

"respective merits of the pupils as shewn by the register. The Silver Medal being given to Miss Jane Elliott.

"It is satisfactory to state that the teachers speak well of the general conduct of their pupils during the year, and I think the Board may congratulate themselves that the Central Schools are truly Model Schools of the Madras System in the Province."

There are eleven classes in the boys School and ten in the girls School.

PORTLAND.

The Schools under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Middlemore are in a very satisfactory condition, and the number of scholars have increased, the boys numbering 199 and the girls 157. During the Quarter ending 30th June last, sixteen boys left and forty-three were admitted. There are six classes in each department, and in addition to the requirements of this system, Mr. Middlemore states: "The senior classes receive the usual instruction in English Grammar, Geography, Natural History, and Recitation. All the pupils are instructed in Vocal Music and repeat the Catechism and a number of the Collects daily." The girls also receive instruction in needle work.

Mr. Middlemore in his Report calls attention to the state of the School-house, but as an application of the local Committee funds have been provided for the thorough repair of the building, this cause of complaint will be entirely removed and increased comfort afforded the pupils.

CARLETON—(SAINT JOHN.)

The returns from this School do not appear encouraging. In Mr. Ritchie's department, by the return of June last, there were fifty-two boys and fourteen girls, and in Miss Peters' department twenty-one boys and forty-three girls, showing a falling off in the attendance during the year of forty-eight boys and twenty-eight girls.

Mr. Ritchie in his Report states; "The great falling off of the number of pupils attending this School is attributable to various causes, the first draft being drawn to the fisheries and mills. There is another cause, that of ten or eleven schools all around us of various denominations, and lastly, the repairing of the School-house has operated against us in some degree." He also adds: "In addition to the Madras School Books we use the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Books of Lessons, and although our School is greatly diminished, we have a remnant of the various classes which keeps the School in full operation." * * *

No doubt one great cause of the diminution in number of the pupils attending this School was the dilapidated state of the building, but the Board have pleasure in stating that during the Summer the School under the judicious supervision of the Local Committee has been put in thorough repair. On the 24th Aug., the Rev. F. Coster writes: "I have much pleasure in being able to report to the Madras Board, that Mr. Campbell, the District Inspector of Schools, inspected the Madras Schools in this place during the past week. Nothing could be more satisfactory than

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