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INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a Summary Report on the examinations and other business during the month.

*Oust* ... .. January 4 ... Present 42 ... The remarkable progress made since last examination reflects great credit upon the strenuous exertions made by the master, to bring the standard of attainment of his scholars up to the level of those in older schools.

*Stoke* ... .. January 5 ... Present 28 ... There is considerable improvement since last examination.

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*Flaxton* ... .. January 19 ... Present 44 ... Below the average, owing to the harvest having commenced. The scholars less accurate than at the former examination.

A meeting was held at the North Road Schoolroom, on the 17th of January; the residents affirmed their willingness to have the district formed into an Educational district, under the Education Ordinance of 1871.

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#### EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR "CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS" FOR APPOINTMENTS AS SCHOOLMASTERS.

The first general Quarterly Examination was held at Christ's College, on the 23rd and 24th of January; the candidates were examined as to their skill in class-teaching, at the High School, on the following day.

I feel it my duty to express a grateful acknowledgment of the kindness and courtesy of the authorities and masters of both those schools.

Eight candidates were examined, and considerable proficiency was shown by their answers; but, as only one of these gentlemen had had any considerable experience as a teacher, it is not surprising that they have generally failed as to their knowledge of school work and their skill in teaching.

In the written examination, each paper contained a large number of questions, valued on the whole at 300 marks for each subject; but, a limit of time being appointed, a selection from the questions set was permitted to the candidates; and, it being expected that about two-thirds of the paper could be done in the time, a maximum of not more than 200 marks was required for each paper.

Two gentlemen, by the rapidity of their work, exceeded the required maximum in the Sacred History, and one, in the Arithmetic.

The subjects were limited by the class of certificate to those practised and taught in district schools:—Teaching, Sacred History, Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, English Composition, English History, Geograph.

The lowest average of marks taken by the candidates was 63 in school-work and teaching, the range being from 109 to 34. The failures in this subject relate both to the written papers and the class-teaching; they comprise general inexperience in school-keeping, want of methodical arrangement of an oral lesson, inaptitude in the correction of the children's mistakes, and inability to control and interest a whole class.

*SUGGESTION.—It may be desirable, in future, to decline to examine candidates who have not had at least three months' practice under the supervision of a skilful teacher.*

The highest averages were taken in Reading, Writing, and Spelling, although two candidates lost all their marks on the last-named subject; fifteen marks having been struck off for each mistake made, they each lost more than 300, having respectively made 21 and 23 mistakes, out of thirty-five words.

In Sacred History the average was 110, ranging from 227 to 27.

In Arithmetic, the average was only 80, ranging from 216 to 25; this low average was rather due to slowness and want of method than inaccuracy, several candidates having worked correctly the few questions which they attempted; but first-class boys would do the same work by better methods in half the time.

In English Grammar and Composition, the range is from 187 to 35, the average, 90; the parsing is mostly too arbitrary, the candidates not stating the *concord* and *regimen* of the words. In English Composition, the *neglect of punctuation* was the most prevalent defect.

In History and Geography the range is from 157 to 19; the average being 90.

The candidates have passed the examination in the following order:—

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|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Newton—    | 1,501 | marks.—Class III.           | Division 2. |
| 2. Browne—    | 1,233 | „ „ „                       | 3.          |
| 3. Hoggan—    | 1,060 | „ „ „                       | 3.          |
| 4. Foster—    | 902   | „ —Assistant's Certificate. |             |
| 5. Noding—    | 803   | „ „ „                       |             |
| 6. Armstrong— | 777   | „                           |             |
| 7. Carter—    | 723   | „                           |             |
| 8. Standidge— | 340   | „                           |             |

A table annexed shows the number of marks obtained in each subject.

Mr. Newton's papers display a degree of proficiency sufficient to rank him in a higher class of certificate, except that his experience in school work has been limited to about two years as an under-master at the High School, and that he has not yet had the sole charge of a school. His certificate is the highest attained at this examination; it qualifies him for the probationary charge of a school having an average attendance of about 50. A higher certificate might be awarded after one year's successful conduct of a school.

Messrs. Browne and Hoggan have each obtained certificates of the third division, qualifying them for masterships of small country schools.

Messrs. Foster and Noding are certified as competent for assistant-masterships; and Messrs. Armstrong and Carter might possibly attain a similar grade after from three to six months' careful study and skilful training.

Mr. Standidge falls so far behind the required standard, that his attempt, and his recommendation by a minister of religion, are surprising.

It has been very satisfactory to find among the candidates gentlemen so well read and well informed as Messrs. Newton, Browne, and Hoggan; but, it is also a source of regret to find few, if any, having a sufficient amount of experience in school-keeping.

