been more successfully taught. The knowledge of Arithmetic is very comprehensive. The quantity of Algebra, not beyond problems in Simple Equations, is of itself sufficient for a boy of Atack's age, but is not commensurate with the study of five books of Euclid and forty-five deductions. The study of Mechanics is still confined to Tate's treatise, notwithstanding the suggestion of a recent examiner.

The Book-keeping has been discontinued for some time past.

The proficiency of the boys in Ancient and Modern History, is remarkable at their age.

With the exception of the two branches discontinued, Atack's programme is more fully borne out than are Wilkinson's and Dawson's, by the results of the examination.

Atack is a boy of great ability, and of high promise, if under judicious training, but he is already at the head of his school, and it does not seem equal to the task of carrying on his education without extraneous aid and irregular interruption. The Classical Subjects have been taught, on and off, by the Reverend C. Fraser; these and the Book-keeping have been discontinued at intervals.

In the case of Wilkinson, a mistake seems to have occurred since his removal to the High School, by reducing him to the level of Dawson, a scholar of 1868, instead of either ranging him independently or nearer to Atack, of 1866, the same year as himself, although a "senior" scholar. In Latin, Geometry, and Algebra, he is in advance of Dawson; in other subjects they are nearly equal.

Bird has commenced the study of Latin, French, and Ancient History; having been very recently examined, he was not detained for more than one morning. The programme states that he is practising "the correction of false Syntax;" this appears to be a bad principle of instruction, suggesting error with a view to truth.

The attainments of these four boys quite justify their position as holders of Scholarships, and also reflect great credit upon the industry of their teachers and themselves. What they now require is a systematic course of instruction, either under a judicious programme, or in a school which has already educated boys in a higher course of instruction.

The examination papers done by the boys are appended to this report.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

DETAILED REMARKS ON EACH SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION.

The Sacred History is satisfactory. It comprises a fair, general, rather than an accurate detailed knowledge.

The Ancient and Modern History and the Geography are highly commendable.

The Reading is good, though a little wanting in animation.

The Spelling:—Atack remarkably accurate; he having made only four mistakes out of more than fifty difficult words. Wilkinson's, fair; only seven mistakes. Dawson has not yet acquired much accuracy; he has made twenty mistakes in the exercise and several in his written papers.

The Writing is excellent; good writing is kept up throughout all the papers by Atack and Dawson; Wilkinson also writes very well, but cannot so well keep up a good hand throughout a long, written examination.

The Arithmetic is very creditable; the range far excels that of the ordinary schools, in both the speed and accuracy of the work and the proficient knowledge. Atack has a sound knowledge of the subject up to, but not including accuracy in, Proportional Parts and Evolution. Wilkinson has worked the examples in the latter rules successfully, but has failed in "True Discount." Dawson has done quite as well as Wilkinson, only taking a longer time over it. His persistent perseverance and accuracy are highly commendable.

The Algebra is, so far, very satisfactory.

In Mechanics:—Atack's accurate acquirement and retentive memory as to the portion gone over is worthy of notice; he has a good knowledge of the definitions, formulæ, and the working of examples on Traction, Friction, and H.P. Wilkinson and Dawson have, at present, a more limited acquaintance with the subject.

Geometry:—Atack is stated to have gone over five books of Euclid and forty-five deductions; he has succeeded in the first three books; his figures are neat, and his demonstrations clear. Wilkinson has lost ground in this subject, its discontinuance having given a former occasion for complaint; he has been acquiring the "*symbolical*" method of demonstration to which he had not hitherto been accustomed. Dawson's knowledge of the first book of Euclid is at present imperfect.

Astronomy, Mineralogy, Geology:—A few common-place questions were set and were satisfactorily answered, so far as my own acquaintance with these subjects would enable me to judge.

French :—Atack has a better knowledge of the language than the other boys; his oral construing was fluent and correct. Wilkinson and Dawson are construing very lamely—these two have a very imperfect knowledge of the nouns and adjectives; and they are all three very ignorant of the verbs. The construing, therefore, must mainly be a rote acquirement.

Latin :—Atack's grammar and parsing are good; his construing of Horace is creditable for a boy of his age; but he is not equal to what has been set down in the programme of work gone over. Wilkinson's grammar and parsing are unequal to his construing. Dawson's attempts at construing are not more absurd than that of teaching it to a boy having so slight a knowledge of the rudiments.

Greek :—Atack. "Grammar to the end of the regular verbs;" "Xenophon, Anabasis, Book I., pp. 10;" "Homer, Book I., line 58." The grammar is imperfect in the declensions of nouns, pronouns and adjectives; the knowledge of the regular verbs is confined to the first conjugation. Scarcely any attention has been paid to the accents. The construing of Xenophon is imperfect; of Homer has been *discontinued.*

In both Latin and Greek, exercises in the construction of sentences, and in simple, prose compositions should have, at least, accompanied, if not preceded the construing.

RECTOR'S PROGRAMME OF COURSE RECENTLY STUDIED.

Atack.

Greek.—*Grammar* to end of Reg. Verbs. *Xenophon's Anabasis,* Bk. I., pp. 10. *Homer's Iliad,* Bk. I., Line 58.
Latin.—*Gram.* to end of Syntax. *Cæsar. Helvetian War* (Bryce).
„ *Horace.**
„ *Virgil* Æneid, 1st Bk., 174 lines.
Geometry.—To end of *Fifth* Book. With first 45 deductions ded., Bk. I. (Potts.)
Arithmetic.—All *Colenso* (except a few exercises in the examination papers at end).
Algebra.—To end of page 72 (Colenso).
Mechanics.—*Tate's,* 63 pp.
History.—*Roman* to the Civil Wars. *Grecian* all, and *English* all. (Chambers' Rom. and Grec.; Collier's Eng.)
Geography.—*Anderson's.*
Reading, &c.—*M'Culloch's. Composition Exer.*
French.—*Gram.* to Ex. 21 (De Fiva's). Chas. XII., 1st Bk.
Elements of Astronomy, Geology, Mineralogy.
Book-keeping.—*Single* and *Double* Entry.

J. R. Wilkinson.

Latin.—*Cæsar. Helvetian* War (Bryce). *Virgil* Æneid, 1st Bk., 150 lines.
Geometry.—*First, Second,* and *half of Third Bk.* (Potts).
Arithmetic.—*To Ex.* 50, *Miscellaneous* Exer. *(Colenso).*
Algebra.—To page 58.
Mechanics.—*Tate's,* to page 62.
History.—*Grecian, English,* and *half of Roman* to Civil Wars. (Revisal principally.)
Geography.—*Anderson's.*
English Reading.—M'Culloch's. *Composition Exer.*
French.—*Gram.* (De Fiva's), p. 37. Chas. XII., pp. 30—38.
Elements of Astronomy.
Book-keeping.

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* Odes, Bk. I., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Bk. II., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. Bk. III., 1, 2, 3.

DAWSON.

Latin.—Same as Wilkinson.
Geometry.—*First Book.*
Arithmetic.—Same as Wilkinson.
Algebra.—Page 32 (Colenso).
Mechanics.—Same as Wilkinson.
History.—Same as Wilkinson.
Geography.—Same as Wilkinson.
English Reading, &c.—Same as Wilkinson.
French.—Same as Wilkinson.
Elements of Astronomy.
Book-keeping.

BIRD.

Latin.—*Gram.* to End of Verbs. *Principia*, 21 Exer.
Arithmetic.—To End of Decimal Fractions (Colenso).
History.—English, and Roman to Hannibal's Exped.
Geography.—Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australasia.
English Reading, &c.—Nelson's Sen. Read. to p. 330. *Composition.*
English Grammar.—Lennie's Exercises in Parsing and correction of false Syntax.
French.—To 10th Exer. in Gram. (De Fiva's.)

RESULT OF CONFERENCE WITH LOCAL COMMITTEE, SALTWATER CREEK.

In accordance with the instructions of the Board your Inspector conferred with the Local Committee of the Saltwater Creek District, on the 21st inst., as to their unanimity respecting the "*enquiry*" of their Chairman, whether the Board would sanction the dismissal of the schoolmaster.

The whole Committee, consisting, however, of only four members, were present—viz., Messrs. White (the chairman), Wilson, Hopkins, and Lawrence.

The letter of the Chairman, *enquiring* whether the Board would sanction the dismissal of the master, did not appear to have resulted from any minute of the Committee; until this evening the members were quite unaware that such a letter had been written to the Board.

Each member of the Committee expressed his opinion that the dismissal of the master after the first serious complaint, without allowing time for improvement, would be a harsh proceeding.

With reference to the instance of John Cameron, whose guardians were stated by the Chairman of the Local Committee to be removing him from school on account of their dissatisfaction, Mr. Hopkins stated to the meeting that Mr. Cameron's chief reasons for sending the boy to a boarding-school were, both to effect his more regular attendance than while living at home at the hotel, and, also, to remove a boy of that age from the associations and influence of public-house life. It is their intention, however, to continue the boy's sister, Annie Cameron, at the Saltwater Creek School during the winter.

Mr. Hopkins expressed himself as well satisfied with the progress of his own little boy.

Mr. Wilson was dissatisfied with the progress of his boys, but admitted that they had been irregular; he stated, also, that Messrs. Barclay, Cairns and Duff agree with himself, that the master brings on the younger children very well up to a certain point, beyond

which they learn no more; probably, in the opinion of your Inspector, this is the point at which the children's usefulness affects their regularity of attendance, and breaks their interest in their school-work.

Mr. Lawrence concurred with Mr. Wilson.

The Committee acknowledged that the progress of the Wylies, Boyces and others, up to 13 or 14 years of age, has been satisfactory since their admission within the last two years.

The Rev. Mr. Hogg continued his son at the school up to about 15 years of age.

It does not appear to be the opinion of the Committee that the master is negligent, but that he is too mild a disciplinarian.

The registers and copybooks, with some exercises in the latter, were submitted to the Committee, in accordance with their Chairman's direction, and received the approval of the meeting. The exercises in "Bills of Parcels" were adapted to the capacity of the children.

In the opinion of your Inspector, the master is wanting in method, and is, at times, too diffuse in his course of instruction. More recapitulation of smaller portions of each book and subject would ensure greater accuracy. He would then do a little well, instead of much badly.

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

June 22, 1870.

NOTE.—The Saltwater Creek Committee requested me to state the great necessity of the erection of a teacher's residence on the school section; the present teacher resides across the river; the Committee think it very desirable that he should reside at the school. And, in the event of a change of teachers, it would be almost impossible to secure a new one without a rent-free residence.

June 30, 1870. J. P. R.

REMARKS ON THE "GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION," VICTORIA.

In accordance with the instructions of the Board, communicated verbally, I have looked over the Regulations of the Board of Education in the Colony of Victoria, with a view to ascertain whether any and what steps can be taken to establish uniformity of system with that Colony.

I respectfully submit some remarks on the following heads, premising, at the same time, that my own experience has been comparatively limited to the internal working of schools, and deferring to the opinion of those members of the Board, who have more knowledge of State control and the external administration of educational affairs.

HEADS.

The Organisation and Efficiency of the Victorian System.
The Power of the Board.
That of the Inspector.
The Examination of Teachers and the Graduated System of Certificates.

Pupil Teachers.
Payment by Results.
Programme of the Course of Instruction.
Registers and Returns.

I.—The Victorian System.

The Victorian system secures suitable school buildings, premises, and apparatus, and sufficient teaching power before the routine of school-work is commenced.

In the onset no aid can be received unless there be a suitable building, sufficient space, warmth, ventilation, drainage, playground, furniture and apparatus.

A duly qualified teacher can then enter upon his work unembarrassed by the impediment of an incomplete building and deficient material.

Further provision is made for the employment of assistance when required.

II.—The Power of the Board.

The approval or appointment of local committees rests with the Board. It can also, with the consent of the Governor, give the local committees one month's notice of removal.

It also assigns the duties of the local committees.

It also regulates details, elsewhere either cared for or neglected by the local committees.

III.—Power of the Inspector.

(General Regulations, page 5, Regulation 6.)

No aid can be received except upon the report of the Inspector that the Board's regulations and conditions have been complied with.

This secures the means of efficiency in the onset.

Reg. 39.—The grant may be withdrawn or reduced after one month's notice, upon the report of the Inspector as to deficient organisation, instruction or discipline.

This must act as a much more decisive check upon inefficiency, than reiterated complaints of defects frequently recurring.

IV.—The Examination of Teachers—Graduated Certificates.

