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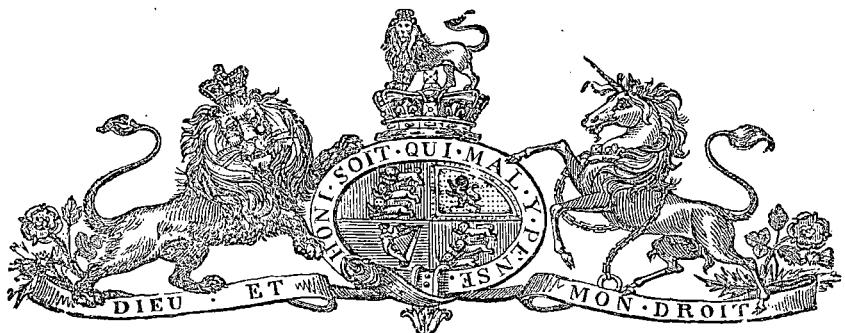
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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REPORT FOR 1864.

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REPORT of the BOARD OF EDUCATION for the Year 1864.

Board of Education, Hobart Town, 30th May, 1865.

To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C.B., Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

1. WE, the Members of the Board of Education, Tasmania, beg leave to submit the following Report of our proceedings during the past year.
2. At the termination of the previous year, 1863, there were 88 Schools in actual operation. The total number of distinct children at any time on the Rolls for that year was 7124; the average number on the Rolls from month to month was 4607; while the average daily attendance was 3426. During the year 1864 there were 97 Schools in operation; the total number of distinct children on the Rolls for the year was 7791; the average number on the Rolls from month to month was 4987; and the average daily attendance amounted to 3763.*
3. As compared with the year 1863 the number of Schools has increased by six, the total number of children on the Rolls by 667, the average number on the Rolls by 380, and the average daily attendance by 337.
4. *Average of Pupils per School*—Taking the total number of distinct children appearing at any time on the Rolls for the year 1864 as 7791, we have for the 97 Schools in operation an average for each School of 80·32; while, if we take the average number only appearing on the Rolls as 4987, we get an average for each School of 51·41; and taking the average daily attendance as 3763, the average number of children in daily attendance at each School appears to be 38·79. The average daily attendance as compared with the number on the Rolls amounted to 75·45 per cent.

* (I.) By the total number of children on the Rolls during the year is meant the gross aggregate of distinct individual children whose names have appeared on the School Rolls at any time during the entire year.

(II.) By the average number of children on the Rolls during the year is meant the mean or average of the several numbers appearing on the Rolls throughout the year, and which, in point of fact, vary from week to week and from month to month.

(III.) By the average daily attendance of children during the year is meant the mean or average of the numbers found in actual attendance, not on the Rolls merely, but present in their classes from day to day during the year.

5. The progress of the Schools conducted in connection with the Board since the establishment of the present system of public instruction is shown in the following Table :—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Number of Schools in operation.</i>	<i>Number of Scholars on the Rolls.</i>	<i>Average Attendance.</i>	<i>Average Number on the Rolls at each School.</i>	<i>Average Attendance at each School.</i>	<i>Per-centge of Attendance to the Number on the Rolls.</i>
1854.	50	2734	2024	54.08	40.48	74.03
1855.	61	3877	2444	55.26	40.06	72.37
1856.	78	3662	2628	46.97	33.69	71.76
1857.	72	3601	2640	50.01	36.66	73.31
1858.	71	3665	2725	51.62	38.38	74.35
1859.	80	3948	2950	49.55	36.87	73.91
1860.	85	4324	3077	50.87	36.26	71.16
1861.	88	4845	3336	55.05	37.91	68.85
1862.	89	5084	3654	57.12	41.05	71.87
1863.	88	4607	3426	52.34	38.92	74.36
1864.	97	4987	3763	51.41	38.79	75.45

6. The following Table shows the numbers on the Rolls, and the average daily attendance during the successive months as affected by busy seasons in husbandry, weather, epidemics, &c., The Rolls are cleared at the end of every month of the names of such Scholars as have not attended School during the month.

<i>Month.</i>	<i>On the Rolls.</i>			<i>Average Daily Attendance.</i>		
	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>
January	2484.79	1963.95	4448.74	1907.92	1476.73	3384.65
February	2686.38	2126.15	4812.53	2067.16	1959.16	3666.32
March	2799.38	2220.10	5019.48	2145.64	1665.30	3810.94
April	2844.33	2170.55	5014.88	2123.55	1578.06	3701.61
May.....	2797.03	2120.05	4917.08	2175.91	1577.14	3753.05
June	2804.74	2111.20	4915.94	2026.97	1433.33	3460.30
July.....	2759.13	2021.35	4780.48	2033.52	1391.95	3425.47
August.....	2817.36	2034.07	4851.43	2088.77	1429.71	3518.48
September	2891.89	2161.58	5053.47	2306.12	1657.63	3963.75
October	3001.48	2238.80	5240.28	2383.23	1716.43	4099.66
November	3153.58	2378.25	5531.83	2474.48	1811.25	4285.73
December	3195.91	2385.95	5581.86	2354.73	1731.31	4086.04
<i>Total</i>	<i>34236.00</i>	<i>25932.00</i>	<i>60168.00</i>	<i>26088.00</i>	<i>19068.00</i>	<i>45156.00</i>
<i>Average</i>	<i>2853</i>	<i>2161</i>	<i>5014</i>	<i>2174</i>	<i>1589</i>	<i>3763</i>

7. *Regularity of Attendance from Day to Day.*—The Schools were open on the average for 230·67 days. The proportion of Scholars returned in 82 Schools, which were open throughout the year, as having severally attended—

Less than 50 days was.....	2057, or 29·31 per cent.
50 to 100	1495, or 21·31 per cent.
100 to 150	1068, or 15·23 per cent.
150 to 200	1188, or 16·93 per cent.
Above 200	1208, or 17·22 per cent.

