

In the afternoon of the same day, I inspected the Boy's School, and found an attendance mark entered on the roll against the name of a lad not present; on further enquiry I ascertained that this lad had been absent from the institution for three or four days preceding, yet an attendance mark had been fixed to his name as if actually present during these days. The Roman Catholic Bishop should be requested to give a written explanation of this breach of the printed regulations. I may add that the explanation afforded by His Lordship, at our interview, was not satisfactory.

Vide p. 9, E. No. 9.

I have further to request that you will take under your early consideration the present condition of the Roman Catholic Native School, North Shore; my report thereon is herewith submitted.

I have, &c.,

HENRY TAYLOR,
Inspector of Native Schools.

The Honorable the Native Minister, &c., &c.

No. 3.

THE RIGHT REVEREND DR. POMPALLIER TO THE HONORABLE THE NATIVE MINISTER.

Auckland, 12th September, 1863.

SIR,—

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letter, dated 18th July, with its enclosure, consisting of a letter and report of the Native Schools, by Mr. H. Taylor, on some of the Native Colleges of my diocese.

If I have not sent to you the reply to it sooner, it is owing to the great amount of occupations in my spiritual administration, and to the work for getting the mature documents, which I have caused to be written, and which I enclose for your knowledge, solicitude, and impartiality of judgment.

These documents are three letters addressed to me: the first is from very Honored Mother Mary Baptist, the manager of Nazareth Institution for Native girls; the second from Mr. Patrick O'Reilly, the teacher and vice-manager of St. Francis College for Native boys; and the third is from Mr. Coveney, teacher and vice-manager of St. Mary's College, at North Shore. I hope these documents will give satisfactory explanations to your justice, wisdom, and benevolence, and may accompany the report of Mr. Taylor.

Not only I, but several persons well educated and prudent, have perused his report, and they have been surprised and grieved with me at seeing in it many mis-statements and very unbecoming and undeserved expressions, used by the reporter against the College of St. Mary, at North Shore, and its managers and teachers, who are either priests or men very honorable by their character, instruction, and education, being well-wishers for the prosperity of the Colony, and devoted friends of the Government.

As for me, I can state with consolation to you, Sir, to the Governor, and the Honorable members of His Excellency's Government, that all the teachers and managers of the Native boys' and girls' Colleges of my diocese, are really incapable of deception whatever; but they are persons of conscience, piety, capacity, and Christian abnegation, having left relations, friends, and comfort to work for the education and salvation of the youth.

I respectfully request you will have the goodness, with His Excellency, to preserve for them, their good exertion, and interesting pupils, a paternal protection and benevolence

I have, &c.

† J. B. F. POMPALLIER,
Bishop of Auckland.

To the Honorable Dillon Bell,
Minister for Native Affairs.

Enclosure 1 in No. 3.

THE MANAGER OF NAZARETH INSTITUTION TO THE RIGHT REVEREND DR. POMPALLIER, R. C.
BISHOP, AUCKLAND.

Nazareth Institution, Mount St. Mary,
Auckland, 1st August, 1863.

MY LORD,—

In reply to your recommendation for giving to your Lordship my observations about the report of Mr. Henry Taylor concerning his statement, that on his visit of Nazareth Institution, March 26th, he found the roll for the daily attendance of the pupils anticipated for a few days up