This system is coupled, as in England, with a scale of augmentation according to the grade and class of certificate. It guides the Local Committees in the selection of teachers, remunerates the latter more in proportion with their qualifications, stimulates them to improvement, and diverts their attention from useless vagaries (to wit, lecturing on phrenology by persons ignorant of English), into channels more suited to their own requirements, and to those of their scholars.

V.—Pupil Teachers.

The Regulations provide for the supply of pupil teachers according to the average attendance; one pupil-teacher for every twenty-five over the first twenty-five—*i.e.*

Average attendance	50	...	...	1	pupil-teacher.
„ „	75	...	...	2	„ „
„ „	100	...	...	3	„ „

The help is very inconsiderable at first; because an average of fifty may represent an occasional attendance of sixty; and fifty or sixty children, of all ages and very various attainments, are too many for one teacher. It would be very advantageous to the schools in this Province if a pupil-teacher system could be established; but it must be borne in mind that

their services would be in very little request in school during the harvest quarter. They might derive benefit from residence at a Normal School during this season.

VI.—Payment.

Payment by results appears to involve disputes between the Committees and the Inspector; appeals to the Board; and temptations to make false entries and returns. It depends also upon the suitableness of the programmes and the standards required.

VII.—Programmes.

One programme is prescribed for all the schools in Victoria. It presupposes schools all of similar organisation, largely consisting of town schools, and each one divisible into six classes. The scheme, if capable of being effected, will secure great uniformity in the course of instruction.

The organisation and dimensions of the Victorian system and schools are more assimilated to those of the mother country under a settled form of government, the circumstances are most dissimilar from those of a small settlement emerging from its abnormal condition The programmes supposed to be applicable to the many large schools, in the densely populated districts of a great Colony, have no relation to the sparse and thinly-attended ones of a small Province, in which, according to the returns of 1869, the average of attendance, in four-fifths of the schools, ranged from eight or ten to fifty, only twelve schools having exceeded that average.

VIII.—Registers and Returns.

The mode of registration in use throughout Great Britain, under the regulations of the Committee of Privy Council on Education, is practised in the schools of this Province (Canterbury). The registers approved there are imported and used here. Comparing the Victorian registers with the English, the latter are, to my judgment, preferable here, if not better adapted to the Victorian system than those in use in that Colony.

Returns.—Monthly returns appear to me unnecessary except with a view to the monthly payment of teachers.

"*Statutory Declaration.*"—The returns in Victoria are accompanied with a "*statutory declaration*" as to their authenticity; and, untruthfulness in this "*statutory declaration*" is, by an "Act of the Parliament of Victoria," rendered equivalent to "perjury."

So far as I am competent to express an opinion upon this regulation, it appears, from what experience I have had, that negligence will occasionally occur in spite of all human enactments; and, that the negligent person will have to choose the alternative of either, by his own admission, incurring the consequences of irregular registration, or, of committing "perjury." There must be a contiuual temptation habituating persons of weak principle to the practice of deceit "*equivalent to crime*," and inuring their consciences to a sense of guilt.

Miscellaneous.

Agreements with Teachers.
Notice of Dismissal.

The Board supplies forms of agreement, and requires a duplicate of every agreement between any Local Committee and teacher to be deposited at least one month before the first payment of grant becomes due.

Local Committees notify simultaneously to the Board and the teacher their intention of dismissal.

In conclusion, I would respectfully submit to the Board, that before the Victorian Regulations could be initiated, it became necessary to place all the schools on a similar

footing, and to bring all the Local Committees, and all the educational affairs under the complete control of the Board.

Even if that be possible in Canterbury, the classes of schools are very dissimilar from one another,—large and small, town and country, ordinary and elementary—or superior and inferior—of each class.

It must be doubtful, also, whether general uniformity would be attainable, without knowing whether the other Australian Colonies and the other Provinces of New Zealand would adopt the Victorian system.

Its high organisation, its superior efficiency, are most enviable; but it appears to me that a similar basis and similar premisses are essential to such desirable results.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1870.)

INSPECTOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Tabular Summary of the Quarterly Returns as to Attendance and Payments, and a Schedule as to the Efficiency of the Schools Examined.

It will be seen from the Tabular Summary that the number of attendants has been 3075; the average daily attendance 1989; and the amount of school fees £995 11s. 9d.

It will be seen from the Schedule as to their Efficiency that the number of schools examined has been 38, including 1236 children.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1870.

TABULAR SUMMARY OF RETURNS, ATTENDANCE, AND PAYMENT.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.			Average Daily Attendance.			Amount of School Fees.		
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	£	s.	d.
	Christchurch—									
1	„ St. Michael's	95	40	135	66	26	92	43	2	0
2	„ Wesleyan	125	47	172	90	20	110	52	17	0
3	„ St. Andrew's	15	47	62	11	27	38	23	3	0
4	„ St. Luke's	68	35	103	51	25	76	35	13	0
5	„ R. Catholic (Boys')	74	—	74	45	—	45	24	12	0
6	„ „ (Girls'), &c.... ...	28	95	123	18	59	77	34	2	0
7	Lyttelton—Church of England	37	17	54	26	10	36	17	8	0
8	„ Wesleyan	30	29	59	22	21	43	21	14	0
9	Governor's Bay	5	7	12	3	3	6	13	19	0
10	Governor's Bay North	10	4	14	9	3	12	8	8	0
11	Kaiapoi—Church of England	65	38	103	50	27	77	35	10	9
12	„ Wesleyan	58	37	95	44	21	65	29	15	6
13	Woodend	38	31	69	29	23	52	20	10	9
14	Saltwater Creek	19	17	36	12	13	25	8	8	8
15	Mount Grey Downs	17	14	31	8	9	17	6	7	6
16	Leithfield	22	17	39	14	9	23	11	15	0
17	North Kowai	6	19	25	4	10	14	6	0	0
18	Loburn	14	15	29	11	12	23	5	19	9
19	Ashley Bank	19	11	30	9	6	15	4	16	6
20	Rangiora (Boys')	63	—	63	51	—	51	21	8	0
21	„ (Girls')	18	46	64	10	38	48	14	10	0
22	Fernside	23	18	41	18	16	34	10	5	0
23	Cust Valley	19	17	36	11	13	24	8	10	0
24	Oxford	32	16	48	22	6	28	12	0	0
25	Harewood	17	27	44	12	16	28	10	13	6
26	Eyreton	12	13	25	10	9	19	5	12	6
27	Flaxton	19	13	32	11	10	21	7	15	0
28	Courtenay	15	12	27	8	8	16	7	3	0
29	Halkett	13	10	23	8	11	19	6	7	6
30	South Selwyn	21	16	37	10	7	17	14	6	5
31	Hororata	8	15	23	5	7	12	8	2	2
32	Leeston	23	15	38	12	11	23	15	2	6
33	Southbridge	21	14	35	13	11	24	13	18	6
34	Springston	22	14	36	16	7	23	12	14	0
35	Lincoln	10	18	28	7	11	18	10	7	0
36	Tai Tapu	21	25	46	15	16	31	21	11	0
37	Akaroa	34	22	56	20	12	32	15	8	3
38	Pigeon Bay	18	13	31	12	9	21	23	3	0
39	Duvauchelle's	21	13	34	14	9	23	12	2	0
40	Okain's Bay	26	18	44	20	17	37	13	12	0
41	Little Akaloa	20	16	36	14	13	27	18	7	0
42	Riccarton	32	38	70	20	20	40	22	11	6
43	Prebbleton	16	21	37	9	12	21	11	7	0
44	Templeton	38	26	64	19	13	32	10	12	6
45	Broadfield	22	21	43	13	17	30	17	1	6
46	Upper Heathcote	32	15	47	18	7	25	16	5	0
47	Lower Heathcote	29	13	42	17	7	24	13	2	6
48	Heathcote Valley	35	26	61	22	15	37	21	7	0
49	Halswell	34	14	48	24	9	33	20	17	0
50	Avonside	52	33	85	31	20	51	26	7	6
51	Papanui—St. Paul's	68	55	123	42	33	75	37	9	0
52	„ Wesleyan	25	21	46	14	8	22	12	8	6
53	North Road	14	10	24	7	6	13	8	7	6
54	Harewood Road	22	10	32	15	8	23	15	0	6
55	St. Albans	50	32	82	25	16	41	21	5	0
56	Arowhenua	No returns; school not regularly open								
57	Timaru	73	29	102	47	19	66	30	12	6
58	Waimate	24	33	57	16	18	34	23	16	6
		1787	1288	3075	1180	809	1989	995	11	9

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1870.)

SCHEDULE AS TO EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS EXAMINED.

	List of Schools Examined.	Date of Examination.	Numbers Present.	Sites, Buildings, and Premises.	Books And Apparatus.	Organization and Discipline.	Bible Knowledge.	Elementary Secular.	Ordinary Secular.
1	Christchurch—R. C. (Boys') ...	May 31	51	A	A	A	B	A	—
2	„ „ (Girls'), &c. ...	June 1	83	A	A	A	A	A	A
3	Lyttelton—High School ...	„ 17	60	A	A	B	A	A	A
4	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 16	48	A	A	A	A	A	—
5	Kaispoi—Church England ...	May 12	81	A	A	A	A	A	A
6	„ Wesleyan	„ 6	69	B	A	A	A	A	—
7	Woodend	April 19	48	A	A	A	A	A	A
8	Saltwater Creek	„ 21	25	B	A	B	B	B	—
9	Mount Grey Downs	„ 21	19	B	B	A	A	A	—
10	Leithfield	„ 20	23	A	A	B	A	B	—
11	North Kowai	„ 20	22	A	B	A	A	A	—
12	Ashley Bank	„ 22	12	B	B	A	A	A	—
13	Loburn	„ 22	26	A	A	A	A	A	—
14	Rangiora (Boys')	May 10	55	A	A	A	A	A	A
15	„ (Girls')	„ 11	50	A	A	A	A	A	—
16	Fernside	„ 11	30	A	A	A	A	A	A
17	Cust Valley	„ 3	25	A	A	A	A	A	—
18	Oxford	„ 4	36	B	B	B	B	B	—
19	Harewood	„ 4	40	B	A	A	A	A	—
20	Eyreton	„ 5	21	A	A	A	A	A	—
21	Flaxton	„ 5	23	A	A	A	A	A	—
22	Courtenay	April 6	20	A	A	A	A	A	—
23	Hororata	„ 7	17	A	A	A	A	B	—
24	South Selwyn	„ 8	24	A	A	C	A	B	—
25	Leeston	„ 14	16	A	A	A	A	A	—
26	Southbridge	„ 14	20	A	A	A	A	A	—
27	Springston	„ 13	23	A	A	A	A	B	—
28	Lincoln	„ 26	18	A	B	A	A	A	—
29	Tai Tapu	„ 26	34	A	A	A	A	A	—
30	Prebbleton	„ 12	23	B	B	B	B	B	—
31	Templeton	„ 12	19	A	A	B	A	A	—
32	Broadfield	„ 13	18	B	A	A	A	A	—
33	Upper Heathcote	June 14	26	B	A	B	B	B	—
34	Lower Heathcote	May 30	24	A	B	C	C	C	—
35	Heathcote Valley	June 15	39	B	A	A	A	A	—
36	Papanui—Wesleyan	April 29	26	B	B	New	teac	her	—
37	North Road	„ 19	23	B	A	A	A	A	—
38	Harewood Road	„ 5	19	B	A	A	A	A	—
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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(July 1—28, 1870.)

INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

To the Chairman of the Board.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit this Report on the Schools Examined during the month:

Halswell School ... ... July 5 ... Present 33 ... The room is a fine and lofty one, but the ventilators in the gable ends do not close, the school is, consequently, very cold all the winter. To increase the firing is only to cause a greater draft of cold air. There is not sufficient provision for cleansing the room and keeping it clean; a gravelled path, mats, and scrapers outside, and regularly cleansing the inside are requisite. The order is, in other respects, for the most part satisfactory. The copybooks are clean and neat, but sufficient attention is not paid to the formation of a good handwriting. There is no good penmanship. The best writing is that of James Dunbar, a new boy. The best reading was that of Mary Gordon, an old scholar; with her exception, the reading of the whole school, in easy narratives and primary lessons, was *habitually* lame and halting. More attention to the acquirement of fluency is requisite. The other subjects were mostly satisfactory; great progress has been made by several younger and more regular attendants; but they nearly all have the defects indicated above, an unusual, but, in their case, *habitual* halting in their reading; and an untrained handwriting. The knowledge of geography and history is very limited.

