

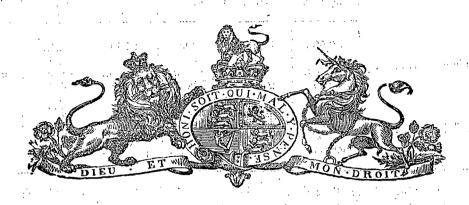
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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REPORT FOR 1868.

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REPORT of the BOARD OF EDUCATION for the Year 1868.

To His Excellency Charles Du Cane, Esquire, Governor and Commander-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 1867, there were 105 Schools in actual operation. The total number of distinct children at any time on the Rolls for that year was 8346: the average number on the Rolls from month to month was 5419; the average daily attendance was 4112. During the year 1867 there were 109 Schools in operation; the total number of distinct children on the Rolls for the year was 8746, the average number on the Rolls from month to month was 5649, and the average daily attendance 4272.
- 3. As compared with the year 1867 the number of Schools has increased by four; the total number of children on the Rolls by 400; the average number on the Rolls by 230; and the average daily attendance by 160.
- 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 Num- ber of Scholars on the Rolls.	Average Attendance.	Average Number on the Rolls at each School.	Average Attend- ance at each School.	Per-centage of Attendance to the Number on the Rolls.
1854	80 85 88 89 88 97 102	2734 3377 3662 3601 3665 3948 4324 4845 5084 4607 4987 5357 5159 5419 5649	2024 2444 2628 2640 2725 2950 3077 3336 3654 3426 3763 4074 3930 4112 4272	54·08 55·26 46·97 50·01 51·62 49·35 50·87 55·05 57·12 52·34 51·41 52·42 51·08 53·14 51·46	40·48 40·06 33·69 36·66 38·38 36·87 36·26 37·91 41·05 38·92 38·79 39·94 38·91 39·16 39·19	74·03 72·37 71·76 73·31 74·35 73·91 71·16 68·85 71·87 74·36 75·45 76·05 76·17 75·83 75·62

^{5.} Religious Denominations of Scholars on the Rolls.—We have Returns exhibiting the Religious Denominations of 8641 of the 8746 Scholars on the Rolls, which afford the following comparison with the Census Tables of 1861:—

'	Church of England.	Church of Rome.	Presby- terians.	Wesleyans.	Indepen- dents.	Other Deno- minations.
Entire Population	49,233	19,454	8994	6169	3246	2881
	or	or	or	or	or	or
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.
	54.71	21.62	10:00	6.86	3.60	3:21
Scholars on Rolls	3922	2371	640	1074	444	190
	or	or	or	or	or	or
	45·39	27·44	7·41	12.42	5·13	2.20
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.

6. We have Returns from 103 Schools of the Ages and Classification of 5944 Scholars on the Rolls at Christmas 1868, which are summarised below:—

	CLASS.										
	I.	TI.	III.	IV.	v.	VI.	Total.				
Under Six years Between Six and Seven Between Seven and Eight Between Eight and Nine Between Nine and Ten Between Ten and Eleven Over Eleven	763 434 404 256 143 102 108	22 160 286 275 278 177 262	9 43 168 276 208 477	3 7 17 46 154 461		- - - - 4 109	785 606 740 716 762 677 1658				
Total	2210	1460	1181	688	292	113	5944				
Per-centage	3 7· 18	24.57	19.86	11.58	4.91	1.90					
Per-centage of Scholars	23·38 7 years	12:43 8 years	12·03 9 years	12:97 10 years	11.37 11 years	27·82 over 11 years					

7. Building Grants.—We have appropriated the sum of £1041 1s. 4d. in aid of the Erection of and additions &c., to School-houses at the following places:—

SCHOOL,	Amount granted by Board.	Amounts raised Locally.	Totals.
Deloraine (in aid of fencing). Spring Bay (addition to residence &c). Wattle Hill (erection of school-house) Bagdad (erection of residence). Muddy Plains, (erection of school and residence). Hamilton-on-Forth, (ditto) Victoria (additions to school and residence) Cleveland (erection of school and residence) Cressy (erection of attached buildings) Apsley (erection of residence, and fencing)	31 0 0 240 0 0 128 13 4 166 0 0 120 0 0 89 6 8 146 13 4 23 6 8	£ s. d. 1 10 0 15 10 0 120 0 0 64 6 8 83 0 0 60 0 0 44 13 4 73 6 8 11 13 4 46 10 8	£ s. d. 4 10 0 46 10 0 360 0 0 193 0 0 249 0 0 180 0 0 134 0 0 220 0 0 35 0 0 139 12 0
Total	£1041 1 4	520 10 8	1561 12 0

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 £125 7s. 1d. out of the General Vote for Education, towards the repairs of School-houses.

