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SOUTHERN BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1857.

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FIRST REPORT

Of the SOUTHERN BOARD OF EDUCATION, Tasmania, for the Year 1857.

THE Southern Board of Education have the honor to submit for the information of His Excellency the Governor the following Report upon the Public Schools under their superintendence during the year 1857.

2. The Board were appointed under an Order of the Governor in Council dated 31st January, 1857. Their jurisdiction has extended over all the Public Schools situate south of Ross, the Schools in the Northern division of the Island having been placed under separate supervision.

3. In the discharge of their duties the Board, as directed, have been guided by the principles laid down in the Government Notice of the 31st October, 1853, and by the Regulations published on the 1st February, 1854, under which the Schools are open to the children of all Denominations, while, at the same time, ample opportunities are afforded to the Ministers of the several Denominations for the inculcation of doctrinal instruction to the members of their own communion.

4. The following sums were appropriated for the purposes of the Board out of the Parliamentary Votes for Education:—

	£
1. For the Establishment	780
2. For Salaries and Allowances of Teachers, and Miscellaneous Charges..	7000
3. For the Erection and Improvement of School-houses	3182

5. A detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements, under head No. 2, will be found in Appendix A. The general expense of the Public Schools, it will be observed, amounted to £7361 18s. 1d., being £184 10s. 7d. in excess of the Vote.

6. A detailed statement of Grants in aid of the Erection or Improvement of School-houses is given in Appendix B, showing an amount of £3604 6s. approved of by the Board; of which £300 was actually paid during the year. Under this sum, provision has been made for the purchase of One School-house, the erection of Seven new School-houses, and the enlargement and improvement of Four School-houses already erected, affording accommodation for about one thousand Scholars. The engagements contracted by the Board have exceeded the amount voted by £422 6s., which sum will form a charge against the Vote for School Buildings for the current year.

7. The new buildings and improvements for which provision has thus been made are being carried out under the direction of Messrs. Davidson and Spong, the Architects employed by the Board. Some of the works have been completed, and others are in progress. While no unnecessary expense has been lavished upon the buildings, they will be found to be not devoid of architectural fitness and expression.

8. On the 31st December there were 46 Schools in operation, which were attended by 2471 Scholars. A slight diminution is observable upon a comparison of the Returns of the preceding year, which the Board believe may be fairly accounted for by the greater strictness which has been enforced in the mode of keeping the Registers of Attendance.

9. Of the total number of Children on the Rolls 84.58 per cent. were under ten years of age, and not more than 5 per cent. were over 13 years of age.

10. The cost to Government for each child in ordinary attendance at the Schools in Hobart Town was £3 6s. 0½*d.*; the maximum cost was £5 2s. 0½*d.*, and the minimum was £2 1s. 0½*d.* The local contributions and School Fees amounted to 17s. 7½*d.* for each Scholar on the average; the maximum was £1 5s. 0½*d.*, and the minimum was 9s. 11½*d.*

11. The average cost to the Government for each Scholar in ordinary attendance at Rural Schools was £2 1s. 0½*d.*; the maximum cost was £5 18s. 5½*d.*, the minimum £1 4s. 5½*d.* The mean amount of local aid was £1 3s. 9½*d.*; the maximum being £6 4s. 8½*d.* (Coal River School); the minimum, excluding schools at which no fees or subscriptions were paid at all, was 9½*d.*

12. The general cost to Government, exclusive of the establishment of the forty-two schools which were in operation throughout the year, was £4949 10s. 5*d.*, being at the rate of £2 18s. 8½*d.* for each Scholar in ordinary attendance. The receipts from School Fees, &c., amounted to £1769 5s. 8*d.*, or £1 0s. 9½*d.* per head.

13. At the termination of the year there were thirty-six Male and thirty-one Female Teachers borne upon the Establishment, classed as follows:—

	MALE TEACHERS.				FEMALE TEACHERS.		
	1st Class. Receiving £150 per annum.	2nd Class. Receiving £120 per annum.	3rd Class. Receiving £50 and under per annum.	TOTAL.	Schoolmistresses receiving from £30 to £90 per annum.	Teachers of Needlework, re- ceiving £20 per annum.	TOTAL.
Trained	6	6	1	13	3	..	3
Untrained	4	3	16	23	17	11	28
TOTAL	10	9	17	36	20	11	31

14. The total amount paid to these Teachers on account of salaries and allowances was £4493 12s. 11*d.* The School Fees &c. amounted to £1819 5s. 9*d.* The average emoluments of the Male Teachers from all sources, including the salary of £20 per annum to their wives as Teachers of Needlework, amounted to £164 1s. 4½*d.*: the maximum amount a; £373 12s. 11*d.*; the minimum was £50 9s. The emoluments of the Female Teachers amounted on the average to £81 8s. 3½*d.*: the maximum was £115 16s. 10*d.*; the minimum was £50.

15. The Board regret to observe that, generally, the aid granted by Government has not been supplemented as it ought to have been by local contributions; that in two cases no School Fees whatever have been forthcoming, and that in others they have not amounted to £10 for the whole year. With such poor encouragement, it is unreasonable to expect that persons of respectability and worth, even if adverse circumstances should for a time render it expedient for them to engage in the service, will be induced to remain in it, or to take an active interest in their employment.

16. A Return of the Schools which were discontinued in the course of the year, together with the reasons for their discontinuance, will be found in Appendix D. Two Schools were closed temporarily during the repair of the buildings, and six were discontinued in consequence of insufficient attendance. Two of these have again been taken into operation.

17. New Schools were established in the following localities:—

Bruni Island,
Middleton,
Oyster Cove,
Glazier's Bay,
Swanston,
Hamilton,
Ouse Bridge.

18. The sum of £177 7s. 6*d.* was received and paid over to the Colonial Treasurer on account of the sale of School-books and requisites; and free stock was granted to

the value of £168 16s. 1d., including the sum of £37 18s. 1d. for Schools under the Northern Board of Education. The number of book-orders amounted to 536, or 171 more than for the previous year, the average value of each order being 12s. 11d. The Board are gratified to notice the increase which has taken place in the circulation of School-books, the issues of which have exceeded 11,000.