Lincoln School ... ... July 6 ... Present 25 ... Improving.

Templeton ... ... July 7 ... Present 33 ... The children are very orderly, but less cheerful and frank than in most schools. The arithmetic shews some improvement, and the other subjects are, on the whole, more satisfactory.

Springston ... ... July 8 ... Present 29 ... Considerable pains have been taken to improve the efficiency of the school. The spelling has always been remarkably good, the other subjects are now more nearly equal to it; the discipline and the articulation are improvable. The general result was very satisfactory; this being the best examination the school has passed.

Papanui—St. Paul's ... July 12 ... Present 67 ... The attendance below the average, owing to yesterday's wet weather. The school appears to be recommencing satisfactorily under the new master.

Prebbleton ... ... July 13 ... Present 30 ... The school being now more entirely in the hands of the residents, greater local interest has been awakened; there is an earnest desire to devise measures for the more general diffusion of the benefits of the school; at present a large proportion of the children of the district are not under instruction. The Chairman of the Local

Committee was present throughout the examination; several suggestions for improvement were made at the time. A clock, a larger black board, and an easel are necessary. A summary register (should be used in all the schools now), and an improved time-table are desirable. The method is defective; the subjects of instruction are not well balanced; below the first class the elementary knowledge is very deficient; yet, on the whole, there is considerable improvement since last examination.

Broadfield ... ... July 14 ... Present 33 ... The school was not quite up to its usually good order; but this may be partly accounted for by the very recent removal into the new schoolroom. Better desks will be wanted. A good supply of books and apparatus has been obtained. The attainments are very creditable; the general accuracy above the average of the schools in the surrounding districts.

North Road ... ... July 18 ... Present 10 ... New master; satisfactory, except as to the very small attendance.

Lyttelton Church of England School July 20 ... Present 44 ... The school appears to be recommencing satisfactorily under the new master and mistress. A new stock of desks and forms of proper heights and dimensions would conduce to improve the organization; better order would be secured by the teachers standing less near to each child, and by keeping the whole school in front of them, and under constant vigilance.

Papanui Wesleyan School ... July 21 ... Present 17 ... The attendance has fallen off considerably, owing to the sweeping changes of the new master, who has recommenced almost every subject *de novo*. If a constant and lengthened attendance could be relied on, the plan would be less injudicious; with greater tact the results aimed at might have been more nearly effected, and without the present injury to the school. Great pains have been taken in the instruction of the remnant, the fluency and expression acquired in the easy reading lessons is very commendable. The present standard of attainment is, however, ridiculously low, a very different one should be shewn by the next examination.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(JULY 29—AUGUST 25, 1870.)

INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Report on the Schools Examined during the month.

Riccarton School ... ... July 29 ... Present 55 ... Very creditable. There is, however, at present, and inevitably, too much monitorial teaching; monitors have neither the aptitude to observe, nor the persistency to correct, ordinary mistakes. Habitual inaccuracy consequently results from monitorial teaching. A pupil-teacher, under the training of the present master, would supply what is requisite.

Akaroa School ... ... Aug. 1 ... Present 17 ... The attendance was reduced by the master's absence on leave; it has latterly fallen off. The young person in temporary charge of the school was scarcely equal to the responsibility. The attendance register was incomplete. The few children present included those most regular in attendance. Their attainments were creditable; one boy in particular, Walter Parsons, had made remarkable progress.

Duvauchelle's Bay School ... Aug. 1 ... *Special Visit.* ... Present 14. The stoppage of the principal sawmills, the wintry weather, and the landslips, are among the causes which reduce the attendance. The examination was entirely unexpected, being without any intimation, and quite unusual in the depth of winter. It is, therefore, very improbable that only the best scholars were present. The discipline and attainments were, in most points, highly creditable, superior to the other schools visited on the Peninsula on this occasion. The children are kindly treated, and carefully taught; the few remaining attendants have gained by the greater share of time allowed for each. The master holds an English Government certificate, and is one of the most skilful teachers in Canterbury. The committee, however, appear to be desirous of a change; in that event, and, if the services of both a competent master and mistress could be secured, it is highly probable that the efficiency of the school would be increased.

Pigeon Bay School ... Aug. 2 ... Present 22 ... Improving.

Saltwater Creek ... ... Aug. 9 ... Present 27 ... Very short of material; committee have no funds; residents object to the proposed rate. The attainments were very creditable, with the exception that the Bible knowledge of the lower classes has been totally neglected.

Mount Grey Downs ... Aug. 9 ... Present 22 ... A large ventilator in the gable end does not close; the cold air pours in all the winter. The

Bible knowledge deficient—only two Bibles in the school; but the children might bring their own if required. The other attainments and the order were, on the whole, satisfactory.

Leithfield ... ... Aug. 10 ... Present 27 ... The attendance chiefly includes very young children; their attainments, creditable at their age, shew that great pains have been taken in their instruction.

North Kowai ... ... Aug. 10 ... Present 17 ... Maps (New Zealand and Palestine), a cupboard, and shelves are wanted. The elementary knowledge excels in its accuracy that of many schools taught by masters.

Loburn ... ... Aug. 11 ... Present 28 ... The school in excellent order; the attainments very satisfactory.

Ashley Bank ... ... Aug. 11 ... Present 28 ... The number present was about double the average of the previous twelve months, hence the attainments were far inferior to those of the other schools north of the Ashley.

SPECIAL REPORT.—ASHLEY BANK SCHOOL SITE.

The removal of the school buildings to a different situation is desirable for two reasons —the River Ashley threatens the present site, and the proposed one is safer and more central.

The river is rapidly encroaching on the high bank close to the school grounds; the broad belt formerly intervening has already disappeared. If a gap has not been made in the school fence since the 11th inst., the next heavy fresh will make one, and will thus expose to danger, at first the garden and the teacher's family, and afterwards, as the gap widens, the play-ground, the out-offices, and the school children.

Reasonable anxiety is sufficient to deter most parents from sending children near so much danger—the deep, main stream swirling rapidly against the high bank.

There is no apprehension for the school and dwelling-houses for perhaps a few years, but severer freshes may shorten this interval; these buildings must go, in time, unless the river alters its course.

The proposed site, barely, if at all, exceeding a mile inland from the present one, going northwards, is in a much more central position; and is thus more accessible to a greater number of children. It is furthest from the river, the side from which no children come, and not further east or west from any part of the district, but nearer to the bulk of the attendants, who mostly come from the north and west of the present site.

Woodend School ... ... Aug. 12 ... Present 56 ... The register is incomplete as to the foot totals; it is thus difficult to perceive at once the recent average. The summary register should be introduced both here and in all the larger schools. The attainments were, on the whole, creditable, but not quite up to the usual standard of this school.

St. Michael's, Christchurch ... Aug. 15, 16 ... Present 101 ... The teaching power is ample, but the application of it is defective; each adult assistant is equal to the charge of two classes, but here each has only one. The attainments of their classes are, on the whole, creditable to the assistants, even above the average in some subjects; they ought so to be considering the costliness of the instruction—one teacher to from 12 to 15 or 20 children. The arithmetic of the second, the Bible history of the third, and the spelling of the fifth class were unsatisfactory. The other subjects, generally, and some of the written papers, were very creditable.

Christchurch Wesleyan School Aug. 5 ... Present 116 ... The Bible history of three junior classes was inferior to the usual standard of this school; the other subjects were generally satisfactory.

St. Luke's ... ... Aug. 18 ... Present 65 ... The discipline has greatly improved; the school is now in complete subordination. The attainments are creditable, not as yet extensive, but fairly accurate in elementary knowledge; the Bible history remarkably good.

St. Andrew's ... ... Aug. 19 ... Present 46 ... Satisfactory.

Thomas Martin passed his examination on the 22nd inst., and obtained a certificate of fitness for the Mastership of the Avonside School.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(AUGUST 26—SEPTEMBER 29, 1870.)

INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the Schools, Candidates, Buildings, and Districts Inspected, Examined, and Visited during the month.

St. Alban's School ... Aug. 29 ... Present 51 ... The attendance has been reduced by the unfavourable weather and prevalent sickness. There is no provision for warming the larger room; the stove in the smaller stands partly over the floor, litters it with cinders, and endangers it with fire. There is an observable improvement in the discipline and attainments since last examination; its continuance should acquire for this school its proper standard of efficiency.

Christchurch Roman Catholic Boys' School Aug. 31 ... Present 53 ... Satisfactory.

Christchurch Roman Catholic Girls' and Infants' Sept. 1 ... Present 59 ... There is a good supply of books and apparatus, well kept as to tidiness and preservation. The organisation and discipline are superior; the behaviour and order of the children correct and polite. The neatness of the registers and copybooks, and the style of the written papers, are highly commendable; the attainments generally satisfactory.

Governor's Bay North ... Sept. 5 ... Present 16 ... The tone and discipline of the school have somewhat fallen off; but the progress was, on the whole, satisfactory.

Addington Branch of the St. Michael's School Visited Sept. 6. Present 32 (Winter average). The school is in receipt of Government aid, but the master has not yet obtained a certificate. The building was reported on upon a former occasion; serious inconvenience results from the fences being out of order. More desks, and a better arrangement of them are desirable. The children are orderly; they appear to be carefully and efficiently taught.

Heathcote Valley ... ... Sept. 8 ... Present 44 ... Both master and mistress are in constant attendance. The organisation, hence, being superior, the discipline and attainments are highly creditable.

Lyttelton Wesleyan School ... Sept. 9 ... Present 55 ... The average age of the children is lower than in the neighbouring schools; the standard of *proficiency* is consequently less; but the accuracy of each class, in each subject, and, more particularly, the early age at which ease, fluency, and expression in reading are acquired, are highly commendable.

Timaru School ... ... Sept. 11 ... Present 72 (Winter average). The premises and buildings require some improvement, which will probably be effected by the new committee. The register is neat and complete; but *the summary one should now be brought into use*, in order to shew at once the state of attendance during any whole period. The organisation, discipline, and tone of the school are highly satisfactory. Attention has been paid to the suggestions made at the former examination. The elementary knowledge of the junior classes is remarkably accurate. The elder children leave school at an early age; the attainments of those who remain, and attend regularly, are very creditable.

Same Evening.—A Candidate for the Mastership of the Pleasant Point School was examined, but failed to obtain a certificate.

Arowhenua School ... Sept. 12 ... Present 15 ... Owing, perhaps, to the very wet weather recently, the attendance is small at present, but steadily increasing; the master is gaining the confidence of the parents; the school is reopening with an excellent prospect of success.

Scotsburn School.—Special Report.—The school is situated at Mount Peel, near Mr. Jollie's home station. It is conducted in a chapel of 20ft. by 16ft., sufficiently warmed, aired, and lighted; the windows, on opposite sides, are, however, undesirable; but the disadvantage may be remedied by blinds on the sunny side. Maps, Bibles, and a good series of reading books are requisite. The copybooks are neat and well-written; the school has been at work for nine months; the parents and committee express their high approval of the manner in which it has been conducted. A ploughing-match—a very rare occasion, and a desirable holiday in this district—absorbed the attendance; there was consequently no school; but the attendance lists shewed an average of ten, with eleven names on the list.

J. Nott, candidate for the Mastership, passed his examination satisfactorily, acquiring a certificate of fitness.

Pleasant Point.—Pending the decision of the Board, no school had been attempted. A candidate for the appointment of Mistress failed to pass the required examination.

Waimate School ... ... Sept. 16 ... Present 38 ... The registers being incomplete as to the amounts of individual attendance, it was scarcely pos-

sible to trace the progress by them. It has, however, been very creditable in several respects, and more especially as to the elder pupils and higher classes. In the lower ones, there is awant of more frequent recapitulation and of books better adapted to the capacity of younger children.

Seven candidates for Mastership have been examined,—three during a visit to the schools in the Southern District, and four on the 28th inst. in Christchurch. None of them have had any special training; but those who have shewn a decided fitness for the work have obtained certificates to that effect. Others have acquired probationary certificates. Three candidates have failed to pass the examination.

C. L. Wiggins has obtained a certificate for the Mastership of the Akaroa School.

John Nott, for the Mastership of the proposed School at Scotsburn; it being a small elementary school, with an average attendance of ten.

T. Mulligan and Edwin Mossman have obtained probationary certificates.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1870.)

INSPECTOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Tabular Summary of the Returns as to Attendance and Payment, and a Schedule as to the Efficiency of the Schools Examined.