8. The average attendance for each Scholar was 127·01 days; the maximum average attendance at any School was 170 days; the minimum average attendance was 73 days. It must, however, be borne in mind that these results are affected in a very considerable degree by the admission or removal of Scholars. To illustrate this we have collected from the several Schools Returns exhibiting the rate of attendance from month to month, and we have the satisfaction to report that the Scholars while in actual attendance appear to receive on the average 200 days' instruction,—in other words they are not absent from School more than 30 School days in the year.

9. *Religious Denominations of Scholars on the Rolls.*—We have Returns exhibiting the Religious Denominations of 7629 of the 7791 Scholars on the Rolls, which afford the following comparison with the Census Tables of 1861:—

	<i>Church of England.</i>	<i>Church of Rome.</i>	<i>Presbyterians.</i>	<i>Wesleyans.</i>	<i>Independents.</i>	<i>Baptists.</i>	<i>Other Denominations.</i>
Entire Population.....	49,233 or per cent. 54·71	19,454 or per cent. 21·62	8994 or per cent. 10·	6169 or per cent. 6·86	3246 or per cent. 3·60	828 or per cent. 0·92	2053 or per cent. 2·28
Scholars on Rolls.....	3606 or per cent. 47·27	2050 or per cent. 26·87	563 or per cent. 7·38	872 or per cent. 11·43	437 or per cent. 5·73	43 or per cent. 0·56	58 or per cent. 0·76

10. *Ages of Scholars.*—The following Table shows the ages of 7629 of the 7791 Scholars on the Rolls during the year:—

<i>No. of Children on the Books aged.</i>	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>
Under Four years of age	72	85	157 or 2·11 per cent.
Between Four and Five years of age..	244	230	474 6·29 ditto.
Five and Six ditto	410	308	718 9·40 ditto.
Six and Seven ditto.....	493	447	940 12·45 ditto.
Seven and Eight ditto.....	567	417	984 12·86 ditto.
Eight and Nine ditto	577	418	995 12·98 ditto.
Nine and Ten ditto	492	385	877 11·50 ditto.
Ten and Eleven ditto	443	341	784 10·28 ditto.
Eleven and Twelve ditto.....	326	237	563 7·35 ditto.
Twelve and Thirteen ditto	271	196	467 6·10 ditto.
Thirteen and Fourteen ditto	190	131	321 4·18 ditto.
Over Fourteen.....	217	132	349 4·50 ditto.
TOTAL	4302	3327	7629

11. *The Instruction given in Schools.*—We have Returns from 91 Schools, exhibiting the subjects taught and the number learning each subject, from which we have collected the following results:—

	<i>Number of Children learning</i>
<i>To read—</i>	
Letters and Monosyllables	2199 or 28·82 per cent.
Easy Narratives	2171 or 28·46 per cent.
Books of General Information	2488 or 32·61 per cent.
<i>To write—</i>	
From copy on Slates	1760 or 23·07 per cent.

From Copy on Paper	3649 or 47·83 per cent.
From Dictation	2590 or 33·95 per cent.
<i>Arithmetic.</i>	
Simple Rules	2368 or 31·04 per cent.
Compound Rules	1119 or 14·66 per cent.
Higher Rules	1211 or 15·87 per cent.
Geography	2875 or 37·68 per cent.
Grammar	2495 or 32·70 per cent.
History	1057 or 13·85 per cent.
Algebra	87 or 1·14 per cent.
Mensuration	42 or 0·55 per cent.
Euclid	37 or 0·48 per cent.
Book-keeping	82 or 1·07 per cent.
Music from Notes	252 or 3·30 per cent.
Other Subjects	51 or 0·67 per cent.

12. *Schools brought into operation, and Schools closed, in 1864.*—Thirteen Schools were opened during the year; namely,—

Glazier's Bay, Huon.	Red Hills, Deloraine.
Wattle Grove, ditto.	Furneaux Group, Bass's Straits.
Oyster Cove, ditto.	St. Michael's, Selby.
Old Beach, Brighton.	Bream Creek, Sorell.
Cambridge, Clarence.	Spring Bay, Glamorgan.
Glen Gala, Glamorgan.	Forest, Devon.
Chudleigh, Deloraine.	

The Schools at Bream Creek, Spring Bay, and Forest had been previously in operation, but had been closed for some time owing to the want of competent Teachers.

Four Schools were closed—Bridgewater, Shipwright's Point, Coal River, and Maitland, in consequence of there not being a sufficient attendance to warrant the continuance of aid. The School at Bridgewater has since been re-opened with a fair prospect of success.

13. *Financial Arrangements.—New School-houses.*—We have appropriated the following sums in aid of the erection of School-houses:—Stanley, Circular Head, £600, conditional upon £300 being raised by the promoters of the School. Deloraine, £500, conditional upon £250 being raised by the promoters of the School. The above grants will be chargeable against the Loans Bill, 23 Vict. No. 41.