19. The sum of £686 6s. 5d. was expended in the purchase of School requisites, and orders were despatched to England for further supplies to the value of £689 0s. 6d. The receipt of these supplies will place the Schools in a more advantageous position as regards appliances than they have hitherto enjoyed. It is in contemplation also to form a Library of Reference for the use of the Teachers, with the view of diffusing among them the knowledge of improved and successful methods of teaching, and of affording them practical information and suggestions applicable to the management of their Schools.

20. On the 31st December there were forty-six Schools in operation in separate buildings. Of these, twelve were either Government buildings or were vested in the Board, seventeen were held upon sufferance free from the payment of any rent, and seventeen were rented at an aggregate cost of £336 5s. The state of the School-houses is described at length in the Report of the Inspector of Schools, and a summary thereof will be found in Appendix E. Accommodation is stated to exist for 3563 Scholars, but the Board fear that the term can be applied in only a limited sense. In but eighteen cases are the premises reported to be in a fair condition, while eleven are classed as moderate, and seventeen as decidedly bad. The necessary offices are generally defective. In eight Schools no offices whatever exist, and there are several where but one has been erected for both sexes. The Board, however, are giving their earnest attention to this point; and they trust that it will be in their power to record a considerable improvement in their next Report.

21. From Returns in the possession of the Board, they find that 1143 visits have been paid to the Schools by Ministers of Religion, and only 334 visits by other persons. It is a subject of extreme regret to the Board to observe so little interest taken by the Public in the success of the Schools; and they would gladly afford their encouragement and support to any arrangements that could be devised to secure more frequent and regular local visitation, the absence of which cannot be effectually supplied by any general system of inspection, however valuable in itself.

22. On the constitution of the present Board, the Inspector of Schools was relieved from his duties as Secretary, and has thus been enabled to devote the whole of his time to the inspection of Schools,—an arrangement which, in the opinion of the Board, has been attended with most beneficial results.

23. The Report of the Inspector of Schools is annexed.—While the Board have thought it desirable to afford the Inspector an opportunity of stating his views upon various matters relating to the working of the system, and incidentally upon the subject of Elementary Education in Tasmania, they wish it distinctly to be understood that they do not hold themselves responsible for the opinions expressed in the Report, nor do they feel called upon to adopt all the suggestions which it contains.

24. In making this their first Report, the Board deem it only due to the Secretary to express the high sense which they entertain of the efficiency and diligence which he has displayed in the discharge of the several duties of his office.

HENRY BUTLER, *Chairman*,
W. NAIRN,
E. S. P. BEDFORD,
H. F. ANSTEY,
GEO. W. WALKER,
R. OFFICER.

MURRAY BURGESS, *Secretary*.

APPENDICES TO ANNUAL REPORT.

- A. Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1857.
 B. Statement of Grants in aid of the Erection or Improvement of School-houses in 1857.
 C. Return of Schools in operation on 31st December, 1857.
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 E. Summary of the Results of Inspection, A and B.
 F. General Report upon Schools inspected in the year 1857 by H. C. Cotton, Esq., Inspector of Schools.
 G. Particulars of Schools reported on in the year 1857 by H. C. Cotton, Esq., Inspector of Schools.
 H. General Remarks on Schools reported on in the year 1857 by H. C. Cotton, Esq., Inspector of Schools.

Note.—It has not been considered expedient to publish either the Special Reports on each School, or the Tables referred to by the Inspector, in consequence of the labour and expense that would be entailed, and the delay that would necessarily be incurred in laying the Papers before Parliament. These Documents are now preserved as Records in the Education Office, and are open to the perusal of all persons who may be interested in the subject of Education. A Summary of the results of inspection will be found in Appendix E.

APPENDIX A.

ABSTRACT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE between the 1st January and the 31st December, 1857.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Proportion of Parliamentary Grant for Education ..	7000	0	0	Salaries and Allowances of Teachers	5636	8	4
Receipts from the Sale of School Books, Maps, and Requisites,—the proceeds of which have been paid over to the Colonial Treasurer; viz.....	177	7	6	Salaries of Pupil Teachers and Gratuities to Teachers for their Instruction.....	202	12	0
Balance of Expenditure in excess of Grant	184	10	7	Rent of School Buildings.....	380	12	1
				Repair, &c. of School Buildings	174	18	11
				School Furniture and Fittings	34	18	0
				School Books, Maps, and Requisites.....	686	6	5
				Transport and Stores	2	8	10
				Travelling Expenses; viz.—			
				Inspector of Schools	121	7	10
				Teachers on transfer from one School to another	9	1	0
				Foreman of Works, in surveying School Buildings	7	15	0
							138 3 10
				Miscellaneous; viz.—			
				Aid to Ragged School, Watchorn-street, Hobart Town, 3 quarters	36	10	0
				Aid to Infant School, Murray-street, Hobart Town, 3 quarters.....	36	10	0
				Fuelsupplied to Central School through Accountant of Stores	13	4	0
				Advertising	2	3	10
				Petty Expenses.....	17	1	10
							105 9 8
TOTAL.....	£7361	18	1	TOTAL.....	£7361	18	1

MURRAY BURGESS, *Secretary Southern Board of Education.*

APPENDIX B.

DETAILED STATEMENT of GRANTS in aid of the Erection, Alteration, or Improvement of School Buildings made during the Year ending 31 December, 1857.