It will be seen from the Tabular Summary that the number of attendants has been 3201, the average daily attendance 2091, and the amount of school fees £1050 10s. 8d.

It will be seen from the Schedule as to their Efficiency, that the number of schools examined has been 35, including 1460 children.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1870.

TABULAR SUMMARY OF RETURNS, ATTENDANCE, AND PAYMENT.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.			Average Daily Attendance.			Amount of School Fees.		
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	£	s.	d.
1	Christchurch—									
	,, St. Michael's	103	42	145	61	28	89	40	15	6
2	,, ,, Branch School at Addington...	39	34	73	22	12	34	15	6	1
3	,, Wesleyan	136	41	177	82	22	104	43	16	0
4	,, St. Andrew's	15	56	71	11	27	38	22	8	0
5	,, St. Luke's	67	35	102	43	19	62	32	3	0
6	,, R. Catholic (Boys')	80	—	80	50	—	50	28	6	0
7	,, ,, (Girls'), &c.... ...	18	90	108	10	54	64	34	7	9
8	Lyttelton—High School	55	29	84	41	23	64	59	11	10
9	,, Church of England	41	18	59	27	14	41	27	0	0
10	,, Wesleyan	34	31	65	24	22	46	20	9	0
11	Governor's Bay	4	7	11	2	4	6	14	9	0
12	Governor's Bay North	10	1	11	8	1	9	6	12	0
13	Kaiapoi—Church of England	64	36	100	46	25	71	35	11	6
14	,, Wesleyan	62	37	99	43	26	69	30	16	0
15	Woodend	42	36	78	30	30	60	23	17	3
16	Saltwater Creek	20	18	38	15	14	29	9	2	7
17	Mount Grey Downs	20	23	43	11	13	24	8	9	6
18	Leithfield	24	20	44	14	11	25	12	0	0
19	North Kowai	6	13	19	3	7	10	4	10	0
20	Loburn	15	16	31	10	11	21	6	6	9
21	Ashley Bank	20	15	35	13	12	25	6	15	0
22	Rangiora (Boys')	59	—	59	50	—	50	21	18	0
23	,, (Girls')	19	45	64	12	38	50	14	18	0
24	Fernside	26	17	43	23	15	38	10	15	0
25	Cust Valley	21	20	41	16	17	33	10	0	0
26	Oxford	39	19	58	29	11	40	25	1	0
27	Harewood	13	19	32	9	13	22	7	5	0
28	Eyreton	19	17	36	14	12	26	7	2	0
29	Flaxton	16	12	28	12	10	22	6	10	0
30	Courtenay	14	11	25	7	7	14	4	15	6
31	Halkett	17	11	28	9	7	16	8	5	6
32	South Selwyn	16	8	24	9	4	13	9	6	8
33	Hororata	10	16	26	6	9	15	8	4	2
34	Leeston	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	
35	Southbridge	22	14	36	14	11	25	14	14	0
36	Springston	26	17	43	15	10	25	13	2	0
37	Lincoln	10	21	31	8	15	23	14	2	6
38	Tai Tapu	17	24	41	12	15	27	17	19	0
39	Akaroa	25	15	40	13	6	19	7	14	3
40	Pigeon Bay	20	17	37	14	10	24	21	2	8
41	Duvauchelle's	19	10	29	10	5	15	7	2	0
42	Okain's Bay	26	19	45	21	16	37	14	4	0
43	Little Akaloa	11	9	20	10	8	18	10	7	6
44	Riccarton	37	41	78	24	23	47	26	4	0
45	Prebbleton	15	21	36	11	14	25	12	16	0
46	Templeton	43	27	70	23	13	36	12	8	0
47	Broadfield	29	23	52	17	17	34	21	8	6
48	Upper Heathcote	31	15	46	17	9	26	17	18	6
49	Lower Heathcote	School closed								
50	Heathcote Valley	34	29	63	25	17	42	23	7	6
51	Halswell	40	11	51	27	7	34	21	4	6
52	Avonside	45	34	79	37	25	62	19	10	6
53	Papanui—St. Paul's	67	50	117	42	30	72	41	16	6
54	,, Wesleyan	20	7	27	15	5	20	10	15	6
55	North Road	12	13	25	7	6	13	8	2	6
56	Harewood Road	19	9	28	14	7	21	12	16	0
57	St. Albans	54	37	91	32	18	50	22	18	0
8	Scotsburn	5	6	11	5	5	10	10	19	0
59	Arowhenua	13	6	19	8	4	12	7	6	8
60	Timaru	66	27	93	46	17	63	27	14	0
61	Waimate	27	29	56	15	16	31	17	3	6
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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(Quarter Ending September 30, 1870.)

SCHEDULE AS TO EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS EXAMINED.

	List of Schools Examined.	Date of Examination.	Numbers Present.	Sites, Buildings, and Premises.	Books And Apparatus.	Organization and Discipline.	Bible Knowledge.	Elementary Secular.	Ordinary Secular.
1	Christchurch—St. Michael's ...	Aug. 15, 16	101	A	A	B	B	B	A
2	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 17	116	A	A	A	B	A	A
3	„ St. Andrew's ...	„ 19	46	A	A	A	A	A	—
4	„ St. Luke's ...	„ 18	65	B	A	A	A	A	—
5	„ R. C. (Boys') ...	„ 31	53	A	A	A	A	A	—
6	„ „ (Girls'), &c. ...	Sept. 1	59	A	A	A	A	A	A
7	Lyttelton—Church	July 20	44	A	A	B	A	B	B
8	„ Wesleyan ...	Sept. 9	55	A	A	A	A	A	—
9	Governor's Bay North	„ 5	16	A	A	B	A	A	—
10	Woodend	Aug. 12	56	A	A	B	A	A	A
11	Saltwater Creek	„ 9	27	A	B	B	A	A	—
12	Mount Grey Downs	„ 9	22	B	B	B	A	A	—
13	Leithfield	„ 10	27	A	A	A	A	A	—
14	North Kowai	„ 10	17	A	A	A	A	A	—
15	Loburn	„ 11	28	A	A	A	A	A	—
16	Ashley Bank	„ 11	28	B	A	B	B	B	—
17	Springston	July 8	29	A	A	A	A	A	—
18	Lincoln	„ 6	25	A	A	A	A	A	—
19	Akaroa	Aug. 1	17	B	B	C	B	B	—
20	Pigeon Bay...	„ 2	22	B	A	A	B	A	—
21	Duvauchelle's	„ 1	14	B	B	A	A	A	—
22	Riccarton	July 29	55	A	A	B	A	A	A
23	Prebbleton	„ 13	30	A	A	B	B	B	—
24	Templeton	„ 7	33	A	A	A	A	B	—
25	Broadfield	„ 14	33	A	A	B	A	A	—
26	Heathcote Valley	Sept. 8	44	B	A	A	A	A	—
27	Halswell	July 5	33	B	A	A	B	B	—
28	Papanui—St. Paul's	„ 12	67	A	A	A	A	A	A
29	„ Wesleyan	„ 21	17	B	B	C	C	C	—
30	North Road	„ 18	10	B	A	A	A	A	—
31	St. Albans	Aug. 29	51	A	B	A	B	B	—
32	Addington Branch—St. Michael's ...	Sept. 6	33	Visited only					
33	Timaru	„ 12	72	B	A	A	A	A	—
34	Temuka	„ 13	15	A	A	A	A	A	—
35	Waimate	„ 16	38	A	B	B	B	A	—
			1460						

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(September 30—October 27, 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.

Upper Heathcote School ... Oct. 7 ... Present 26 ... There is considerable improvement since last examination in all except the writing, which is not efficiently taught.

Halswell ... ... Oct. 7, 10 ... Present 42 *i.e.* ten more than the average for the previous part of the year. The register is neat, and has been made up to the end of last quarter, but the half days have been reckoned as whole days. The organisation is defective in the lower part of the school, split up into four classes of not more than thirteen children in all, the two highest comprising twenty-nine. The discipline and smartness of the first—or highest—class indicate the pains taken in their instruction; their reading and writing have improved; their mental arithmetic is uncommonly good. The second class' attainments are satisfactory except as to the reading and the slate arithmetic. The lower classes are unusually backward and irregular; their deficiency and irregularity indicate the want of a permanent and *competent* assistant, provided that the attendance can be kept up to the present number.

Lincoln ... ... Oct. 12; *very wet day.* Present 25 ... The registers are very neat and complete; the school has acquired a superior standard of efficiency.

Springston ... ... Oct. 13 ... Present 32 ... The very favourable report of the July examination was fully borne out also on the present occasion.

Broadfield ... ... Oct. 14 ... Present 45 ... This attendance is fifty per cent. more than for the three previous quarters of this year; if it could be kept up, a permanent assistant would be necessary—a temporary one is, however, desirable. It may be partly owing to the sudden and large increase that the school passed a much less satisfactory examination than in July last, when it was highly commended. The teacher is attentive to suggestions; the defects were, therefore, sufficiently indicated on the day of examination.

Hororata ... ... Oct. 17 ... Present 25 ... The progress since last examination is satisfactory. The local interest in the school was evinced by a large attendance of the committee and parents.

Courtenay ... ... Oct. 18 ... Present 16 ... New teacher. Satisfactory.

Halkett ... ... Oct. 19 ... Present 25 ... New school. New teacher. The building and premises satisfactory. The school in excellent order; the attainments, fair, although very elementary at present.

Prebbleton ... ... Oct. 20 ... Present 32 ... The school in excellent order; there is considerable and satisfactory improvement since last examination.

Templeton ... ... Oct. 21 ... Present 58 ... The fees—6d. a-week instead of 1s.—secure a larger attendance than where the higher fee prevails. A larger room and more desks will be requisite if the present attendance can be kept up. The register had been filled up in the morning for the afternoon also, regardless of a truthful result. The school was in good order. The copy-books remarkably clean and neat, but—mostly too difficult for the children using them—had been obtained more with regard to the teacher's convenience in their purchase, than as to their suitableness to the children's requirements; many of those writing more advanced copies were more fitted to be learning the shape of the letters. The attainments were, on the whole, as satisfactory as might be expected for so large a number under one teacher; temporary assistance is very requisite until the harvest holidays. The attendance at the examination was nearly double of the average for the three previous quarters of the year.

Four candidates for Masterships have been examined during the month—one on the 30th September, and three on the 24th inst.—one of these, Joseph Hutt, has obtained a certificate of fitness for the Mastership of the Addington School; another, John Maddison, has obtained a certificate of fitness for the Mastership of a small Country School of about twenty scholars; the other two candidates, each in his turn offering himself for the Duvauchelle's Bay School, have failed to obtain certificates,—a few months' preparation in either case would fit them for an appointment. One of them is, I believe, studying under and assisting a highly qualified master. Few of the unsuccessful candidates can, however, find such an opportunity, if even they can afford to adopt it when occurring. One or more successful candidates have benefited by preparation under the training of a skilful and experienced teacher.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(October 28—November 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 during the month.

Avonside School ... ... October 31 ... Present 61 ... The school is making satisfactory progress under the new master and mistress.

Papanui Wesleyan School November 1 ... Present 25, with 33 on the register of attendance. The numbers are insufficient for the employment of two adult teachers; the standard of attainment being very low, all the work could be done by one good schoolmistress.

Harewood Road School ... November 2 ... Present 22 ... New teacher; the state of the school is creditable to both the present and the former master; but the room, a place of worship, is ill adapted for a school, and the arrangements are at times irksome to the master.

Woodend School ... ... November 4 ... Present 58 ... Very creditable to the present teachers and the former master.

North Road School ... November 14 ... Present 20 ... Satisfactory.

Flaxton ... ... November 14 ... Present 50 ... Highly creditable; from the lower classes upwards the children have been carefully and successfully taught; their accuracy is highly commendable.

Rangiora Girls' School ... November 15 ... Present 57 ... There is no clock in the school. The attainments, writing in copybooks excepted, are very satisfactory.

Cust ... ... November 17 ... Present 36 ... Satisfactory.

Oxford ... ... November 18 ... The very wet and cold weather prevented many children from attending; for this reason the number was not taken. There are 58 names of actual attendants on this quarter's roll; the highest attendance has been 46, and the average daily attendance 35.7; the average attendance last quarter was 40, while the neighbouring school was at work; that the average should have fallen off instead of increasing, under the circumstances, and during this, the best quarter of the year, is an unfavourable criterion. The school is too far from the late Harewood School to suit the majority of residents in that neighbourhood. The building, warmth, light, and school furniture are unsuitable and inconvenient. The want of water is another drawback. The school has always been one of inferior efficiency, partly from the above causes, and more recently from the failing health of the master and the occasional reliance on successive assistants. A school for 70 or 80 children in a position more central to Harewood and Oxford is very desirable.