It appears that the stipend offered to schoolmasters in Canterbury is lower than in the neighbouring provinces and Australia, and that, therefore, there is not sufficient inducement for trained masters to come forward; an instance has just occurred of a trained master arriving by the *Zealandia*, but, for the reason above stated, going on to Nelson.

In conclusion, I would respectfully urge upon the Board the importance of requiring from candidates, as a condition of their examination, some previous training—at the least three months' practice under a first-class master. I venture, without their permission, respectfully to indicate Mr. Cook and Mr. Gee, both of Christchurch, as either of them eminently qualified for the training of masters.

I would also respectfully suggest, for the consideration of the Board, the desirability of requiring the re-examination of masters in charge of schools but holding low certificates; the continuance in office of teachers scarcely eligible to the appointments which they hold is a serious drawback to the progress of education; but, a stimulus to improvement, on the part of the masters, would tend to materially increase the efficiency of their schools.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

		NEWTON.	BROWNE.	HOGGAN.	FOSTER.	NODING.	ARMSTRONG.	CARTER.	STANDIDGE.
Sacred History ... ..	300	227	210	127	70	64	122	109	27
Reading and Dictation ... ..	300	200	175	150	140	170	75	160	50
Writing ... ..	300	225	175	180	125	150	200	100	150
Spelling ... ..	300	180	225	240	270	195	90	0	0
Arithmetic ... ..	300	216	51	59	38	44	93	107	25
Grammar and English ... ..	300	187	174	122	132	90	82	125	35
History and Geography ... ..	300	157	156	108	64	100	64	64	19
Teaching and General Knowledge ...	300	109	67	74	63	50	51	58	34
		1,501	1,233	1,060	902	863	777	723	340

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR  
"CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS."

MISS HANNAH JANE ELSEY was examined on the 6th, 7th, and 8th February. An entirely different set of questions was prepared for the occasion. The answers were, on the whole, uncommonly good. Miss Elsey has had the advantage of a polite education, and, having had considerable experience and practice as a private governess, but not much school work, has attained a certificate of the second division of the above class.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(FEBRUARY 6—MARCH 30, 1872.)

### INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORTS.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit reports on the schools examined and inspected, and on other business.

A report having been submitted on the result of the first quarterly examination of candidates for Certificates of Fitness, showing that three out of the eight candidates were successful in obtaining the certificates for which they competed—a report was added, showing that one mistress, the only female candidate, had obtained a similar certificate.

Certificates have also been awarded to Mr. Mayo and Mrs. Jennings, of the Papanui District School, in accordance with their very successful conduct of the Papanui Church School for many years. Mr. Joseph Ward has also been certified to be competent for the mastership of the Ashburton School.

The Misses Stewart, Derrett, Taylor, Buxton, and Borland have been certified competent to act as assistant mistresses under the guidance of principal teachers.

Information has been obtained by visiting the Lincoln and Broadfield Districts, showing the desirability of annexing certain sections to the latter district.

At a meeting held at Oxford, on the 27th February, the residents affirmed the desirability of two adjacent educational districts being formed in that locality. An inspection of the neighbourhood confirmed the correctness of their opinion.

On an inspection of two proposed sites for the Tai Tapu School, that offered by Mr. Davies, the Chairman of the School Committee, proved, for several obvious reasons, to be decidedly the preferable one.

Recommendations have been made to the Board, in compliance with their instructions, as to the classification of the present staff of teachers, according to their filed examination papers, and the results of their efficiency.

A great increase in the number of scholars in the District Schools has been observable since the first day of March, under those provisions of the Ordinance which came into operation on that day. The attendance has more than doubled at certain schools, in whose internal organisation, also, desirable changes have been made. At St. Albans the number present on the day of examination was 163, against an average daily attendance of 57 for the year 1871, and the number of scholars is increasing. At the Harewood Road the number present was 42, against last year's average of 24. Accounts from Timaru state a present average of 126, against last year's average of 68. The increase is not, however, so great as yet in many of the country schools, many of the elder children being employed upon late harvest work, threshing, herding upon the stubble, &c., &c. A great improvement may, however, be expected so soon as the working of the new Ordinance and its advantages become better known to the parents.

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#### SCHOOLS INSPECTED AND EXAMINED.

