statements by the aid of the most inappropriate connectives. This tendency must be checked, and short sentences insisted on. Composition exercises must be thoroughly corrected and criticized, and all errors explained, as far as possible, to the class. On no account should this portion of the lesson be omitted or performed in a perfunctory manner.

DISCIPLINE.—Good discipline seems to be maintained in most of the schools in this district; and I am pleased to be able to testify to the satisfactory behaviour of the children while under

examination.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary, Southland Board of Education.

James Hendry, B.A., Inspector.

[Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, nil; printing (2,875 copies), £46 10s. 6d.]

By authority: G. Didsbury, Government Printer, Wellington.—1888.