Number.	Electoral District.	School.	No. for whom Accommodation is provided.	Object of Grant.	Estimated Cost of Works.	Locally subscribed or guaranteed.	Amount granted by Board.	Date of Grant.	Date of Payment.	Remarks.
1	Clarence	Kangaroo Point	40	Erection of School-house and Teachers' Residence	£ 300 0 0	£ 100 0 0	£ 200 0 0	1857. 13 July	1857.	
2	Brighton	Old Beach	40	ditto	300 0 0	100 0 0	200 0 0	"		
3	Cumberland	Hamilton	80	ditto	450 0 0	150 0 0	300 0 0	"		
4	Huon	Middleton, Long Bay	50	ditto	300 0 0	100 0 0	200 0 0	"		
5		Port Esperance	50	Erection of School-house	150 0 0	50 0 0	100 0 0	"		
6	Brighton	Black Brush	50	Erection of School-house and Teacher's Residence	300 0 0	100 0 0	200 0 0	27 July		
7	Oatlands	Oatlands	60	Enlargement and Repair of School-house	300 0 0		300 0 0	14 Aug.	31 Dec.	Buildings the property of the Government.
8	Brighton	Broadmarsh	40	Erection of School-house and Teacher's Residence	300 0 0	100 0 0	200 0 0	31 Aug.		
9	Hobart	Bethesda Chapel	200	Purchase of Chapel for School purposes	1000 0 0		1000 0 0	28 Sept.		
10		Central School	250	Erection of Class Rooms and other improvements	578 0 0		578 0 0	16 Nov.		
11	Richmond	Richmond	60	Improvement of School-house	81 0 0		81 0 0	1 Dec.		
12	Sorell	Sorell	70	ditto	245 6 0		245 6 0	"		ditto
			990		4304 6 0	700 0 0	3604 6 0			

BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Proportion of Vote of £5000 to be raised under the Loans Bill	£ 3182 0 0	By Amount paid or contracted act. the Erection or Improvement of School-houses	£ 3604 6 0
Balance, being the excess of Grants or Payments over the Amount voted	422 6 0		
	£3604 6 0		£3604 6 0

MURRAY BURGESS, Secretary Southern Board of Education.

RETURN of PUBLIC SCHOOLS in operation under the Southern

No.	Electoral District.	Situation of School.	No. of Children on the Rolls.			Average Daily Attendance.			Number entered during the Year.	Number who have left during the Year.	No. of Teachers.		No. of Pupil Teachers	
			BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.			M.	F.	M.	F.
1	HOBART	Battery Point	67	32	99	48	22	70	104	111	1	1	1	..
2		Campbell-street ...	120	105	225	92	69	161	252	249	1	1	1	1
3		Cascade Road ...	32	23	55	23	16	39	83	59	..	1	..	..
4		Central School	204	118	322	126	66	192	120	46	1	1	2	3
5		Davey-street	58	44	102	42	30	72	110	121	1	1	..	..
6		Goulbourn-street..	53	42	95	41	31	72	109	42	1	1	..	..
7		Harrington-street..	40	60	100	33	40	73	140	135	1	2	..	..
8		Macquarie-street ..	72	..	72	50	..	50	76	85	1	..	1	..
9		Trinity Hill	66	48	114	52	35	87	169	121	1	1	..	..
10	GLENORCHY	Bridgewater	12	16	28	10	14	24	17	16	1	1	..	..
11		Kangaroo Valley ..	16	8	24	12	6	18	17	18	1	..	..	..
12		O'Brien's Bridge..	43	30	73	36	26	62	61	64	1	1	..	..
13	QUEENBOROUGH.	Sandy Bay	29	30	59	26	25	51	38	21	1	1	..	..
14	KINGBOROUGH.	Birch's Bay	11	12	23	7	9	16	24	22	..	1	..	..
15		Hospital Bay	9	13	22	6	11	17	26	29	1	..	..	..
16		Oyster Cove *	10	11	21	9	10	19	28	5	..	1	..	..
17		Port-Cygnet	18	25	43	10	14	24	23	23	1	..	..	..
18		Victoria	17	12	29	13	9	22	26	24	1	..	..	..
19	FRANKLIN	Castle Forbes Bay.	12	11	23	9	7	16	12	8	..	1	..	..
20		Franklin	29	11	40	22	6	28	24	29	1	1	..	..
21		Port Esperance ..	16	15	31	9	9	18	12	19	1	..	..	..
22		Swanton †	20	9	29	18	5	23	29	1	1	..	..	..
23	NEW NORFOLK	Back River	12	13	25	9	8	17	12	10	..	2	..	..
24		Macquarie Plains..	11	8	19	8	5	13	14	12	..	1	..	..
25		New Norfolk	41	20	61	33	16	49	54	39	1	..	..	..
26	BRIGHTON	Black Brush ‡	15	8	23	9	6	15	23	..	1	..	..	..
27		Green Ponds	18	19	37	16	18	34	20	6	1	1	..	..
28		Old Beach	6	19	25	4	15	19	13	14	1	1	..	..
29		Pontville	21	17	38	15	11	26	29	28	1	1	..	..
30	CLARENCE	Kangaroo Point ..	21	10	31	18	3	21	40	43	1	..	..	..
31		South Arm	22	16	38	14	12	26	17	24	1	..	..	..
32	RICHMOND	Coal River	11	9	20	8	7	15	28	26	1	..	..	..
33		Colebrook Dale ..	7	11	18	5	10	15	24	30	..	1	..	..
34		Richmond	50	27	77	36	17	53	87	77	1	1	..	..
35		Spring Hill Bottom	23	17	40	15	13	28	16	11	1	1	..	..
36	SORELL	Bream Creek	13	13	26	10	11	21	4	9	1	1	..	..
37		Carlton	7	6	13	6	5	11	11	9	1	..	..	..
38		Prosser's Plains ..	22	13	35	18	10	28	4	4	1	1	..	..
39		Sorell	36	22	58	23	17	40	44	36	1	1	..	..
40	OATLANDS	Anstey Barton	11	13	24	6	12	18	1	1	..	1	..	..
41		Mona Vale	19	11	30	17	9	26	18	15	1	..	..	..
42	CUMBERLAND	Bothwell	40	37	77	32	28	60	48	50	1	1	..	..
43		Hamilton §	19	22	41	17	18	35	51	8	1	..	..	..
44		Ouse River	14	15	29	11	12	23	12	14	1	..	..	..
45	GLAMORGAN	Gala Kirk	18	7	25	14	5	19	12	14	1	..	..	..
46		Swansea	17	15	32	16	9	25	18	18	..	1	..	..
TOTAL			1428	1043	2471	1054	737	1791	2099	1746	37	31	5	4

* In operation since 1st June, 1857.