14. *Vote of £12,000 for Education.*—The total sum expended out of the Parliamentary Vote of £12,000 for Education for the year 1864 amounted to £11,324 5s. 11d. The appropriation of this money is exhibited in detail in Appendices B and C, and may be briefly recapitulated as follows:—

<i>Object of Expenditure.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
In paying Salaries and Allowances of Teachers and Assistant Teachers	9102 4 8
In paying Salaries of Pupil Teachers	616 9 7
In Rent of School Buildings	666 18 8
In repairing and improving School-houses	374 6 7
In School furniture and fittings	29 0 6
In providing books, maps, and School requisites	218 4 8
Miscellaneous expenditure including Salaries of Clerks	317 1 3
 TOTAL.....	<hr/> <hr/> £11,324 5 11 <hr/> <hr/>

15. In addition to the above amount the sum of £1 12s. 0d., chargeable against the Establishment, was paid on account of Administration and Inspection.

16. *Cost of Instruction.*—The School Fees paid in aid of Teachers' Salaries amounted to £3933 9s. 4d., being at the rate of £1 0s. 10d. for each child in daily attendance. The average amount of Government Aid per Scholar is returned at £3 3s. 6½d. per head. Adding the cost of Administration and Inspection, the charge will be £3 10s. 10½d. per Scholar, or 4s. 9½d. per head less than the cost of the previous year. The gross sum divided by the average number on the Rolls from month to month would amount to £2 13s. 5½d. per head;—divided by the total number of Scholars on the Rolls at any time during the year, it would not exceed £1 10s. 8½d. per head.

17. *Income of Teachers.*—We have received Returns of the emoluments of 101 of the Teachers who were in our employ at the termination of the year, from which we have collected the following results:—

	<i>No. upon which the Average is taken.</i>	<i>Average Income.</i>			<i>Maximum Income.</i>			<i>Minimum Income.</i>		
		<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Schoolmasters	19	129	15	6	264	7	0	42	10	0
Schoolmasters and Mistresses con- jointly	53	178	14	9	419	6	3	75	0	0
Schoolmistresses	24	72	3	7	133	8	6	38	0	0
Assistant Teachers and Teachers of Needlework.....	5	48	0	0	60	0	0	20	0	0

18. The above deductions have reference to the income which is derivable by Teachers in connection with their Schools, and do not include sums received for private tuition. The results appear less favourable to the Teachers than those exhibited in our previous Report, the Returns both of the average income and of the minimum income being affected by the circumstance that several probationary Teachers have been appointed at small salaries. We are led to believe that the income of the general body of Teachers has not suffered any diminution.

19. *Exhibitions to Superior Schools.*—In the month of June we caused an Examination to be held of Candidates for Exhibitions to Superior Schools; and, on the recommendation of the Examiners, we awarded four Exhibitions of the value of £12 10s. each. The Examiners in closing their Report remark:—

“We may be permitted to congratulate the Board on the results of the Examination. For, looking to the experience of former years, we find that one, three, two, and six boys successively obtained half the full number of marks. On this occasion, a higher standard was reached than on any previous one; five of the Competitors exceeded the standard qualifying them for an exhibition, and two others very nearly reached it. To compare the results of this Examination with those of the last, the average attainment of the Competitors qualified for an Exhibition this year is represented by the number 674, that of the Competitors who reached the same standard last year being 659. These results indicate progress, and afford reason for satisfaction.”

20. Nineteen Candidates have been elected to Exhibitions since the year 1860, the date of their establishment. Of these, eight Candidates are still in the enjoyment of the Exhibitions; three have been granted the higher Exhibitions of £50 each at the disposal of the Council of Education, and two are filling situations in our Public Schools,—one as Pupil Teacher, the other as paid Monitor.

21. We append Returns, compiled by the Secretary, of the Schools in operation during the year, exhibiting in detail the number of Scholars in attendance, the rate of Attendance, the amount of Aid granted under each head of Expenditure, the amount of School Fees received by the Teachers, and the average cost of instruction per Scholar. We also append a Return of all Visits made to the several Schools, as recorded in the Visitors' Journals; and a Statement of the number of Children admitted under Free Certificates, the cost of whose instruction has been paid for entirely out of the Educational Vote.

22. The Report of the Inspector of Schools is annexed.

HENRY BUTLER, *Chairman.*
R. OFFICER.
JNO. ASTON WATKINS.
T. MACDOWELL.
THOS. WESTBROOK.

APPENDICES TO ANNUAL REPORT.

- A. Abstract of Expenditure for the Year 1864.
- B. Return of Public Schools in operation under the Board of Education, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1864.
- C. Abstract from ditto.
- D. Table showing Amount of Attendance during the Year ended 31st December, 1864, of Scholars in the Public Schools under the Board of Education.
- E. Table showing General and Local Inspection of Schools for the Year ended 31st December, 1864.
- F. Return of the Number of Children admitted under Free Certificates, and of Payments made for their Instruction, during the year ended 31st December, 1864.

APPENDIX A.

ABSTRACT of EXPENDITURE for the Year 1864.

