

was so delivered upon the trust and understanding that the teacher appointed should be competent to instruct Maoris as well as Europeans. I have heard that there was a deed of trust at the time, but I have never seen it. When I first went there, there were two acres of the land fenced in, a decent weather-boarded schoolhouse and dwellings. After I went there the school was re-opened, but I am not aware that any Maori children have been taught there of late.

Roman Catholic Church.

FRIDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1869.

Present:—

St. Joseph Providence Institution.

The following information is supplied by Father *Reignier*: My name is Euloge Reignier. I reside at Meanee, and am a Roman Catholic priest, having charge of the Province except the Town of Napier. I was connected with the St. Joseph Providence Institution in Napier. The sum of £100 was contributed to the buildings by the Government. It has been open six months. It has sixteen boarders, but there is accommodation for nearly thirty. I have been trying to increase the number. The disturbed state of the country and depression of the times, added to the expenses of building, and finishing and furnishing thereof, have prevented further progress for the present. There are, besides the Saint Joseph Providence Institution, three other Catholic schools open to children of persons of all denominations. A ladies' school, having thirty scholars, some being boarders and some day-scholars, under an English lady teacher; a middle-class girls' school, having upon an average sixty scholars, with two English lady teachers. There is in connection with the ladies' school what we call an *ouvroir*, an apartment in which dressmaking and fancy work are taught. There is a boys' school also, attended by about fifty boys, open to all denominations. In our institutions, when we desire religious instruction to the children of Catholics, the other children are dismissed. Including the whole of these institutions, the average attendance is 150.

APPENDIX TO EVIDENCE TAKEN AT NAPIER.

No. 1.

Grant of 593 acres, Poverty Bay—Church of England Native and Half-caste School.

(No. 128 of Reg. No. 4A.)

VICTORIA, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen :
To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

KNOW YE that for good considerations us thereunto moving, we for us, our heirs and successors, do hereby grant *unto the Right Reverend Father in God, William, Bishop of Waiapu, and his successors*, all that piece or parcel of land in the Province of Auckland, in our Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement *five hundred and ninety-three acres three roods, more or less*, bounded by a line commencing at its northwesternmost angle at Hurikihawai, and running thence N. 79° E. eight thousand eight hundred and seventy-one links to Otarewa, and four hundred and fifty links to the Makakahi stream, thence up that stream S. 146° 30' E. three hundred links in a straight line to Umuinanga, thence S. 236° 30' W. four thousand three hundred and thirty links, thence S. 223° W. three thousand and sixty-four links to Tarewapatuiwi, thence S. 221° W. two thousand and thirty-one links, thence N. 278° W. one thousand and ninety-two links to a kahikatea tree to Motumana-wawai, thence N. 294° W. three thousand four hundred and seventy-seven links to Mataaniho, thence N. 4° 30' E. five thousand four hundred and ninety-nine links to Hurikihawai aforesaid, as the same is delineated on the plan drawn in the margin hereof, with all the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging, *to hold unto the said Right Reverend Father in God, William, Bishop of Waiapu, and his successors for ever upon trust for a site and endowment for a school for Natives and Half-castes, in connection with the United Church of England and Ireland, and upon further trust to convey the same to such Trustees as may be nominated in that behalf by or by authority of the General Synod of the United Church of England and Ireland in New Zealand, to be by them held upon the trust and for the purposes aforesaid: Provided always that some of the said Trustees be of the aboriginal tribe called Te Whanau o Taupara.*

In testimony whereof we have caused this our grant to be sealed with the seal of our said Colony of New Zealand.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Gore Browne, C.B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New Zealand, at Auckland, this seventh day of May, in the twenty-third year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE.

Entered on record this third day of September, 1860.

W. GISBORNE,

For the Colonial Secretary and Registrar.

With the advice and Consent of the Executive Council.

Fredk. Whitaker

Henry John Tancred.