Stoke School ... ... November 18 ... Visited in passing; opened on November 8th. There are already 32 names enrolled, and an average daily attendance of 25. The buildings appear to be unsatisfactory; built and lined with green wood, the boards have already warped and shrunk considerably. The desks, similarly, are badly made, and of unsuitable lengths. The attendance should be entered in the register at least *twice* daily, *i.e.* every morning and afternoon.

Three candidates for Masterships having been examined, one of them, T. Ross, has obtained a certificate of fitness for the Mastership of the Duvauchelle's Bay School.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(NOVEMBER 25—DECEMBER 29, 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.

Riccarton ... ... Nov. 25 ... Present 69 ... The efficiency is highly commendable; good discipline, steady progress, great neatness and considerable accuracy characterise the school.

Saltwater Creek ... ... Nov. 28 ... Present 18 ... The neatness is creditable; the attainments, moderate.

Leithfield ... ... Nov. 30 ... Present 14 ... A very wet morning; the attainments of those present were creditable. The school can be examined again early in January if the committee desire it.

Loburn ... ... Dec. 1 ... Present 28 ... The progress of the school, during the two years since its commencement, is very creditable.

Ashley Bank ... ... Dec. 2 ... Present 37 ... The attendance, for some time previously very low, has only recently increased; the attainments are consequently very low; it is highly desirable that a standard of efficiency, similar to that of most other schools in the Northern District, should be attained.

Mount Grey Downs ... Dec. 2 ... Present 19 ... The Bible knowledge is very deficient; the other attainments are very creditable, and above the average—that is, there is greater proficiency and accuracy in the ordinary subjects of instruction.

Governor's Bay North ... Dec. 5 ... Present 11 ... The school, built with the view of forming a superior day and boarding school, has not answered the expectations of its promoters. The small attendance scarcely warrants the expenditure of Government grant. The boys have fallen off in the neatness of their personal appearance; the attainments were, on the whole, satisfactory; map-drawing very creditable.

Governor's Bay ... ... Dec. 5 ... Present 9 ... The children of only four families attend the school; it is maintained at a comparatively small cost to the Government, the heads of families contributing largely. The teaching has always been superior as to method and efficiency; the attainments and general knowledge are above the average of country schools.

Lyttelton Wesleyan School ... Dec. 6 ... Present 62 ... The attainments are fairly proportioned to the age of the children, a lower average age than that of the neighbouring schools; the proficiency of the small first-class of a few elder children is satisfactory. The general accuracy of the lower classes and the fluency of the reading throughout the school are especially commendable.

Lyttelton Church of England School Same day ... Present 47.

Lyttelton High School ... Same day ... Present 70, making in all 179 present the same day in these three schools. The two schools above mentioned, and casually visited, appeared to be in good working order.

Akaroa School ... ... Dec. 7 ... Present 23 ... The bulk of the former attendance had left, and many of the attendants are said to have gone to private schools before the present master entered upon his duties; only one-fourth of the present number were on last quarter's list; the school may be said to be recommencing satisfactorily. A larger attendance list is expected next quarter.

Little Akaloa ... ... Dec. 8 ... Present 26 ... The progress since last examination is very satisfactory.

Okain Bay ... ... Dec. 9 ... Present 39 ... Satisfactory.

Duvauchelle's Bay... ... The Local Committee having had a certified teacher sanctioned by the Board, decline, for local reasons, re-opening the school until January.

Pigeon Bay School... ... Dec. 10 ... Present 33 ... The numbers and efficiency of the school are increasing; although the standard of attainment is at present inferior to that of other schools on the Peninsula.

Kaiapoi Church of England ... Dec. 12 ... Present 84 ... Satisfactory.

Eyreton School ... ... Dec. 13 ... Present 35 ... The numbers have considerably increased for the present quarter; they will probably fall off again during harvest; the progress of the constant attendants is very satisfactory.

Rangiora (Boys') ... ... Dec. 14 ... Present 61 ... Satisfactory.

Fernside ... ... Dec. 15 ... Present 51 ... Satisfactory. Great pains have been taken; the work is, mostly, very creditable; a higher course is aimed at, and some success has already been attained; it is important, however, to cultivate greater accuracy in the ordinary rules of arithmetic.

Papanui—St. Paul's ... Dec. 20 ... Present 97 ... Satisfactory.

Heathcote Valley ... ... Dec. 21 ... Present 51 ... Satisfactory, on the whole, but there are 21 (twenty-one) children who have not yet begun to use books—some of them might well do so; the large-type cards keep the learning out of the hands of the young children, who get on better when they learn to use their little books. Dairy work causes many of the scholars to come late; hence, they lose the reading of the Bible, and the knowledge of its simplest truths.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1870.)

INSPECTOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Tabular Summary of the Returns as to Attendance and Payment, and a Schedule as to the Efficiency of the Schools Examined.

It will be seen from the Tabular Summary that, during the quarter, the number of attendants has been 3,662, an increase of 306 upon the corresponding quarter of last year; the average daily attendance 2,626, an increase of 260; the amount of school fees has been £1,232 19s. 5d., an increase of £68 19s. 5d.; that the increase in this respect is smaller than in former years, is due to a considerable reduction in the rate of school fees in several districts; it is also a nett amount, exclusive of unpaid arrears of fees. It will be seen from the Schedule as to their Efficiency, that the number of schools inspected or examined has been 43, including, in all, 1,667 children. This being the end of the year, it may be desirable to state, that all the ordinary schools have been examined at least once during the year, many of them three or four times. Those most frequently examined are chiefly the new schools nearest to Christchurch, also those less satisfactory on the previous visit; and as for instance the Lyttelton Wesleyan School, those which have fallen into the routine of visits, to the Bays or other localities, at a convenient interval since the previous visit.

The frequency of inspection becomes less and less necessary as the schools continue to attain a higher standard of efficiency; a half yearly examination being, in most instances, all the inspection required, except casual visits to test, for the satisfaction of the teachers themselves and of the local authorities, as well as the Board, the accuracy of the average attendance.

It is now highly desirable that certain regulations should be made as to the hours of calling the roll, and as to taking the average of daily attendance.

Added to this Report are Tabulated Statistics adapted to the requirements of the general government in former years.

A List has been prepared of children commended for good conduct and diligence during the year.

An Abstract has been made from the above list of children who have distinguished themselves creditably at each examination, or at several, during the year.

The names in the above list, arranged in order of merit, have been recommended to the Board for rewards.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,
Inspector of Schools.

LIST OF SCHOOLS COMMENDED.

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

Thomas Kershaw, Sydney Sanders, Charles Allard, Phœbe Goodger, Henry Kissel, William Lockwood, Frederick Dunham, Sophia Rice, John Topping.

Christchurch Wesleyan—

Frederick John Cumberworth, Ellen Pemberthy, Martha Cumberworth, Henry Kitchingman, William Prudhoe, Benjamin Connal, Joseph Prudhoe, Fanny Hudson, Thomas Thornton, William Alexander.

St. Andrew's—

Mary Bartram, Wilhelmina Kissel, Jane Amelia Lummis, Jane Turton, Fanny Bartram, Frank Vennal, Elizabeth Kissel, Annie Matilda Bush, Ada Grace Chudley.

St. Luke's—

Frederick William Ansley, William Stening, Joseph Newsome, James McGregor, Robert Stoddart, Mercy Webb, Mary Newsome, Richard Stapelton.

Roman Catholic Boys'—

Francis Hyman, Francis Harvey, James Harrington, John Sarjeant, Thomas Maguire, James Swinburne.

Roman Catholic Girls' and Infants'—

Margaret Harrington, Mary Harrington, Ellen Howard, Julia Howard, Mary Ann Holley, Catherine Donnelly, Cecilia Harvey, Emily Dethier, Annie Cook.

Lyttelton Church of England—

Henry Jones, Louisa Clarkson, William Willcox, Susan Snoswill, Harvey Cooper, Thomas Newton.

Lyttelton Wesleyan—

Jessie Chambers, Henry Hewstone, Mary Ann Borthwick, James Rorthwick, Charles Brown, Annie Barton, William Austin, Richard Walsh.

Governor's Bay North—

Alfred Kenneth Vigers, J. E. Dyer, James Gray, Freeman Potts.

Governor's Bay—

Lydia Blatchford, Martha Smith, William Reeve.

Kaiapoi Church of England—

George Callender, *John Veysey*, George Thomas, Edward Davis, Henry Brundell, Florence Edmonds, David Henry, James Alexander, Arthur Bean, Vincent Wright, John Hayman.

Kaiapoi Wesleyan—

Daniel Hassel, Edwin Lock, Robert Wake, Frederick Wake, John Wyllie, Alfred Hills, Jesse Hills, James Anderson.

Woodend—

Mary Ann Ball, Louisa Norton, Martha Judson, Sarah Bowmaker, Arthur Bramley, John Bettle, Isabella Booth, Elizabeth Skevington, John Mounsey, George Booth, Arthur Bramley.

Saltwater Creek—

Mary Ann Boyce, David Wyllie, Jane M. Thompson, Walter Thompson, William White, Ellen Long.

Mount Grey Downs—

Frederick Woodhouse, Robert Pemberton, Charles Pemberton, Jonas Willan, Margaret Fergusson, Wentworth Cookson.

Leithfield—

Alice May, John H. Neale, Charles Hood, Catherine Barclay, George Baker, Harry Oliver.

North Kowai—

Elizabeth Stanton, George Greig, John Cooper, Catherine Ward.

Ashley Bank—

Martha M'Ilroy, Arthur Clifford, James Thwaites, Alexander Moate, Nelly Thwaites, Minnie Say.

Loburn—

William Brock, William Banks, Mary Ann Hodgson, Beauchamp Patrick, Catherine, Hodgson, Margaret Wells, Jane Waller.

Rangiora Boys'

Charles Norton, John Scarvell, Harry Wagstaff, James Pearce, George Truman, Frederick Hunnibell.

Rangiora Girls'

Frances Lilly, Elizabeth Hessell, Jessie Arnott, Elizabeth Shaw, Harvey Stephens, Mary Shaw, Jane M'Crackin.

Fernside—

John M'Intyre, William Woodley, Helen Shields, Frederick Bartram, Alice Chapman, Jane Chapman, Caroline Woodley, John Prestney.

Cust—

Alexander Cumming, Louisa Tallott, Joseph Cooper, James Davis, Thomas Carter.

Oxford—

William Clark, Annie Bryan, Gilbert M'Candlish, Arthur Tomlinson.

Eyreton—

George Scott Cox, *Charles Chilton*, Edward Chilton, Thomas H. Gilpin, Louisa Lydia Denton.

Flaxton—

Eliza M. Seeley, *Thomas William May*, John Joyce, Mary Jane Duffull, Mary Todd, William Heald.

Courtenay—

Margaret M'Nae, Jane M'Nae, Mabel White, Annie Barr, Margaret Cowan.

Hororata—

Annie Digby, Emma Digby, Nelly Baker, Frederick Baker, Thomas Ward, Ida Digby.

South Selwyn—

George Watson, Joseph Watson, Daniel Buckley, William Baxter, Margaret Moore.

Leeston—

Mary Marshall, William James Napier, William Thomas Durant, Alfred W. A. Loe, Mary Halliday, Ellen Longstaff.

Southbridge—

John Storry, *Harry Wilkinson*, Frederick Wilkinson, Elizabeth Benny, George Andrews, Janet Fergusson.

Springston—

Annie Lawry, *Henry Watson Kime*, Mary Ellen Talbot, Kate Higgins, William Lawry, John Higgins, George Gilling, Amelia Wills.

Lincoln—

Annie Dunn, *Charles Wright*, *Edwin Wright*, William Dunn, Elizabeth Galletly, Francis Townsend, Thomas Wallace, Mary Blair.

Tai Tapu—

John Davies, Richard Davies, William Peryman, William Gardiner, Elizabeth Gardiner, Sarah Peryman.

Akaroa—

Julia M'Clure, Walter Parsons.

Pigeon Bay—

Agnes Stewart, Mary Stewart, Louis Kay.

Little Akaloa—

Emily Waghorn, Alexander M'Intosh, Mary Barker, Henry Bennett.

Okain—

Mary Anne Ware, Ernest Sefton, Mary M'Connell, Henry Harris, Arthur Mason.