PARTICULARS.	Chargeable against			TOTAL. £13,227 5s. 0d.	
	Vote for Establishment. £1227 5s. 0d.	Vote for Education.			
[Estimate.....]					
<i>Chargeable against Establishment.</i>	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Inspector of Schools.....	450 0 0				
Secretary and Deputy Inspector of Schools.....	350 0 0				
Messenger	80 0 0				
Stationery and Stores, £7 17s. 8d.; Fuel and Light, £7 2s. 4d.	15 0 0				
Inspectors' Travelling Expenses	232 1 0				
	1127 1 0	—	—	1127 1 0	
<i>Chargeable against Vote for Education.</i>					
Teachers' and Pupil Teachers' Salaries and Allowances; viz.—					
Teachers' Salaries and House Allowances	8459 6 10				
Teachers' Fuel Allowances	140 0 0				
Capitation Fees for instruction of Free Scholars...	354 17 10				
Gratuity for instruction of Pupil Teachers	98 0 0				
Pupil Teachers' Salaries	616 9 7				
Aid to Infant School, Launceston.....	50 0 0				
	—	—	9718 14 3		
Rent of School Buildings	—	—	666 18 8		
Repairs and improvements to ditto	—	—	374 6 7		
School Furniture and Fittings	60 16 0				
Less value Furniture in Store available for future issue	31 15 6				
	—	—	29 0 6		
School Books, Maps, &c.—					
Free Stock issues to Schools	108 13 9				
Ditto to Education Office	17 1 6				
	—	—	125 15 3		
Purchases	355 14 0				
Less amount received for Books sold to Teachers and others	263 4 7				
	—	—	92 9 5*		
Miscellaneous.—Charges directly against Schools.					
Teachers' Travelling Expenses	33 7 6				
Local Rates	9 10 8				
Teachers' Cleaning Allowances	15 3 0				
Pupil Teachers' Prizes.....	11 11 0				
Incidentals	7 4 10				
	—	—	76 17 0		
Indirect Charges.					
Clerks' Salaries.....	187 10 0				
Office-keeper, Launceston.....	8 0 0				
Printing and Advertising	4 6 9				
Books and Stationery	27 13 5				
Office Furniture	2 17 6				
Store labour.....	4 3 0				
Petty Expenses	5 13 7				
	—	—	240 4 3		
TOTAL	—	1127 1 0	11,324 5 11	12,451 6 11	

* This sum of £92 9s. 5d. is represented by Stock on hand, and is therefore not included in the computation of cost per Scholar.

MURRAY BURGESS, Secretary Board of Education.

APPEND

ABSTRACT from Return of Public Schools in operation under the

No.	ELECTORAL DISTRICT.	CENSUS, 7 APRIL, 1861.			Number of Schools	Total Number of Distinct Scholars on the Rolls during the year.	Average Number of Scholars on the Rolls during the year.	Average Daily Attendance.	Number of Scholars entered during the Year.	Number of Scholars who have left during the Year.	Number of Teachers and Assistant Teachers.	Number of Pupil Teachers and Paid Monitors.											
		POPULATION.	Number of Children from 5 to 15 Years of Age.												Male.	Fem.	Total.						
			Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Male.	Fem.	Total.						
1	Hobart	19,449	2056	2223	4279	7	1096	784	1880	646	429	1075	474	283	757	1047	752	7	7	14	6	5	11
2	Glenorchy	8345	575	500	1075	3	199	119	318	138	75	213	112	60	172	118	89	2	2	4	1	1	2
3	Queenborough ..	1979	226	212	438	1	75	35	110	47	24	71	37	20	57	51	39	1	1	2	—	—	—
4	Kingborough	8454	408	381	789	9	209	232	441	183	141	274	103	102	205	166	139	8	7	15	—	—	—
5	Franklin	2579	269	278	547	4	131	130	261	99	93	192	74	68	142	129	46	1	3	4	—	1	1
6	New Norfolk	2690	285	279	564	3	112	101	213	78	70	148	57	48	105	93	45	1	3	4	—	—	—
7	Brighton	2808	324	282	606	6	204	152	356	131	106	287	98	79	177	198	85	5	5	10	—	—	—
8	Clarence	1552	186	167	353	4	95	93	188	68	66	134	53	52	105	83	50	3	3	6	—	—	—
9	Richmond	1608	182	179	361	4	128	94	229	90	74	164	59	44	103	76	58	2	3	5	1	—	1
10	Sorell	4111	353	317	670	6	141	122	263	107	92	199	84	67	151	97	58	4	6	10	—	—	—
11	Oatlands	2333	204	210	414	4	157	118	275	106	79	185	86	65	151	106	86	4	2	6	—	1	1
12	Cumberland	2794	304	274	601	3	128	127	255	75	77	152	62	60	122	91	110	2	3	5	—	1	1
13	Glamorgan	1168	150	127	277	4	100	80	180	68	54	112	51	43	94	61	38	2	3	5	—	—	—
14	Launceston	10,359	1088	1214	2302	3	357	283	640	229	172	401	179	129	308	287	222	3	4	7	1	—	1
15	Campbell Town ..	2549	248	254	502	2	91	93	184	61	58	119	45	43	88	52	65	2	2	4	—	—	—
16	Deloraine	3114	327	302	629	3	126	67	193	80	45	125	61	37	98	121	46	3	2	5	—	—	—
17	Devon	5416	571	509	1080	7	188	115	303	112	69	181	91	56	147	127	94	5	6	11	—	—	—
18	Fingal	1956	199	204	403	2	45	53	98	32	33	65	27	26	53	41	16	2	2	4	—	—	—
19	George Town ..	1350	142	118	260	2	25	21	46	18	12	30	15	11	26	15	14	2	2	4	—	—	—
20	Morven	2638	276	244	520	3	97	57	154	70	39	109	56	30	86	46	26	3	3	6	1	—	1
21	Norfolk Plains ..	3385	380	361	741	4	187	150	337	122	99	221	96	72	168	109	84	4	3	7	1	—	1
22	Ringwood	1974	181	159	340	3	88	70	158	52	39	91	38	32	70	103	67	2	2	4	—	—	—
23	Selby	2781	291	288	579	4	114	62	176	74	48	122	59	38	97	71	39	3	2	5	—	—	—
24	Westbury	4565	503	539	1042	6	302	238	540	200	157	357	157	124	281	198	133	5	6	11	3	1	4
	GENERAL TOTAL	89,977	9728	9621	19,349	97	4395	3396	7791	2836	2151	4987	2174	1589	3763	3486	2391	76	82	158	14	9	23

D I X C.