† In operation since 17th June, 1857.

‡ In operation since 1st November, 1857.

§ In operation since 18th May, 1857.

DIX C.

Board of Education on the 31st December, 1857.

Aid granted during the Year ending 31 December, 1857.					Local Contributions and School Fees in aid of Teacher's Salaries.	Amount paid for School Books and Requisites.	Average Amount of Government Aid for each Scholar in ordinary Attendance.	Average Amount of School Fees and Local Contributions for each Scholar in ordinary Attendance.
Amount paid to Teachers of all Classes in Salaries, Gratuities, &c.	Rent of School Buildings.	Repairs, &c. of School Buildings.	School Furniture and Fittings.	School-books, Maps, and Requisites.				
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
309 5 0	..	..	..	14 4 4	83 11 0	4 12 9	4 12 5	0 10 4½
276 13 0	25 0 0	31 6 8	..	3 12 0	130 4 11	3 9 9	2 1 9½	0 16 2
70 0 0	40 0 0	..	..	4 13 9	27 8 5	..	2 18 9½	0 14 0¾
429 1 6	..	20 0 0	23 18 2	8 5 0	156 10 0	15 1 0	2 10 1½	0 16 6
181 15 0	70 0 0	14 13 0	..	5 11 7	35 19 5	0 4 3	3 15 6½	0 9 11¾
200 0 0	22 10 0	..	..	1 13 10	60 6 6	9 7 9	3 2 3¾	0 16 9
334 6 5	..	1 0 0	30 11 0	7 4 11	91 9 1	5 7 9	5 2 2½	1 5 0½
218 12 6	7 10 0	..	..	1 19 2	42 19 9	6 15 10	4 11 2¾	0 17 2¼
316 12 0	22 10 0	..	..	2 8 8	91 4 5	7 10 9	3 18 6	1 0 11¼
80 0 0	..	..	..	0 14 4	32 14 10	2 8 3	3 7 3¼	1 6 3¼
50 0 0	..	..	..	0 9 2	9 6 1	1 2 4	2 16 0¾	0 10 4
170 0 0	..	..	..	1 9 5	73 12 11	5 9 5	2 15 3¾	1 3 5
150 0 0	36 0 0	37 15 6	..	1 11 1	144 18 10	2 17 6	4 8 4¼	2 16 10
50 0 0	..	..	..	0 14 0	8 16 9	0 17 0	3 3 4½	0 11 0½
50 0 0	..	..	..	1 7 6	9 7 6	0 4 1	3 0 5¼	0 11 0¾
29 3 4	..	..	..	4 0 1	..	1 7 6	1 4 11	..
100 0 0	..	..	..	1 4 6	22 4 1	2 0 4	4 4 4¼	0 18 6
100 0 0	10 0 0	..	..	0 9 11	59 0 9	2 4 3	5 0 5¼	2 13 8
66 13 4	..	..	..	1 7 7	5 13 6	..	4 5 0½	0 7 1
120 0 0	..	..	..	1 8 9	40 15 4	..	4 6 8½	1 9 1¾
54 8 11	..	..	..	0 17 6	17 10 6	0 19 6	3 1 5½	0 19 5½
26 18 10	..	..	..	3 8 0	15 7 3	0 13 1	1 6 4½	0 13 4¼
100 0 0	..	..	..	0 14 2	15 16 10	0 18 6	5 18 5¾	0 18 7½
60 0 0	..	..	..	2 10 2	5 0 0	0 13 0	4 16 2	0 7 8¾
150 0 0	33 15 0	..	..	0 2 7	60 12 0	3 18 10	3 15 0½	1 4 8¾
23 6 8	..	..	..	6 1 6	0 17 6	0 6 0	1 19 2½	0 1 2
160 0 0	15 0 0	..	..	4 16 5	41 1 0	0 4 0	5 5 9½	1 4 1¾
80 0 0	28 0 0	..	..	0 17 7	24 10 1	0 3 1	5 14 7¼	1 5 9½
90 0 0	..	..	..	1 17 5	16 0 1	0 4 0	3 10 8	0 12 4
97 17 9	25 0 0	..	..	2 6 11	18 19 3	2 10 7	6 1 7	0 19 0
100 0 0	..	25 16 0	..	2 10 1	11 6 0	0 17 6	4 18 8¼	0 14 7
50 0 0	..	..	..	2 3 9	93 10 5	1 13 3	3 9 7	6 4 8¼
60 0 0	..	..	..	3 1 11	21 0 0	0 17 6	4 4 1½	0 1 8
180 0 0	..	..	..	4 7 1	47 4 5	8 15 5	3 9 6¾	0 17 9¾
100 0 0	..	..	..	0 3 4	..	1 17 0	3 4 6½	..
70 0 0	..	..	..	0 11 11	14 6 0	..	3 7 2¾	0 13 7¼
50 0 0	..	..	..	0 2 11	0 9 0	..	4 15 6½	0 0 9¾
70 0 0	..	..	..	1 0 4	49 8 9	0 16 10	2 10 8¾	1 15 3¾
140 0 0	..	..	..	6 3 0	32 2 0	1 0 0	3 13 0¾	0 16 0½
50 0 0	..	..	..	2 1 6	13 19 0	2 1 4	2 17 10¾	0 15 6
50 0 0	..	..	..	0 15 8	28 0 0	2 18 9	1 19 0¾	1 1 6¼
180 0 0	..	..	..	0 10 2	72 15 7	11 12 9	3 0 2	1 4 3
86 18 8	..	..	..	6 11 7	33 15 4	3 15 8	2 13 5	0 19 3½
50 0 0	..	..	..	0 13 1	27 11 6	1 8 2	2 4 0½	1 3 11½
50 0 0	..	..	..	1 9 3	36 16 2	1 0 0	2 14 2	1 18 8¾
60 0 0	..	..	..	0 10 4	24 0 0	0 8 0	2 8 4¾	0 19 2¼
4498 12 11	336 5 0	130 11 2	54 9 2	121 0 10	1819 5 9	120 11 2	..	..