Riccarton—

Alexander Webster, Henry Willis, Frederick Saville, Ellen Shirtcliffe, Catherine Tulley, Charles Tulley.

Prebbleton—

James Walter Prebble, Mary Dawson, William Prebble, Janet Morton, Alfred Allsop, Sarah M'Meekin.

Templeton—

Hugh Edward Morgan, Emily Maddison, William Henry Campion, Florence Blake, Thomas Goodsell, Frank Bailey.

Broadfield—

Mary Shehan, Margaret Aiken, Frederick James Carr, Matthew Grainger, Catherine Butler, Charles M'Gunigale.

Upper Heathcote—

Margaret Ann Kelly, Rosa Seager, Gilbert Dixon, Jane Blake, Robert Smith, Thomas H. Kelly.

Heathcote Valley—

Joseph Smith, James Dunlop, Charles Ford, John Kneeshaw, George Waters, William James M'Kenna, George Waters, Alfred Banks.

Halswell—

John Burrows, Joseph Fleet, Mary Gordon, James Dunbar.

Avonside—

Horace Baxter, Alice Moss, William Henderson, Mary Smith, John Fuller, Sydney Cuff.

Papanui St. Paul's—

Kate Ladbrooke, Florence Dunnage, Thomas Duncan, John Marshall, George Dunnage, Edith Dunnage, Ernest Ford, William Allnutt.

Papanui Wesleyan—

Martha Reese, Mary Ann Tyssen, John Louis Langdon.

North Road—

Elizabeth Tisch, Jacob Tisch, John Tisch, Andrew Duncan, Mary Straw.

Harewood Road—

Fanny Cole, Walter Philpott, Isaac Philpott, Henry Pavitt.

St. Albans—

Philip Philpott, John Philpott, Charles Toon, Frederick Cooper, James Mummery.

Timaru—

Leonard Jaggar, George Beswick, Arthur Turnbull, Walter Osborn, Joh Riddle Samuel Murray, Henrietta Jaggar.

Waimate—

Minnie Bowles, James Forrest, Murdoch Munro, Catherine O'Keefe, Frances O'Brien Ellen M'Ilwraith, Jessie Freeman.

LIST OF SCHOLARS TO WHOM PRIZES HAVE BEEN AWARDED BY THE BOARD.

I. Henry John Cumberworth, Christchurch Wesleyan School.
II. Kate Ladbrooke, St. Paul's, Papanui.
III. Alexander Webster, Riccarton.
IV. Ellen Pemberthy, Christchurch Wesleyan.
V. Martha Cumberworth, Christchurch Wesleyan.
VI. Florence Dunnage, St. Paul's, Papanui.
VI. A. Annie Lawrey, Springston.
VII. Leonard Jaggar, Timaru.
VIII. Charles Norton, Rangiora.
IX. Francis Hyman, Christchurch Roman Catholic.
X. Mary Ann Ware, Okain.
XI. George Beswick, Timaru.
XII. Mary Bartram, St. Andrew's.
XIII. Henry Jones, Lyttelton Church of England.
XIV. Jessie Chambers, Lyttelton Wesleyan.
XV. Annie Dunn, Lincoln.
XVI. George Scott Cox, Eyreton.
XVII. Charles Chilton, Eyreton.
XVIII. Margaret Harrington, Christchurch Catholic.
XIX. John M'Intyre, Fernside.
XX. John Davies, Tai Tapu.
XXI. George Callender, Kaiapoi Church of England.
XXII. Lydia Blatchford, Governor's Bay.

XXIII. Frederick W. Ansley.
XXIV. Mary Ann Ball, Woodend.
XXV. Frances Lilly, Rangiora Girls'.
XXVI. James Walter Prebble, Prebbleton.
XXVII. John Veysey, Kaiapoi Church of England.
XXVIII. John Storry, Southbridge.
XXIX. Mary Shehan, Broadfields.
XXX. Henry Wilkinson, Southbridge.
XXXI. John Burrows, Halswell.
XXXII. Daniel Hassel, Kaiapoi Wesleyan.
XXXIII. Alice May, Leithfield.
XXXIV. Minnie Bowles, Waimate.
XXXV. Robert Wake, Kaiapoi Wesleyan.
XXXVI. Henry Kissel, Christchurch St. Michael's.
XXXVII. Hugh Edward Morgan, Templeton.
XXXVIII. Eliza M. Seeley, Flaxton.
XXXIX. Joseph Smith, Heathcote Valley.
XL. Elizabeth Tisch, North Road.
XLI. Ernest Sefton, Okain's Bay.

CHRISTMAS, 1870.

TABULAR SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RETURNS.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.			Average Daily Attendance.			Amount of School Fees.		
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	£	s.	d.
	Christchurch—									
1	,, St. Michael's	103	44	147	71	31	102	43	18	6
2	,, ,, Addington Branch...	42	30	72	28	13	41	18	5	0
3	,, Wesleyan	134	36	170	101	23	124	51	9	6
4	,, St. Andrew's	19	53	72	12	36	48	26	11	0
5	,, St. Luke's	76	37	113	53	27	80	41	2	0
6	,, R. Catholic (Boys')	94	—	94	65	—	65	29	18	0
7	,, ,, (Girls'), &c.... ...	23	107	130	18	86	104	46	15	0
8	Lyttelton—High School	55	28	83	44	20	64	57	18	6
9	,, Church of England	41	22	63	29	16	45	24	13	3
10	,, Wesleyan	36	42	78	29	30	59	28	11	0
11	Governor's Bay	5	7	12	3	5	8	14	12	0
12	Governor's Bay North	12	1	13	11	1	12	7	16	0
13	Kaiapoi—Church of England	68	34	102	53	25	78	35	17	6
14	,, Wesleyan	60	41	101	41	29	70	29	11	6
15	Woodend	36	36	72	30	26	56	21	18	0
16	Saltwater Creek	16	20	36	12	13	25	7	7	0
17	Mount Grey Downs	28	31	59	19	20	39	12	8	6
18	Leithfield	29	24	53	20	15	35	14	16	0
19	North Kowai	10	12	22	9	9	18	5	5	0
20	Loburn	17	18	35	13	13	26	7	4	0
21	Ashley Bank	19	22	41	14	15	29	8	19	0
22	Rangiora (Boys')	66	—	66	61	—	61	24	2	0
23	,, (Girls')	23	47	70	14	38	52	16	6	6
24	Fernside	34	23	57	28	20	48	14	5	0
25	Stoke	19	15	34	16	9	25	3	3	10
26	Cust	26	27	53	18	19	37	13	0	0
27	Oxford	37	23	60	24	12	36	19	5	6
28	Eyreton	22	18	40	18	16	34	8	3	0
29	Flaxton	33	32	65	22	22	44	14	15	0
30	Courtenay	9	11	20	7	7	14	6	7	3
31	Halkett	20	12	32	11	8	19	6	4	8
32	South Selwyn	31	25	56	23	19	42	10	18	6
33	Hororata	6	18	24	3	13	16	10	13	6
34	Leeston	28	23	51	20	17	37	19	15	0
35	Southbridge	27	18	45	19	14	33	19	0	0
36	Springston	30	19	49	21	15	36	16	7	6
37	Lincoln	18	23	41	14	16	30	16	4	0
38	Tai Tapu	17	28	45	13	21	34	21	2	0
39	Akaroa	20	8	28	15	6	21	9	11	9
40	Pigeon Bay	25	20	45	19	13	32	26	7	0
41	Okain's Bay	22	19	41	18	16	34	12	0	0
42	Little Akaloa	12	14	26	10	13	23	13	19	0
43	Riccarton	42	44	86	31	28	59	26	13	6
44	Prebbleton	17	15	42	12	17	29	14	15	6
45	Templeton	61	39	100	37	24	61	19	19	6
46	Broadfield	29	26	55	20	18	38	22	2	6
47	Upper Heathcote	27	13	40	17	6	23	13	0	0
48	Lower Heathcote	38	8	46	19	3	22	12	6	2
49	Heathcote Valley	35	37	72	28	23	51	26	9	6
50	Halswell	41	12	53	30	7	37	21	6	0
51	Avonside	49	35	84	38	22	60	25	10	0
52	Papanui—St. Paul's	68	61	129	54	46	100	52	6	0
53	,, Wesleyan	22	11	33	15	7	22	11	1	0
54	North Road	14	13	27	10	10	20	12	6	6
55	Harewood Road	20	18	38	13	12	25	15	3	6
56	St. Albans	47	43	90	32	29	61	30	19	0
57	Scotsburn	5	6	11	5	5	10	12	1	6
58	Waihi Crossing	17	26	43	15	21	36	11	14	0
59	Arowhenua	29	10	39	22	3	25	13	8	0
60	Timaru	70	32	102	51	22	73	32	14	0
61	Waimate	30	26	56	22	16	38	22	16	0
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ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL RETURNS AS TO ATTENDANCE AND PAYMENT.

	List of Schools.	Number of Attendants.			Average Daily Attendance.			Amount of School Fees.		
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	£	s.	d.
1	Christchurch—St. Michael's	143	75	218	67	30	97	147	10	6
2	,, Addington Branch...	49	39	88	25	12	37	33	11	1
3	,, Wesleyan	205	68	273	92	22	114	183	10	3
4	,, St. Andrew's	26	99	125	11	31	42	86	12	0
5	,, St. Luke's	116	63	179	48	24	72	139	5	0
6	,, Roman Catholic (Boys') ...	119	—	119	52	—	52	95	17	6
7	,, ,, (Girls'), &c. ...	42	128	170	17	68	85	141	14	0
8	Lyttelton—High School	61	38	99	42	21	63	211	11	2
9	,, Church of England	61	28	90	27	13	40	75	13	3
10	,, Wesleyan	47	55	102	26	25	51	87	10	0
11	Governor's Bay	5	7	12	3	5	8	14	12	0
12	Governor's Bay North	17	4	21	11	2	13	43	14	0
13	Kaiapoi Church	84	52	136	49	26	75	144	7	0
14	,, Wesleyan	72	51	123	41	26	67	77	4	3
15	Woodend	51	41	92	27	24	51	65	10	0
16	Saltwater Creek	28	25	53	15	13	28	18	18	10
17	*Mount Grey Downs*	28	33	61	11	12	23	28	14	6
18	Leithfield	34	34	68	16	11	27	46	6	0
19	North Kowai	10	22	32	5	10	15	17	1	0
20	Loburn	18	19	37	10	11	21	23	1	9
21	Ashley Bank	22	23	45	10	9	19	14	16	6
22	Ra giora (Boys')	94	—	94	52	—	52	66	13	0
23	,, (Girls'), &c.	27	63	90	12	38	50	55	16	0
24	Fernside	43	32	75	20	15	35	37	10	0
25	Stoke	19	15	34	15	9	24	3	3	10
26	Cust	37	34	71	14	14	28	50	11	9
27	Oxford	48	29	77	23	8	31	64	11	6
28	Harewood	21	27	48	12	15	27	28	8	6
29	Eyreton	23	20	43	11	10	21	25	3	0
30	Flaxton	39	36	75	13	13	26	32	6	0
31	Courtenay	22	13	35	7	7	14	22	10	0
32	Halkett	20	14	34	10	7	17	14	14	2
33	South Selwyn	38	31	69	13	10	23	43	10	9
34	Hororata	10	18	28	4	9	13	29	9	5
35	Leeston	38	25	63	14	12	26	43	16	0
36	Southbridge	29	20	49	14	11	25	53	13	6
37	Springston	35	25	60	16	10	26	46	17	6
38	Lincoln	20	27	47	9	13	22	46	2	6
39	Tai Tapu	23	36	59	13	17	30	78	2	0
40	Akaroa	48	31	79	17	10	27	38	12	0
41	Pigeon Bay	25	20	45	15	11	26	73	11	0
42	Duvauchelle's	21	13	34	13	9	22	40	19	0
43	Okain	27	21	48	20	16	36	52	18	6
44	Little Akaloa	21	21	42	13	13	26	61	5	6
45	Riccarton	49	54	103	23	21	44	70	11	0
46	Prebbleton	18	30	48	10	13	23	45	9	6
47	Templeton	74	43	117	23	16	39	45	9	6
48	Broadfield	37	29	66	15	16	31	61	2	6
49	Upper Heathcote	39	19	58	18	7	25	49	2	0
50	Lower ,, ...	51	18	69	18	6	24	50	18	8
51	*Heathcote Valley*	50	48	98	25	19	44	75	14	6
52	Halswell	51	22	73	25	8	33	58	15	0
53	Avonside	88	70	158	39	23	62	101	11	0
54	Papanui—St. Paul's	90	76	166	45	43	88	98	2	0
55	,, Wesleyan	36	32	68	16	10	26	47	2	6
56	North Road	18	13	31	7	7	14	25	15	0
57	Harewood Road	26	20	46	13	8	21	36	14	0
58	St. Albans	54	37	91	29	20	49	103	12	0
59	Scotsburn	5	6	11	5	5	10	23	0	6
60	Waihi Crossing	17	26	43	15	21	36	11	14	0
61	Arowhenua	30	12	42	16	4	20	18	16	8
62	Timaru	110	50	160	47	19	66	119	13	0
63	Waimate	30	34	64	19	17	36	52	18	0
		2840	2114	4954	1363	965	2328	4103	7	4

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1870.)