Board of Education between the 1st January and 31st December, 1864.

Amount paid to Teachers of all Classes in Salaries, Gratuities, &c.	Rent of School Buildings.	Repairs and Improve- ment of School Buildings.	School Furni- ture and Fittings.	School Books, Maps, and Requisites.	Miscel- laneous Charges.	TOTAL.	Add £6 per cent. on Capital sunk in Buildings the Property of the Board.	School Fees.	Amount paid for School Books and Requisites.	Average Amount of Government Aid per annum for each Scholar in Daily At- tendance.	Average Amount of School Fees per annum for each Scholar in Daily At- tendance.	No.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1679 0 3	153 2 0	37 16 9	—	13 4 2	69 19 8	1953 2 10	202 14 7	562 1 4	60 2 3	2 16 11½	0 14 10	1
435 13 8	20 0 0	1 1 0	—	2 11 5	12 8 7	471 14 8	56 12 10	199 9 4	19 9 1	3 3 4½	1 4 1	2
136 10 6	87 10 0	—	—	1 10 11	4 17 6	180 8 11	—	99 9 10	7 14 5	3 3 3	1 14 11	3
554 7 4	—	48 0 0	2 10. 0	8 7 8	15 9 6	628 14 6	63 11 8	189 5 8	11 3 10	3 11 4½	1 0 8½	4
310 15 9	9 6 10 0	5 9 0	10 5 6	6 5 5	9 0 7	348 6 3	26 1 5	66 12 10	2 3 11	2 1 5½	0 10 4	5
246 9 3	45 0 0	2 15 0	—	2 13 9	12 0 11	308 18 11	—	97 17 7	6 19 9	2 18 10	0 18 7½	6
475 7 2	50 0 0	24 15 0	—	7 13 0	19 18 0	577 13 2	34 15 9	244 15 7	13 1 8	3 13 9½	1 11 2½	7
256 15 7	—	48 16 10	—	4 13 5	6 13 5	316 19 3	33 15 0	69 4 8	4 17 3	3 10 9½	0 17 3	8
394 6 7	14 0 0	21 6 0	—	4 2 4	8 13 5	442 8 4	21 13 3	92 18 1	5 3 7	4 15 9½	0 18 10	9
472 1 8	30 0 0	—	—	6 4 5½	11 1 2	519 7 4	19 19 4	187 4 7	5 14 1	3 11 5	1 4 9½	10
335 10 2	—	22 6 0	—	4 13 0	17 18 11	380 8 1	31 6 10	200 7 8	10 19 10	2 19 5	1 7 6½	11
300 10 10	—	23 5 0	—	4 6 2	19 4 1	347 6 1	88 11 5	131 16 1	13 3 3	3 14 7	1 1 7	12
161 18 2	14 3 4	2 0 0	—	3 3 8	5 19 6	187 4 8	35 8 10	92 9 3	3 13 8	2 17 7	1 6 2½	13
604 8 0	120 0 0	—	7 10 0	0 15 0	28 2 5	760 15 5	—	194 7 10	6 15 0	2 9 4½	0 12 7½	14
279 18 8	—	7 7 0	—	3 1 0	5 11 10	295 18 6	1 4 0	99 4 3	5 15 1	3 7 6½	1 2 6½	15
158 16 1	20 0 0	—	8 15 0	3 6 4	6 4 7	197 2 0	—	112 4 7	3 11 4	2 14 10½	1 16 7	16
514 18 4	8 6 8	47 0 0	—	1 18 9	9 14 5	581 18 2	11 16 5	217 13 9	4 19 7	4 1 6½	1 9 2½	17
206 0 0	—	5 0 0	—	1 13 7½	3 7 5	216 1 0	4 10 2	107 5 8	3 5 6	4 3 2½	2 0 5½	18
156 1 0	—	—	—	12 1 8	2 18 7	171 1 3	—	36 15 0	0 13 8	4 3 7	1 8 3½	19
350 15 0	98 6 8	30 0 0	—	1 17 6	5 9 4	486 8 6	—	142 15 3	4 4 5	5 13 1½	1 13 2½	20
479 8 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	—	3 13 2	10 13 7	513 14 9	42 15 9	256 18 1	3 2 8	3 6 3	1 10 7	21
176 13 4	25 0 0	8 0 0	—	1 9 1	7 13 6	218 15 11	26 6 5	106 11 4	1 5 3	3 19 6½	1 11 8½	22
238 6 8	—	—	—	2 2 8	6 3 3	246 12 7	—	86 11 1	1 13 6	3 0 3½	1 0 7	23
794 2 3	15 0 0	29 9 0	—	7 5 7	17 17 1	863 13 11	38 18 1	339 10 0	10 1 11	3 4 3	1 4 2	24
9718 14 3	666 18 8	374 6 7	29 0 6	108 13 9	317 1 3	11,214 15 1	740 1 9	3933 9 4	209 14 6	3 3 6½	1 0 10	

MURRAY BURGESS, Secretary Board of Education.

