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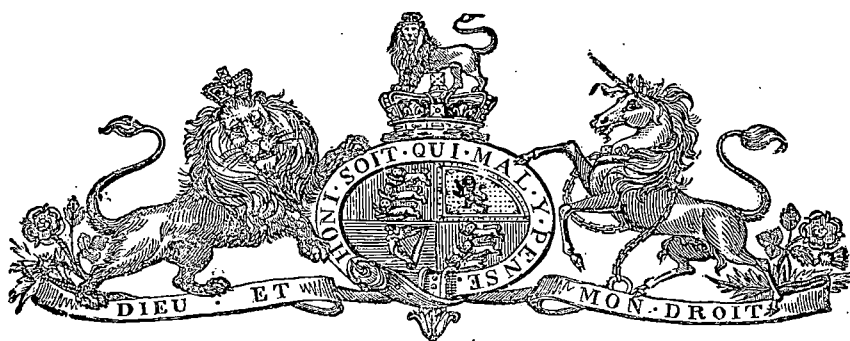
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REPORT FOR 1867.

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REPORT of the BOARD OF EDUCATION for the Year 1867.

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, have the honor to submit the following Report of our proceedings during the past year.

2. At the termination of the year 1866, there were 100 Schools in actual operation. The total number of distinct children at any time on the Rolls for that year was 8198: the average number on the Rolls from month to month was 5159; the average daily attendance was 3930. During the year 1867 there were 105 Schools in operation; the total number of distinct children on the Rolls for the year was 8346, the average number on the Rolls from month to month was 5419, and the average daily attendance 4112.

3. As compared with the year 1866 the number of Schools has increased by four; the total number of children on the Rolls by 148; the average number on the Rolls by 260; and the average daily attendance by 182.

4. *Progress of Schools.*—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:—

Year.	Number of Schools in operation.	Average Number of Scholars on the Rolls.	Average Attendance.	Average Number on the Rolls at each School.	Average Attendance at each School.	Per-centage of Attendance to the Number on the Rolls.
1854.....	50	2734	2024	54·08	40·48	74·03
1855.....	61	3377	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	49·35	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
1865.....	102	5357	4074	52·42	39·94	76·05
1866.....	101	5159	3930	51·08	38·91	76·17
1867.....	105	5419	4112	53·14	39·16	73·17

5. *Religious Denominations of Scholars on the Rolls.*—We have Returns exhibiting the Religious Denominations of 8098 of the 8346 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>Presby- terians.</i>	<i>Wesleyans.</i>	<i>Independents</i>	<i>Other Deno- minations.</i>
Entire Population.....	49,233 <i>or</i> per cent. 54·71	19,454 <i>or</i> per cent. 21·62	8994 <i>or</i> per cent. 10·00	6169 <i>or</i> per cent. 6·86	3246 <i>or</i> per cent. 3·60	2881 <i>or</i> per cent. 3·21
Scholars on Rolls	3696 <i>or</i> 45·64 per cent.	2235 <i>or</i> 27·60 per cent.	608 <i>or</i> 7·51 per cent.	942 <i>or</i> 11·63 per cent.	424 <i>or</i> 5·24 per cent.	193 <i>or</i> 2·38 per cent.

6. We have Returns from 87 Schools of the ages and classification of 4916 or 88·10 per cent. of the Scholars remaining on the Rolls at Christmas, 1867, which are summarised below :—

	C L A S S.						<i>Total.</i>
	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	
Under Six years.....	602	57	3	—	—	—	662
Between Six and Seven years	376	129	9	8	—	—	522
Between Seven and Eight years ..	291	214	60	16	—	—	581
Between Eight and Nine years.....	203	251	118	49	14	—	635
Between Nine and Ten years.....	121	211	220	72	21	3	648
Between Ten and Eleven years.....	71	168	224	110	30	15	618
Over Eleven years	82	207	405	303	174	79	1250
<i>Total</i>	1746	1237	1039	558	239	97	4916
Per-centage	35·51	25·16	21·14	11·34	4·86	1·97	
Per-centage of Scholars.....	24·09	11·81	12·92	13·18	12·57	25·43	
Aged under.....	7 years.	8 years.	9 years.	10 years.	11 years.	11 years.	

This Table may be usefully compared with that furnished in Mr. Burgess's Report exhibiting the numbers presented for examination in each class or standard.

7. These results are intimately connected with those of attendance, which we now proceed to give in respect to 98 Schools and 8118 of the 8346 Scholars on the Rolls :—

No. who have attended the same School—

Less than 1 year	3530 or 43·48 per cent.
Between 1 and 2 years.....	1465 or 18·05 ditto.
2 and 3 ditto	1052 or 12·96 ditto.
3 and 4 ditto	782 or 9·63 ditto.
4 and 5 ditto	464 or 5·72 ditto.
5 years and over	825 or 10·16 ditto.

Of the whole number, not more than 4136, or one-half, attended School over 100 days, the Schools being open on the average for 230 days.

8. Seven Schools were opened during the year, and three were closed. Two of these will probably be re-opened before long.