MURRAY BURGESS, Secretary Southern Board of Education.

APPENDIX C.

ABSTRACT.

No.	Electoral District.	Population.	No. of Public Schools.	No. of Children on the Rolls.			Average daily Attendance.			No. entered during the Year.	No. who have left during the Year.	No. of Teachers and Pupil Teachers.				Aid granted during the Year ending 31 December, 1857.					Local Contributions and School Fees in aid of Teachers' Salaries.	Amount paid for School Books and Requisites.	Average Amount of Government aid for each Scholar in ordinary attendance.	Average Amount of School Fees and Local Contributions for each Scholar in ordinary attendance.																			
				Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.			Teachers.		Pupil Teachers.		Amount paid to Teachers of all Classes in Salaries, Gratuities, &c.	Rent of School Buildings.	Repair, &c., of School Buildings.	School Furniture and Fittings.	School Books, Maps and Requisites.																							
												M.	F.	M.	F.																												
1	Hobart Town ..	18,258	9	712	472	1184	507	309	816	1163	960	8	9	5	4	£ 2836	s. 5	d. 5	£ 187	s. 10	d. 0	£ 66	s. 19	d. 8	£ 54	s. 9	d. 2	£ 49	s. 13	d. 3	£ 719	s. 13	d. 6	£ 52	s. 9	d. 10	£ 3	s. 6	d. 0½	£ 0	s. 17	d. 7½	
2	Glenorchy	3879	3	71	54	125	58	46	104	95	98	3	2	300	0	0	2	12	11	115	4	10	9	0	0	2	18	2½	1	2	1½
3	Queenborough ..	2317	1	29	30	59	26	25	51	38	21	1	1	150	0	0	36	0	0	37	15	6	1	11	1	144	18	10	217	6	0	4	8	4½	2	16	10
4	Kingborough ..	3144	5	65	73	138	45	53	98	127	108	3	2	329	3	4	10	0	0	7	16	0	99	9	1	6	13	2	3	10	9½	1	0	3½	
5	Franklin	2351	4	77	46	123	58	27	85	77	57	3	2	268	1	1	7	1	10	79	6	7	1	12	7	3	4	8½	0	18	7½	
6	New Norfolk ..	2641	3	64	41	105	50	29	79	80	61	1	3	310	0	0	33	15	0	3	6	11	81	8	10	5	10	4	4	7	10½	1	0	7½	
7	Brighton	2750	4	60	63	123	44	50	94	85	48	4	3	353	6	8	43	0	0	13	12	11	82	8	8	0	17	1	4	7	2½	0	17	6½	
8	Clarence	1612	2	43	26	69	32	15	47	57	67	2	197	17	9	25	0	0	25	16	0	4	17	0	30	5	3	3	8	1	5	7	10½	0	12	10½
9	Richmond	1731	4	91	64	155	64	47	111	155	144	3	3	390	0	0	9	16	1	161	14	10	13	3	2	3	12	0½	1	9	1½	
10	Sorell	3872	4	78	54	132	57	43	100	63	58	4	3	330	0	0	7	18	2	96	5	9	1	16	10	3	7	6½	0	19	3	
11	Oatlands	2236	2	30	24	54	23	21	44	19	16	1	1	100	0	0	2	17	2	41	19	0	5	0	1	2	6	9	0	19	0½	
12	Cumberland ...	2591	3	73	74	147	60	58	118	111	72	3	1	318	18	8	7	14	10	134	2	5	16	16	7	2	15	0½	1	2	8½	
13	Glamorgan	1191	2	35	22	57	30	14	44	30	32	1	1	110	0	0	1	19	7	60	16	2	1	8	0	2	10	10½	1	7	7½	
TOTAL ..			46	1428	1043	2471	1054	737	1791	2099	1746	37	31	5	4	4493	12	11	336	5	0	130	11	2	54	9	2	121	0	10	1819	5	9	120	11	2		

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APPENDIX D.

RETURN of SCHOOLS that have been discontinued during the Year 1857, with the Reasons assigned.

No.	Electoral District.	School.	No. on the Rolls.			Average Daily Attendance.			No. entered during the Year.	No. who have left during the Year.	No. of Teachers and Pupil Teachers.				Aid granted during the Year.						Date at which the School was closed.	Reasons for striking off and cancelling Grants.									
			BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.			Teachers.		Pupil Teachers.		Amount paid to Teachers of all Classes in Salaries, Gratuities, &c.			Rent of School Buildings.					School Books, Maps, and Requisites.			Local Contributions and School Fees in aid of Teachers' Salaries.			Amount paid for School Books and Requisites.		
											M.	F.	M.	F.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	Glenorchy	New Town	29	18	47	22	12	34	..	..	1	1	..	..	40	0	0	40	0	0	0	9	0	9	0	0	1	8	3	1857. 31 March	Proximity of School to Hobart Town. The premises are let free of rent up to the expiration of the Lease, on condition of their being used for School purposes.
2	Kingborough	Bruni Island	7	4	11	7	4	11	..	..	1	..	..	..	19	4	5	..	..	..	3	3	0	0	6	0	0	4	0	30 Nov.	Attendance insufficient.
3		Middleton, Long Bay	23	10	33	14	6	20	..	..	1	..	..	..	12	10	0	..	..	..	2	15	4	6	12	0	..	..	31 July	Closed temporarily, pending erection of School-house.	
4	Franklin	Glazier's Bay	No Returns	No Returns	No Returns	No Returns	No Returns	No Returns	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	16	0	..	..	..	4	0	11	..	..	..	..	13 Nov.	No-attendance.		
5	New Norfolk	Fenton Forest	4	8	12	2	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	15	0	0	..	..	..	0	8	4	1	17	0	..	..	31 March	Insufficient attendance.	
6	Sorell	Forcett	9	5	14	6	3	9	..	..	1	..	..	..	12	10	0	..	..	..	0	10	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Insufficient attendance.
7		Spring Bay	10	6	16	6	5	11	..	..	..	1	..	..	13	0	0	4	17	1	0	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Insufficient attendance.
8	Glamorgan	Douglas River	4	12	16	4	11	15	..	..	..	1	..	..	32	8	4	..	..	..	..	..	10	16	6	..	..	..	11 July	Teacher resigned, attendance fallen off.	
9	Oatlands	Oatlands	23	20	43	14	13	27	43	53	1	1	196	18	8	2	17	8	9	13	9	1	1	0	31 October	Closed temporarily, during repair of Building.
Total			109	83	192	75	59	134	43	53	6	5	345	7	5	44	17	1	14	7	3	38	5	3	2	13	3		