<i>Upper Heathcote</i> ...	Inspected February 15 ...	Present 27 ...	The register to be called twice daily in future.
<i>Halswell</i> ...	... February 15 ...	No school ...	The harvest holidays appear to be unusually long.
<i>Broadfield</i> ...	... Same day ...	Present 8.	
<i>Prebbleton</i> ...	... Same day ...	Present 19 ...	In good order; but there is no time-table and no summary register.
<i>Fernside</i> ...	... Inspected February 27 ...	Present 22 ...	In excellent order. Prompt and efficient attention to suggestions made. The master is uncertain what instruction and what hours for it are required to be given to his pupil teacher.
<i>Oxford</i> ...	... Examined February 28 ...	Present 40 ...	In excellent order. The progress since last examination is creditable; although, owing to previous drawbacks, the attainments are below the average of the schools generally. The buildings and premises are in an unsatisfactory state. The school accommodation is quite inadequate to the number of children requiring education in the districts adjacent to the school.
<i>Rangiora (Boys)</i> ...	... Examined February 29 ...	Present 43 ...	Very satisfactory. The neatness, accuracy, and general efficiency have considerably improved under the present master; but the school accommodation is quite inadequate to the wants of the district, although there is also a good school for girls. The examination of the Girls' School was postponed on account of the indisposition of the mistress.

- North Road* ... Inspected March 1 ... Present 18 ... Register satisfactory ; school in good order.
- Heathcote Valley* ... Examined March 5 ... Present 31 ... Average last week 26 ; attendance increasing. The school has recommenced satisfactorily under the new master. The new buildings are in course of erection.
- Lower Heathcote (Ferry Road)* ... Examined March 6 ... Present 81 ... The enlargement of the building has just been completed. The progress is, on the whole, satisfactory, although the school has suffered a serious loss by the resignation of the former mistress.  
The sun's rays falls fiercely on the heads of the children ; blinds are wanted to all the windows.
- Papanui School* ... Examined March 12 ... Present 91 ... The school has been re-opened in the old premises, pending the erection of new buildings, but under the District Clauses of the Education Ordinance of 1871. The progress under the late master, Mr. Fleming, is satisfactory. Mr. Mayo, who for many previous years had conducted the school with remarkable efficiency and success, has been re-appointed and supplied with competent assistants.
- St. Albans* ... Examined March 13 ... Present 163 ... The school, re-organised and re-opened under good auspices, affords every hope of the most successful results. Instead of a large room thinly occupied, the present number nearly fill the room. Some big backward boys have never been to school before. The average attainments are, at present, about the lowest.
- Harewood Road* ... ... March 14 ... Present 42 .. Satisfactory as to the attainments and progress. Certain defects and requirements were pointed out on the form of report annexed.
- North Road* ... ... Examined March 15 ... Present 28...Satisfactory.
- Upper Heathcote...* ... Inspected March 19 ... Present 21...Improving.
- Halswell* ... ... Inspected March 19 ... Present 46 ... ..  
Attendance increasing : school in good order.
- Tai Tapu* ... ... Inspected March 19 ... Present 31...Satisfactory.
- Greenpark* ... ... Examined March 19 ... Present 22 ... ..  
Generally satisfactory for the first examination ; but the school is at present comparatively new, and the organisation improvable.
- Tai Tapu* ... ... Examined March 20 ... Present 32 ... ..  
Satisfactory ; except as to the Sacred History of the second class.

Waltham proposed temporary premises and school. The present premises are only tenable, if better cannot be found ; generally unsuitable, and not large enough for more than about 20 children. No register, no roll-call, no record of attendance, and no suitable appliances or material.

Only 13 attendants, of whom 11 were present. The progress of the few regular attendants is creditable ; but they appear to have been taught with more of labour than of skill.

- Upper Heathcote...* ... Examined March 22 ... Present 23 ... ..  
Improving ; but the number in attendance, and the accommodation provided, do not at all represent the requirements of the district.

*Convent School*... .. March 26 ... Present 91 ... Very satisfactory; the order, tone and attainments are superior.

*Christchurch Roman Catholic Boys' School*... March 27 Present 107 Satisfactory.

There is a general complaint of the difficulty of obtaining supplies of suitable books and apparatus, owing to the want of a catalogue, and the scarcity in the depot.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(APRIL 2—May 6, 1872.)

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### INSPECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit a report on the schools examined, and other business during the month.

*Fernside* ... .. April 3 ... Present 31 ... The school has not yet filled up again since the harvest; but a large increase in the attendance may be expected. The attainments of those present were satisfactory.

*Cust* ... .. April 4 ... Present 29 ... As above.

*Eyreton* ... .. April 5 ... No school, very wet day, the registers and arrangement satisfactory.

*Pigeon Bay* ... .. April 16 ... Present 21 ... The standard of attainment has gone back considerably; this is now one of the most backward schools.