^{8.} Three new Schools were established during the year, namely—the River Plenty, Tunbridge, and Winkleigh; and the following Schools were re-opened after having been temporarily closed:—Spring Hill Bottom, Orielton, Jericho, Mount Seymour, Ouse Bridge, Lisdillon.

^{9.} The following Schools were closed during the year:—Birch's Bay, Wattle Grove, South Arm, Prosser's Bay, Sassafras, and Mangana.

10. Grant for Education.—The total expenditure amounted to £11,175 4s. 0d., 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.			
In_paying Salaries and Allowances of Teachers, Assistant Teachers, Pupil	£	s.	d.
Teachers, and Paid Monitors	10,178	.3	5
In Rent of School Buildings	477	8	4
In Rent of School Buildings In repairing and improving School-houses	125	7	1.
In School Furniture and Fittings	43		
In providing Books, Maps, and School requisites	198	2	11
In providing Books, Maps, and School requisites	152	7	1
TOTAL	£11,175	4	0
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- 11. In addition to the above amount the sum of £1495 18s. 2d., chargeable against the Establishment, was paid on account of Administration and Inspection.
- 12. Cost of Instruction.—The School Fees paid in aid of Teachers' Salaries amounted to £3905 7s. 7d., being at the rate of 18s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$. per head for each child in daily attendance. The average amount of Government aid for each Scholar in daily attendance is returned at £2 11s. $10\frac{1}{4}d$. per head. Adding the cost of Administration and Inspection, the charge will be £2 18s. $10\frac{1}{2}d$. or 3s. $4\frac{2}{3}d$. 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 4s. $6\frac{1}{4}d$. Divided by the total number of Scholars on the Rolls at any time during the year, it would not exceed £1 8s. 9d. per head.

Income of Teachers.-We have received Returns of the emoluments of 119 Teachers who were employed during the whole year, from which we have collected the following results:-

	No. upon which the Average is taken.	Average Income.	Maximum Income.	Minimum Income.
Schoolmasters	24	£ s. d. 93 16 11	£ s. d. 353 16 9	£ s. d. 56 18 0
jointly	53	180 0 1	475 7 1	83 15 6
Schoolmistresses in sole charge	28	73 7 10	154 4 7	34 16 0
Male Assistant Teachers	3	43 6 8	60 0 0	3 0 0 0
work	11	40 9 1	60 0 0	20 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 Schools.—We append a Return of the number of children admitted during the year under free certificates. The sum of £497 12s. 3d. has been paid by the Board for their instruction, the average number of Free Scholars under instruction being 1209.25. See Appendix C.
- 14. Exhibitions from Public to Superior Schools.—In the month of June we caused an Examination for Exhibitions from Public to Superior Schools to be held; thirty-three Candidates presented themselves; and on the recommendation of the Examiners, the Revs. R. D. Poulett Harris and Arthur Davenport, we awarded an Exhibition of the value of £16 13s. 4d. per annum, tenable for four years from the 1st July, 1868, to each of the under-mentioned Candidates:-

Arthur P. Canaway, aged 11 years and 3 months, Central School, Hobart Town,

Robert G. Lakin, aged 12 years and 7 months, Elizabeth-street Public School, Launceston,

James Dooley, aged 12 years and 7 months, ditto.

Edward Mason, aged 12 years and 5 months, ditto. George Johnston, aged 12 years and 5 months, ditto.

Alfred Doran, aged 10 years and 7 months, Goulburn-street Public School, Hobart Town.

The Examiners, in closing their Report, observe :-- "The result of the last three Examinations for Exhibitions indicate a progressive and a very remarkable improvement. In 1866 it was considered an unprecedented and very gratifying success when one of the boys obtained more than 900 marks. In that year two of the successful Candidates got 800 and upwards, while only one boy reached the prescribed standard of half marks. In 1867, one boy got 900 marks, two others 800 and upwards, while the three other successful Candidates each obtained more than 700 marks, and nine boys altogether reached the standard of qualification. This year the improvement has been far more marked. The boy who heads the list has gained more than 1000 marks, four others have obtained more than 900, the next six boys have each gained more than 800 marks, while no less than seventeen of the Candidates have reached the standard of qualification. These results, we think, reflect very high credit on the Masters whose pupils have so honorably distinguished themselves."

In the month of March Mr. Burgess was relieved of his duties as Secretary, and was appointed Inspector of Schools for the Northern side of the Island, Mr. Stephens continuing as Inspector for the Southern division.

The Reports of the Inspectors of Schools are annexed. Appendices D. & E.

HENRY BUTLER, Chairman.
ALFRED KENNERLEY.
ROBERT OFFICER.
STEPHEN SHEEHY.
WILLIAM TARLETON.
THOS. WESTBROOK.

APPENDIX A.

ABSTRACT of Expenditure for the Year 1868.

			Cl	hargea	ble against.		
PARTICULARS. Estimate	19 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	}		hment.	Vote for Education.	TOTAL.	0
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Establishment. Inspectors of Schools	·		840 191 80 21	s. d. 3 9 2 7 0 0 4 2 7 8	£ s. d.	£ s.	d.
Inspectors' Travelling Expenses	;	1		, 0		1490 16 /	er ·
Vote for Education. Teachers', Pupil Teachers', and Paid Monitors' Salaries and Allowances:— Teachers' Salaries Teachers' House Allowances Teachers' Fuel Allowances Teachers' Allowances for instruction of Free	8277 1 0 504 1 11 105 0 0						
Scholars Teachers' Allowances for instruction of Pupil	497 12, 3						
Teachers Pupil Teachers' Salaries Paid Monitors' Salaries Salary of Singing and Drawing Master	106 15 8 482 1 0 155 11 7 50 0 0	.			10,178 3 5		
Rent of School Buildings	·				477 8 4		
Repairs and improvement of School Premises School Furniture and Fittings School Books, Maps, &c Purchase of Books, &c			· <u>-</u>	• • •	125 7 1 43 15 2* 103 0 11†	,	
Less amount received for sale of Books, &c., to Teachers	169 5 0			-	95 2 0‡		
Miscellaneous—Chargeable directly against Schools.							
Teachers' Travelling Expenses	12 19 6 28 16 6 31 1 0 3 9 9						
Transport	11 11 6	i 		• • •		<u>}</u>	
School Site Petty Expenses	3 2 1				92 13 10		
Indirect Charges. Clerical Assistance	6 8 6 8 0 0						٠
Architect's Charges Printing and Advertising Books and Stationery Transport	$egin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$; .					
Store Labour	1 15 0)	. —	· 	59 13 3	11,175 4	0
TOTAL	•••••	£1	495.	18 2	11,175 4 0	12,671 2	2

GEO. RICHARDSON.

^{*} Of this amount Furniture to the value of £41 3s. 2d. was issued from the Stock on hand at Launceston.

[†] Including (£1 17s. 11d.) Special issues to Schools not on the Board's Rolls.

[‡] This sum (£95 2s. 0d.) is represented by Stock on hand, and is therefore not included in the computation of cost per Scholar.

		REIGHT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS in operation under the								E DUA	RD (
No.	ELECTORAL DISTRICT.	SITUATION OF SCHOOL.	No. of Days the School was open.		Scho the R	olars Iolis	of S	nge Nu cholar olls di e Year	s on iring		rage D endun		Number entered during the Year.	Number who have left during the Year.	and	A5»	Teac	hers Paid	Amount Tenche Classes in	paid to
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	HOBART	Bathurst-street (Central School) Battery Point Goulburn-street Harrington-street Macquarie-street Murray-st. (Infant Sch.) Trinity Hill	240½ 231 230 227 217½ 231 233	Boys: 168 209 222 177 36 53 243	Girls. 86 128 165 175 33 48 182	254 337 387 352 69 101	137 86 18 31	46 82 92	Total 142 221 229 163 36 56 250	80 107 109 56 14 21	60 71 46 13 16	117 167 180 102 27 37	123 113 206 142 37 37	108 100 120 155 31 40 132	и. 1 2 1 1 —	P. 2 1 1 1 1 2 2	и. 1 2 4 1 —	1 —	# 260 278 316 218 76 44 386	ies, &c. 2. d. 0 0 16 3 17 9 9 5 17 0 4 6
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11	QUEENBOROUGH	Sandy Bay	233	63	. 44	107	47	34	81	3 9	25	64	35	26	1	1	-	1	154	8 .0
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Kingborough	Birch's Baya Brown's River Long Bay Oyster Cove Port Cygnet Victoria Wattle Groveb Glazier's Bay	124 229 223 231 234 240 78 130	No 40 25 24 22 27 11 19	Ret 34 30 22 46 33 6 28	74 55 46 68 60	19 12 24 8	29 29 6	18 51 35 32 41 53 14 36	8 18 11 12 · 8 · 20 5	11 9 19 24 4	12 42 22 21 27 44 9	29 6 17 19 9	eturn. 23 13 14 16 4 17 24	1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1	111111		107	5 6 6 3 1 0 14 6
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44 45 46 47 48 49	Sorell	Bream Creek Carlton Forcett Orielton Prosser's Plains Sorell	235 202 223 53 236 235	32 13 28 5 15	29 9 33 12 20 41	61 22 61 17	22 8 20 5	18 7 26 11	106 40 15 46 16 30 58	17 6 14 3 8 25	10 6 20 8 13	75 27 12 34 11 21 48	46 8 5 10 17 5 37	54 17 9 -3 15	1 1 1	1 1 1 1			210 54 20 71 7 74 100	12 3 0 0 3 7 10 0
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		TOTAL	••	146	133	279	104	98	202	84	77	161	95	76	2	4		2	358	8 6

^{*} Re-opened 1st March and closed 30th August. b Closed on 30th August. c Opened 1st October.

Opened 1st April. f Opened 1st October. g Opened 1st February and closed 31st December. h Opened 1st March.

Opened 1st March. k Opened 5th March.

) IX B. LDUCATION between the 1st January and 31st December, 1868.

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anted du	ring the Yea	r ending 31 D	ecember, 1868.	· ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	j.	Average Amount of Government	-
Teachers' House Hlowances.	Rent of School Buildings	Repairs, &c. of School Buildings.	School Fur- niture and Fittings.	School-books, Maps, and Requisites.	Miscel- laneous.	TOTAL.	School Fees.	Aid per annum for each Scholar in daily Attendance.	No.
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10 APPENDIX ROADD OF EDUCATION RETURN of Public Schools in operation under the Board of Education

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APPENDIX C.

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APPENDIX D.

REPORT upon Inspection of Public Schools in Tasmania, during the Year 1868, by T. Stephens, Esq., M.A., Inspector of Schools.

Hobart Town, 28th April, 1869.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following Report on last year's work of Inspection.

Between the 1st January and 31st December, 1868, there were in operation, under the control of the Board of Education, 109 Schools, of which 59 belong to the Hobart Town District, but three of these were closed before the time came for my visiting their neighbourhood. Of the remaining 56 Schools, 2 were visited five times, 10 four times, 11 three times, 30 twice, and 3 (which were only open for a brief period) once, making a total of 146 visits. The School at Recherche Bay, the western boundary of the inhabited portion of Southern Tasmania, remained unvisited, no practicable approach to the settlement by land having been opened until after the close of the year. Among the non-official duties performed during the year may be enumerated occasional visits to the Ragged Schools at the request of the Committee of Management, and the examination of the Children in the Queen's Asylum.

The intervals of time between my tours of inspection were more than fully occupied with the examination of Candidates for employment, Reports, revision of Teachers' Returns, and other work of a miscellaneous character; and the year was closed by the usual examination of Pupil Teachers in and around Hobart Town.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Of the 59 Schools in the Hobart Town District, 27 were held in School-rooms built for Public School purposes and vested in the Board of Education, and 19 of these have Teachers' residences attached. The remainder were held in buildings the property of religious bodies or private persons, for the occupation of which rent is paid by the Board in some instances while in others it is yielded without charge. With respect to suitableness for school purposes, the School-rooms present specimens of every grade from excellent to very bad, and some of the worst planned have been specially built for their present use. The later erections are generally convenient. The inconvenience arising from an ill-planned or badly-proportioned School-room is sometimes so great that large allowance has to be made for the Teacher, whose exertions are hampered by obstacles which are beyond his power to remove. In such cases I forbear to recommend the regulation arrangement of desks, but leave the Teacher free to follow any reasonable plan which will lessen his difficulties. The three essentials which I require, so far as they can be secured, are (1) a good light on the desk, (2) easy access for the Teacher behind each row, (3) ample space for the formation of classes or drafts on the school-room floor. The planning of the out-offices is frequently so defective that the maintenance of a proper separation of the sexes depends rather upon the precautionary measures adopted by the Teacher, involving sometimes much interruption to the School-work, than upon any provision afforded by the arrangements themselves. The Teachers are, almost without exception, fully alive to the importance of this subject, but I cannot notice it without regretting that in such matters anything is left to fortuitous agency.

DISCIPLINE,

The internal management of the Public Schools, though not always so systematic as might be wished, is generally satisfactory in the most important points, and in a few Schools leaves nothing to be desired. The tone of a School,—the moral atmosphere created by the personal character and influence of its Teacher,—leaves its effects upon the children long after they have passed outside the School-room walls, and aids materially in determining the character of their future life. Any one who is well acquainted with children's ways will often be able to judge whether the educative influence of the School has a beneficial tendency, by merely observing them at play, or on their way home: the mere answers given to the casual question of the passing stranger will often speak volumes. There are sometimes counteracting circumstances of local origin which try the patience and zeal of a good Teacher to the utmost, but the fact that in many recorded instances the character of whole districts has been as it were reformed by the operation of a good School must be his incentive to perseverance. Inside the School the difference in tone is still more easily perceptible, and this it is which mainly determines whether a visit of inspection is an agreeable occupation or a harassing and unpleasant task. Many of the Public Schools, including some, not all, of the best, are governed without recourse to corporal punishment, and I am always glad to notice its absence. But I have known cases where Teachers have taken credit to themselves for governing by moral influence, when their Schools have presented a scene of wild confusion. Discipline must be strictly maintained; the word of the Teacher should be a law to the children; and they should not be considered to other objects. If, like some of his brethren, a Teacher finds that he can attain these results by kind but firm and consistent management, he will do well. On the other side of the question it is only right to remark, that a slight chastisement inflicted with judgment and moderatio

prompting, or copying from one another, while under examination, or in their ordinary classes. The offence is sometimes committed quite openly, and with perfect innocence; but in other cases it requires the close attention of a practised observer to detect the offender in the act, and Teachers have now and then indignantly denied the existence of the bad habit in their Schools until conclusive evidence was produced by comparison of papers or slates. Such occurrences will occasionally happen in the best School, but when they are so common as to require the authoritative interposition of the Inspector, the Teacher must bring himself to understand that the discipline of the School is very far below the proper standard. One other point I may notice. The practice of mustering the children at the beginning of each school-time, for inspection as to personal cleanliness, &c., which ought to be the rule rather than the exception, is not nearly universal enough. Tam strongly disinclined to recommend any multiplication of rules and regulations but four it will become present that some general order shall be issued when this subject. tions, but fear it will become necessary that some general order shall be issued upon this subject.

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Total	109	3113	2536	5649	2395	1877	4272		
Deduct Launceston District	50	1367	1037	2404	1061	778	1839		
Hobart Town District	59	1746	1499	3245	1334	1099	2433		

All and the state of the state The total number of the children present at my examinations was 2491, being slightly in excess of the average daily attendance. That the excess is not greater may be ascribed to the circumstance of my having seldom given more than one day's notice of the Examination, and to the intimation of my wish that the Schools should be taken in their ordinary working order. Any child who had been absent for two or three weeks, but whose name was still on the Rolls, would, of course, be eligible for examination. Before proceeding to particularise any of the results of the Examination I will briefly state the principle on which it is conducted. Class Lists are furnished by the Head Teacher, in which he is presumed to have arranged the children in their ordinary groups for reading, as defined by the books assigned to the several classes by the Programme of Instruction. During the progress of the Examination the Inspector has first to decide whether each child has been properly placed in the position assigned to him by the Teacher, and second, to determine and record more or less accurately his absolute proficiency in the several subjects of instruction. For this purpose a set of marks or signs is required—I have generally found four sufficient—to represent (1.) Failure. (2) Fitness for working in the class. (3) Fair proficiency. (4) Excellence; the sign denoting the last grade being equivalent to a statement of fitness, so far as a particular subject is concerned, for promotion to a higher class. The relative age and special circumstances are noted, and the character of the instruction in each class, which varies in each School according to the ability of the Teacher, and his ideal standard of perfection, is also recorded in general terms. The process is sometimes tedious, and entails more labour than the application of one fixed standard to each class; but there is no simpler mode of carrying out individual examination to the necessary extent, and at the same time testing the degree of ability and honesty of purpose which The total number of the children present at my examinations was 2491, being slightly in excess of the general statement of the standard of instruction in the Public Schools should be placed on record. But Teachers were then specially cautioned against aiming at high "per-centages of passes," which, in any class below the VIth, would only show that children have either been improperly classed by the Teacher, or that he has kept them back when they ought to have been promoted to a higher class. Having dwelt at some length on this subject in my last General Report, I should not now refer to it had I not, during the year, met with some extraordinary instances of misconception of the principles of examination under the Programme. In one of the larger Schools upwards of 40 per cent. of the children were omitted from the Examination Lists altogether: in another several children were struck off the lists because they had not attended for 200 days during the year; and these peculiarities are the more unaccountable because no part of the English Scheme of Examination under 'standards' has been adopted by the Board. They of course somewhat impair, though not to any important extent, the value of the subjoined Table, which exhibits a summary of the general results of examination, the classes being partially re-arranged from the Inspector's notes:— Inspector's notes :-

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2491	722	355	521	511	25 8	99	25									

A brief statement of the degree of value to be attached to the above Table may here be necessary. the lower Division of Divisions of Class I. are occasionally to be found children who are more fit for a nursery than a School, and the greatest possible latitude is given to a Teacher in determining the occupation of this department as it is not amenable to strict rules. Until children are placed by the Teacher in the highest division of the class they are not expected to undergo individual examination at all, and the minimum qualification for promotion to Class II. is the ability to read the First and part of the Second Book, and to form all the letters and figures with neatness and accuracy. The range of instruction in the other classes up to Class VI. is indicated in general terms by the Programme; and by the time that stage is reached children are expected to have mastered the subjects comprised in the earlier books of the Reading other classes up to Class y 1. Is indicated in general terms by the Programme; and by the time that stage is reached children are expected to have mastered the subjects comprised in the earlier books of the Reading Series, to write to dictation on paper with neatness and facility, to spell correctly, to have a thorough knowledge of the Compound Rules of Arithmetic, and a good general knowledge of the elements of Grammar and Geography. The numbers placed in the Classes of the above Table will therefore show as nearly as possible the actual attainments of the children in the Public Schools. Exceptions must necessarily occur sometimes, as, for instance, when a new scholar has to be classed whose proficiency in reading is far beyond his knowledge of other branches; but I find it necessary to caution Teachers against allowing exceptional cases to become the rule. The classification having been revised by the Inspector, it allowing exceptional cases to become the rule. The classification having been revised by the Inspector, it will be seen that the efficiency of a School is, cateris paribus, in proportion to the numbers which are found in the higher classes; and that, if it were possible to institute a comparison between the different Schools by any table of per-centages, it is on this basis that the calculation must be made. From the above summarised result of the examination certain broad facts may be gathered. Of the whole number present at the examinations 28 98 per cent. were unable to read easy monosyllables with reasonable facility; 14 25 per cent. having passed this rudimentary stage, were working in the highest division of Class I.; 20 91 per cent. were properly placed in Class II.; 20 51 per cent in Class III.; 10 35 per cent in Class IV.; 3 97 per cent in Class V.; and only 1 per cent. in Class VI. Again, taking the standard of proficiency required in Class III. as a basis, it appears that upwards of 60 per cent. had not reached, and less than 16 per cent had passed, this stage. It may be laid down as a broad general rule for the information of Teachers, that in an ordinary country school which claims a reputation for efficiency at least 50 per cent. of the children ought to be found in the IIIrd. and higher classes. In a town school, with a large infant department. ought to be found in the IIIrd. and higher classes. In a town school, with a large infant department, this is perhaps as high a result as could be expected under existing arrangements, and it has only yet been attained by the School at Battery Point. I am generally unwilling to single out any particular School for special commendation or censure, knowing how difficult it is to avoid giving rise to wrong conclusions; especially in the comparison of numerical results, which in the absence of other particulars of information especiany in the comparison of numerical results, which in the absence of other particulars of information have little value. In the present case it is simply an act of justice to name the School which, in every department from the highest to the lowest, has given the fullest evidence to show that the true principles and objects of the Board's system of education have been intelligently grasped and faithfully carried out. In particular points its standard of efficiency is surpassed by more than one School: as a whole, it takes higher rank than any large School under the Board.

With reference to particular defects in the teaching of the several subjects of instruction, I need only say that the attention of Teachers will be, for the present, directed mainly towards the attainment of a generally higher standard of excellence in the elementary subjects. Many still fail to realise the importance generally higher standard of excellence in the elementary subjects. Many still tail to realise the importance of the reading lesson as a medium for the development of intelligence—the first object of education. It is generally too long, and seldom thoroughly mastered. The most common defect in Writing is the practice of allowing children to get into a small cramped style, while they are unacquainted with the correct forms of the letters. Spelling is on the whole fairly taught. The standard of Arithmetic in many Schools is in advance of all the other subjects in some it is very unsatisfactory. It is certainly too low in the upper standards of the Programme, and this may be one cause of the want of proper attention to the subject. The points on which I wish to lay stress for the present are, neatness in stating the sums, and accuracy in working them. Answers which are correct will not be allowed to carry much weight unless the principles on which the operation depends are fairly understood. As the standard of proficiency in these and the on which the operation depends are fairly understood. As the standard of proficiency in these and the higher branches has been fully described in my separate Reports, I will not now dwell upon the subject, and for other questions of importance I beg to refer to my general Report for 1867.