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APPENDIX E.

SUMMARY of Results of Inspection.

TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS IN WHICH																							
	<i>School Buildings are reported to be—</i>			<i>Out offices are reported to be—</i>			<i>Furniture is reported to be—</i>			<i>Books are reported to be—</i>			<i>Apparatus is reported to be—</i>			<i>Discipline is reported to be—</i>			<i>Fitness for training Apprentices.</i>			<i>Registers are reported to be—</i>		
	<i>Excellent, Good, or Fair.</i>	<i>Moderate.</i>	<i>Bad.</i>	<i>Excellent, Good, or Fair.</i>	<i>Moderate.</i>	<i>Bad.</i>	<i>Excellent, Good, or Fair.</i>	<i>Moderate.</i>	<i>Bad.</i>	<i>Excellent, Good, or Fair.</i>	<i>Moderate.</i>	<i>Bad.</i>	<i>Excellent, Good, or Fair.</i>	<i>Moderate.</i>	<i>Bad.</i>	<i>Excellent, Good, or Fair.</i>	<i>Moderate.</i>	<i>Bad.</i>	<i>Excellent, Good, or Fair.</i>	<i>Moderate.</i>	<i>Bad.</i>	<i>Excellent, Good, or Fair.</i>	<i>Moderate.</i>	<i>Bad.</i>
46	18	11	17	22	7	17	18	14	14	31	6	9	7	21	18	27	16	3	19	4	23	36	6	4

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APPENDIX F.

GENERAL REPORT UPON SCHOOLS INSPECTED IN THE YEAR 1857 BY H. C. COTTON, ESQ., INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

Hobart Town, 29th January, 1858.

GENTLEMEN,

WITH the view to place before your Board in as clear a light as possible the condition of the Schools at the close of the year 1857, I beg to lay before you a short Report on each School, with a statement in a tabular form exhibiting the number and names of the Schools in operation at the end of the year,—the number of Teachers in each,—the number of Children admitted in the course of the year, and the average number of days (omitting Saturdays) which each Pupil so admitted actually attended,—the proportion per cent. of average daily attendance to average number on the Rolls,—and the number of Pupils for which each School has accommodation,—affording also the result of one inspection of each School, fully stating the number and ages,—the Religious denomination (so far as can be ascertained), and the attainments of those who were present on the occasion. These particulars are in accordance with the prescribed Reports made by me in my inspections; and are drawn from them.

At the foot of the statement I have entered general totals and averages deduced from the several columns, affording a full view of the combined operation of all the Schools under the Board's control.

The number of Schools in operation at the close of the year 1856 was 46, and the number of Pupils in all 2577; the number in operation at the end of 1857 is 47, and of Pupils 2491.

Of the 46 Schools at the close of 1856, 5 were broken up in the course of the past year, and 6 newly opened; besides which 3 Schools have received aid from the Board for very short periods, not proving successful.

In Hobart Town one School—that of Campbell-street—has been united under one Master with that on Trinity Hill.

The five Schools first mentioned as having been closed were—

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fenton Forest 2. Forcett 3. Spring Bay | } | Closed on the 31st March owing to insufficient attendance. |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. New Town | — | Closed 30th April on the resignation of the Master. There being many private Schools in the immediate neighborhood, it appeared an unnecessary expense. |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Douglas River | — | Closed on the 31st July owing to insufficient attendance. |

The six Schools newly opened, and still in operation, are—

1. Macquarie Plains, opened 1st January.
2. Ouse Bridge, ditto 2nd January.
3. Hamilton, ditto 1st May.
4. Oyster Cove, ditto 1st June.
5. Swanton, ditto 1st June.
6. Black Brush, ditto 1st November.

The three Schools which were in operation for a short time and broken up were—

1. Middleton, opened 1st May, closed 30th July.
2. Bruni Island, ditto 1st August, ditto 31st November.
3. Glazier's Bay, ditto 1st December, ditto 31st December.

These were instituted on the usual application from the inhabitants, but failed to gather the promised attendance, and their support was therefore discontinued.

Of the 47 Schools in operation at the end of the year—

- 19 are under Masters alone.
- 7 under Mistresses alone.
- 19 under a Master and one Female Assistant.
- 1 under a Mistress with a Female Assistant.
- 1 (the Central School) under a Master and two Female Assistants.

My abridged Reports accompanying this will show in which cases these appear to be sufficient, and in which defective. There are few Female Teachers capable of managing a mixed School. The School

at Castle Forbes Bay is a remarkable exception, being admirably conducted, and very successful: those at Back River and Macquarie Plains under Mistresses have not operated well,—and in those cases it is palpable that Boys above 7 years of age rarely attend, and the Schools are confined to the very young, leaving many in the neighborhood without education who, in all probability, would attend if the Schools were conducted by Masters. The Cascades School, under a Mistress, is chiefly an Infant School, and as such successful,—the elder Children of the locality being within reach of the Public School in Macquarie-street. Birchs Bay School I may class with that of Castle Forbes Bay, as successful under a Mistress. Colebrookdale under a Mistress has completely failed, and at the close of the year was in fact deserted. Swansea is another failure; it had been falling off, and the Mistress was not efficient; it has therefore been closed for the present, but I trust will be revived on a better footing. The School at Anstey Barton has lately been placed in the hands of a Mistress of ability and experience, but scarcely qualified for the instruction of the older Boys: her continuance in charge is under consideration.

