

Replies of the Right Reverend P. T. VIARD, Catholic Bishop of Wellington, to the Queries of the Commissioners appointed by the General Government to inspect the Native and Half-caste Schools in the Province of Wellington, New Zealand.

- 1.—Q. The date of the commencement of the Institution under your charge?
A. 1st September, 1852.
- 2.—Q. What Teachers are employed, and in what Departments?
A. Two Religious Sisters; they teach English Reading, Writing, Grammar, Arithmetic, Needle-work, &c., and the elder girls are employed in turn in Cooking, Cleaning, Washing, Ironing, &c., &c.
- 3.—Q. Their Salaries?
A. None.
- 4.—Q. Are they exclusively employed in teaching?
A. They are exclusively employed in teaching.
- 5.—Q. How many Scholars of each Sex, and what Ages, are actually attending the School, distinguishing the Day Scholars and Boarders, and Aboriginal from Half-caste?
A. At the beginning of the year 1858—

4	Girls, about 7 years old.
6	“ 9 “
2	“ 11 “
3	“ 12 “

15 Girls, all Boarders—9 Half-caste and 6 Maori.
- 6.—Q. How many have attended annually since the commencement of the School (distinguishing as in the preceding question)?
A.

First year	19 Pupils—10 Maori, 9 Half-caste.
Second “	19 “ —10 “ 9 “
Third “	15 “ —4 “ 11 “
Fourth “	17 “ —5 “ 12 “
Fifth “	19 “ —6 “ 13 “

All Boarders.
- 7.—Q. Has their attendance been uniform and regular, or only occasional?
A. Their attendance has been uniform and regular.
- 8.—Q. A statement is requested of the maximum and minimum of Weekly Attendance during each year; also the means adopted to check the regularity of attendance?
A. Answered above.
- 9.—Q. Have any Grants of Land been received for its establishment and maintenance; if any, to what extent, when, and by whom?
A. One Grant of Land, given by Sir G. Grey, 16th October, 1854, 66 links frontage, 236 links in depth, on Lambton Quay.
- 10.—Q. What Income is derivable from this source?
A. £20 per annum.
- 11.—Q. What Grants of Money have been received towards its maintenance from the Government or other sources, respectively?
A. In the course of five years and four months there has been received—

From the Government	£1,111 13 4
“ Bishop Viard.....	139 0 10½
“ Parents	77 0 0
“ Benefactors	55 0 0
“ Rent of House	60 0 0
	£1,442 14 2½
- 12.—Q. Are any Investments created by these Funds held by the Institution; if any, of what nature, and to what extent.
A. None.