

men, for which £150 was granted last year, is nearly finished, and I hope to have a double chimney erected in it by winter. Three of our lads, and occasionally others, are employed with the carpenters upon these operations.

Finances.—It will be seen by our account, that the year 1856 has left us considerably in debt. This has chiefly arisen from our having been obliged to incur a large expense in order to render our farm available, and also from the fact that the amount allowed by the Board for the maintenance of our scholars was considerably under the average cost of the scholars supported by this or the other School Boards of the Island. The expense of each Scholar as recognized by this Board was £6 8s. 0d.; the sum granted for our scholars only allowed of a rate of £4 14s. When therefore it is considered that a number so large is maintained for a sum so small in proportion, and that more (£72) has been this year spent upon the permanent improvement of the property, I think that it will be admitted that the Grant made by the Board for this year has been laid out to advantage.

(Signed) R. MAUNSELL.

REPORT OF THE TUKUPOTO SCHOOL, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1857.

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| Present number of Scholars..... | 64 |
| Absent on leave | 7 |
| The average number during the year..... | 58 |
| Girls | 39 |
| Boys | 13 |
| Married Men | 3 |
| Single Men | 4 |
| Women | 5 |
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Race.—All Native.

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| <i>Classes.</i> —1st. Reading Old and New Testament, English Reader, Writing, Ciphering, English and Native Dictation, Grammar, Scripture History, Sewing, Knitting and Singing | 12 |
| 2nd. English and Native Testament, Writing, Ciphering, Simple Rules, Geography, Scripture History, Sewing, Knitting, &c. | 10 |
| 3rd. Reading, English Primer and Native Testament, Writing, Ciphering, Geography, Sewing, &c. | 10 |
| 4th. Native Primer, Sewing | 10 |
| 5th. Alphabet Class, Sewing | 10 |

ADULTS.

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| 1st Class, 4 Men 2 Women—Reading, English and Native Testament, Geography, Ciphering, Writing, Scripture History | 6 |
| 2nd Class, 3 Men 3 Women—Reading, English Primer, Native Testament, Writing, Ciphering..... | 6 |

Board.—Breakfast, half-past seven summer, eight o'clock winter—potatoes and flour. Dinner, one o'clock—potatoes and other vegetables, with beef, pork, or fish. Tea, six o'clock—bread and tea or flour.

Lodging.—Dormitories, bedding, mattresses and blankets. Separate houses for adults.

Hours of Instruction.—Half-past six till half-past seven, a.m., exclusively Religious. Nine till twelve a. m., regular schooling. Two to five p. m., sewing or knitting.

Industrial.—Men and boys employed at farm at Pepepe. Ploughing and fencing, &c., during a part of the day—receive regular instruction morning and evening.

Expense of each Scholar, £7 10s. per annum. 58 Scholars, £435.

(Signed) B. Y. ASHWELL.