SCHEDULE AS TO EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS INSPECTED AND EXAMINED.

	List of Schools Examined.	Date of Visit or Examination.	Numbers Present.	Sites, Buildings, and Premises.	Books And Apparatus.	Organization and Discipline.	Bible Knowledge.	Elementary Secular.	Ordinary Secular.
1	Lyttelton—High School ...	Dec. 6	70	not	exa	mine	d.		
2	„ Church of England ...	„ 6	47	„	„	„	„		
3	„ Wesleyan ...	„ 6 (without notice)	62	A	A	A	A	A	—
4	Governor's Bay	„ 5	9	B	A	A	A	A	A
5	Governor's Bay North	„ 5	11	A	A	B	B	A	—
6	Kaiapoi Church of England ...	„ 12	84	A	A	A	A	A	A
7	Woodend	Nov. 4	58	A	A	A	A	A	A
8	Saltwater Creek	„ 28	18	B	B	B	B	A	—
9	Mount Grey Downs	Dec. 2	49	A	B	B	C	A	A
10	Leithfield	Nov. 30 (very wet day)	14	A	A	A	A	A	—
11	Loburn	Dec. 1	28	A	A	A	A	A	—
12	Ashley Bank	„ 2	37	B	B	B	B	B	—
13	Rangiora (Boy's)	„ 14	61	B	A	A	A	A	A
14	„ (Girls')	Nov. 15	57	A	A	A	A	A	—
15	Fernside	Dec. 15	51	A	A	A	A	B	A
16	Stoke	Nov. 18	25*						
17	Cust	„ 17	36	A	A	A	A	A	—
18	Oxford	„ 18	35	B	B	B	B	B	—
19	Eyreton	Dec. 13	35	A	A	A	A	A	—
20	Flaxton	Nov. 14	50	A	A	A	A	A	—
21	Courtenay	Oct. 18	16	A	A	A	A	A	—
22	Halkett	„ 19	25	A	A	A	B	B	—
23	Hororata	„ 17	25	A	A	A	A	A	—
24	Springston	„ 13	32	A	A	A	A	A	A
25	Lincoln	„ 12	25	A	A	A	A	A	A
26	Tai Tapu	Dec. 22	38	A	A	A	A	A	A
27	Akaroa	„ 7	23	B	A	A	B	B	—
28	Pigeon Bay	„ 10	33	B	A	B	B	—	—
29	Duvauchelle's Bay	„ 7	not	at	work				
30	Oakin's Bay	„ 9	39	A	A	A	A	A	A
31	Little Akaloa	„ 8	26	B	A	A	A	A	—
32	Riccarton	Nov. 25	69	A	A	B	A	A	A
33	Prebbleton	Oct. 20	32	A	A	A	A	A	—
34	Templeton	„ 21	58	A	A	C	A	A	—
35	Broadfield	„ 14	45	A	A	B	B	B	—
36	Upper Heathcote	„ 7	26	B	B	A	A	A	—
37	Heathcote Valley	Dec. 21	51	C	A	B	B	A	A
38	Halswell	Oct. 10	42	B	A	B	A	B	A
39	Avonside	„ 31	61	B	A	A	A	A	—
40	Papanui—St. Paul's	Dec. 20	97	A	A	A	A	A	A
41	„ Wesleyan ...	Nov. 1	25	B	A	B	C	C	—
42	North Road	„ 14	20	B	A	A	A	A	—
43	Harewood Road	„ 2	22	B	B	A	A	A	—
			1667						

* In average attendance; visited in passing.

TABLE SHEWING THE NUMBER OF ATTENDANTS DURING THE DECEMBER QUARTER OF 1870, 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.	Gross Total.
1	Christchurch, College ...	108	108	108	90	56	101	108	108	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	108	—	108
2	„ High School ...	75	75	60	2	75	67	44	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75	—	75
3	„ St. Michael's ...	103	103	40	—	103	40	40	103	44	44	40	—	44	20	20	44	103	44	147
4	„ St. Michael's, Addington branch	42	22	10	—	42	6	—	—	30	21	—	—	30	—	—	—	42	30	72
5	„ Wesleyan ...	134	102	61	102	102	75	56	56	36	28	16	28	26	21	14	14	134	36	170
6	„ St. Andrew's ...	19	6	1	—	14	1	1	—	53	37	26	4	51	10	10	43	19	53	72
7	„ St. Luke's ...	76	76	36	36	76	36	26	—	37	37	12	12	37	12	7	—	76	37	113
8	„ Roman Catholic (Boys')	94	94	40	—	94	40	36	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	94	—	94
9	„ Roman Catholic (Girls')	23	23	—	—	23	—	—	—	107	107	60	19	107	40	36	30	23	107	130
10	Lyttelton High School ...	55	38	38	55	45	38	19	9	28	18	17	28	19	17	11	6	55	28	83
11	„ Church England ...	41	38	15	—	41	15	6	—	22	19	7	—	22	7	2	21	41	22	63
12	„ Wesleyan ...	36	15	12	—	16	12	3	—	42	19	13	—	20	12	5	—	36	42	78
13	Governor's Bay	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	7	5	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	7	12
14	„ „ North ...	12	12	8	—	12	8	8	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	12	1	13
15	Kaiapoi—Church England ...	68	68	45	1	68	31	27	3	34	34	18	3	34	13	10	34	68	34	102
16	„ Wesleyan ...	60	54	27	—	60	27	27	60	41	40	19	—	41	19	19	41	60	41	101
17	Woodend	36	36	11	—	36	11	6	—	36	36	11	—	36	11	2	—	36	36	72
18	Saltwater Creek	16	14	2	—	15	2	2	—	20	18	3	—	17	3	2	19	16	20	36
19	Mount Grey Downs ...	28	17	8	—	17	15	7	1	31	15	8	—	19	11	8	31	28	31	59
20	Leithfield	29	13	1	—	22	9	1	—	24	12	2	—	14	8	2	—	29	24	53
21	North Kowai	10	10	4	10	10	4	2	1	12	12	5	12	12	4	2	2	10	12	22
22	Loburn	17	17	7	—	17	7	—	—	18	18	12	—	18	12	—	—	17	18	35
23	Ashley Bank	19	16	4	—	16	19	4	—	22	16	3	—	16	22	3	—	19	22	41
24	Rangiora (Boys')	66	48	22	22	66	48	22	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66	—	66
25	„ (Girls')	23	13	2	—	13	2	2	23	47	40	30	—	40	40	30	47	23	47	70
26	Fernside	34	34	14	—	34	34	34	14	23	23	8	—	23	23	23	23	34	23	57
27	Stoke	19	7	2	—	19	2	2	—	15	2	1	—	15	1	1	—	19	15	34
28	Cust	26	26	16	—	23	16	16	—	27	27	12	—	25	12	12	—	26	27	53
29	Oxford...	37	28	15	—	37	15	15	—	23	21	14	—	23	14	14	—	37	23	60
30	Harewood	Closed last quarter																		
31	Eyreton	22	22	12	—	22	12	5	—	18	18	11	—	18	11	1	—	22	18	40
32	Flaxton	33	22	4	—	27	6	4	—	32	23	4	—	27	9	4	—	33	32	65
33	Courtenay	9	9	7	—	9	9	4	9	11	11	8	—	11	11	7	11	9	11	20
34	Halkett	20	18	8	—	10	8	—	—	12	11	1	—	7	1	—	—	20	12	32
35	South Selwyn	31	23	11	—	23	23	—	—	25	19	4	—	19	19	—	—	31	25	56
36	Hororata	6	6	—	—	6	2	—	—	18	17	—	—	17	9	—	—	6	18	24
37	Leeston	28	20	8	28	28	10	20	8	23	16	2	23	23	8	16	2	28	23	51
38	Southbridge	27	20	12	—	17	17	8	3	18	14	11	—	13	5	5	13	27	18	45
39	Springston	30	25	3	—	30	9	3	3	19	18	4	—	19	5	6	6	30	19	49
40	Lincoln	18	15	11	—	15	11	11	4	23	16	5	1	16	5	5	20	18	23	41
41	Tai Tapu	17	13	8	—	17	7	8	2	28	14	12	—	26	10	8	—	17	28	45
42	Akaroa	20	14	8	—	12	13	—	—	8	3	1	—	2	3	—	—	20	8	28
43	Pigeon Bay	25	16	12	—	21	21	8	—	20	16	7	—	17	17	6	—	25	20	45
44	Duvauchelle's	Closed last quarter																		
45	Okain's	22	18	13	—	13	18	13	6	19	12	9	—	9	12	9	3	22	19	41
46	Little Akaloa	12	10	8	—	11	10	7	—	14	11	9	—	13	11	8	12	12	14	26
47	Riccarton	42	42	28	—	42	28	28	—	44	44	33	—	44	33	33	—	42	44	86
48	Prebbleton	17	17	5	—	17	8	—	—	25	25	8	—	25	16	—	—	17	25	42
49	Templeton	61	47	15	—	61	15	5	1	39	25	9	—	39	9	4	—	61	39	100
50	Broadfield	29	23	7	—	29	7	3	—	26	23	13	—	26	13	6	—	29	26	55
51	Upper Heathcote ...	27	21	9	—	24	9	8	—	13	12	5	—	13	3	3	—	27	13	40
52	Lower Heathcote ...	38	29	14	—	29	14	14	—	8	4	3	—	4	3	3	—	38	8	46
53	Heathcote Valley ...	35	35	20	—	35	20	13	—	37	37	19	—	37	19	10	—	35	37	72
54	Halswell	41	41	18	—	41	18	18	2	12	12	5	—	12	5	5	—	41	12	53
55	Avonside	49	41	20	—	38	20	20	—	35	31	12	—	27	12	12	—	49	35	84
56	Papanui—St. Paul's ...	68	55	27	—	68	27	27	*68	61	49	30	—	61	30	30	†61	68	61	129
57	„ Wesleyan ...	22	8	—	—	10	6	—	—	11	5	—	—	5	1	—	—	22	11	33
58	North Road	14	14	12	—	13	11	6	—	13	13	11	—	11	10	7	—	14	13	27
59	Harewood Road	20	15	9	—	15	8	8	—	18	6	3	—	6	6	3	—	20	18	38
60	St. Albans	47	47	35	47	47	35	35	20	43	43	25	43	43	25	25	15	47	43	90
61	Scotsburn	5	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	6	4	—	—	6	—	—	—	5	6	11
62	Waihi Crossing	17	7	5	17	7	7	3	—	26	13	11	26	18	11	10	—	17	26	43
63	Arowhenua	29	25	—	—	25	8	6	—	10	7	—	—	8	4	1	—	29	10	39
64	Timaru	70	48	23	70	66	23	23	70	32	21	8	32	31	8	8	32	70	32	102
65	Waimate	30	21	11	—	23	11	3	—	26	19	16	—	24	16	8	—	30	26	56
		2292	1907	996	484	2010	1138	829	623	1553	1262	641	237	1372	697	481	535	2292	1553	3845

* Drill. † Sewing.

TABLE SHEWING THE NUMBER OF ATTENDANTS DURING THE DECEMBER QUARTER, 1870, ARRANGED AS TO AGE AND SEX.

