

PAPERS RELATIVE TO NATIVE SCHOOLS.

No. 1.

The Right Reverend Dr. POMPALLIER, Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Auckland, 2nd September, 1865.

Although I am a little late for my reply to your welcome letter of the 23rd July, I hope you will have the goodness to excuse me for this delay, on account of the work of administration and visits of inspection which I have caused to be made in order to satisfy your solicitude, prudence, and benevolence.

I could not yet still send the Inspector to visit the Native College of my mission station at Rangiaohia; but my correspondence with the manager of that college enables me to give to you useful information upon it.

I hope, Sir, that the five enclosed documents will meet your indulgent satisfaction, and induce the paternity of the Colonial Government to favour the education and civilization of the Native pupils of my Catholic colleges.

Allow me to insist, then, on making for them the same request as that in my letter of 10th May, 1864, and 4th January, 1865. May God favour the Government with peace and prosperity.

I have, &c.,

† J. B. F. POMPALLIER,

C. Bishop, Auckland.

To the Hon. Mr. Richmond, Colonial Secretary.

Enclosure 1 to No. 1.

GEOMETRICAL DIMENSIONS of the NATIVE COLLEGES of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland.

First, St. Mary's College for Native boys at North Shore, Auckland.

The college is built of scoria, 76 feet long by 24 wide, and has a basement used as a kitchen and a vast store-room; ground floor story is 12 feet from floor to joists; bed-room story is 10 feet from floor to joists; attic has dormer windows, but is not floored or ceiled, but would make an excellent dormitory if finished. Near the college there is a house of two rooms and a kitchen for the teacher and his family. At a short distance there is a church for the religious and parochial duties of the pupils and the faithful of the neighbourhood.

Secondly, Nazareth Institution, for Native and half-caste girls, committed to the care of the Sisters of the Holy Family, Mount St. Mary, Freeman's Bay, Auckland.

No. 1 building of the Sisters and the Normal School of Female Native Teachers and Catechists: 44 feet long by 18 wide; two stories containing nine rooms.

No. 2 building for the school and clothes rooms, and for the dormitory of the pupils. This building is 40 feet long by 18 feet wide; wall formed with 14 feet studs, with close boarded roof to form a dormitory, with dormer and gable windows.

No. 3. This third building comprises dining-room, kitchen, and refectories for the teachers and the pupils; it is 44 feet long, 12 feet wide, and 9 feet walls; has a Leamington cooking range, and is provided with bread bin, sink, and draw pipes completed.

No. 4. Gate-house and provision stores. This building is 28 feet long by 10 feet wide, and 9 feet walls.

No. 5. Wash-house: 12 feet long by 10 feet wide, and 8 feet walls; has a large chimney mangle, and also a bath-room. There is also a cow-house, and a store for hay 24 feet x 12 x feet studs.

The whole is enclosed by a substantial sawn kauri fence, 6 feet high, and the whole yard for the recreation of the pupils laid with brick pathways, and scoria laid for the play-ground.

Thirdly, Native College at Rangiaohia, for boys. The buildings of it have been partly ruined by fire a few months ago: they have been re-built in raupo; but their dimension is not yet well known to give here a complete description of them. Before long it will be specified.

For the truth of this document,

† J. B. F. POMPALLIER,

R. C. Bishop of Auckland.

Auckland, 2nd September, 1865.

Enclosure 2 to No. 1.

NUMBER of TEACHERS, their Salaries, and average NUMBER of PUPILS in each College in 1864 and 1865.

First at St. Mary's College, North Shore, Auckland, 1864, Reverend Mr. Vinay, Manager, and helped for tuition by an ecclesiastical student. Their salaries: none from the funds of the pupils, but supported by the ecclesiastical and pastoral administration of the Bishop.

1865, Mr. M'Ilhone, Manager, helped by his wife as a nurse for the little boys, and by an ecclesiastical student for the religious training of the pupils. Salaries about £90, more or less, from the produce of the glebe, and from the local administration.

Average number of the pupils about 19, comprising 12 of them who have been sent to Rangiaohia College in February, 1865, St. Mary's College having received a great number of white orphans and destitute children.

Secondly, Nazareth Institution, for Native and half-caste girls, at the Sisters of the Holy Family: Reverend Mother Mary Baptiste Pompallier, manager, helped for tuition by two other sisters, and for the domestical administration and labours by another sister, and the pupils. Salaries: none from the funds of the pupils, but supported by the glebe produce, and by the pastoral administration of the Bishop.