## 1878. NEW ZEALAND.

## PETITION OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY AND SUBURBS OF AUCKLAND.

Presented to the House of Representatives, 20th September, 1878, and ordered to be printed.

To the Honorable the House of Representatives of the Colony of New Zealand in Parliament assembled.

THE PETITION OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY AND SUBURBS OF AUCKLAND.

SHOWETH.-

That the Education Act now in force in this colony is working satisfactorily, and promises to be of

the greatest benefit to the community.

2. That your petitioners learn that a Bill intituled "The Education Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1878," has been introduced to your Honorable House, the provisions of which seek to establish denominational education as a part of the State educational system of the colony.

3. That your petitioners believe, should this measure become law, that it will inevitably cause

much sectarian jealousy, and impede the progress of education in the colony.

Your petitioneers therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will not pass the Bill intituled "The Education Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1878."

And your petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 2,716 signatures.]

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