

Lot 7, Section 11, 1 acre, Otahuhu—Cemetery.

The Reverend Father *O'Hara* states: This acre is contiguous to the separate acre of the glebe mentioned above. There is no charge made for the ground used in interments. The ground is kept in order by subscription among the congregation.

I have mentioned a common school as being on a separate site from the above. On this site is a building erected by subscription about seven years ago. It measures forty feet by eighteen feet. The attendance fluctuates much; a fair average might perhaps be stated as thirty-five. It is open to all denominations. The scholars are taught reading, writing, arithmetic, history, &c., and to the girls, needlework. Religious instruction is given to those only who belong to the Roman Catholic Church. We had a certificated schoolmaster, who was salaried under the Education Act during the time of its continuance. It is a day-school only. There is at present no inspection, but the school was open to it so long as the Education Act was in operation. All the scholars pay, except, perhaps, a few; but none are ever refused admittance on this ground. The school has been in the charge of the Sisters of Mercy since the death of the schoolmaster, which occurred just a little previous to the cessation of the Government stipend. Since they have had the charge the school has improved.

Wesleyan Church.

TUESDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1869.

Present:—Mr. Hart and Mr. Gisborne.

Mr. *T. Russell*, being duly sworn, states: My name is Thomas Russell. I reside at Auckland, and am a solicitor. I am one of the trustees for certain estates held on behalf of the Wesleyan Methodist Society. I can furnish the names of the several bodies of trustees in whom these and other estates of the same nature are now vested. [Published in Appendix.]

Various Village Reserves.

The Rev. *James Buller* was introduced and sworn: I am Superintendent of the Auckland Wesleyan Circuit, and Chairman of the District. I have been connected with this district three years, but have been conversant, from the foundation of the Colony, with the Wesleyan Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts in this district. (Record copies of Grants A. 49, No. 7,556, folio 212; No. 7,557, folio 213; No. 7,558, folio 214; No. 7,559, folio 215; No. 7,560, folio 216; No. 7,561, folio 217; No. 7,562, folio 218; No. 7,563, folio 219; No. 7,564, folio 220; No. 7,565, folio 221; No. 7,566, folio 222; No. 7,567, folio 223; No. 7,568, folio 224; 14r., No. 2,233, folio 89, produced.) There are on these allotments no buildings erected. They are reserves made lately (from 1865 to 1867), in anticipation of buildings being erected. The population in these districts is sparse, and there are occasional services held, either in private houses or in other places used as chapels. We have three small churches in the Whangarei District, in which Grahamstown is situated.

Lot 27, Section 4, City of Auckland—Chapel Site.

The Reverend *James Buller*, being duly sworn, states (Record copy, Reg. iv., No. 7, Grant of 2 roods 31 perches, allotment 27 of section 4, City of Auckland, produced): This is the site of the chapel in High Street, a brick building capable of accommodating 1,200 persons. There is a wooden edifice attached, used for long as a day-school, but now only as a Sunday-school; also a small house occupied by the chapel-keeper. The property has been conveyed to trustees by a deed, which has been registered. Public worship is regularly maintained in the chapel.

Lot 3, Section 12, City of Auckland—Native Chapel.

The Reverend *James Buller* states (Record copy, Reg. iv., No. 23, Grant of 2 roods 3 perches, allotment 3 of section 12, City of Auckland, produced): This is the site on which the Native chapel is built—a wooden building. Native service is occasionally held here when any Maoris are present in Auckland. An European infant school is gratuitously allowed to be held here during the week. This property is also conveyed to trustees.

Lot 2, Section 5, Onehunga—Church Site.

The Reverend *James Buller* states (Record copy, Reg. iv., No. 42, Grant of 1 acre, allotment 2 of section 5, Onehunga, produced): This property is occupied by the erection upon it of a wooden church, and also a minister's residence. Service is regularly held here. This site is also conveyed to trustees. Also with respect to the site at Otahuhu (Record copy, Reg. iv., No. 65, Grant of 1 acre, allotment 9 of section 8, produced): There exists a wooden church in which service is regularly held.

Lot 20, Section 3, 6 acres 3 roods, Suburbs of Auckland—Wesleyan Native Institution.

The Reverend *James Buller* states (Record copy, Reg. iv., No. 12, Grant of 6 acres 3 roods, allotment 20 of section 3, Suburbs of Auckland, produced): These lands are granted for the purpose of a Wesleyan Native Institution. From the date of this grant buildings have been erected on the ground, partly from moneys of the Wesleyan Mission, and partly by private contributions, for the purpose of training a number of Native youths to act as teachers to their countrymen. These buildings include a schoolroom, church, dormitories, &c., and are capable of accommodating from twenty to thirty young men. The first buildings were erected within a year from the date of the grant, and were subsequently enlarged, the last erection being that of a church for both Native and European congregations, erected in 1865.