

not exert their ingenuity to derive some income out of the estate, when they must have known (to quote the words of His Lordship the Bishop of New Zealand, the original trustee), that the lands forming the Native School estates were given by the Government upon the understanding that the proceeds of them should eventually relieve the Government from the necessity of making grants of public money as at present.

Sir William Martin's suggestion that an Inspector, before sending in his reports to Government, should confer with the manager of a school when any impropriety or irregularity exists, is but the faint echo of the more outspoken preposterous assertion of one of the managers of a Church of England Native School, on whom I suppose I had not bestowed an amount of adulation commensurate with his desires,—that I was bound in etiquette to have consulted with him, and to have submitted my report for him to comment on before forwarding it on to Government.

Highly interesting indeed and delicately tinted reports the Government might then expect to receive. I have ever considered it my duty, as an Inspector of Schools, to represent matters exactly as I found them, without respect of persons or fear of consequences. Sir William Martin must therefore pardon me if I decline to adopt his suggestion in the preparation of any future report I may have the honor to submit to Government. Thanking you for your courtesy in extending to me this opportunity of reply, and soliciting that it may be laid before the Assembly together with Sir William Martin's letter of 6th May, 1864.

I have, &c.,

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