APPENDIX E.

GENERAL and Local Inspection of Schools for the Year ending 31st December, 1864.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT.	SITUATION OF SCHOOL.	Number of Visits made to the School during the Year, by—							TOTAL.
		Ministers of the Church of England.	Ministers of the Presbyterian Church.	Ministers of the Wesleyan Church.	Independent Ministers.	Roman Catholic Ministers.	Inspector of Schools or Deputy Inspector of Schools.	Special Visitors not Clergymen.	
HOBART	Bathurst-st. Central School	72	—	3	—	—	2	1	78
	Battery Point	7	—	—	—	—	2	—	9
	Goulburn-street	100	—	—	—	—	3	—	103
	Harrington-street	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	15
	Macquarie-street	1	—	—	—	—	5	—	6
	Murray-street	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	34
GLENORCHY	Trinity Hill	78	—	—	—	—	3	4	85
	Bridgewater	3	1	—	—	—	3	—	8
	New Town	28	—	—	4	1	1	20	55
QUEENBOROUGH	O'Brien's Bridge	4	44	—	—	—	2	2	53
	Sandy Bay	—	2	—	—	—	30	3	37
KINGBOROUGH	Birch's Bay	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	6
	Brown's River	19	—	—	—	—	1	—	20
	Glazier's Bay	—	—	—	—	10	2	—	20
	Long Bay	—	—	—	—	1	1	13	21
	Oyster Cove	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	15
	Port Cygnet	1	—	—	14	2	4	9	30
	Three-Hut Point	—	—	—	5	1	—	6	12
	Victoria	3	—	—	4	1	16	38	62
	Wattle Grove	—	—	1	—	3	3	15	21
FRANKLIN	Castle Forbes Bay	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	Franklin	37	—	—	53	2	—	21	113
	Shipwright's Point	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	6
	Lightwood Bottom	1	—	2	2	1	—	4	8
NEW NORFOLK	Fenton Forest	—	—	—	—	1	5	30	36
	Macquarie Plains	43	—	—	—	1	—	—	44
	New Norfolk	26*	—	15	2	2	—	1	46
BRIGHTON	Black Brush	6	—	—	1	—	31	7	46
	Broad Marsh	—	—	1	1	—	4	15	21
	Green Point	5	—	—	—	2	—	1	8
	Green Ponds	1	—	—	27	—	54	5	89
	Old Beach	—	—	5	1	2	—	3	6
	Pontville	33	—	—	—	3	9	6	56
CLARENCE	Cambridge	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	Kangaroo Point	—	—	—	—	3	2	2	7
	Rokeby	3	—	—	—	1	—	6	10
	South Arm	91	—	—	—	1	—	7	101
RICHMOND	Coal River	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Jerusalem	2	—	2	—	25	2	—	37
	Richmond	12	—	—	—	19	2	2	37
	Spring Hill Bottom	—	—	—	—	27	1	1	29
SORELL	Bream Creek	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
	Carlton	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	4
	Forsett	4	—	2	—	—	1	—	6
	Orielton	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	10
	Prosser's Plains	5	—	—	—	—	2	9	21
OATLANDS	Sorell	85	—	2	1	—	—	—	86
	Jericho	7	—	—	—	—	1	9	40
	Mona Vale	5	5	2	—	—	1	66	79
	Oatlands	3	2	7	—	28	3	2	47
CUMBERLAND	Mount Seymour	—	2	—	—	—	4	5	11
	Bothwell	20	14	8	—	—	1	3	82
	Hamilton	77	—	—	—	1	1	17	5
	Ouse Bridge	20	—	—	—	1	—	—	21

* By inadvertence, 89 visits made by the Rev. W. Murray in 1863 were omitted in the last Annual Report.

APPENDIX E—continued.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT.	SITUATION OF SCHOOL.	Number of Visits made to the School during the Year, by—								TOTAL.
		Ministers of the Church of England.	Presbyterian Ministers.	Wesleyan Ministers.	Independent Ministers.	Roman Catholic Ministers.	Inspector of Schools or Dep. Inspector of Schools.	Special Visitors not Clergymen.	Other Persons.	
GLAMORGAN	Glen Gala	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	1	5
	Lisdillon	8	—	—	—	—	2	10	4	24
	Swansea.....	44	—	—	—	14	2	1	2	63
	Spring Bay.....	—	—	—	—	—	3	10	10	13
LAUNCESTON	Elizabeth-street	21	1	—	—	15	2	4	6	49
	Margaret-street	—	—	—	—	71	2	2	2	75
	Infant School	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	2
CAMPBELL TOWN....	Campbell Town	—	3	—	—	3	3	—	1	10
	Ross	2	2	—	—	2	8	—	28	42
DELORAIN.....	Chudleigh	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4
	Deloraine	47	—	—	—	—	2	—	8	57
	Red Hills	5	—	—	1	—	1	—	6	13
DEVON	Torquay	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	5	8
	Emu Bay	12	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	26
	Forest	2	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	8
	Northdown	2	—	—	—	—	1	8	13	24
	Stanley	1	—	—	—	—	2	9	13	29
	Table Cape	4	—	—	—	—	2	10	2	18
FINGAL.....	Avoca	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	18	20
	Fingal	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	14
GEORGE TOWN.....	George Town	1	—	—	—	—	2	7	9	19
MORVEN.....	Breadalbane	36	—	13	—	—	1	1	2	40
	Evandale	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	8	23
	Lymington	20	—	—	—	—	20	—	40	82
NORFOLK PLAINS...	Carrick	25	1	—	—	—	2	1	1	30
	Illawarra	18	1	—	—	—	1	9	2	31
	Longford	40	1	—	1	—	2	2	6	52
	Perth	15	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	20
RINGWOOD.....	Maitland	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	Cressy	1	—	—	6	—	2	1	28	38
	Bishopsbourne	5	3	—	—	2	2	5	5	17
SELBY	Hadspen	14	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	15
	Newnham	11	—	—	—	—	2	1	9	22
	St. Leonards	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2
	St. Michael's	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
WESTBURY	Exton	9	—	1	—	—	2	—	1	13
	Hagley	45	3	—	—	—	2	8	24	82
	Quamby Bend	18	1	—	—	—	2	2	21	46
	Queenstown	1	—	—	—	26	2	4	5	34
	Westbury	47	1	—	—	1	2	—	10	61
	Whitemore	—	2	1	—	—	2	4	—	9
	TOTAL	1275	108	48	54	348	152	363	729	3077