*Duvauchelle's,* ... .. April 17 ... Present 35 ... Order, fair; registers satisfactory. The attainments are fairly proportionable to the ages of the children of a low average.

*Okain's Bay* ... .. April 18 ... Present 37 ... Very satisfactory.

*Lavereux Bay* ... .. April 19 ... Inspected proposed schoolroom; found it nearly completed, and sufficient for a small school, if one can be got together, the building is private property; the proprietor's children have been taught by a governess; at present there is only one child of another family likely to attend. The three who had received instruction were progressing fairly. The governess is competent to carry on their instruction for some time; the rest are mostly above 13 years of age, and have had little, if any, previous instruction. It is very doubtful whether they could attend regularly, except at a night school, and in that case a master would be requisite.

*Akaroa* ... .. April 22 ... Present 41 ... The attendance on the increase; attainments low, but improving.

*St. Andrew's, Christchurch* ... April 30 ... Present 41 ... Attainments satisfactory, but the premises and dwelling-house require considerable improvement.

*Woodend* ... .. May 2 ... Present 48 ... The services of the mistress have been discontinued, except to teach sewing, owing mainly to this reduction of the teaching-power, but also to several changes in the mastership, during a short period the school has fallen off. The principal defects are stated Broad sheet annexed.

*Rangiora Girls' School* ... May 3 ... Present 42 ... Satisfactory.

At an educational meeting held in Duvauchell's Bay, on the 23rd April, the residents unanimously declared their willingness that the district should be formed into an educational district, under the Education Ordinance, 1871, and further declared their willingness to contribute the proportion of the expense required towards the establishment of a school. The necessity of providing a separate school for Robinson's Bay was also affirmed at the meeting.

The Catalogue of the Educational Depot has been revised and reconstructed.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. RESTELL,

Inspector of Schools.

REPORTS OF EXAMINERS OF THE CANDIDATES FOR PROVINCIAL  
GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS.

Christchurch, June 17, 1872.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SIR,

We have the honour to report that we have examined the candidates for Provincial Government Scholarships. We subjoin tables showing the number of marks gained by each boy in each subject, with the totals.

On the 5th and 6th instant thirty-six candidates presented themselves in Class A, and thirty-seven in Class B. In Class A, Atack takes first place, and Deamer second, with Bannister third. Several others follow at pretty equal intervals. None of the first nine failed to gain the required 25 per cent. in any subject. In Class B, Twentyman is first, and Buxton second. Barclay and Douglas are equal for the third place in the total of marks, but Douglas not attained the fixed minimum in geography. Ross is only four marks below them, but he has failed in arithmetic.

The examination for Class C was held on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of June. Sixteen candidates competed. W. V. Milton stands first, and Dawson second. Gibson is only sixteen marks behind Dawson, surpassing the first two in Latin. Bell, who takes fourth place, is best in Latin, and in the total of marks is considerably above all that are below him.

The examination was conducted by written papers, copies of which we enclose.

Charlesworth did not attend on the first morning; but in the afternoon, by direction of Members of the Board who were then present, he was allowed to take his place, and was furnished with all the papers for the day. Another difficulty has, however, arisen in his case; his arithmetic paper, if he did one, did not come into the examiners' hands. His position in the list is such that the absence of any marks for arithmetic does not affect his chance of a scholarship.

We have the honour to be,

Your obedient servants,

WM. JAS. HABENS, B.A.,

J. V. COLBORNE VEEL, M.A., } Examiners.

## CLASS A.

NAME.	SPELLING, 50.	READING, 50.	WRITING, 50.	ARITHMETIC, 50.	GRAM. & COMP., 100.	GEOGRAPHY, 100.	HISTORY, 100.	TOTAL, 550.
Attack	47	46	29	57	66	69	77	391
Deamer	50	46	35	33	69	67	64	364
Bannister	42	46	30	65	71	46	43	343
Robinson	29	38	32	33	48	77	66	323
Wilkinson	42	40	32	31	64	46	54	309
Shirtcliffe	46	47	31	37	58	45	43	307
F. W. Wake	47	47	34	49	34	55	38	304
Partridge	45	44	26	61	58	41	22	297
M. Cohen	41	33	41	37	34	49	57	292
Dyer	45	40	36	15	45	64	40	285
Woodley	43	46	32	13	49	40	62	285
L. Cohen	37	32	42	39	40	47	40	277
Hills	45	40	31	50	30	30	40	266
Johnston	41	41	34	33	32	24	60	265
Sword	36	27	29	53	30	53	34	262
R. Wake	43	43	31	29	30	40	40	256
Braithwaite	43	40	27	25	27	26	57	245
Turner	33	47	20	9	37	56	38	240
D. Nairn	44	44	23	9	30	32	39	221
White	49	41	29	28	13	24	37	221
Caygill	42	43	25	36	44	22	8	220
Black	32	34	28	20	36	29	39	218
Whitelaw	41	38	19	10	18	40	44	210
Burrows	33	29	23	39	33	17	35	209
Ward	39	41	32	19	18	35	20	204
Carleton	33	36	32	26	25	21	29	202
Miln	40	36	29	27	17	23	15	187
J. Nairn	43	45	23	2	12	23	26	179
Fleet	33	40	25	25	17	18	14	172
Henwood	35	29	29	7	17	28	24	169
Kelly	36	36	26	30	7	17	9	161
Hawkins	33	37	29	14	4	10	7	134
Wright	30	27	24	5	4	26	15	131
Roskruge	22	16	29	26	11	16	10	130
Dunn	23	31	25	7	4	20	12	127
Charlesworth	36	15	30	—	8	8	4	—