9. *Building Grants.*—We have appropriated the sum of £2345 17s. in aid of the erection of School-houses at the following places :—

<i>School.</i>	<i>Amount granted by Board.</i>			<i>Amount raised locally.</i>			<i>TOTAL.</i>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Apsley	92	18	0	46	9	0	139	7	0
Cullenswood (St. Mary's)	134	6	8	67	3	4	201	10	0
Deloraine	497	0	0	248	10	0	745	10	0
Hagley	286	13	4	143	6	8	430	0	0
New Norfolk	618	14	0	300	0	0	918	14	0
Spring Bay	99	6	8	49	13	4	149	0	0
Stanley	616	18	4	308	9	2	925	7	6
	£2345	17	0	£1163	11	6	£3509	8	6

The above grants are chargeable against the Loans Bill, 23 Vict. No. 41. In addition to the sums expended or appropriated as above, we have paid £573 7s. 10d. out of the General Vote for Education towards the repairs of School-houses.

10. *Grant for Education.*—The total expenditure amounted to £11,836 0s. 6d., being in excess of the Parliamentary Vote, but less than the amount named in the Board's Estimate to the Government. The appropriation of this money is exhibited in detail in Appendix A. and B., and may be briefly recapitulated as follows :—

Objects of Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
In paying Salaries and Allowances of Teachers and Assistant Teachers, Pupil Teachers, and Paid Monitors	10,003	13	9
In Rent of School Buildings	577	0	0
In repairing and improving School-houses	573	7	10
In School Furniture and Fittings	43	18	0
In providing Books, Maps, and School requisites	244	10	4
In Miscellaneous Expenditure, including Salaries of Clerks	393	10	7
TOTAL	£11,836	0	6

In addition to the above amount the sum of £1132 6s. 4d., chargeable against the Establishment, was paid on account of Administration and Inspection.

11. *Cost of Instruction.*—The School Fees paid in aid of Teachers' Salaries amounted to £3658 2s. 8d., being at the rate of 17s. 9½d. per head for each child in daily attendance. The average amount of Government aid per Scholar is returned at £2 16s. 9¼d. per head. Adding the cost of Administration and Inspection, the charge will be £3 2s. 3¼d. or 9¼d. 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 5s. 10½d. Divided by the total number of Scholars on the Rolls at any time during the year, it would not exceed £1 10s. 8¼d. per head.

12. *Income of Teachers.*—We have received Returns of the emoluments of 112 Teachers who were employed during the whole 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>		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Schoolmasters	16	120	4	7	336	1	0	67	6	5
Schoolmasters and Mistresses conjointly	58	169	7	3	430	18	6	59	5	6
Schoolmistresses in sole charge	25	73	12	1	151	18	0	30	8	0
Male Assistant Teachers	2	45	0	0	60	0	0	30	0	0
Female ditto and Teachers of Needle-work	11	36	9	9	60	0	0	10	0	0

The above deductions have reference to the income which is derivable by Teachers in connection with their Schools only, and do not include sums received for private tuition.

13. *Free Scholars.*—We append a Return of the number of children admitted during the year under free certificates. The sum of £470 15s. 9d. appears to have been paid for their instruction, the average number of Free Scholars under instruction being 1118.

14. *Exhibitions from Public to Superior Schools.*—In the month of June we caused an Examination to be held of Candidates for Exhibitions from Public to Superior Schools; and on the recommendation of the Examiners, the Revs. J. R. Buckland and R. D. Harris, we awarded Exhibitions of the value of £16 13s. 4d. per annum, tenable for four years from the 1st July, 1867, to each of the under-mentioned Candidates :—

William Rielly, aged 11 years and 3 months, Central School, Hobart Town.

Geo. W. Waterhouse, aged 11 years and 3 months, ditto.

Jas. W. Tibbs, aged 11 years and 8 months, Goulburn-street, ditto.

Geo. N. Snowden, aged 11 years and 11 months, Battery Point, ditto.

Jas. E. Dix, aged 12 years and 2 months, Elizabeth-street, Launceston.

Frederick Aldred, aged 12 years and 2 months, Trinity Hill, Hobart Town.

The Examiners, in closing their Report, observe :—"The results of this Examination are highly satisfactory. The Candidate at the head of the list has obtained upwards of 900 marks, and the next two upwards of 800, as was the case last year. But the work of the rest of the Candidates shows a marked improvement on the results of last year; the three other successful Candidates having each obtained upwards of 700 marks, and no less than nine of the others having reached the required standard of qualification for an Exhibition. The number of competitors was the same as last year."

15. Owing to Mr. Stephens's continued illness, the work of Inspection devolved principally upon our Secretary, Mr. Burgess, whose Report is attached. Mr. Burgess has discharged the duties of Inspector to our entire satisfaction.

16. We also append Mr. Stephens's Report for the brief period he was engaged on Inspection Duties.

(Signed) HENRY BUTLER, *Chairman.*
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R. OFFICER.
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W. TARLETON.
THOS. WESTBROOK.
