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GOVERNOR AND TRUSTEES
OF THE
MADRAS SCHOOL
IN
NEW-BRUNSWICK.

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THE earnest hope expressed by the Governor and Trustees of the MADRAS SCHOOL, in a late Report, that the Central Schools would soon become more extensively useful than they had proved at any former period, has, in a great measure, been realized. The Children have evinced unequivocal tokens of improvement during the past year. The system has, in all practicable points, been adhered to; and at the just past Annual Examination, all who were present expressed their full approbation of the condition of the Male and Female Schools under the direction of MR. FITZGERALD and MRS. WIGMORE. The former has been unremitting in his attention to the duties assigned to him. The promptness and accuracy with which his Scholars went through their several exercises, (especially their arithmetical calculations,) and the specimens of excellent penmanship exhibited in the books of 126 Boys, the greater part of whom had acquired the faculty of writing since his appointment as Master, are decisive proofs of his ability and fidelity in the trust committed to him. The public may indeed easily judge of the utility of an Institution thus happily carried into practice, when it is reminded, that of the whole number of Pupils in the Master's Room, nine-tenths are Free Scholars; who, by their reception into the School, have been rescued from a state of lamentable ignorance and growing depravity; which their unfortunate circumstances, but for these excellent provisions in their favour, might have rendered unalterably certain during their lives.—The names of the Boys upon the Register amount to 202 in number. There were present at the Examination 198; and their daily attendance throughout the year may be stated at 170.

The Female branch, under the direction of MRS. WIGMORE, is also entitled to no small share of commendation. The Girls are instructed in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. In addition to which, they are made familiar with such Scripture

lege, at so great a charge to the Institution, unless the People of Colour become more alive to their own interests and those of their Children, and evince it by a greater earnestness to send their Children than they have of late manifested. The number upon the Register, including both sexes, is 54.

FREDERICTON.

THE Report from the Master of this School, certified by the very Reverend the ARCHDEACON, informs the Board that the average number of those attending upon the 1st day of each month throughout the year, ending with May, 1837, was 59—that the number admitted during the year was 21—and that the sum total of names upon the School List was 65.—No further observations accompany this Return.

ST. ANDREWS.

THE Rector of the Parish, DR. ALLEY, states, under date of the 1st of June, 1837, that the Schools under MR. BURNSIDE and MRS. JOHNSON, contain 40 Boys and 29 Girls—and that the daily attendance in the former is 30, and in the latter 29. In addition to the Elementary Books prescribed by the Madras rules, those necessary for instruction in History, Geography, and English Grammar are used. No particulars which can enable the Board to form an opinion of the actual state of proficiency in the Schools are added. The request made by DR. ALLEY, in conjunction with his Church Wardens, in April last, relative to funds to build a School House, has been referred to a Committee, who will report thereupon. After receiving that Report the Board will be better able to decide as to the expediency of acceding to that request.

No yearly Returns have been received from the other Schools which derive support from the funds of the Board.—This is to be regretted, as the Governors had taken the precaution to issue a Circular Letter, requiring Reports to be made in due time. They can only judge of the propriety of assigning monies to particular uses, by authentic information of their faithful application, from those who are best able to judge, and most interested in the Grants from the Board, being rendered efficient. It is hoped that this notice will make it unnecessary for the Board to recur to the subject again; and that the friends of the system in those quarters to which School funds are extended, will use their influence, that this

reasonable expectation of the Board may not in future be disappointed.

BENJAMIN G. GRAY, Committee.

The Committee charged with the duty of proposing a scheme of appropriation of monies for the support of Schools on the Madras system for the year 1837—1838, respectfully submit the following Scale:—

CENTRAL SCHOOLS.

Master.....£130
Mistress 70

AFRICAN SCHOOL.

Master.....£75

CARLETON.

Master & } £45 { During the period it
Mistress } { is in actual operation.

ST. ANDREWS.

Master & }£50
Mistress }

ST. GEORGE.

Master.....£15

CHATHAM.

Master.....£20

FREDERICTON.

Master & }£85
Mistress }

BENJ. G. GRAY, } Committee
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ROBT. F. HAZEN. } Appropriation.

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The Governor and Trustees of the Madras School, New-Brunswick, in Account with their Treasurer, 4th July, 1837.

CASH PAID ST. JOHN CENTRAL SCHOOLS.

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James Lee, to 27th May last	75	0	0
Rewards at Examinations	8	4	4½
Fuel, Cartage, &c.	21	18	9
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Carleton—

J. B. Whipple, to 31st March, 1837	£22	10	0
Miss Young do.	11	5	0
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Frederickton—

J. Baird, to 31st Dec. 1836	£70	0	0
Mrs. A. Howlett do.	15	0	0
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Saint George—

F. McLorinan, to 30th June, 1836	£15	0	0
Do. 31st Dec. do.	7	10	0
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General Account—

Clerk, to 30th June, 1836	10	0	0
Do. Postages	0	16	2
Treasurer to May, 1836, including Postage	10	0	0
<i>Repairs—</i>			
D. McNight, Boys' School	1	2	6
Johnston Sullivan, Wood-Sheds, Girls' School	10	15	0
J. Bud, labor do.	0	1	3
S. Holman, Glazier	0	17	0
Harris & Allan, Stove Pipes, &c.	5	9	7
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Balance in hand

£54 1 8

£537 12 7½

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CASH RECEIVED—	£469	12	7½
Balance in hand per last Account			

Rents—

Corporation of St. John, Navy Island	£30	0	0
Robert Robinson, 2 years	20	0	0
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<i>Tuition Money—</i>				
Collected by Mr. Fitzgerald	8	5	0	
Do. Mrs. Wigmore	3	15	0	
				12 0 0
Chief Justice's donation towards purchase of Prizes at Examinations				6 0 0
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Balance in hand	£54	1	8	

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ROBERT F. HAZEN, *Treasurer.*

4th July, 1837.

Committee report this Account correct,

CHARLES WARD.

Sworn to on Monday, the 21st day of August, 1837, at the Board, before me,

WARD CHIPMAN, C. J.

APPENDIX.

Subsequently to the directions given by the Board for printing the Report, Letters have been received from Fredericton, Carleton and Miramichi. The first of these contains a printed Report, dated May 1st, 1837, which gives a very flattering account of the Female School at that date. The second is from the Rector of Carleton. He states that the number of the Scholars admitted into the Schools for the year preceding is greater than that of any former year, viz: 123 Boys and 107 Girls. He adds, that the attendance has been also more full and punctual, and the contributions to the support of the Schools larger. The number of the Free Scholars is 21. Mr. Whipple was to leave the School at the expiration of his year, and Mr. Gore formerly of Halifax was to succeed him. Mr. Hudson the Assistant Minister of Chatham, Miramichi, says "The Superintendant Mr. Smith (who is endowed with peculiar qualifications for his Office) is zealous and indefatigable in the discharge of his useful duties. His scholars (79 in number) have been recently examined by me, and I am happy to add that the progress made by them since a former visit, is alike creditable to themselves and their Preceptor." The daily attendance is by 47 Boys and 32 Girls."

Note, The number admitted into the Central Schools in this City, since the Catholic Children were withdrawn, amounts to 44 viz. 18 Boys and 26 Girls. Many more are waiting for the proposed enlargement of the Room.

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