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NATIVE SCHOOLS

(FURTHER PAPERS RELATING TO).

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Mr. R. J. GILL to the UNDER SECRETARY, Native Department.

SIR,—

Native Office, Wellington, 18th September, 1877.

I have the honor to submit, for your information, returns showing the attendance of Native and half-caste children receiving education at the several schools established or subsidized by the Government during the past financial year, together with a statement in detail of the sums expended for educational purposes during the same period.

The number of children entered on the various school-rolls receiving education on the 30th June last was 1,131 boys and 789 girls. The average daily attendance during the quarter being 791 boys and 565 girls.

The attendance during each quarter is shown as under :—

	NUMBER OF CHILDREN ON SCHOOL-ROLLS.			AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
September, 1876	1,062	682	1,744	712	470	1,182
December, 1876	1,027	663	1,690	700	482	1,182
March, 1877	1,081	732	1,813	757	509	1,266
June, 1877	1,131	789	1,920	791	565	1,356

The schools at which these children attend may be classed—

1. *Village Day Schools*.—Of these, there are 50 in fair working order, 42 in the North and 8 in the South Island, attended by 1,000 boys and 638 girls; giving employment to 48 masters, 38 mistresses, and 6 pupil-teachers. The expense of these 50 schools during the year has been—including salaries, school furniture, books, and all incidental expenses other than the erection and repair of buildings—£6,928 17s. 3d., being at the rate of £4 4s. 7d. per annum for each pupil.

2. *Provincial District Schools*.—26 boys and 18 girls received education at these schools, the expense being £184 0s. 4d., equal to £4 3s. 10d. per annum for each child.

3. *Private Day Schools*.—6 boys and 7 girls attended these schools, the cost being £79, or £6 1s. 6d. for each pupil.

4. *Public Institutions and Schools at which children are educated, boarded, and clothed*.—There are 13 of these schools, attended by 99 boys and 126 girls; the sum paid as capitation, &c., for the year being £3,386 17s., equal to £15 1s. per child per annum. These schools afford a superior education to deserving boys transferred from village schools.

The sums expended on Maori education, under the supervision of the Native Office, during the year have been—

From public moneys—	£	s.	d.
Salaries of teachers	5,692	6	1
School fees	260	7	6
Capitation to boarding schools	3,154	5	0
Books, school furniture, fittings, &c.	1,218	4	10
Erection and repairs of buildings	4,442	4	9
Management, inspection, travelling, &c.	624	19	5
	£15,392	7	7
Contributions from Natives—	£	s.	d.
Towards salaries, &c.	464	12	2
„ erection of buildings	572	19	0
	1,037	11	2
	£16,429	18	9

Much sickness during the year has prevailed in many Native districts, and has greatly interfered with the regular attendance of children at school. I have, &c.,

The Under Secretary, Native Department.
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