I have the honor to remain,
Your obedient Servant,

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APPENDIX E.

GENERAL REPORT on the Public Schools inspected by Murray Burgess, Esq., Inspector of Schools, Tasmania, during the Year ended 31st December, 1868.

GENTLEMEN,

- I HAVE the honor to lay before you a Report on the state of the Public Schools which I have inspected during the past year.
- 2. My field of labour has embraced the Counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Glamorgan, Somerset, and Westmorland. It extends to Circular Head in one direction, to Scott's New Country in another, and to Little Swanport in a third, and covers a wide-spread area.
- 3. The Schools under my supervision were 50 in number, with 3650 children on the rolls, and an average daily attendance of 1839 scholars. I did not enter upon my duties until the middle of March, and was recalled to Hobart Town in the month of June, on special service: the actual work of inspection was limited to 130 days. I made 35 Primary and 49 Secondary Inspections, in addition to 30 incidental visits, leaving only one School, and that of but recent establishment, uninspected at the close of the year.
- 4. The Schools examined under Standards had an average daily attendance of 1644 children. There were present on the day of inspection 1586 children, of whom 1076, or 67.84 per cent., were presented under Standards. 921, or 85.60 per cent., passed in Reading; 883, or 82.06 per cent., in Writing; and 693, or 64.40 per cent., in Arithmetic. As compared with the results of the preceding year, the passes in Reading have increased 8.15 per cent.; in Writing, 10.12 per cent.; and in Arithmetic, 11.18 per cent. This is indicative of progress, and may be attributed in a great measure to the increased attention of the Teachers to the requirements of the Programme of Instruction.
 - 5. The per centages of Passes in the different Standards are as follows:—

Standard I.—80 per cent. passed in Reading; 86 per cent. in Writing; and 68 per cent. in Arithmetic.

Standard II.—91 per cent. passed in Reading; 93 per cent. in Writing; and 54 per cent. in Arithmetic.

Standard III.—84 per cent. passed in Reading; 72 per cent. in Writing; and 66 per cent. in

Arithmetic.
Standard IV.—88 per cent. passed in Reading; 75 per cent. in Writing; and 74 per cent. in Arithmetic.

Standard V.—95 per cent. passed in Reading; 83 per cent. in Writing; and 81 per cent. in Arithmetic.

Standard VI.—50 per cent. passed in Reading; 100 per cent. in Writing; and 50 per cent. in Arithmetic.

- 6. Ten Schools were represented under the 5th Standard, and only one under the 6th. It is fair however to add that, in several of the Schools, some of the children presented in the 4th Standard were equal to the requirements of the higher Standards in the three staple subjects of instruction.
- 7. In my previous Report I noticed the want of correspondence between the number of children who were presented for examination under each Standard, and the number of children for which each Standard is intended. I have followed up the enquiry, and note the results as worthy of the serious attention of Teachers and local managers.

	Standard I.	Standard II.	Standard III.	Standard IV.	Standard V.	Standard VI.	TOTAL
Per-centage of Number of Scholars presented under each Standard upon average Number of Scholars attending the same Schools.	18 67	18.79	17:45	" 8.	2.49	0.12	65.52
Per-centage of Scholars Aged between.	11.26 6 & 7	13· 7 & 8	13.80 8 & 9	13 9 & 10	12·88 10 & 11	24·45 over 11	} 88-39

^{8.} Under favourable conditions we might have anticipated that 50 per cent. of the scholars would have been presented for examination in the three higher Standards. The actual presentations it will be seen did not amount to more than 11 per cent. The hindrance to progress lies in the irregular and fitful attendance of the children, and hitherto has been beyond the Teacher's control. In many of the Schools the children do not attend one-fourth of their time. Little fellows of seven or eight years of age are made useful in farm work, and are withdrawn from School whenever the alleged or real necessities of home demand their services. How far the provisions of the recent Education Bill will meet the difficulty remains to be seen. If it secure attendance for 150 days in the year on the part of children between the ages of 7 and 11, much will be accomplished. At present more than one-half the scholars attend less than 100 days.

INSTRUCTION.