With respect to those Schools which are under Masters alone, although they generally succeed better than under Mistresses alone, all feel the deficiency of Female superintendence for Girls and Infants, and Needlework instruction.

The School in Macquarie-street, Hobart Town, adjacent to St. Joseph's Church is under a Master alone, but it is, and has always been, exclusively a Boys' School. Of the remaining 18 under Masters alone I must mention 4 to which I would suggest, as of urgent importance, the appointment of Female Assistants; viz. New Norfolk, Port Cygnet, Kangaroo Point, and Hamilton. The other 14 Schools are either very small and unpromising, or are newly instituted, and in their present state are not fit to warrant the appointment of two Teachers.

It will be observed by Column 5 that there are only five Male and four Female Pupil Teachers under instruction. With reference to this I cannot help observing, that it is much to be regretted that so few are under training; and as there is now every facility for increasing the number at the Central School—and, in fact, of systematically preparing Teachers there for the Schools generally,—I hope it may meet the views of the Board greatly to increase the number. Mr. Canaway's zeal and ability as a training Master has been fully proved under my examination of the Pupil Teachers of this year; and the great advantage not only of a source from which to obtain qualified Teachers, but also of some degree of uniformity in the system of Teaching being introduced into the Schools generally, induces me the more earnestly to urge attention to this important subject.

It may be considered a minor evil, but it is in my opinion far from unimportant, that on the removal of a Master, in any country School especially, a totally new system of teaching is introduced, and Pupils who may be rapidly advancing are checked and thrown back by the change, even though it be from an inferior to a superior system; and considering how short the period allowed to Boys generally for their education, and how much that period is broken in upon by frequent withdrawals for other purposes, every such check should be avoided if possible.

By a reference to Column 7 it will be observed, that the average number of Children on the Rolls during the year was 2525, while the average daily attendance (Column 8) is 1818, showing that about 74 per cent. of those at the Schools are actually attending daily: and here I may remark, that a child who has been absent for a full month is struck off the Rolls, which has not been uniformly the case previous to the past year. Comparing the number 4317 (Column 10), who in the course of the year were for a longer or shorter period on the Rolls, with the total of average attendance (Column 8), it appears that the average number of days attended by each Scholar is 101 out of 240, the number of school-days omitting Saturdays and holidays. I omit Saturdays from these computations, because the attendance is usually exceedingly small, and in many Schools there is none. Column 14 exhibits the amount of School accommodation, the total being for 3563 Pupils,—but for the character of the accommodation in each School I must refer to my series of short Reports accompanying.

Of the 1667 Children present at inspection (Column 13) on the occasion here recorded there were found—

Under 7 years of age	569, or 34 per cent.	(Column 15.)
7 years and under 11	800, or 48 per cent.	(Column 16.)
11 years and under 15	288, or 18 per cent.	(Column 17.)
15 years and above	10, or $\frac{3}{2}$ per cent.	(Column 18.)

The average age of Children at the Schools is $8\frac{1}{2}$ years nearly (Column 19.) Very few remain at the Schools beyond 14 years of age.

Of the same 1667 there were, as far as could be well ascertained,—

1321 Protestants,
237 Roman Catholics,
109 of other Denominations, or attached to no religious body.

Although, according to the prescribed form, I have in my Inspection Reports entered the numbers of three Protestant Denominations separately, I am aware that they do not correctly represent the strength of each at the Schools; because, in many cases, all that can be ascertained is the place of

worship they usually attend, and many are visited and instructed during the week by a Minister of one Denomination, and on the Sabbath attend the Church of some other. In the 109 are comprehended not only Jews, and some whose parents acknowledge attachment to no religious body, but, as the form of Report does not provide for the separation of those of the Independent or other Protestant Denominations, some of these have been included in this class, and yet, for the reason I have given, some of the same may have been numbered under other heads, being temporarily under other Ministers. I have thought it desirable to mention this to prevent misunderstanding; but as the principles upon which the regulations are founded "interfere with the tenets of no particular Denomination," it may be considered of small importance.

Of the attainments of the Pupils in the Schools generally, as exhibited in Columns 23 to 39, it may be premised that my inspections were in all cases unexpected and unprepared for; and that therefore in some cases the accidental absence of the best Pupils may have caused the result to be less favorable than it otherwise would be,—but still I view the general results to be good. Comparing the numbers passing examination in the several branches with the total numbers present we find—

<i>In Reading</i> correctly easy Narratives.....	30 per cent.
Higher Books with ease and intelligence.....	22 per cent.—Total 52 per cent.
<i>In Grammar</i> .—Acquainted with Parts of Speech.....	14 per cent.
Able to parse.....	10 per cent.—Total 24 per cent.
<i>In Writing from Dictation</i> .—Easy Sentences with tolerable accuracy.....	11 per cent.
Able to write with ease and correctness.....	10 per cent.—Total 21 per cent.
<i>In Geography</i> .—Acquainted with the Map of the World.....	16 per cent.
Other Maps.....	5 per cent.
General Course.....	1 per cent.
<i>In Etymology</i> .—Acquainted with the English Etymologies.....	4 per cent.
Latin and Greek Roots.....	0 per cent.
<i>In Arithmetic</i> .—Numeration.....	11 per cent.
Long Division.....	12 per cent.
Rule of Three.....	5 per cent.
<i>In Writing</i> .—Large Hands fairly.....	26 per cent.
A good and free Hand.....	6 per cent.—Total 32 per cent.

