

local Trustees thereof, and the parents of the children attending the same; and the result has been, as appears from returns before the Board, that in a large number of Schools in this Island religious instruction is imparted to the children of those parents, both Protestant and Catholic, who desire it, and who thereby, without offence, the one to the other, and in harmony, enjoy religious freedom.

The Board think it would be in the highest degree unwise to disturb this happy state of things, for while they have no intention to prohibit the reading of the Bible, but have permitted and will hereafter permit it, where desired by the parents of children, they feel it their duty, as having charge of the general educational interests of all religious sects, to set their faces steadfastly against any compulsory regulations, or any attempt directly or indirectly, to interfere with the peculiar tenets of any description of Christians.

By order of the Board,

JOHN McNEILL, Secretary.