

From the Rev. Mr. Harrison, Rector of Portland, the Board have received a communication, informing them that the Standing Committee "have engaged Mr. and Mrs. Middlemore to teach the Madras School in that Parish; they having produced the most satisfactory testimonials of their knowledge of Dr. Bell's system of instruction, and also of religious and moral character."

This School, in consequence of the removal of the former Master, Mr. John Mills, in April last, remained some months without a Teacher; but since the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Middlemore, on the 25th September, has been in "a prosperous state," and "there is reason to hope that the present Teachers will give every satisfaction." The total number that have entered this School since its commencement is 224, and the numbers at present in attendance, are 73 Boys, and 74 Girls—in all, 147.

The Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Rector of Shediack has forwarded a Report of the School in his Parish. He writes as follows:—"In pursuance of the regulations of the Board, I transmit the following Report of the Madras School of this place, for the past year. The examination was held by myself and one of the Church-Wardens, on Monday last, and the proficiency of the pupils was highly satisfactory. As the School did not come into operation so soon as was expected, a second female School was opened in the village, and as this is still in existence, the attendance at the National School is small to what it otherwise would be. It is, however, by far, the best attended School in the village. The School was established June 3d, 1842. 41 children have entered the school in the last twelve months. Daily average attendance through the whole year only 23½; of which 17 were Boys. This was owing to the severity of the winter, and in summer, to the frequent interruptions occasioned by the boys being frequently withdrawn to attend to agricultural labours."

From the above statements it appears, that the number of Children at present receiving instruction in the Madras system, in the different Schools throughout the Province, is as follows: Central School, 385; Fredericton, 89; Carleton, 139; Saint Andrews, 60; Chatham, 71; Portland, 147; Shediack, 23—in all, 914. There is also, at present, a School at Gagetown, which has so lately been brought into operation that no report has been rendered; but there is every reason to anticipate that it will prove a highly flourishing and useful one. Thus it is apparent that nearly 1000 Children, in different parts of the Province, are deriving, through the influence of this Institution, the benefits of education, in those essential branches which are necessary for their personal comfort and general usefulness in society—an education founded upon the soundest principles, promotive in an eminent degree of their social, moral, and religious welfare, and, by the very mode of its conveyance, admirably adapted to the formation of habits of order and

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