I draw from this that in Reading, Grammar, Writing, and Geography the aggregate results are very satisfactory, but in Arithmetic not so. At the larger Schools, generally, Arithmetic is made of due importance, but not so in all; and in the small country Schools, with some exceptions, much more might and ought to be done, considering not only the great importance of a knowledge of figures and readiness in using them, but the advantage arising from the mental exercise excited by the study of Arithmetic. I have always pressed this on the attention of Masters whom I have considered to underrate its importance.

In the Branches entered in Columns 40 to 47 I have entered the full number of Pupils engaged in their study, whether present on the occasion or not.

The 48th Column shows the number of my visits of inspection to each School, but does not include those for the examination of Pupil Teachers, or for casual reference to Masters on matters other than the ordinary work of the School. Of the 167 inspections noted in Column 48 five were made by Mr. Burgess,—I performing his duty while so engaged. Of these visits some occupied two and some three days, and in some cases two were made in one day. The examinations of candidates for employment as Masters and Mistresses, the annual examination of Pupil Teachers, travelling, and the preparation of my Reports, together with matters of a special nature referred to me for report, have occupied the remainder of my time.

My Report will show (Columns 49 and 50) that very few of the Public Schools in Town or Country have any local supervision, and, with the exception of a visit from the Inspector twice or thrice in the year, and it may be a Minister of Religion at distant intervals, in many of the Schools not one visit is recorded in the whole year. I know that in some cases the inhabitants have not been aware that the School is open for public inspection, in others it is feared that visits might be considered by the Master to convey distrust, but in the majority of instances no doubt it arises from indifference and a want of sympathy in the cause of Education. I have made every endeavour to encourage visits by representing the importance of Education, and the encouragement visits afford both to Teachers and Pupils,—indeed it needs little thought to perceive the depressing nature of a Schoolmaster's labours, unenlivened by break of any kind for months, and in too many cases fraught with bitter disappointments and discouragement in the removal of promising Pupils at a moment when the fruit of persevering and enduring effort was becoming developed:—it cannot be difficult to perceive that much relief and much encouragement would be experienced by Teachers if they could feel that their labours were appreciated in their neighborhood, and by the Board itself. Some indication of this sympathy, I am confident, would do much in furtherance of the cause of Education. As I suggested to the Government previous to the formation of the present Board of Education, I am confident that there would be a better attendance at the Schools, and Education would advance with more spirit, if the Board or sections of the Board held annual or half-yearly examinations, giving either prizes, or at least commendations according to merit to the Pupils, gathering Parents and others on such occasions, and giving a visible existence to the Board which it scarcely possesses at present. I feel confident not only

that each School would move with more spirit and effect, but that a general interest would be excited in the Country, which a single emissary, carrying out minutely defined and restricted duties, cannot be expected to have the influence to create.

Very considerable improvement has taken place in many of the Schools this year, and there are many applications for new Schools now under consideration ; and, upon the whole, I may say that a good foundation is laid for the means of a good education being afforded to all the youth of this portion of the Island : but unless measures are taken to excite public interest in that direction, it may be long before any great advances are made, and the Schools will continue to give but the rudiments of Education to those Children whose Parents are not in a position to leave them at School after the age at which they can be useful to them at home. Most of the Schools are conducted by Masters qualified to carry on Education far beyond this, and in many cases, as my Reports show, the few Pupils who fully avail themselves of their opportunities, as well as the Pupil Teachers, are well advanced in all the most useful Branches.

In my Report last year I suggested the reduction of the number of Schools in Hobart Town, and the expenditure of more of the funds at the disposal of the Board in the Country Districts. This has in a measure been carried out by throwing two of the Town Schools into one, and establishing several new Schools in the Country on an improved footing. I am still of opinion that this principle might be proceeded with to advantage,—further reductions in Town might be made, especially if the Government aid to the Ragged Schools is continued, a small expenditure producing exceedingly good results.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. C. COTTON, *Inspector of Schools.*

The Chairman and Members of the Southern Board of Education.

APPENDIX G.

SUMMARY of Results of Inspection, B.

<i>Attendance, &c.</i>		BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
Number of Schools actually inspected in 1857 .....		..	..	48
Number of Visits made by the Inspector during the year .....		..	..	167
Average Number of Children on the Rolls during the year		1459	1066	2525
Average Daily Attendance (omitting Saturdays)		1081	737	1818
Proportion per cent. of Average Daily Attendance to Average on the Rolls .....		..	..	74
Number present at all during the year		2481	1836	4317
Average Number of Days each Scholar was present during the year (omitting Saturdays)		105	96	201
Number present at Examination		1016	651	1667
Number for whom accommodation is provided, at 8 square feet of superficial area per Child .....		..	..	3563
<i>Ages of those present at Examination.</i>				
Under 7 years of age		323	246	559
7 years and under 11		519	281	800
11 years and under 15		164	124	288
15 years and above		8	2	10
Average age .....		..	..	8½
<i>Religious Denomination of the Children present at Examination.</i>				
Protestants		786	535	1321
Roman Catholics		153	84	237
Other Denominations		75	34	109
<i>Of the Scholars examined there were—</i>				
Reading.	Able to read Easy Narratives correctly	321	172	493
	" Higher Books with ease and intelligence..	219	143	362
	Acquainted with the Parts of Speech	153	79	232
Grammar	Able to parse	117	44	161
	Able to write a sentence with tolerable accuracy	120	75	195
	" with ease and correctness	114	59	173
Geo- graphy.	Acquainted with the Map of the World	186	86	272
	" Map of Europe and Australia	58	28	86
	" General Course of Geography	15	..	15
Arith- metic.	Able to set down accurately any number not above seven places of figures	125	62	187
	Able to work correctly a Sum in Long Division	142	67	209
	Able to state and solve with readiness and correctness questions in Proportion	73	20	93
Able to write fairly		265	168	433
Able to write a good hand with ease and freedom		56	48	104
<i>Engaged learning Extra Branches.</i>				
Mensuration			7	
Geometry			9	
Algebra			13	
Book-keeping			34	
Vocal Music			177	
Drawing			27	
Branches for Females.	Plain Needlework		396	
	Cutting out		21	

MURRAY BURGESS, *Secretary.*