## CLASS B.

NAME.	SPELLING, 50.	READING, 50.	WRITING, 50.	ARITHMETIC, 100.	GRAM. & COMP., 100.	GEOGRAPHY, 100.	HISTORY, 100.	TOTAL.
Twentyman	48	39	40	74	68	37	73	379
Buxton	43	42	32	64	69	37	50	337
Barclay	42	46	31	33	67	31	50	300
Douglas	36	40	40	68	60	21	35	300
Ross	24	46	35	19	50	48	74	296
Armitage	47	42	29	30	54	23	40	265
Craig	40	44	33	25	61	15	45	263
Wilson	20	30	31	25	60	54	37	257
Morton	28	34	37	52	52	22	20	245
Woodhouse	21	42	32	24	34	37	44	234
Boulton	42	49	33	8	27	35	31	225
Clark	43	37	28	8	44	23	41	225
Veysey	42	39	32	27	25	31	26	222
G. Smith	17	31	30	37	30	31	38	215
Dempsey	44	33	42	21	16	20	34	213
Chilton	17	38	29	32	32	34	29	211
J. T. Smith	36	27	36	39	36	13	19	206
Beechey	30	31	34	12	20	41	30	198
Merton	20	27	36	16	6	40	51	196
Andrews	19	29	28	34	42	31	11	188
Davies	42	37	29	33	29	3	15	188
Pratt	9	41	31	4	33	33	37	188
Hibberd	31	38	38	11	30	21	18	187
Todd	21	36	34	23	6	21	39	181
Vogeler	22	26	28	34	17	26	23	176
Hawkes	26	44	31	8	10	39	14	172
Callender	18	20	33	37	19	24	20	171
A. Lusk	36	35	33	7	10	21	23	165
Burrows	21	11	26	27	21	30	22	159
Widdowson	21	20	31	14	21	26	22	155
W. H. Smith	41	40	31	29	4	6	0	151
Wright	21	19	25	12	13	35	23	148
Anderson	8	39	32	3	10	16	25	133
Prebble	5	30	36	4	13	28	11	127
D. Lusk	22	24	39	0	5	22	13	125
Fuchs	31	26	27	4	14	20	0	122
Woodard	28	22	35	6	16	12	0	119

## CLASS C.

NAME.	GRAMMAR, COM- POSITION, AND SPELLING, 100.	ARITHMETIC, 100.	GEOMETRY AND ALGEBRA, 75.	HISTORY—MODERN, 100.	HISTORY—ANCIENT AND SACRED, 75.	GEOGRAPHY, 100.	LATIN, 100.	TOTAL, 700.
W. W. Milton ...	111	84	72	88	54	92	37	538
Dawson ...	83	77	52	88	64	93	25	482
Gibson ...	114	42	61	42	52	77	78	466
Bell ...	96	65	57	33	34	49	83	417
Twentyman ...	93	38	49	25	27	28	54	314
Douglas ...	88	15	34	60	13	62	29	301
Booth ...	91	22	42	43	33	26	21	278
Parson ...	105	47	10	24	19	23	30	258
Lee ...	93	17	15	17	16	41	58	257
J. D. Millton ...	59	44	37	23	25	35	18	241
Brown ...	56	33	36	32	11	29	40	237
Caverhill ...	67	36	36	35	14	18	30	236
Bean ...	60	45	4	13	19	25	29	195
Shepherd ...	63	46	0	22	9	21	12	173
Taylor ...	38	19	29	22	11	10	15	144
M'Cardell ...	63	13	12	9	4	15	27	143

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