- 9. Reading has been a good deal neglected in some of the Schools, and requires time to bring it up to a fair standard. Indistinctness of articulation is the chief defect. To attain good and intelligent reading, the first and main element of success is the thorough teaching of the First and Second Lesson reading, the first and main element of success is the thorough teaching of the First and Second Lesson Books; the second, that the children get sufficient practice in reading; the third, that the Teachers prepare themselves to read with due emphasis and intonation either the passages that have been read by the scholars or other selections as models for imitation; the fourth, that the passages so read by the Teacher be read collectively and individually by the children until they have mastered them; and the fifth, that the pupils commit to memory, and be taught to recite with spirit and emphasis, selections of poetry adapted to their age and understanding. Oral spelling is fairly attended to; but I regret to notice that cheap reprints of old and, I should have thought, obsolete Spelling Books and Primers find their way into many of the Schools, and are taking the place of Sullivan's Spelling Superseded, which I now rarely see in the hands of the scholars. Parents pick these books up at Country Stores, and are offended if the Teacher interdicts their use. Teacher interdicts their use.
- 10. Writing.—There is a decided improvement in the penmanship, and it extends through all classes. Many of the Teachers, adopting my suggestion, set their own copies, and with the best results. A neat round-hand is being gradually introduced, and the stiff angular writing, once deemed essential for girls, is now either almost banished, or greatly modified. The failures in Writing are attributable rather to defective spelling than bad penmanship. The advanced scholars should write their dictation exercises on reper instead of slates. paper instead of slates.
- 11. Arithmetic.—There is improvement also in this subject: much, however, still remains to be done. There is too much rote teaching, too little attention given to theory. The largest number of failures occur in the Second and Third Standards, and arise from defective grounding. Few Teachers give instruction as they ought in the Tables of Addition and Subtraction. Scholars often fail in back rules with which it might be supposed they would be quite familiar.
- 12. Grammar and Geography are taught skilfully in a few of the Schools; but a very small number of the scholars remain a sufficient time, or attend with sufficient regularity, to acquire useful practical knowledge of these subjects. Needlework receives fair attention in most of the Schools.
- 13. The School Accounts are, on the whole, well kept. The number present at inspection has amounted to 97 per cent. of the average attendance, and is therefore a good test of the general accuracy of the Registers. I would impress upon Teachers the importance of recording in the Admission Register, in the vacant spaces, the number of days attended by each child from year to year. Not only will the entry be of service in a statistical point of view, but it will also be a protection to the Master in the event of unreasonable complaints as to the want of progress, &c. The promotions from class to class should be
- 14. Returns have reached me exhibiting the income of the Teachers under employ at the close of the year. There were 29 Masters, whose wives were also assisting in Schools. The average receipts amounted to £147,—seven of the Teachers receiving less than £100. Nine unmarried Teachers were paid at the average rate of £78, and twelve female Teachers at £56. As a general rule Teachers appear to be contented with their position, although complaints are occasionally made as to the inadequate remuneration they receive as compared with that of others who perform less work; and there is, no doubt, some ground for complaint,
- 15. New School-houses have been erected at Cleveland and at the Forth, and others are in course of erection. For the most part the accommodation in Schools is ample and satisfactory, and the premises of erection. For the most part the accommodation in Schools is ample and satisfactory, and the premises are in a fair state of repair, and neatly kept. The rented buildings in Elizabeth-street, Launceston, the most important School by far on my list, are, however, altogether disproportioned to the large numbers in attendance, while there is no play-ground nor other suitable provision for health and recreation. The conditions of tenure, too, have become extremely unsatisfactory. There is no other building in the Town that can be secured: the erection, therefore, of a School-house becomes a matter of urgent and immediate importance. A site has already been purchased by the Government; and I believe that a School-house, adapted in every way to the necessities of the Town, might be built for £1200, which, at six per cent., would represent a sum little, if at all, in excess of the present annual charge for rent.

The Statistics of Inspection, &c. are attached.

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I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

MURRAY BURGESS.

The Chairman and Members of the Board of Education, Hobart Town.

STATISTICS of Inspection, NORTHERN TASMANIA, for the Year 1868—Results, Examination under Standards, &c.

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^{*}Not examined according to Standards. b Examined according to Standards; but notes lost. c Not examined according to Standards, owing to epidemic sickness. d Secondary inspection: owing to want of time I was unable to hold the Annual Examination under Standards. e Not visited; recently opened. F Secondary inspection; only recently opened. g Secondary inspection.

MURRAY BURGESS, Inspector of Schools.

STATISTICS of Inspection, Northern Tasmania, for the Year 1868—Results of Examination under Standards.

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