	List of Schools Receiving Government Aid.	Males.					Females.					Gross Total.
		Under Five Years.	Five and under Ten.	Ten and under Fifteen.	Fifteen and upwards.	TOTAL.	Under Five Years.	Five and under Ten.	Ten and Under Fifteen.	Fifteen and Upwards.	TOTAL.	
1	Christchurch College ...	—	—	68	40	108	—	—	—	—	—	108
2	„ High School ...	—	18	51	6	75	—	—	—	—	—	75
3	„ St. Michael's ...	5	65	33	—	103	1	28	15	—	44	147
4	„ „ Addington branch	5	27	10	—	42	5	19	6	—	30	72
5	„ Wesleyan ...	3	74	57	—	134	2	17	17	—	36	170
6	„ St. Andrew's ...	7	12	—	—	19	2	31	20	—	53	72
7	„ St. Luke's ...	9	42	24	1	76	8	15	14	—	37	113
8	„ R. C. (Boys')...	—	57	37	—	94	—	—	—	—	—	94
9	„ „ (Girls' and Infants')	4	19	—	—	23	6	30	48	23	107	130
10	Lyttelton—High School ...	3	26	25	1	55	3	12	13	—	28	83
11	„ Church ...	—	23	15	3	41	—	13	9	—	22	63
12	„ Wesleyan ...	2	29	5	—	36	4	24	14	—	42	78
13	Gevernor's Bay ...	—	1	3	1	5	—	7	—	—	7	12
14	Governor's Bay North ...	2	6	4	—	12	—	1	—	—	1	13
15	Kaiapoi Church ...	2	32	25	2	68	1	19	14	—	34	102
16	„ Wesleyan ...	5	37	17	1	60	1	27	13	—	41	101
17	Woodend	—	29	7	—	36	3	23	10	—	36	72
18	Saltwater Creek ...	—	11	5	—	16	—	15	5	—	20	36
19	Mount Grey Downs ...	1	12	14	1	28	—	18	12	1	31	59
20	Leithfield	7	19	3	—	29	8	13	3	—	24	53
21	North Kowai	—	7	3	—	10	—	9	3	—	12	22
22	Loburn	—	12	5	—	17	—	11	7	—	18	35
23	Ashley Bank	—	10	9	—	19	—	12	7	3	22	41
24	Rangiora (Boys') ...	—	32	31	3	66	—	—	—	—	—	66
25	„ (Girls' and Infants')	10	13	—	—	23	6	22	19	—	47	70
26	Fernside	1	11	20	2	34	—	13	10	—	23	57
27	Stoke	—	14	5	—	19	1	9	5	—	15	34
28	Cust	—	8	17	1	26	—	12	14	1	27	53
29	Oxford	—	29	8	—	37	2	9	12	—	23	60
30	Harewood	Closed										
31	Eyreton	2	13	7	—	22	—	14	4	—	18	40
32	Flaxton	2	28	3	—	33	2	19	10	1	32	65
33	Courtenay	—	3	6	—	9	—	4	7	—	11	20
34	Halkett	—	12	8	—	20	—	11	1	—	12	32
35	South Selwyn	1	21	8	1	31	1	16	8	—	25	56
36	Hororata	—	1	4	1	6	1	9	6	2	18	24
37	Leeston	2	16	9	1	28	3	15	4	1	23	51
38	Southbridge	1	14	11	1	27	—	8	9	1	18	45
39	Springston	1	14	13	2	30	1	4	12	2	19	49
40	Lincoln	—	7	9	2	18	2	15	6	—	23	41
41	Tai Tapu	—	9	8	—	17	1	11	16	—	28	45
42	Akaroa	4	5	10	1	20	2	5	1	—	8	28
43	Pigeon Bay	—	13	12	—	25	—	9	9	2	20	45
44	Duvauchelle's Bay ...	Closed for the quarter.										
45	Oakin's Bay	—	13	9	—	22	1	11	6	1	19	41
46	Little Akaloa	1	5	6	—	12	1	8	5	—	14	26
47	Riccarton	—	25	17	—	42	—	22	22	—	44	86
48	Prebbleton	—	11	6	—	17	—	15	10	—	25	42
49	Templeton	3	38	19	1	61	2	25	11	1	39	100
50	Broadfield	2	16	9	2	29	—	13	13	—	26	55
51	Upper Heathcote ...	—	17	10	—	27	—	8	5	—	13	40
52	Lower Heathcote ...	2	26	10	—	38	3	1	4	—	8	46
53	Heathcote Valley ...	3	21	10	1	35	8	18	11	—	37	72
54	Halswell	—	24	16	1	41	—	7	5	—	12	53
55	Avonside	—	1	44	4	49	1	23	11	—	35	84
56	Papanui—St. Paul's ...	2	41	24	1	68	—	30	31	—	61	129
57	„ Wesleyan ...	—	18	4	—	22	—	11	—	—	11	33
58	North Road	—	8	6	—	14	—	8	4	1	13	27
59	Harewood Road	—	15	5	—	20	—	15	3	—	18	38
60	St. Albans	5	28	14	—	47	5	24	14	—	43	90
61	Scotsburn	—	3	2	—	5	—	2	4	—	6	11
62	Waihi Crossing ...	3	12	1	1	17	3	9	12	2	26	43
63	Arrowhenua	2	17	8	2	29	1	5	4	—	10	39
64	Timaru	4	49	17	—	70	1	27	4	—	32	102
65	Waimate	—	24	5	1	30	2	9	13	2	26	56
		106	1250	851	85	2292	94	840	575	44	1553	3845

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(JANUARY 1—26, 1871.)

INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

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.

In the School Examinations the Board's Tabular Form of Report has been brought into use; the Forms containing detailed information are appended; duplicates of the Form of Report have been supplied to the Chairman of the Local Committee of each School Examined. The use of the Form and the requirement of a programme of the work gone over will tend to systematize the course of instruction in each school.

SCHOOLS EXAMINED.

Broadfield ... ... Jan. 10 ... Present 30 ... The attendance has not increased in a similar ratio with that of the neighbouring schools. The reading and spelling are unsatisfactory.

South Selwyn School ... Jan. 11 ... Present 39 ... The classification and attainments are at present imperfect, this being the first examination of the school under the new master. There is fair ground for expecting satisfactory results by next examination.

Southbridge ... ... Jan. 12 ... Present 33 ... The superior efficiency of the school is highly commendable.

Leeston ... ... Jan. 13 ... Present 44 ... Satisfactory; allowance being made for the interval between the change of masters.

Templeton ... ... Jan. 19 ... Present 57 ... The enlargement of the school to one-half more than its present size, and the appointment of a permanent assistant, will be requisite if the present attendance can be kept up; but the average of the harvest quarter of last year was one-half of that of the previous one; in fact, the attendance from October to harvest nearly doubles that of the rest of the year. A new black board and some more desks and forms are wanted. The neatness and order are excellent. The standard of attainment and the amount of accuracy are inferior; but this deficiency is sufficiently accounted for by the large number of children under one teacher during the past three months.

Halswell ... ... Jan. 20 ... Present 37 ... The porch has been removed to the north end, and other beneficial alterations and repairs have been effected. Discipline, fair; registers, satisfactory. The regularity of attendance in each class is superior, according to the information supplied by the

teacher; this being the case, the proficiency and accuracy should not be below the general average; but the attainments are not on the whole satisfactory. The lessons by rote—tables and spelling—are very good; but those subjects which most depend upon the teacher's cultivation and care are very different; the slate arithmetic, moderate; the reading and the written copybooks, disgraceful.

Three candidates for Masterships have been examined; one of them has obtained a certificate of fitness for the Mastership of the school for which he is a candidate; another, who some time back obtained a certificate of fitness for the Mastership of a small country school, has since been studying under the direction of one of our best schoolmasters, has made considerable progress, but being still somewhat deficient in arithmetic has only obtained a qualified certificate for the Mastership of the proposed school; a third has failed, this being his second examination, and he having little aptitude for acquiring and imparting knowledge.

It may be desirable in future to classify the certificates, as of the first, second, or third-class, for the guidance of Local Committees in the selection of teachers.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(JANUARY 27—FEBRUARY 23, 1871.)

INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to report that owing to the interruptions of the harvest and of the harvest holidays, also to the undesirableness of examining the schools in general soon after the Christmas vacation, and for other obvious reasons, not any schools have been examined in the short interval between last Board day and the examination of the Government scholars as to their progress. A report is under preparation as to that examination; in the meantime it is satisfactory to observe that the style of the written papers and the amount of work done, is in most instances highly creditable.

Several persons previously employed in either agricultural or mechanical pursuits, have recently offered themselves as candidates for Masterships; but, as it is highly desirable to have masters of some previous experience, they have not been encouraged to persist in their applications.

Only one candidate has presented himself for examination—Andrew Dunnett—Acting Master of St. John's School, and has obtained a certificate of fitness for that appointment.

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(FEBRUARY 24—MARCH 30, 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 continuous wet weather has been very unfavourable to the attendance at most of the schools; the following have, however, been examined.

Harewood Road School ... March 6 ... Present 17 ... The progress is, on the whole, satisfactory; the details are entered on the form of report annexed. Books, an easel, and maps are wanted.

St. Luke's School ... March 8 ... Present 83 ... The progress and the improved efficiency of the school are highly commendable. The master has been educated in Canterbury, and gives fair promise of being one of our most efficient schoolmasters.

Christchurch Wesleyan School March 9, 10 ... Present 120 ... The organisation, discipline, and general results are satisfactory. The details are stated in the form of report annexed.

Kaiapoi Wesleyan School ... March 13 ... Present 77 ... The results are generally satisfactory, although less so in the lower classes.

Lyttelton Church of England School March 14 ... Present 58 ... The attendance and the efficiency of the school are improving; the neatness and order are especially commendable. Details are stated in the form of report. The neatness of the latter, filled up by the master, is exemplary.

Lyttelton Wesleyan School ... March 15 ... Present 59 ... The order is remarkably good—the room and the children very clean and neat. The school is carefully and successfully taught; the attainments, moderate, are judiciously adapted to the capacity of the children. The fluency and expression of the reading, even in the lower classes, is particularly worthy of commendation.

Lyttelton High School ... March 16, 17 ... Present 56 ... The attendance has fallen off. Not taking into account the few who are studying some higher subjects, the proficiency and accuracy in the ordinary branches are scarcely up to standard of former years, yet somewhat in advance of the standard of the neighbouring schools; the average age in this being higher than in those schools.

St. Michael's School, Christchurch ... March 20 ... Present 58 ... The present low standard of accuracy in the whole school may be excusable on account of the short time the teachers have held office. Details are stated on the form of report.

Seven Candidates for various appointments have been examined:—One for that of Mistress, on the 23rd inst.; one for a Pupil-teachership, on the 24th; and five for appointment as Masters, on the 26th and 27th. These examinations were conducted according to a scale of marks, and with a view to classifying the certificates.

The candidates for principal appointments, who failed to pass the written examination, were not examined in teaching.

One, who passed in the papers, failed in the teaching, in which he had had no previous practice, of any account, and no experience at all as a schoolmaster.

It is very undesirable to receive candidates of this description, for their examination is laborious and unprofitable.

Two candidates, at present in probationary charge of schools, obtained more than half of the greatest number of marks attainable, and have each acquired a *third-class certificate of fitness.*

To establish annual or other periodical voluntary examinations for second and first-class certificates of fitness, and a higher class of examinations for certificates of proficiency, would stimulate teachers to self-improvement, and would direct their studies in channels suited to their present acquirement and their capacity.

The improved efficiency of the teachers would thus prove highly beneficial to their schools, and would elevate the standard of attainment above its present status.

Three of the candidates who have failed in the recent examination, would probably become eligible for certificates after a course of from six to twelve months' study and practice under the training of some of our schoolmasters of tried and known efficiency.

From time to time candidates come up and are nearly but not quite successful; a little aid to the training of such of them as shew an aptitude for teaching, would probably raise up an available class of practical and serviceable teachers, better suited to the wants of the provincial schools than those trained upon a more elaborate system to work a school with a staff of assistants and pupil teachers.

Of the junior candidates, the proficiency of Henry Watkins, a youth born and educated in the Province, supplies a sample of the standard of attainment acquired by a course of instruction at an ordinary school, followed by advancement at a private one. Henry Watkins has a fair general knowledge of English and arithmetic, and has also studied some higher subjects not required for the present examination. His age last birthday, 16—and his want of experience and practice as a teacher, of course preclude his appointment at present as a schoolmaster, although he has taken a higher number of marks than the successful candidates. As an assistant teacher under the training of an animated and intelligent master, he may in time become a good schoolmaster. He appears to have been studying too closely, and alone.

The attainments of James Gordon, from the Halswell School, are also satisfactory. He is an intelligent boy, of good promise, with a commendable desire for improvement, and a wish to be fitted to be a schoolmaster. He is well adapted for a pupil-teachership under his present master.

The forms of report on the examination of each school are annexed.

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