MURRAY BURGESS, Secretary Board of Education.

APPENDIX F.

RETURN of the Number of Children admitted under FREE CERTIFICATES, and the Payments made for their Instruction, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1864.

SCHOOL.	TOTAL AMOUNT PAID.	QUARTER ENDED—				TOTAL.	AVERAGE.
		31 March.	30 June.	30 Sept.	31 Dec.		
Battery Point	£ s. d.						
Battery Point	9 14 4	11	14	17	17	59	14·75
Goulburn-street	13 10 11	27	23	23	23	96	24·00
Harrington-street	22 12 7	42	35	37	40	154	38·50
Macquarie-street	13 8 6	28	16	16	14	74	18·50
Murray-street	14 15 11	—	23	31	30	84	21·00
Trinity Hill	22 17 0	60	54	41	44	199	49·75
Bridgewater	1 3 6	3	2	5	—	10	2·50
New Town	9 6 10	—	23	16	15	54	13·50
Sandy Bay	6 10 6	9	6	6	9	30	7·50
Long Bay	1 10 9	—	—	—	8	8	2·00
Three Hut Point	3 2 10	4	—	15	2	21	5·25
Victoria	4 17 1	4	4	9	8	25	6·25
Castle Forbes Bay	5 14 5	11	11	8	9	39	9·75
Franklin	15 11 4	16	16	21	23	76	19·00
Fenton Forest	3 2 8	—	4	6	6	16	4·00
Macquarie Plains	2 5 10	4	4	5	—	13	3·25
New Norfolk	11 0 9	14	17	17	16	64	16·00
Broad Marsh	1 1 5	—	—	5	3	8	2·00
Green Ponds	3 7 6	4	4	4	5	17	4·25
Kangaroo Point	11 18 1	12	13	18	17	60	15·00
South Arm	4 17 6	7	7	5	5	24	6·00
Coal River	2 0 8	10	—	—	—	10	2·50
Richmond	2 15 10	—	—	—	16	16	4·00
Jerusalem	3 7 3	9	—	9	9	27	6·75
Carlton	2 2 8	3	6	3	3	15	3·75
Forcett	1 3 0	6	—	—	—	6	1·50
Orielton	6 3 3	7	8	8	8	31	7·75
Prosser's Plains	2 12 9	4	4	4	—	12	3·00
Oatlands	10 2 2	—	—	—	56	56	14·00
Bothwell	7 7 9	5	14	13	14	46	11·50
Hamilton	1 9 9	4	6	—	—	10	2·50
Swansea	3 11 6	3	4	4	6	17	4·25
Elizabeth-street	42 8 0	85	79	88	93	345	86·25
Margaret-street	26 0 0	49	63	72	86	271	67·75
Campbell Town	0 15 4	—	2	—	2	4	1·00
George Town	1 1 0	—	—	5	—	5	1·25
Carrick	4 7 4	6	6	6	—	18	4·50
Perth	9 0 8	12	12	18	17	59	14·75
Hagley	1 0 0	—	2	2	2	6	1·50
Queenstown	34 7 3	74	68	59	59	260	65·00
Westbury	10 11 5	23	21	26	32	102	25·50
TOTAL.....	354 17 10	556	571	623	697	2447	612·75

MURRAY BURGESS, *Secretary Board of Education.*

GENERAL REPORT for the Year 1864 upon the Public Schools under the Board of Education, Tasmania, by T. STEPHENS, Esq., M.A., Oxon., Inspector of Schools.

Hobart Town, 30th May, 1865.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honor to furnish my General Report for 1864. Between the 1st January and the 31st December I paid 149 visits of inspection to Schools in operation, not including those which were devoted to purposes of school extension and similar work. The distance travelled during the same period was some 4000 miles, the greater portion of which had to be accomplished on horseback. The majority of the Schools under the Board were visited twice or oftener in the course of the year. Every District was visited once, with the exception of Sorell, which I was twice prevented from reaching by unexpected and more pressing calls in other directions. To the Schools in Hobart Town and its immediate neighbourhood I regret to say that I have not been able to devote much attention. Although they comprise the majority of the larger and therefore most important Schools, I have felt it necessary to take into consideration the circumstance that they are within the reach of other visitors, and can be inspected at any time, while the outlying Schools are far less favourably situated, some indeed being visited by no one but the Inspector from one year's end to another. When the country work has been accomplished, the balance of time which is left barely suffices for correspondence, examinations, and other necessary work which cannot be postponed. With regard to both Town and Country Schools you have already been put in possession, by means of my separate Reports, of full information respecting every case in which any direct action on the part of the Board has appeared to be necessary.

