

POOR RETURNS.

RETURN

of Expenditure for the Poor, for the half-year ending December, 1849.

	£.	s.	d.	
Casual Poor	117	8	8½	
Poor in Sheds	130	14	7½	
Poor in Lodgings.....	757	0	9½	
Outport Poor	761	8	1	
Hospital	64	19	5	
Incidentals, including salaries.....	257	6	1	£2,088 17 8½

There will be some small additional expenditure in some of the Outports; but at present, as no Returns have been received, the amount cannot be given.

J. SHEA.

EDUCATION.

PETITION ON BEHALF OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY.

To the Honorable the Assembly of Newfoundland, in General Session convened.

The Petition of the undersigned Merchants, Tradesmen, Householders and others, inhabitants of St. John's, and its vicinity,

HUMBLY SHewETH,—

That your Petitioners, resident inhabitants of St. John's and its vicinity, have witnessed with great pleasure for many years the beneficial results of the labours of the Newfoundland School Society in this Island, which they mainly attribute (under God) to the sound principles upon which its fundamental laws are based, and to the Catholic spirit in which the operations of that benevolent Institution have been carried out.

Instituted at a period (nearly 30 years since) when this Colony was almost without any educational appliances, it has pursued the even tenor of its way through evil report and through good report, holding out the advantages of a good education to all parties without distinction.

That your Petitioners confidently affirm this system has worked well, the proof of which is to be found at the present time in the Society's Schools, composed of children of all denominations in the localities in which they are situated.

That in a country like Newfoundland, consisting of small and widely scattered settlements, containing members of several denominations of Christians, it is next to impossible to carry out any exclusive system of education; whilst the expense to the colony, even in making the attempt, must be very great.

That the Newfoundland School Society has spent between Forty and Fifty Thousand Pounds sterling in this colony alone in the work of education since its commencement, arising from contributions made in Great Britain, in addition to the liberal support of your Honorable House, and the generous donations of local contributors.

That the Society expends annually in this Colony the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred