

The Natives generally are in good health, but the mortality amongst them is high, especially so with the children; and this uncertainty of life amongst the young may account for the apathy generally displayed by the Natives towards education, although I am happy to say that a few Parihaka children attend a private European school established at Pungarehu, about two miles from the Parihaka Village; and, as it is proposed to make this an aided school, I would suggest that a little aid from Government would be money well spent if given to the Educational Board towards support of this school, it being specially advisable to encourage Native children from Parihaka to attend school, as, if education becomes general amongst the Parihaka Natives, the feeling will spread, I hope, all through the district.

The Under-Secretary, Native Department,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,

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