A glance at those portions of the Statistical Returns for 1864 which have been furnished me, tends to confirm the opinion which I expressed last year, that the diminution in School attendance was more apparent than real, and did not necessarily indicate a decrease in the population. That the population is shifting there can be no doubt; nor is it improbable that some of the older agricultural settlements, where the soil, never very fertile, has been impoverished by a long course of improvident management, will be almost entirely abandoned. But any decrease arising from this or similar causes is more than met by the rapid increase of the population in some of the more remote Districts which have been settled within comparatively recent times. Calculations based upon Statistical Returns in a small community like this must always be received with extreme caution, especially when a comparison is instituted between our School Returns and those of populous countries like England or America. The majority of our Schools are subject to conditions which only affect exceptional cases in older countries. There are a variety of disturbing causes which at any time may reduce or augment the School attendance to the extent of a few hundreds, which would form an important item in statistics of limited extent. Among these disturbing causes I will only cite one arising out of the difficulty of ensuring a regular supply of efficient Teachers. The attendance not unfrequently fluctuates to the amount of 50, and sometimes more than 100, per cent. through causes which have their origin within the School-room. In two recent instances a sudden and remarkable increase followed a change in Teachers. In one School (where singularly enough the removal of the Teacher was violently opposed) the attendance rose from under 30 to 100; in another it rose from 10 to 45. The alteration is not always in the right direction. Vacancies in our Country Schools must often be supplied by inexperienced Teachers who are taken on trial; and the utmost care and vigilance will not always prevent the appointment of unsuitable persons.

The end of the year was marked by the introduction of a scheme of classification and instruction so arranged as to be applicable to all Schools. From this, when its purport shall have been thoroughly comprehended by Teachers, and its principles fairly applied to their Schools, I anticipate valuable results. In constructing the programme, which has received the sanction of the Board, I took for its basis the standards which were introduced by the Committee of Council in England under the Revised Code. They had previously been adopted in the Common Schools of Victoria. The supplementary details are sufficient to furnish the Teacher with information on all essential points, and to show him clearly what degree of proficiency will be looked for by the Inspector when he visits the School, and what subjects the Board expect to be regarded as of primary importance. In my last General Report I gave full information respecting the character and extent of the elementary instruction. Since the date of that Report no appreciable change has taken place, and the introduction of the new programme is too recent to justify me in drawing any conclusions from its operation. I have no wish to see our Teachers made, as in England, entirely dependent for their salaries upon the results of the Inspector's Examination. I do not think that the Colony is yet ripe for a trial of any of the elaborate schemes of capitation grants which are adopted elsewhere, not always because they are the best, but because they are necessary. But I have always recommended that the Teacher's income should be regulated to a certain extent by the state of his School. Before even this change can be effected it will be necessary that provision be made on an extended scale for the inspection of Schools. The necessarily hurried visits of a single Inspector, traversing so wide an extent of country, are no doubt productive of some good, and furnish some check upon the annual expenditure, but they are altogether insufficient to secure an adequate degree of supervision under a system in which local management is unknown.

The revision recently effected in the Pupil Teacher Regulations is likely to produce good results. The principle of the former schemes remains unaltered, but the details have been somewhat modified so as to be in accordance with the English Regulations, and some of the Rules which conveyed to Teachers an erroneous impression have been amended or struck out. The grand defect of the Pupil Teacher system is, as I have remarked in former Reports, that it leads to nothing certain in the way of employment for those who have completed their apprenticeships. I have suggested that a certain number of ex-Pupil Teachers should be employed as Assistants in one principal School in each of the two chief Towns. At present it is only in exceptional cases that employment can be found for them; but, by undergoing a supplementary course of training in a position involving an increased degree of responsibility, they might be gradually prepared for the charge of Country Schools. It does not appear that immediate action can be taken in this direction, but I trust that, when a suitable opportunity shall occur for establishing a Model School in either Hobart Town or Launceston, the subject will receive consideration.

I beg once more to call attention to the want of suitable School premises in Launceston. Whether a Model School or an ordinary Public School be established, on the site which has been for several years vested in the Board, is a matter of secondary importance; but it is essential to the interests of the Public Schools that some better accommodation should be found than that afforded by the Church of England School-room in Launceston. Neither there nor in any Public School in Launceston is there a class-room for the separate instruction of either younger or elder children, nor are the general arrangements of the School-room such as to facilitate proper organization and teaching. About £2000 would be ample for present purposes. Without desiring to raise the vexed question of the respective claims of North and South, I think I am justified in pointing out that in the large outlay upon the Central and the Macquarie-street Schools in Hobart Town a sufficient precedent will be found to warrant so moderate an expenditure. I trust that active measures will be taken to obtain the necessary Grant during the coming Session of Parliament.

All other matters connected with the general question of Education having been so recently brought under your notice in my other Reports, it appears unnecessary for me to enter into the subject at greater length on this occasion.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

T. STEPHENS.

The Chairman and Members of the Board of Education.