

Returns are made every three months to the Native Office, whence they go the Treasury.

At present, I think there are about fifteen girls receiving education. They are taught all the ordinary subjects of an English girl's education, and the reports can be referred to, which are highly complimentary as to their proficiency, and which are published by the Government. His Honor Mr. Justice Johnston and Mr. Fitzherbert have been the visitors, and the last was Mr. Bowden, the Inspector of Schools.

*Grant, 1 acre, Wellington.*

No. 2 (N.M. Miscellaneous, p. 36, area 1 acre).—This is the land fronting on Hawkestone Street on which the St. Joseph's Providence is built.

A school has been established and in operation on this section since about 1851 for female children, in accordance with the terms of grant—viz., the girls chiefly educated are Maori and half-caste, and occasionally European. The number of the former is about fifteen at present—three Maori and ten half-caste girls; the Europeans are three in number.

What has been said above as to the Porirua grant refers to this school, the rent of the Porirua land being appropriated to the maintenance of the latter.

The grant does not specify that the education is to be denominational or the reverse. It is given to the Roman Catholic Bishop, and religious education is required to be given. The inference seems to be, that the religious education is to be Catholic, which is in accordance with the spirit in which the grant was made.

Protestant children are educated, and do attend religious exercises every morning and evening, as it would be injurious to the children, in our opinion, to separate the scholars at the time of such exercises being celebrated.

The industrial training is comprised in sewing and other domestic occupations, making bread, cooking, &c.

*Grant, 2 roods, Wellington.*

No. 3 (N.M. Miscellaneous, p. 72, area 2 roods).—This is the land in Manners Street on which the Chapel of the Nativity stands.

The Union Bank intimated to Sir Charles Clifford that they had great need of a small additional piece of ground to make a road to the stable. Sir Charles Clifford mentioned it to the Bishop (Monseigneur Viard), and it was arranged that it should be sold to the bank for £30. I do not know how the purchase-money was applied by Father O'Reilly. It was for religious purposes, no doubt.

*Grant, 1 acre, Lower Hutt.*

No. 4 (N.M. Miscellaneous, p. 92, area 1 acre).—This acre was given for a cemetery. Only a portion of it is fenced in for that purpose; the rest is included in the five or six acres fenced in by the Natives for gardens and paddocks, and used by them as such. The land was given by Te Puni, under an arrangement made by the Hon. Henry Petre and the Governor.

*Grant, 22½ perches, Wellington.*

No. 5 (N.M. Miscellaneous, p. 93, area 22½ perches).—This land is on Lambton Quay. It is let for £20 a year, which is too low a rent. Mr. George Moore is the tenant. He had it previously for £14 per annum for ten years. Mr. Brandon managed the leasing. It was probably let at a low rent as Mr. Moore had it previously for ten years and had made no use of it. The proceeds are applied to the repair or maintenance of the St. Joseph's Providence.

*Grant, 2 roods 34 perches, Wellington.*

No. 6 (N.M. Miscellaneous, p. 30, area 2 roods 34 perches).—This land is in Boulcott Street. No trust is declared in the grant. This land was intended for a church site. It was not a gift, but was bought originally by Father O'Reilly. It is not let, or if any rent is specified none is paid, as the tenant is a poor old woman without any means to pay it.

*Grant, 2 acres 3 roods 20 perches, Wellington.*

No. 7 (N.M. Miscellaneous, p. 73, area 2 acres 3 roods 20 perches).—This land has always been used as a cemetery, and temporarily a portion of it is used as the site of a residence for Father O'Reilly, and at present for the sexton and his family.

*Grant, 2 acres, Lower Hutt.*

No. 8.—This is a piece of land consisting of two acres that was bought of the Hon. Henry Petre for a sum of money, the interest of which was paid for a considerable period. The section was finally given to the Church by Mr. Petre. It is not the subject of a direct grant from the Crown to the Catholic Church.

*Grant, Lower Hutt.*

No. 9.—This section was also given to the Church by the Hon. Henry Petre, and is not the subject of a direct grant from the Crown.

*Grant, Greytown.*

No. 10.—The land at Greytown was a gift from Sir Charles Clifford.

*Grant, 2 acres, Greytown.*

No. 11.—This consists of two acres of land, and was taken out of the Public Reserves when each denomination received ground for a cemetery from the Provincial Government. I do not know if a grant has been issued for this land or not.